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Dear Loving Sisters,

Easter greetings to you from the Provincial House, Dum Dum !

Christ Encounters Mary Magdalene

Alleluia He is Risen!



On this Easter Monday just after we have celebrated Easter, I come to proclaim together with Mary Magdalene the message of Resurrected Christ. Resurrection means we are being found, by Him, lifted up and transformed. If Easter is about the *resurrection* of Jesus Christ, then Easter Monday is about what happens *after*. It is the beginning of a new life. The transformation is not just a moment but it's a journey. It teaches us great lessons:

- The stone has been rolled away → what's holding *us* back can move too.
- The tomb is empty → our past does not define our future.
- Life has conquered death → hope is stronger than despair.

A small shift in mindset, a kind gesture, a braver decision—that's how transformation unfolds. So instead of asking "*What happened?*", Easter Monday whispers a gentle question to everyone who aspires to be transformed; "**What will you do with this new beginning?**"

Let us now delve onto the new beginning in the life of Mary Magdalene. When we look at this event through a modern lens, several themes resonate deeply with our current societal and personal experiences. We now reflect on the following insights:

1. The Validation of the "Invisible"

The Resurrection appearance to Mary Magdalene is a great validation of the "invisible." In a time when a woman's testimony carried little legal or social weight, Jesus Christ chose her as the first witness of the Resurrection. This was not incidental, it was transformative. It overturned cultural hierarchies and revealed a divine preference for sincerity over status, presence over prestige and faithfulness over recognition. Mary Magdalene, once overlooked, becomes the bearer of the greatest news in human history. Her witness tells us that those who are often unseen by society are deeply seen by God. In today's world, this calls us to consciously uplift marginalized voices.

2. Faithfulness in the "In-Between"

In the quiet darkness before dawn, Mary Magdalene remained at the tomb: grieving, waiting, and holding on with fragile hope. She did not yet see the miracle but she chose to stay. This blessed "in-between" space between loss and restoration, confusion and clarity, is where true faithfulness is formed. Mary teaches us that resilience is not loud or dramatic. It is noiseless endurance. It is showing up when answers are absent. And it is in this very space before the breakthrough is visible that transformation is already taking root preparing us for new life.

3. Personal Recognition (The Calling of the Name)

A deeply transformative moment unfolds when Mary Magdalene fails to recognize Jesus Christ until He gently calls her by name: "Mary." In that instant, confusion gives way to clarity, sorrow to recognition and distance to intimacy. To be called by name is to be affirmed in dignity and identity. It is in these personal encounters where love recognizes us, that we rediscover who we truly are and who we are called to become.

4. The "Do Not Cling"

The moment when Jesus Christ tells Mary Magdalene, "Do not cling to me," is both tender and transformative. It is not a rejection but a redirection. Their relationship is not ending, it is deepening, moving from the comfort of physical closeness to the calling of spiritual mission. "Do not cling" is an invitation to trust that something more expansive lies ahead. It urges us to release control, to accept change and to step into a renewed purpose. In letting go, we are not losing, we are being prepared to receive something deeper, fuller and more life-giving.

We can conclude that the mission entrusted to Mary Magdalene is not confined to her alone; it is a living call extended to each one of us. The journey begins in the sacred movement of these holy days. On **Holy Thursday**, we learn love expressed through humility and service. On **Good Friday**, we encounter love poured out in sacrifice. On **Holy Saturday**, we enter the silence where hope seems hidden, yet quietly waits. Then comes the dawn of **Easter**, where life rises and hope is restored through Jesus Christ. It is in this light that we understand the experience of Mary Magdalene. She did not set out to transform the world; she simply responded to the voice of the Risen Lord with openness and devotion. In that faithful response, she became a bearer of hope, a witness of new life, and a messenger of renewal.

So, it is with us. When we choose to live this call with sincerity and faith, transformation does not remain personal; it quietly begins to renew the very fabric of our community. For when hearts are changed, relationships are healed. When love is truly lived, society itself is strengthened. When we allow ourselves to be touched by the presence of the Lord, something within us awakens. Let this, then, be our prayer and our resolve: May I be touched by my Lord, not only in fleeting moments, but in the depths of my being. May the grace of these holy days continue to live within me, so that, like Mary Magdalene, I too may carry hope into the world.

World Gratitude Day 2026

As we prepare for the **Feast of World Gratitude 2026**, I would like to mention a few lines of the message sent to us by the vicar general Sr María del Rosario García Ribas regarding the theme and the logo.

The celebration of the Feast of Gratitude 2026 takes on a very special meaning, as it takes place in the context of the recent canonization of Saint Maria Troncatti, a passionate missionary,

mother, and artisan of peace and reconciliation. We welcome this gift as a grace for the entire Institute and the world which invites us to renew our missionary zeal and creative fidelity to the charism, as we celebrate the 150th anniversary of the First Missionary Departure.

In this horizon of faith and gratitude, we will experience the Feast of Gratitude 2026 with the theme: **“Be missionaries everywhere”**

We will allow ourselves to be enlightened by the Word of God: "Go and do likewise" (Luke 10:37). This evangelical invitation, born from the parable of the Good Samaritan, profoundly challenges our vocation as FMA, called to be a *sign and expression of God's foreseeing love*, a presence that becomes closeness and care, especially where life is most fragile.

The logo of the Feast

The logo for the 2026 Feast, proposed by the Ecuadorian Province, eloquently expresses the meaning of this celebration. It was designed to visually convey the celebratory sense of gratitude surrounding the figure of Saint Maria Troncatti, highlighting her main attributes.

The central axis of the logo is the image of Saint Maria Troncatti, placed at the heart of Mary Help of Christians. Its composition creates a symbolic frame that refers both to the Ecuadorian Amazon, the territory where she carried out her missionary work, and to the spiritual protection that constantly accompanied her. This integration is intended to reflect both the geographical context and the charismatic framework of her mission.



The logo is completed by a ring of five stars surrounding the crown of Mary Help of Christians. Each star represents the FMA's presence on the five continents and is associated with one of the traditional missionary colours: white, red, green, yellow, and blue. This element explicitly recalls the universal nature of the Church's mission, "called and sent," thus reinforcing the missionary dimension of our charism.

The significant celebrations of the month



Divine Mercy Sunday opens our hearts to the infinite mercy of Jesus Christ, assuring us that no brokenness is beyond healing. Let us prepare well for this great feast with the novena which starts on Good Friday, the climax of Christ's mercy for humanity.

Good Shepherd Sunday (also known as Vocation Sunday) invites us to reflect on our purpose and meaning in life. Let us be inspired by Christ, the Shepherd, who leads with love rather than force.

World Earth Day (22 April), reminds us that this Earth is not just a resource but a gift, calling us to care, protect, share and live responsibly.

On 25 April we honor the courage of **Saint Mark the Evangelist**, who carried the Good News into the world with constant faith and commitment to the Lord. He invites us to have the same courage and determination in witnessing Christ's mission on earth.

Communications

Appointments

Mother Genera and her council have approved the appointment of the following animators of the communities for the term 2026 – 2029 respectively.

SL. No	Name of the Community	Name of the Animator	Term of Office
1	Bareilly	Sr. Kannampuzha Annie	First
2	Dum Dum	Sr. Valliyil Elizabeth	First
3	Gobra	Sr. Valliyil Gracy Teresa	First
4	Jaigaon	Sr. Adampakallel Rejina Joseph	First
5	Kalyani	Sr. D'Costa Ninet	First
6	R.K.Puram	Sr. Ekka Mary	First
7	Barasat	Sr. Perumpettikunnel Lily	Second
8	Mirik	Sr. Minj Taramani	Second
9	Thecho	Sr. Parekattil Antony Gracy	Second

Sri Lanka Visa Application

Sr. Mary Puthuppallil is preparing PCC (police clearance certificate) for making entry visa to Sri Lanka. Therefore, at this moment she is residing at St. Anthony's Jaigon.

Second Novitiate

The second phase of the Second Novitiate for our sisters Anima Kujur and Martha Minj will take place at the Marian Retreat Center, Palakkat, Dhony, Kerala from 11 April to 11 May, 2026. Let us accompany them with our prayers.

Safe Guarding Policy Seminar

- * Safe Guarding Policy Seminar for the animators will be animated at Kurseong by Sr. Rose Stella Pottetparambil on 10 April and for the junior sisters on 15 May, 2026.
- * Safe Guarding Policy Seminar for the sisters will be animated by Sr. Alma Bilung at Auxilium Kurseong on 28 May, 2026.

Annual Retreat, Renewal & Profession

- ✘ The Annual Retreat for the animators will be held at Auxilium Convent, Kurseong from 11 – 18 April 2026. It will be preached by Rev. Fr. Roy Anthony Parakkal S.D.B from Shillong Province.
- ✘ The Annual Retreat for the Junior sisters followed by their renewal will take place at Auxilium Convent, Kurseong from 17–24 May,2026. It will be preached by Rev.Fr. Sam Thomas VC.
- ✘ The Annual Retreat for the sisters will be held at Auxilium Kurseong from 29 May to 06 June 2026. It will be preached by Rev. Fr. Sam Thomas VC.
- ✘ The final profession of Sr. Anima Kujur and Sr. Martha Minj will be on 26 May, 2026 at Auxilium Barasat. The archbishop Emeritus Most Rev. Thomas D'Souza will preside over the Holy Eucharistic Celebration.

The Association of Salesian Cooperators

Sr. Clara Saminathan will leave for Italy on 02 May, to participate in the World Congress of the Association of Salesian Cooperators and return on 15 May 2026.

The demolition of Snehalaya, Palam Gaon

The house at Palam Gaon will be demolished and will be reconstructed. During this period the Sisters and the children will reside at Don Bosco, Ashalayam on the 3rd floor which has been modified for their utility.

Gratitude and Appreciation to:

- 🌸 Sr. Clara Saminathan, Sr. Rose Stella Potteparambi, and Sr. Elizabeth Valliyil for formally releasing the Education Policy Book of the Salesian Sisters, Kolkata Province, on 15 March 2026.
- 🌸 Sr. Celine Alexander and Community of Auxilium Bandel for preparing the Reflectionnaire for the month of April, 2026 and helping the sisters get insight for the spiritual growth.
- 🌸 Rev. Fr. Davis Maniparamben the provincial of New Delhi and Rev. Fr. Maria Arockiadoss the rector of Ashalayam for giving a shelter home for the coming two years for the use of our sisters and children during the construction period of Shehalaya.

Let us pray for our dear departed - Condolences to:

- ✝ Sr. Philomena Kuotsu at the sudden demise of her beloved elder brother Mr. Kennet Kuotsu aged 45 on 03 March 2026.
- ✝ Our postulant Nauri Kandulna at the passing away of her dear mother Mrs. Karuna Surin on 09 March 2026.
- ✝ Fr. Provincial and the SDBs of Kolkata province at the demise of Br. Roy John Thirumalachalil SDB, aged 51 on 19 March 2026.
- ✝ Sr. Lucy M.D at the passing away of her beloved mother Mrs. Annakutty on 27 March 2026.
- ✝ Sr. Rashmi Madhuri Minj at the demise of her cousin brother Mr. Bipin Minj aged 45 on 29 March 2026.

Let us be united in prayer, lifting up to God the needs of our province, our communities, and seeking His blessings of strength and good health for all our sisters, especially those who are not well, as well as for the sick members of our families.

Dear Sisters,

Let us celebrate the Resurrection with hearts full of love, forgiveness, hope, courage and peace which have been tortured at this moment with the persisting war in the world. May the Risen Saviour establish His lasting peace on earth in the hearts of every human being specially in the warring nations as His Easter gifts and blessings.

We hold firm to the belief that the Risen Christ, in His infinite mercy, will free us from the chains of sin, fear and despair. Yet this hope calls for a response: a faith that is sincere, steadfast and alive in action. Let us continue to pray and work earnestly for peace, forgiveness, healing and unity, trusting that even in the most troubled times, God's grace is at work, leading humanity towards reconciliation and new life.

Yours affectionately in Our Lady,

Sr. Leelamma Palliparambil FMA
Provincial

