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**INB/VII/12/16**

**June 2016**

Greetings from Provincial House, Bandra!

*Month dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus:* We are in the month dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and the feast was celebrated on 3<sup>rd</sup> June this year. Devotion to the sacred Heart is an essential element of our Salesian tradition. During this extraordinary Jubilee year of mercy, let us earnestly allow ourselves to be captivated by the love of Jesus, who constantly invites us to be enveloped by His merciful love. May our devotion spurn us on to compassionate action like Jesus, who challenges us with His words, "There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends". Let us continue to keep up this devotion in all our communities and in our personal life so that experiencing the deep and constant love of Jesus, we may share this love abundantly with our sisters, the youngsters we care for and with all around us.

*World environment day* is celebrated every year on 5<sup>th</sup> June to raise global awareness to take positive action to protect and nurture the planet Earth. The main objectives of the declaration of World Environment day in 1972 was to give a human face to environmental issues, promote change in attitude towards the environment, empower human beings to become agents of sustainable and equitable development and advocate partnership between each human being and each society ensuring a safe future. Let us once again commit ourselves to create awareness to protect and nurture our Planet Earth.

*Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul:* On 29<sup>th</sup> June the Church honors Sts. Peter and Paul. In the Gospels Peter emerges, not only as man of courage, but also as a man of great weakness; not only as a man who loved Christ, but also as a man who failed Christ, and yet, he is the Rock upon which Jesus built His Church. The love, compassion and patience of Jesus transformed an impetuous and unstable Simon into the Saint – Peter, the Rock and Leader of the great Apostolic Church. In spite of all his weaknesses and failures St.

Peter came out in the end as the Champion of Christ. He serves as a great example when we fail.

Paul endured innumerable sufferings for the sake of the Gospel. Suffering was so much part of his apostolic life. He considered that God's purpose in allowing him to suffer was, to reveal His Divine power, to demonstrate the reality of the cross and resurrection of Christ in and through his life. The wisdom and the power of God first manifested in the death and resurrection of Christ was further revealed publicly through his suffering as an Apostle.

On this feast we also keep up **the Pope's Day**. In our Salesian tradition, love, honour and obedience to the Holy Father is one of the three devotions handed down to us by our founders Don Bosco and Mother Mazzarello. As faithful daughters of our holy founders may we continue to always love, honour and follow the directives of our Holy Father Pope Francis. Let us also support him with our prayer and loyalty.

## *Proposal for year of Mercy*

Mother General in her Circular Letters *Pilgrims of Mercy* (n. 956) and *Together we celebrate the Mercy of the Father* n. 958, invites us to take up bold and radical initiatives to live meaningfully the *Jubilee Year of Mercy* declared by Holy Father Pope Francis. I feel that as a Province we could take up some commitments in response to this invitation. The Council discussed the various options available and considered, setting up a short-stay home for distressed women in one of our Centres. Besides that every Community and sister may take up initiatives such as organization of Mercy Week, special adoration and prayers of reconciliation ect. at the Community level and performance of Corporal and Spiritual works of Mercy at the personal level. Let us strive to become the merciful face of the Father in more concrete and visible ways.

## *Golden Jubilee Celebrations:*

The Golden Jubilee of Religious Profession of our dear sisters, Sr. Cristine Ferreira, Sr. Elizabeth Ross, Sr. Flida Morris and Sr. Servitas Da Silva will be celebrated on 6<sup>th</sup> August 2016 at MYC-Wadala. We wish our Jubilarians a hearty Congratulations on this happy occasion and thank God for the blessing and gift they have been to the Institute and the Province in these past 50 years of their Religious life..

## *Communications:*

- ❖ The Youth Pastoral Planning Meet was held at Auxilium – Wadala from 1<sup>st</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2016. The theme of the Meeting was “Challenged and Transformed by the Encounter”.
- ❖ Sr. Sheela Furtado, Sr. Gloria Ferrao, Sr. Elizabeth Coelho, SR. Celine Pinto, Sr. Philo Lobo, Sr. Latha Arogyasamy, Sr. Shiny Alphonse and Sr. Susan Moraes will be participating in a workshop on “**The Thinking School Academy**” at Calicut - Kerala on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2016. We wish them a fruitful and enriching experience.

- ❖ The National Development Forum Training Programme in ***Child Protection Policy and its Procedures***, will be held at Yercaud – Willington (Tamil Nadu), from the 21<sup>st</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> June 2016. The Resource person will be Fr. Joe Xavier SJ. Participants from our Province will be : Sr. Meenakshi D'Silva, Sr. Caroline Menezes, Sr. Rita Lobo, Sr. Agatha Dias, Sr. Moksha Mary Anthonappa and Sr. Magdeline Sequeira.
- ❖ Sr. Philomena B. D'Souza, in her capacity as member of the ACSSA (*Associazione dei cultori della storia Salesiana*) at the Institute level, will be participating in the National Meeting of the *Association of the Salesian Historians - ACSSA* to be held at Bangalore from 24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> June 2016. We wish her a fruitful experience.
- ❖ The Meeting for the New administrators will be held from 1<sup>st</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2016 at Provincial House – Bandra.
- ❖ The Youth at Risk (YaR) staff Training will be held from 2<sup>nd</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2016 at Auxilium – Wadala. The participants will be sisters and staff in charge of YaR.
- ❖ The FMA-National Media Workshop will be held at ***Don Bosco IMAGE*** - Kochi from 1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> July 2016. The participants from our province are Sr. Melissa D'Souza, Sr. Kalyani Subramanyam, Sr. Hilda Braganza and Sr. Supriya Noronha.
- ❖ The VTC animators meet will be held from 8<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> July 2016 at Pali Hill – Bandra. The participants will be VTC local co-ordinators.
- ❖ A three day seminar on the theme ***Missionary Dimension in the life of St. Mary Mazzarello*** will be conducted from the 22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> July 2016 at SJTC Lonavla. The resource person will be Sr. Edna Mary MacDonald, the Provincial of the Australian Province. Participants of the Seminar will be sisters who made their First Profession from 2000 – 2007. Kindly be present at Lonavla before 9.00 a.m on 22<sup>nd</sup> July and you may leave after 4.30 p.m on 24<sup>th</sup> July 2016.
- ❖ I am happy to inform you that the rehabilitation work with young girls rescued from human trafficking has begun at our Centre in Khandas. This Centre has been rented out to the Assembly of God Church who are carrying out this apostolate.

### *Congratulations and Best wishes to:*

- ❖ Our five 2<sup>nd</sup> year Novices Srs. Ira Viegas, Savina Naik, Maxina Luji, Kavita Dias and Precilla Bhanga who made their First Religious Profession together with 8 Salesian Novices at Don Bosco Parish Nashik on 24<sup>th</sup> May 2016. The Eucharist was presided over by the Salesian Provincial Fr. Godfrey D'Souza.

- ❖ The Headmistress, staff and students of all our High schools in Goa, Karnataka, Gujarat and Maharashtra state for securing good results with a large number of distinctions and first classes in the last SSC and HSC exams held in March 2016. May the values picked up in school help our students face the challenges of the world with uprightness and integrity.
- ❖ Sr. Shanti Fernandes and the staff and students of Sacred Heart High School - Madanthyar for securing 100% results and a high number of distinctions and first classes in the SSC examination held in March 2016.

### *Sincere appreciation and Thanks to*

- ❖ Sr. Anelfreda Miranda and Community for hosting the Junior's Meet and the Annual Retreat for the Novices, Postulants and sisters at SHTC – Nashik in the month of May.
- ❖ Fr. Isaac Arackaparambil SDB for preaching the retreat for the Novices and Postulants with much fervor and enthusiasm.
- ❖ Srs. Anelfreda Miranda, Jyothi Pinto and Reshma Nunes for having prepared the 5 Novices for their First Profession, and to Fr. Kenneth Pereira and the salesians for their support and collaboration in organizing the Joint Celebration of the First Profession of FMA and SDB Novices.
- ❖ The Community of Dahanu and the RDA Team for organizing the various camps for children during the summer vacation. I thank all the sisters who have helped out by accompanying groups of children to the venue. I am grateful to RDA for its role in organization of this event and for assisting us with mobilization of funds and resources.
- ❖ All the Communities which organized summer clubs, vocation camps and English Coaching classes during this summer.

May God bless you all for your dedication, enthusiasm, passion and love for the mission.

### *Heartfelt condolences to*

- ❖ Fr. George Maliekal SDB, the Provincial and the Salesians of Silchar Province at the passing away of Fr. Sylvanus Sngi Lyngdoh on 28 May 2016 at Shillong.

### *Prayers requested for:*

- ❖ Sr. Mary Vaz who is recouping from a bi-polar hip replacement surgery in Holy Family Hospital, Bandra.

- ❖ The brother of Sr. Shyni Alphonse who suffers from multiple fracture of the knee due to a bike accident.
- ❖ The sister of Sr. Mary Cherian who is suffers from low sodium level and heart problems.
- ❖ Our elderly and sick sisters and relatives of our Sisters

*New academic year:* We have just begun the new academic year with renewed zeal and enthusiasm. A year that will offer us many opportunities for development and personal growth is ahead of us. Let us open ourselves to the Holy Spirit who will unfold to us His magnanimous plans and shower on us His manifold blessings during the course of this year. Let welcome all our sisters, the young and the members of our Educating communities into our hearts and our homes. Best wishes and prayers for a fruitful year!

Affectionately



Sr. Ritha Dora Thomas  
Provincial

## *Provincial's itinerary:*

### **June 2016**

10	Provincial Council Meet at Bandra
11-12	Provincial Office
13-14	Madanthyar (Flying Visit FV)
15	Kalathur (FV)
16	Shirva (FV)
17 - 18	Kasarkod (FV)
19 - 20am	Benaulim (FV)
20 - 21am	Sulcorna (FV)
22	Velim (FV)
23-24 am	Caranzalem (FV)
24 pm - 25am	Carona
25 pm - 26	Oros
27-30	Provincial Office

### **July 2016**

01	Provincial House
02 – 03	Ahmednagar (FV)
04	Bableshwar (FV)
05 – 06	Maria Vihar (FV)
06 – 08	SHTC – Nashik (FV)
09 – 12	Provincial Office
13	MYC – Wadala ( <b>Provincial Council Meet</b> )
14 – 17	MYC - Wadala ( <b>Seminar for Animators of Communities</b> )
18 – 19	Provincial Office
20 – 21	Auxilium Lonavla (FV)
21 – 22	Kune (FV)
23	SJTC – Lonavla ( <b>Seminar for young sisters</b> )
24	SJTC – Lonavla ( <b>Initiation of Postulants</b> )
25	SJTC – Lonavla (FV)
26	Koregaon Park – Pune (FV)
27 – 28	Mundhwa (FV)
29	Keshnand (FV)
30 - 31	Provincial Office

