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**My dearest Sisters,
Prayerful and affectionate Greetings from the Provincial House Bangalore!**

Once again, we welcome the month of August which is a time that we recall the memories of the beginnings of our dear Institute with nostalgic feelings and grateful sentiments. On this August 5th, we reach another significant milestone after two years of the Sesquicentennial celebrations of our foundation. It is with great joy and gratitude that I look at this moment, as we are alive at this special juncture in history. This is a time to reflect on our past and celebrate the enduring legacy and vibrant life of our Institute with renewed purpose.

Sesquicentennial-Plus of the Institute

Every August 5th we remember our visionary founders, who, with unwavering faith and determination, established our Institute. Their legacy of resilience and dedication laid the groundwork for what we have become today. Over the past 152 years, we have faced many challenges, but through the grace of God and the support of our members, we have triumphed.

Today, we stand proud of our accomplishments. Our current initiatives and programmes continue to make a positive impact, touching countless lives. The dedication of our staff, volunteers, and community members is truly inspiring, and we are grateful for the hard work that each of you puts in every day. Together, we will forge ahead, driven by our shared vision and unwavering support.

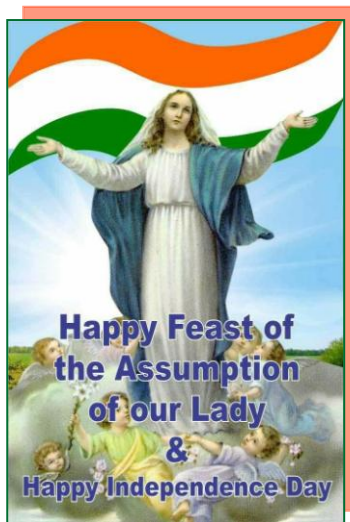
The Feast of Our Lady of Snow holds a special place in our hearts as it marks a significant moment in our history. We joyfully sing the wonders of Mary in the life of our Institute and in each of our lives. We recall with deep reverence the first sisters of Mornese who, along with our Saintly Co-Foundress Mary Mazzarello, courageously pronounced their "Yes" forever on the foundation day. We also marvel at the pioneering spirit of the six FMA sisters who journeyed to India in 1922, whose unwavering faith and dedication laid the cornerstone for all that we have achieved and continue to strive for in our country.

Our mission flourished, and through Mother Mary's intercession, our numbers grew, our mission expanded, and we increased to seven provinces. This growth is a testament to the power of faith and the guidance of Our Lady.

In times of great need and uncertainty, the power of Mother Mary's intercession has always been our refuge and strength. Just as Don Bosco fervently sought the intercession of Mary Help of Christians in

moments of trial, we too are called to place our trust in her maternal care. Through the power of prayer and devotion, we can find the best antidote to the cessation of war and violence, natural calamities, and all the trials that beset our world today.

Let us exhort one another to turn to Mother Mary in prayer, especially in these turbulent times. Her intercession is a powerful force, capable of bringing peace where there is conflict, hope where there is despair, and strength where there is weakness. As we continue our journey, may we always remember to seek her guidance and protection, trusting that with her by our side, we can overcome any obstacle and achieve great things for the glory of God!



MARY'S ASSUMPTION & INDEPENDENCE DAY OF INDIA

On August 15, the Catholic Church celebrates the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a significant feast that honours the belief that Mary was taken up body and soul into heaven. This day also coincides with Indian Independence Day, marking the country's liberation from British colonial rule in 1947. The convergence of these two events offers a profound reflection on both spiritual and national freedom.

The Assumption of Mary embodies the ultimate fulfilment of faith and the promise of eternal life. It celebrates Mary's purity, devotion, and her special role as the Mother of Jesus. By being assumed into heaven, she is honoured as a model of grace and virtue, serving as an inspiration for the faithful to strive for holiness and divine closeness. This feast is a reminder of the spiritual journey and the hope of salvation, reflecting the deep connection

between earthly struggles and heavenly promises.

Indian Independence Day, on the other hand, represents the nation's triumph over colonial oppression and the achievement of self-determination. It is a day of patriotic pride and remembrance of the sacrifices made by countless leaders and freedom fighters who envisioned a free and sovereign India. The celebration is a tribute to the enduring spirit of the Indian people and the values of freedom, unity, and justice.

The dual significance of August 15 can be beautifully encapsulated by a quote from Rabindranath Tagore, a luminary whose thoughts resonate deeply with both spiritual and national themes: "Freedom is not merely the chance to do as one pleases; it is the opportunity to do what one must." This quotation highlights the essence of both the Assumption of Mary and Indian Independence Day. Just as Mary's Assumption represents the fulfilment of a divine promise and a call to spiritual purity, Indian Independence signifies the realisation of a national aspiration and the opportunity to build a future grounded in justice and equality.

Tagore's insight captures the spirit of August 15 as a day of both spiritual and national significance. It underscores the idea that true freedom—whether spiritual or political—is not merely about liberation but about embracing higher responsibilities and values. The Assumption of Mary and Indian Independence Day, though distinct in their religious and historical contexts, both call for reflection on what it means to live in freedom and grace.

As we celebrate these significant milestones, let us draw inspiration from Mary's divine journey and the courage of India's freedom fighters. Their legacies remind us to pursue our own paths of righteousness and justice, embracing the freedom to live lives of purpose and integrity.

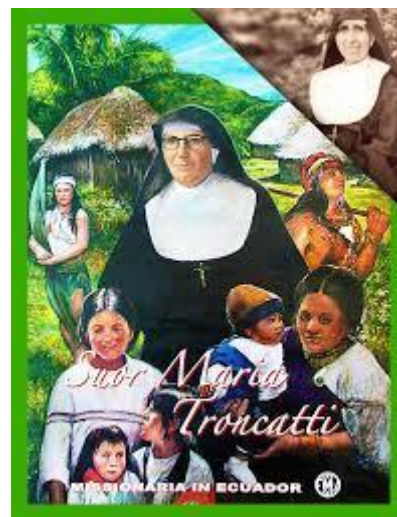
As we reflect on the significance of today’s celebrations, let us join our hearts in prayer for the leaders of our country. May we earnestly seek divine guidance for them that they may govern with wisdom, justice, and compassion. Let us ask the Lord, through the intercession of Mother Mary, to empower them to uphold the values of our Constitution, ensuring a just and peaceful society for all. Through our prayers, may we support their efforts and inspire them to lead with integrity and grace. Together, let us be a source of strength and hope for our nation.

BL. MARIA TRONCATTI

“THE LORD DOES NOT *LEAVE US WITHOUT RAYS OF SUN* AMONG THE CLOUDS AND STORMS THAT SOMETIMES SURROUND US.”
From the Pearls of Blessed Maria Troncatti.

Born in Cortegno Golgi, Italy, Blessed Maria Troncatti exemplifies faith, dedication, and missionary zeal. Feeling a strong calling from a young age, , driven by a deep commitment to serving the marginalised and vulnerable, she joined the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians. Her missionary work took her to the challenging terrains of Ecuador, where she dedicated herself to the indigenous people of the Amazon. Sr. Maria Troncatti wore many hats—nurse, surgeon, orthopedist, dentist, and anesthetist—often working under primitive conditions. Her respect for local culture fostered trust and meaningful connections within the indigenous communities.

Despite facing numerous hardships and dangers, her faith remained steadfast. She drew strength from prayer and devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Sr. Maria’s efforts significantly improved healthcare, education, and quality of life for many. Her legacy of compassion and resilience continues to inspire those who seek to serve others selflessly.



On November 24, 2012, in Macas, Ecuador, the Venerable Servant of God, Sister Maria Troncatti, was declared Blessed. This recognition stemmed from a miraculous healing that occurred in the Diocese of Portoviejo, Province of Manab, Ecuador, involving Mrs. Josefa Yolanda Solórzano Pisco.

In April 2002, Mrs. Yolanda began suffering from what initially seemed like an ordinary flu. However, her condition worsened rapidly, leading to severe symptoms including headaches, abdominal pain, pallor, lack of appetite, and vomiting. Diagnosed with a severe form of malaria, her situation deteriorated to the point of coma. By May 8, 2002, her family prepared for her death, requesting her release from the hospital to spend her final moments at home.

On the same day, Salesian Father Edgar Iván Segarra Sánchez was called to administer the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick. After performing this sacrament and presiding over Yolanda’s marriage, as per her final wish, Father Segarra spoke of Sister Maria Troncatti and encouraged everyone to pray for Yolanda's recovery.

Miraculously, by the morning of May 10, 2002, Yolanda began to show signs of recovery. Her condition improved significantly; she regained consciousness, could eat, and her physiological functions normalized. Those who saw her later were astonished, believing she had been brought back to life through Sister Maria Troncatti’s intercession. The Congregation for the Causes of Saints later recognised this as an inexplicable healing from severe malaria with multi-organ failure.

This miracle reminds us of God's intervention in our lives. As we seek divine assistance, let us trust in God's grace and ask Sister Maria Troncatti to intercede for us on our journey towards holiness.



02	BL. AUGUSTUS CZARTORYSKI SDB
04	ST. JOHN M. VIANNEY
05	152nd YEAR OF FOUNDATION DAY & OUR LADY OF SNOWS
06	TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD
15	MARY'S ASSUMPTION & INDEPENDENCE DAY OF INDIA
16	BIRTHDAY OF JOHNNY BOSCO
22	QUEENSHIP OF MARY
24	ST. BARTHOLOMEW
25	BL. MARIA TRONCATI
26	BL. ZEPHYRINO NAMUNCURA
29	BEHEADING OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST



ANIMATION FOR THE GOLDEN JUBILARIANS

Our Golden Jubilarians are immersing themselves in a few days prayer and reflection from July 31 to August 3, at Bannerghatta. We extend our heartfelt wishes for a deeply meaningful period of introspection and renewal as they recommit their lives to the Lord, a dedication first made in 1974. August 5, 2024, will shine brightly with the joy of celebrating the Diamond Jubilee of Sr. Anna Chacko, alongside the Golden Jubilee of our cherished Sisters Aliamma Pallipurathukunnel, Annakutty Theakkunkatil, Miriam Vailapadiyanical, and Rosy Malayatty.

May this milestone be a time of profound grace and gratitude as we honor their unwavering dedication and service! Let us praise and thank the Lord for their steadfast fidelity, boundless generosity, and their devoted care for the poor, the sick, and the suffering. We congratulate these treasured gems of our Province with deep appreciation and fervent prayers for their continued health, happiness, and holiness. Ad multos annos!

HEARTY WELCOME

Sr. Hunbih Dkhar from INS Province has opted to render her missionary service in our Province for some time and she has arrived here at the Provincial House on July 29, 2024. We welcome her warmly and wish her a fruitful and happy experience with us.

INTENSIVE JUNIORATE

On August 6, six of our temporary professed Sisters—Sr. Auxilia Lakashiang, Sr. Biji Rajan, Sr. Jasmine Theres, Sr. Joy Sharmista, Sr. Phibakordor Kharkongor, and Sr. Salome Sangma—will embark on a journey to further their formation. Sr. Auxilia, Sr. Phibakordor, Sr. Salome, and Sr. Jasmine will head to the Auxilium Provincial House in Guwahati, while Sr. Biji and Sr. Joy will travel to Shillong Province. Their intensive Juniorate program will begin on August 13.

We extend our heartfelt wishes for their safe travels and hope that their time spend in this formative experience will be both fruitful and enriching. May this journey be a period of deep growth and inspiration for each of them!

GREETINGS AND FELICITATIONS

We send ahead our good wishes and greetings to Sr. Mabel Gothorp as she will be installed as the next Provincial of FMA ING on August 10 and to Sr. Rosa Pyngrope as Provincial of INS on August 13. The good Lord bless their new mandate and Mother Mary accompany them.

WELCOME and PRAYERFUL ACCOMPANIMENT

We warmly welcome Mother Chiara Cazzuola and the General Councillors to Mumbai for the upcoming Seminar on “For an Animation that generates life” from August 15 to 20. All the Provincials and the Provincial Councillors are asked to participate in the same. We will be leaving for Mumbai and Lonavla on 14th and return to the Province on 22nd. We have received their schedule and are eager to support them during their animation. As they embark on their important mission, we assure them of our heartfelt prayers and spiritual accompaniment. Their presence and guidance are deeply appreciated, and we are committed to surrounding them with our prayerful support throughout their stay. May their time with us be filled with fruitful discussions and inspiring moments, strengthening their mission and deepening their impact!

REMEMBERANCE IN PRAYER

- Let us remember to pray for our sick Sisters, parents and relatives. In particular I recommend praying for our Sisters in Sudan, who are waiting for a chance to return to their Provinces.
- All of us are following the news of the happenings in many parts of Kerala especially the after effect of the disastrous landslide in Wayanad and the floods in Trichur, Palakkad, Idukki and other parts of the State. Many people have died. Many are the families who lost their homes and properties and are in search of safe shelter. Besides praying for them let us also find ways and means to reach out to them in solidarity. Wherever possible we can encourage the VIDES groups and Educating Community to extend their help.

SINCERE CONDOLENCES & ASSURANCE OF PRAYERS

- ✚ To Sr. Mary Manjil at the passing away of her nephew in law Mr. Gerard Anthony Allan on June 28, 2024.
- ✚ To the Provincial and confreres of the Salesian INK province, at the sudden loss of Fr. Josin Thazhathette (70), on July 03, 2024.
- ✚ To Sr. Lucy Michael at the sudden demise of her cousin brother, Mr. Thomas Mathew (57), on July 04, 2024.
- ✚ To the Provincial and confreres of the Salesian INH province, and to Sr. Ruby Korah at the sudden demise of her cousin Fr. James Kudiyirippil, on July 05, 2024.
- ✚ To the Provincial and Sisters of FMA ING at the passing away of Sr. Jiranda Maria Barretto (70) on July 20, 2024.
- ✚ To Sr. Jincy Peter at the demise of her maternal aunt Mrs. Thresiamma (82) on July 29, 2024.
- ✚ To Sr. Jacinta Lobo at the passing away of her cousin brother who is a Priest on July 31, 2024.
- ✚ To the Provincial and Sisters of FMA INB at the passing away of Sr. Da Silva Servitas (81) on July 31, 2024.

Let us keep in our prayers our cherished Archbishop Emeritus Alphonsus Mathias, whose tireless dedication to the poor and to the Diocese of Bangalore has profoundly impacted many lives. His unwavering support has played a crucial role in our presences in Bangalore today. We ask the Lord to bless him abundantly and grant him eternal peace and joy as a reward for his selfless service and devotion.

CONCLUSION

The upcoming Triennial Verification offers us a profound opportunity to reflect on our collective journey, guided by the Holy Spirit. These verifications are crucial moments for reassessing our experiences in the light of the Word of God and contemporary challenges, inviting us to celebrate the actions of the Holy Spirit, which continually renew our mission. Amid socio-cultural, political, and economic challenges, these verifications strengthen our solidarity and commitment to brotherhood and peace.

Sr. Maria del Rosario Garcia has outlined the course for local and provincial Triennial Verifications. This process allows us to evaluate our progress on the post-chapter path and provides guidance for the upcoming GC XXV. By adopting a synodal and experiential approach, we create an atmosphere of listening and discernment, opening our hearts to the new calls of history and the voice of God.

The triennial evaluation is vital for our continuous improvement. This comprehensive assessment reviews our strategies, operations, and outcomes, enabling us to identify strengths, address weaknesses,

and adapt to evolving challenges. By gathering feedback from various sectors, we gain invaluable insights that inform our decision-making and strategic planning. The evaluation also fosters accountability and transparency, reinforcing our commitment to achieving our mission and vision.

As we set about on this triennial evaluation, I encourage all of you, dear sisters, to actively participate through prayer and by living daily the three goals we have assumed: *Formation, Missionary synodality and integral ecology*. Together, we can build on our achievements, implement necessary improvements, and continue to excel in our endeavors. May our Blessed Mother accompany us, bringing new life and hope to the young. Let us pray and implore God's blessings for the forthcoming Seminar and Inter-provincial and PCI level verifications. We also pray for the good health and safety of Mother General and the Councilors during this endeavor.

Good wishes and prayerful greetings to all in the Family.

Affectionately,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sr. Lucy Rose".

Sr. Lucy Rose Ozhukayil

Provincial