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Provincial Circular

Viva Gesu`!

Dearest Sisters!

All of us desire to obtain great favours from the Lord and in this connection let us listen and reflect on what **St. Teresa of Avila** has to say: "I say that only prayer is the door to enjoy the delights of the Lord. If this door is closed, I don't know how He will grant them. For even though He may desire to enter and take delight in a soul and favour it, there is no way of His doing this, for He wants it **alone** and **clean** and **desirous** of receiving His graces. If we place many stumbling blocks in His path and don't do a thing to remove them how will He able to come to us? And we desire God to grant us great favours!"

Our Lady of Snows! This day is a memorable one for most of our senior sisters who had made their first profession with fire in their hearts and feet to go wherever the Lord wanted them to serve. Let us pray that they may enjoy good health so as to serve the Lord with the same fire in their hearts, new words on their lips and prophecy in their glance as is expected of each one of us.

I would like all of us to refer to La Madre's Circular No.902 in which she invites us to celebrate the 'Yes' pronounced by the first eleven sisters on 5th of August in 1872. May this celebration be transformed into a renewed adhesion to the covenant that each of us has established with the Lord Jesus in the Institute on the day of our religious profession. She also reminds that GC XXII will be actuated in the measure that every FMA feels personally involved in her choices and proposals, as a living part of the Institute. As we have started to assimilate the essence of the constitutions and the last three documents: the Plan of Formation, the Guidelines for our Educative Mission and Cooperation for Development, let us keep in mind to continue our journey merging together the principles of the above documents

Feast of the Assumption: Though Our Blessed Mother has her permanent abode in Heaven; she still continues to care for the brethren of her Son who still journey on earth, surrounded by dangers and difficulties, until they are led to their happy fatherland. She gently calls them back to the right road when they stray; she supplies for their insufficiencies, disposes hearts to open up submissively to grace and tries to shape them in such a way that they may be pleasing to her Son, Jesus.

As we are about to celebrate our **Independence day**, let us pray the Lord for our country in a special way that the message given below by our beloved leader J. Nehru in the year 1947, may come to be realized in its totality for each and every individual, living in our mother land. "Long years ago we made a tryst with destiny, and now the time

comes when we will redeem our pledge, not wholly or in full measure, but very substantially. At the stroke of the midnight hour, when the world sleeps, India will awake to life and freedom. A moment comes, which comes but rarely in history, when we step out from the old to the new, when an age ends and when the soul of a nation, long suppressed, finds utterance.... We end today a period of ill fortune, and India discovers herself again". - **Jawaharlal Nehru (Speech on Indian Independence Day, 1947).**

Queen ship of Mary: Let us meditate a few moments on the poetical compositions by St. Elizabeth of the Trinity. "O Queen and virgin most faithful, you remain night and day in profound silence, ineffable peace, in a divine prayer that never ceases, your soul ever inundated with heavenly light. Your heart is like a crystal that reflects the divine One, the Guest who dwells in you. Mother of the Word, show me your mystery after the incarnation of the Lord; how you lived buried in adoration while on this earth."

24th. of every month should be a special day for each one of us to honour of our Blessed mother, Mary Help of Christians. Let us hold on to our praiseworthy tradition of reciting the novena of M.H.C for the various intentions of the Province especially for the increase of number of holy vocations to Religious life.

Special Occasions:

- 1st August: The **Junior sisters** will have their tri-monthly recollection and animation at Mannivakkam. They are expected to be there on 31st July by 5.00 p.m.
- 1st August: The **Senior Sisters** of Chennai zone will be present at Kodambakkam for their day of recollection. (kindly note the change in the date and the venue)
- 1st – 5th August: **Inter-Provincial Seminar for the Development Office** will be held at Yercaud. We wish Sr. Anna Theckeckandathil the National Coordinator for Development Office, Sr. Lumin Priscilla - incharge for DO in our province and all the participants, a fruitful stay and an enthusiastic sharing. God be with you in all your undertakings dear Sisters for His honour and glory.
- Let's rejoice with **Sr. Antonia Colombo** the former Mother General of our institute as she celebrates the **Golden Jubilee** of her Religious Profession on 5th of August. May the Lord bless and reward her for all the generous, faith filled and the charismatic wealth of her government. **Congratulations** dear Mother and **Long live** your service.
- 15th Rev. Fr. Provincial, Fr. Stanislaus Swamikannu SDB will honour the **Diamond Jubilee** celebration of our dear Sr. Dorothy Gonsalves and Sr. Magdalen Perez, and the **Golden Jubilee** celebration of Sr. Saverimuthu Alessandra and Sr. Maria Rayappan by celebrating the thanksgiving Eucharistic Sacrifice as the main celebrant. Congrats! May God's choicest blessings be on each one of you dear Sisters. May the Lord grant you still many more years to spend in His loving service.
- 9th – 12th August: **FMA-PCI** meet will be held at Hyderabad. Sr. Yetukuri Alphonsa Maria, Sr. Kanickaraj Tamizharasi the Delegates, Sr. Mathew

Siriapushpam the National Coordinator for Formation, Sr. Stanislaus Mary Dora – National Coordinator for Young at Risk, Sr. Amalanathan M. Margaret FMA-PCI Secretary and I will be participating in the above meeting. Do accompany us with your fervent prayers.

- **REJOICE!** On 16th July, Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, the Rector Major Rev.Fr.Pascual Chavez, with the consent of his council, has officially accepted the **Sisters of Maria Auxilium** (SMA) of Chennai, as Members of the **Salesian Family**. **On 17th August** this event will be celebrated in their **Generalate at Madavaram- Chennai**. Those of us, who could be present, do make it possible and join the celebration.
- 22nd – 23rd: Meetings for the **Head Mistresses'** and the office assistants will be held at Broadway. May their enthusiastic and joyful participation bring abundant fruit in the mission field.
- **Sr.Irudayanathan Helen Rosario** for one year Course on Formation, **Sr.Viagappan Rosario Jebamani** for two years Course on Salesian Spirituality, **Sr.Lourdusamy Kalai Gnani** for one year Course on Social Communication and **Sr.Thainase Kulandai Theresa** to render her service as Infirmarian in our Generalate, will leave in the first week of August to Rome. We wish them good luck and an experiential stay. Dear Sr.Kulandai Theresa, may God bless and reward your generous availability in accepting the invitation of La Madre to offer your service at the Center. May Mary our blessed Mother accompany you all.

Prayers requested for:

- Sr. Alphonsa Pannirselvam whose father passed away on the 15th of July
- Sr. Anthonyswamy Suganthi who lost her mother on the 20th of July
- Sr. Maria Arul Paulia Mary whose father after a short illness was called by the Lord on the 21st of July. May their souls rest in Peace!

We assure our prayers and support to all our dear sisters who lost their dear parents, relatives.

We also pray for the all the sick and the ailing parents and the dear ones of our sisters.

Our Patron **St. Francis de Sales** speaking about God's spiritual gifts says: "Consider His spiritual gifts. You are a child of His Church. God has taught you to know Him from your youth. How often has He given you His Sacraments? What inspirations and interior light, what reproofs! He has given to lead you aright; how often He has forgiven you, how often delivered you from occasions of falling; what opportunities He has granted for your soul's progress. Dwell somewhat on these details and see how loving and gracious God has been to you". Let us praise and thank the Lord for all these gifts dear Sisters!

Yours affectionately,

Sr. Mary Ann Fernando
Provincial

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PROGRAMME OF THE PROVINCIAL

- 1-2 Mannivakkam – Junior sisters Animation & Recollection
- 3 Mannivakkam
- 4 Yercaud – Inter provincial Development Office Meet
- 5 - 7 Kodambakkam – Provincial office
- 8 - 12 Hyderabad: FMA - PCI
- 13-14 Kodambakkam – Provincial office
- 15 Chetpet - Jubilee Celebration
- 16 Vyasarpadi
- 17 Chennai – SMA Generalate - Celebration
- 18 Arni
- 19 Anmarudai
- 20 Pallikonda
- 21 Tirupattur – Mazzarello Home
- 22 Journey
- 23 Dindigul
- 24 Ulagampatti
- 25 Tirchy -Manikandam
- 26 Trichy – V.Paganoor
- 27 Kodambakkam - Provincial Office
- 28 SDB –FMA Council
- 29-30 Kodambakkam - Provincial Council

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- 1 Recollection
- 8 Chetpet
- 18 Arni
- 19 Tirupattur – Mazzarello Home
- 20 Tirupattur - MIC
- 21 Yellagiri
- 22 Jawadhi Hills
- 25 Therespuram
- 28 Kodambakkam – Provincial Council