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My Dearest Sisters,

Viva Gesu`! Affectionate greetings to each one of you from Kodambakkam!

# Ongoing Formation as Creative Fidelity to God's Gift of Call

### INTRODUCTION

Vocation is a gift from God given to those called to religious life. Ongoing formation in religious life signifies a continuous process of growth and development in faith, knowledge, and skills, aimed at deepening one's commitment and effectiveness in one's vocation and mission. It is not a one-time event but a lifelong journey of renewal, conversion, and adaptation to a changing world. Ongoing formation helps individuals maintain an attitude of continual conversion and renewal in their relationship with God and their religious community. It offers opportunities for an in-depth understanding of their charism and to integrate prayer and action more effectively. It also helps safeguard and deepen the initial fervour experienced during religious profession and find mature solutions to challenges faced in consecrated life.

Ongoing formation is about keeping this dynamism alive and fresh, continuously nourishing and renewing it, which is a significant challenge. The unwavering response to God's gift of call requires a gaze of faith, cultivated through habitual reading of the Word of God, prayer, and, most importantly, through the exercise of charity because God's mystery can only be known through love and service. Since formation aims to transform the whole person, it continues throughout life as a gradual journey of conforming to the perfect life of Christ and His complete self-giving to the Father. Itinerancy for the consecrated involves a willingness to keep progressing along the inner journey with passion and an adventurous spirit, and a strong refusal to settle at any stage. Therefore, a constant openness to learning and self-renewal should be the fundamental task of the religious in their ongoing formation.

### 1. An Intrinsic Requirement of Religious Consecration

Continuing formation is an intrinsic requirement of religious consecration. Ongoing formation is indispensable not only because of the need to renew oneself but also because the very nature of consecrated life 'requires us to go on training ourselves for our task, to keep abreast of developments in the church and society, to have a ready eye to the signs of the times, and to continue developing our spiritual growth' (Cf. *Vita Consecrata*, 69). Formation is a task that should be upheld throughout life because nobody can say they have reached the last objective of formation: *to be completely conformed to Christ*. The one whose life is completely conformed with that of Christ has become a 'new creature', or one whose life reflects the very mind of Christ.

Ongoing formation calls us to develop and deepen the meaning of our lives. As individuals and as a community, each person should enhance life in various ways, through fellowship with other Sisters, apostolic experiences, relationship with God and His Word, retreats, workshops on personal growth, and more. In the words of Saint Bernard, "not to advance is equal to going backwards." Life either moves towards maturity or risks regressing into self-destruction. Therefore, we must always be prepared "to begin anew". Our Constitution Article 100 states that religious profession, lived in fidelity to God in the spirit of Don Bosco and Mother Mazzarello, and as a response to the expectations of the Church and of the young people, requires continual self-formation. In docility to the Holy Spirit, each of us will be attentive to discern and to make use of every occasion for vocational growth to achieve the fullness of our identity as Daughters of Mary Help of Christians.

# 2. Developing Quality of the Heart

In religious life, "formation" is considered a conscious process that leads to the transformation of an individual, affecting one's whole life. Formation can be viewed as developing the quality of heart which allows those in ongoing formation to be open and docile and welcoming to the newness of the Gospel and formation in faith. The goal of religious life is conformity to Christ, in other words, holiness. The document *Starting Afresh from Christ* states: "Holiness is the fruit of the encounter with Jesus in the many presences in which we can discover His face in daily life, a suffering face and at the same time the face of the Risen One" (*Starting Afresh from Christ*, 15). Holiness and growth in the spiritual life cannot be achieved solely by human efforts. It is always God's gift. Human effort lies in believing in the power of the Holy Spirit, who forms and sanctifies.

'Ongoing formation' in religious life is defined as "the constant personalisation or interiorisation of Christ's life. Consequently, it is a learning process that involves change, growth, and the transformation of the person. The entire process of formation is where the individual increasingly becomes a disciple of Christ. Thus, ongoing formation facilitates the continuous growth of the whole person, promoting a deeper and fuller commitment to the person and the mission of Christ. The goal of ongoing formation is to support the individual religious in the spiritual journey from the time of the first commitment until the end of life.

Allowing oneself to be moulded and formed by these various elements of life begets in the religious a quality of heart which is open, docile and pliable to receive the imprint of the divine features of our crucified and risen Lord. If the religious are open to the new, the excitement of each moment and the surprise it holds in store for them, then surely, they are being renewed each moment of each day, and if they are renewed personally, then their communities are also renewed. The success of ongoing formation is that every Sister learns to be formed by everyday life, by her own community, by her Sisters, by everyday things, ordinary and extraordinary, by prayer and work, in joy and in suffering, until the moment of death" (Starting afresh with Christ, 23).

# 3. New Learning Attitude in Religious Life

Ongoing formation is above all to help the person to believe more in oneself, to believe more in life, to believe more in community and the Church, and to believe more in Christ. This demands a conversion to a new learning attitude in religious life. The chief human agent of ongoing formation is *the person*. It is one's responsibility, as a mature person, to make use of all the experiences around them. Apart from oneself, the *community leader* is an agent who

provides guidance and direction. She is also expected to inspire and stimulate the Sisters in living their consecration. The *apostolic community* is also an agent that offers support and fosters and guides the ongoing formation and growth of each member. The *Spiritual Director* is an important agent in guiding the spiritual development of the person. The one in charge has the task of helping the members come to a better understanding and appreciation of the daily experiences in the community, social life, and apostolic activities. These experiences are to be seen as encounters with God and opportunities to let the Kingdom of God grow continuously within themselves, in the community, and in the places of their apostolate.

## 4. Renewal of a Holistic Journey of Ongoing Formation

Human, spiritual, intellectual, and every other form of formation are constant means to stay on the path of ongoing formation with Jesus who says, "Learn from me" (Mt. 11:29). Surely, renewal for the consecrated persons today involves reclaiming our charism and living with the same enthusiasm, creativity and inventiveness as Don Bosco and Mother Mazzarello and our pioneering missionaries, being faithful to the tradition handed down but translated and adapted to the needs and challenges of the 21st century. Ultimately, it would transform us into a community of saints! All our efforts at renewal, then, must focus on our calling "to contemplate and bear witness to the transfigured face of Christ" and help us to live a "transfigured existence" in our modern and secular society. The following are some of the significant aspects of renewal and of a holistic journey of ongoing formation.

# • The Responsibility of the Individual

The responsibility of lifelong formation is, first of all, linked to the will of the individual religious. It follows the pattern of faith and God's action in its different dimensions. Religious life would need a revival of autonomous "self-discipline". It is about a good and healthy management of one's personal time for learning, rest, relaxation and renewal in correspondence with one's community life and the mission of the community. Sacrifices will surely be required as community and mission will take a bigger portion of time from one's life.

# • Response to the Demands of the Mission

Ongoing formation is achieved principally through constant evaluation of one's own apostolate, in the light of faith and with the help of the apostolic community. Thus, ongoing formation is situated within the context of mission and presents it as an integral and essential dimension of one's apostolic and missionary life that ought to be evaluated and discerned through the Word of God and the contemplation of the world in prayerful dialogue with the Lord. Ongoing formation equips individuals to respond to the demands of their mission and the challenges of the present world. It encourages them to reflect on the changing realities of society and the Church and accommodate their concepts, attitudes, and methods accordingly. It enables them to be more effective and faithful witnesses in the world.

#### Personal and Communal Growth

Formation "should involve the whole person so that every attitude and action at important moments as well as in the ordinary events of life, will show that they belong completely and joyfully to God. Ongoing formation aims at the holistic growth of the individual,

encompassing spiritual, human, intellectual, and professional development. It fosters a deeper sense of identity as a religious person and a disciple of Jesus. It contributes to the vibrant fulfilment of the community's mission in fidelity to its charism and in response to the needs of the time.

# Fidelity to Vocation

Ongoing formation is essential for strengthening the initial response to the vocational call and ensuring its continued maturity. It helps individuals to integrate their personal journey with the broader mission of the Church. It promotes a constant dedication and effort for renewal that enables individuals to understand and respond to the present and future. It is indispensable to continue growing in self-knowledge and in the capacity to reveal oneself and to let oneself be known, by self-esteem, in empathy and sympathy with those with whom one lives and shares the mission. Special attention should be given to understanding the deepest desires in the capacity of self-disclosure and thus to openness to the grace to identify oneself ever more with the sentiments of Christ.

# • Community Life

Community is the ground of our lifelong formation. Through the experience of life, prayer and study, all community life should first of all lead to a deeper understanding of the "Mystery of Christ". A good community atmosphere is the key to successful growth in religious life. The atmosphere itself has a formative character. Sufficient space, time and leisure are needed for the contemplative moment to enable them to get in touch with reality and with the Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who are at the heart of all reality. It is the love, both the awareness of being infinitely loved and the desire to love in return, which enables the religious to overcome every personal and institutional difficulty. It allows them to be creative and capable of renewing themselves and their communities. It is the community which makes them strong and courageous, kindles fire and enables them to dare and challenge.

# • The Necessity of Guidance and the Importance of Leadership

For all dimensions and stages of religious life, the consecrated persons need guidance. There is a need for suitable confessors, spiritual directors and counsellors and good friends as well. 'Suitable' means having a guide who challenges rather than pleases, and 'good friends' who love and respect the vocation and the mission of the Institute. The local superiors are responsible for promoting ongoing formation in the community and in the individual members through a loving culture of fraternal correction and generous appreciation, and more especially through the example of their dedication to their own formation.

#### **CONCLUSION**

In essence, ongoing formation is not just about maintaining what was learnt initially but about a continuous process of transformation and growth, enabling individuals to live their religious life with greater depth, fidelity, and effectiveness in a constantly changing world. The chief purpose of the ongoing formation plan is to provide all consecrated persons with a programme which encompasses their whole life. None is exempt from the obligation to be formed every day of their lives. It is therefore binding on every mature religious to give careful attention to ongoing formation "until Christ is formed in us" (Gal 4:19).

Ongoing formation is about cherishing, nourishing and cultivating the spark of Christ, allowing it to develop to its full potential, all the while remembering that we hold this treasure in earthen vessels 2 Cor. 4:7). It is learning to be available to the One who comes to us in the present moment and to be formed by the Paschal Mystery. Growth is a process of 'letting go'. It is important for us to keep this in mind both as individuals and as communities and to remember that all our yesterdays lead to the 'now' of today. It is necessary to guarantee an integral, ongoing formation in creative fidelity to the mission that God has entrusted to us. If, in truth, we desire to offer "accomplished" service to the poor, then we need to invest in ongoing formation.

### POINTS TO PONDER, SHARE, AND LIVE

- 1. During the ongoing formation, what are the ways through which we can respond in creative fidelity to God's gift of call?
- 2. Why is ongoing formation an intrinsic requirement of religious consecration?
- 3. How can we develop a quality of the heart in our formative journey?
- 4. Why is a new learning attitude important in religious life?
- 5. How can we undertake the renewal of a holistic journey of ongoing formation?

# **CELEBRATIONS OF THE MONTH**

01 Sep - 04 Oct	-	Season of Creation
03 Wed	_	St Gregory the Great
05 Fri	_	St Mother Teresa of Calcutta / Teachers Day
06 Sat	-	Bl. Carmen Moreno, Maria Amparo Carbonell
08 Mon	-	Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary / Girl Child Day
12 Fri	-	Holy Name of Mary
14 Sun	-	Exaltation of the Holy Cross
15 Mon	-	Our Lady of Sorrows
		Dedication of the Cathedral Church - Diocese of Vellore
21 Sun	-	St Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist
22 Mon	-	Bl. Joseph Calasanz, Enrico Saizapricio SDB & Co
24 Wed	-	Our Lady of Ransom
29 Mon	-	Archangels: Michael, Raphael and Gabriel
	-	World Day of Migrants and Refugees

# **ALL IN THE FAMILY**

**ANNUAL RETREAT:** The FMA Provincials of India will gather in the Provincial House, Nongthymmai, Shillong (INS) from 1-10 September 2025, for the Annual Spiritual Retreat, a time of Grace, renewal, and reflection. I leave on 1 September and will return to the Province on 11 September 2025. Please be assured that each of you, your communities, and your mission will be held in my prayers throughout this retreat. We extend our sincere gratitude to Sr Pyngrope Rosa, Provincial of the INS Province, for hosting this significant spiritual event.

# **NOTE OF THANKS**

- ❖ I extend my heartfelt gratitude to Sr Anthony Raj Christina and the community of Fatima Convent for the successful organisation of the Past Pupils Reunion on 2 August 2025, acknowledging the many hardships they embraced in bringing this meaningful event to fruition. I wish to express my special appreciation to Sr Fernandez Crystal, Sr Madalimuthu Lidwin, Sr Lourdusamy Solomon Kalai, and the Past Pupils of the Kodambakkam Unit for their generous sacrifices and untiring commitment, which contributed greatly to the success of the reunion and made it a memorable one, inspiring other units of Past Pupils in all our Institutions.
- ❖ I express my sincere gratitude to Sr Samala Elisa and the Sisters of Mary Immaculate Convent, Tirupattur, for graciously hosting the Tri-Monthly Recollection for the Senior Sisters on 3 August 2025. Your warm hospitality and generous efforts made the recollection a truly enriching and grace-filled experience.
- ❖ My heartfelt gratitude to Sr Doss Rosalia, Sr Pichai Mary Saroja, the Ashramites, and especially to the Superior, Sr Panakezham Anni, and the community of Mannivakkam, for their generous support and warm hospitality during the Ashram Experience for the Aspirants held from 6 to 22 August 2025. Your dedication and care made the experience deeply enriching and memorable for the young aspirants.
- ❖ I express my sincere gratitude to the Youth Pastoral Coordinators, Sr Rajendiran Selvarani and Sr Arockiassmy Celine Mary, as well as to Sr Ambrose Arockia Jayaceli, the Principal, and the staff of the Department of Psychology, Auxilium College, Katpadi, for their dedicated efforts in organising the Counselling Course for Teachers on 8 and 9 August 2025. My special thanks also to the Superior, Sr Antony Raj Josephine, and the community for their generous support and gracious hospitality, which contributed greatly to the success of the programme.
- ❖ Hearty thanks to Sr Anandaraj Jaya Shanthi, Superior, and the community of Kingford, Chennai, as well as to Sr Chinnappan Gracy Fatima and the community of Sacred Heart Home, for thoughtfully organising the Tri-monthly Recollection for Seniors on 9 August 2025. Your efforts in creating a meaningful and reflective experience are deeply appreciated.
- ❖ I am grateful to Sr Alphonse Mary J. Isabella, the Social Development Coordinator, for organising the Organ Donation Day for Children, Youth, Women and Supplementary Centres on 13 August 2025, and the workshop on International Youth Day and a one-day workshop for the Diocesan Youth in Chennai on 23 August 2025. Her dedication to promoting awareness and empowering young people is truly appreciated.
- ❖ A heartfelt thanks to Sr Arulanandu Arockia Mary, Superior and the Community of Auxilium Convent, Negombo, for hosting the Novices and Sisters for their Annual Retreat from 28 July to 4 August 2025, Renewal of the Vows on 4 August 2025, First Profession and the Final Commitment on 5 August 2025 and Tri-monthly Recollection for the Sisters on 6 August 2025. I sincerely thank Sr Lazar Maria Nirmala, the Delegate of Sri Lanka, for making all the arrangements necessary for the Annual Retreat, Renewal of the Vows, and the First Profession.

- ❖ I express my deepest gratitude to Sr Anthony Raj Christina, the Vice Provincial, for her dedicated coordination of the Golden Jubilee of the Religious Profession of our Sisters, celebrated on 16 August 2025 at Kodambakkam. I am equally grateful to her and the community of Fatima Convent for graciously hosting the Jubilee celebrations and for the many sacrifices they made to ensure its success. I also extend my deep appreciation to the Provincial Councillors, the Superiors, and the Educating Communities for their invaluable contributions both great and small which enriched the Jubilee celebrations and made it a truly memorable and grace-filled occasion.
- ❖ I extend my heartfelt gratitude to Sr Anthony Raj Christina and the community of Fatima Convent for the successful inauguration of the ICSE building, acknowledging the many hardships they embraced in bringing this event to fruition. I wish to express my special appreciation to Sr Fernandez Crystal, Sr Lourdusamy Solomon Kalai, Sr Putti Viagulam, and the Past Pupils of Kodambakkam Unit for their generous sacrifices and untiring commitment, which made possible the realisation of the ICSE School edifice the first of its kind in our Province.
- ❖ I express my sincere gratitude to Sr Anthony Raj Christina, Superior, and the community of Fatima Convent for hosting the Superiors' Meet on 17 August 2025, as well as the Provincial Council meeting on 18 August 2025. Their warm hospitality and generous service facilitated the smooth accomplishment of the events.
- ❖ I express my sincere gratitude to Sr Anthony Raj Christina, Superior, and the community of Fatima Convent for organising the Golden Jubilee celebration of Mrs Susan Victor, Cooperator, on 23 August 2025 at Kodambakkam. I also thank wholeheartedly Sr Pudota Mary Krubagiri, Local Delegate for the Salesian Cooperators and the members of the Kodambakkam Unit, for their dedicated efforts in making the celebration meaningful and joyous.
- ❖ I am grateful to Sr Gaspar Mary Celine, the Superior, and the Sisters of Auxilium Home, Katpadi, for graciously hosting the two-day CSP training programme for the Formal and NFE Teachers & Sisters on 28 and 29 August 2025. Special appreciation to Sr Alphonse Mary J. Isabella, the Social Development Coordinator, for her resourceful coordination of the programme.
- ❖ Sincere thanks to Sr Nguyen Thi Long Phuong Maria, the Coordinator of Youth Pastoral in Sri Lanka, for conducting the online meeting on 24 August 2025. Your efforts in creating a meaningful and reflective experience are deeply appreciated.
- ❖ I am deeply grateful to Sr Mahimainaddhan Sathiyavani, the Superior, and the Sisters of Nandambakkam for hosting the Media Animation program for the Non-Formal Sector held on 27 August 2025. A special word of appreciation to Sr Anthony Cruz Mathalen Mary for her resourceful coordination.

# **HEARTFELT SYMPATHIES**

- To Sr Ambrose Arokia Jayaceli, at the demise of her Father, Mr Soosai Ambrose (86), in Madhavaram, Chennai, on 5 August 2025.
- To Sr Savarimuthu Mary Emelda, at the demise of her brother-in-law, Mr David (64), at Kamatchipalaya, Bangalore, on 10 August 2025.
- To Sr Savari Fatima, at the demise of her brother-in-law, Mr John Bosco (57), at Gandhi Nagar, Vellore, on 12 August 2025.

# **COURSES AND SEMINARS**

- Sr Mahimai Dass Jaya Sunitha participated in the Training Workshop for Formators, held from 7 to 11 August 2025 at Don Bosco Provincial House, The Citadel, Chennai.
- Sr Alphonse J. Isabella and Sr Mahimainadhan Sathiyavani participated in the National Convention on Migrant Workers in Hyderabad, organised by the SDBs, on 16 and 17 August 2025.
- Missionary Pastoral Updating Course will be held in Rome from 27 September to 11 November 2025. Sr Alice Mathew and Sr Lourdu Mary Irudayaraj will be participating in it.
- Geriatric Training for Religious Nurse Sisters will be held in St John's College of Nursing, Bengaluru, from 25 September to 15 October 2025. Sr Rayappan Leema Rose, Sr Periyanayagam John Martina, and Sr Premkumar Keerthana will participate in it.

We wish them a fruitful experience!

### LIVING IN OUR MEMORY

- 04 † Sr Maria Dal Corso (1986)
- 06 † Sr Elizabeth Gullery (1996)
- 12 † Sr Giacomina Borrini (1972), Sr Maude Hale (2009)
- 13 † Sr Judith Aranha (2011), Sr Philomena T. Sebastian (2022)
- 15 † Sr Anna Abraham (2009)
- 18 † Sr Hilda Barragan (2022)
- 19 † Sr Stefanina Stefani (1949)
- 22 † Sr Gracy Mathai (2018), Sr Philomena Prabalanathan (2022)
- 23 † Sr Maddalena Marengo (1978), Sr Margaret Rose Yettukuri (2004)
- 24 † Sr Rose Kallidukil (2016)

# FORTHCOMING EVENTS

### **SEPTEMBER 2025**

01.09.2025 to 10.09.2025	Mon to Wed	PCI Provincials Retreat, Provincials in Shillong
01.09.2025 to 19.09.2025	Mon To Fri	Local Council Elections to be completed, Chennai & Vellore SC in Respective Centres SC

06.09.2025 & 07.09.2025	Sat & Sun	Media Animation for LMC, Auxilium College, Katpadi		
08. 09.2025	Mon	Feast of Our Lady of Good Health / Girl Child Day / Competition on Mary in the Gospel of Luke and John, ADMA Members and Benefactors in SL		
10.09.2025	Wed	World Suicide Prevention Day (Appreciate Life), Youth / Women in Public Event (ARUWYE) other Centres (Online)		
12.09.2025	Fri	Leadership Training to Women - Socio-Political Analysis (Chennai Zone), Youth / Women in Online Kodambakkam, Thiruvallur /Thoraipakkam		
13.09.2025	Sat	Seminar on Preventive System, Jubilee Preparation for Teachers, SL – Online Initiation of Senior Sisters in Auxilium Care Home, Katpadi		
13.09.2025 & 14.09.2025	Sat & Sun	Provincial Council, Auxilium College, Katpadi		
14.09.2025	Sun	Webinar on Integral Ecology for Teachers – SL, Online		
19.09.2025	Fri	YP animation (SL)- Local YPC – SL Online		
20.09.2025	Sat	Webinar on Mental Health Support, Local YPC and two young people from each community, Online from Rome - Sr Kharbikhiew Wismary from Centre		
		Leadership Training to Women Socio-Political Analysis (Vellore Zone) Youth Women Anmarudai, Arni, Michealpuram, SDC		
27.09.2025	Sat	Training and Teaching Experience, Young Sisters – SL, Columbuthurai		
OCTOBER 2025				
01.10.2025	Wed	Praying the Rosary, Parishioners and ADMA Members, Online / Local Community, Local ADMA Coordinator		
04.10.2025	Sat	Eco Spiritual Animation, Sisters & Students, Local Community, Integral Ecology Coordinator		

The Season of Creation is celebrated every year from 1st September to 4th October, inviting Christians worldwide to pray and act for our common home. Pope Francis, in his encyclical *Laudato Si'*, reminds us that "the earth is our common home and we are called to care for it." This season is a time to reflect on God's gift of creation and our responsibility to protect it. In today's world, we see the effects of climate change, pollution, deforestation, and the loss of biodiversity. The cry of the earth and the cry of the poor are louder than ever. The Season of Creation urges us to live more simply, reduce waste, and safeguard natural resources. It is also a time to raise awareness about ecological justice and solidarity with the most vulnerable. Together, in prayer and action, we can nurture creation and pass on a healthier planet to future generations.

On 5 September, we lovingly remember St Mother Teresa of Calcutta, who dedicated her whole life to serving the poorest of the poor. She founded the Missionaries of Charity in 1950 to care for the sick, the orphaned, and the abandoned. Her life was a shining example of love, compassion, and selfless service to humanity. For her humanitarian work, she received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1979, and in 2016, she was canonised as a Saint, inspiring millions of people around the world.

On 5 September, we also celebrate Teachers' Day in India, which marks the birthday of Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, a great teacher and former President of India. This day honours teachers who guide, inspire, and shape the future of students. It reminds us of the importance of education and moral values in building society. On this occasion, students show their gratitude to teachers through words, cultural programs, and small gestures of love. It is truly a celebration of the noble profession that lays the foundation of every nation.

On 8 September, the Church celebrates with great joy the Nativity of our Blessed Mother Mary, the dawn of salvation, as she was chosen to be the Mother of Jesus. The same day, we also honour Our Lady of Vailankanni, lovingly called the "Lourdes of the East," where thousands of pilgrims gather to seek her intercession and blessings. This feast is a moment of deep faith and devotion, reminding us of Mary's maternal care and protection.

On 8 September, we also observe Girl Child Day, highlighting the dignity and value of every girl child. It reminds us to love, respect, and educate girls, giving them equal opportunities to grow and shine. This celebration is a call to protect the girl child from discrimination and to cherish her as a blessing for family, Church, and society.

On 14 September, the Church celebrates the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, recalling the instrument of our salvation. The Cross, once a sign of suffering and shame, became the symbol of victory and eternal life through Christ's death and resurrection. This feast invites us to embrace our daily crosses with love and faith, remembering that through the Cross we find hope, strength, and redemption.

On 29 September, we celebrate the Feast of the Archangels, St Michael, St Gabriel, and St Raphael. St Michael is the protector and defender against evil, St Gabriel is the messenger of God's Good News, and St Raphael is the guide and healer. Their feast reminds us of God's loving care through His heavenly messengers, who accompany, protect, and inspire us on our journey of faith.

I wish you all a very Happy Birthday of Mother Mary and a happy feast of our Lady of Good Health, Velankanni. Special wishes to the community of Michaelpuram on the feast of their Patron, St Michael, the Archangel.

Yours affectionately,

Sr. Devadoss Margaret

**Sr Devadoss Margaret INM FMA Provincial** 



# **ITINERARY OF THE PROVINCIAL**

# **SEPTEMBER**

01 - 10	Mon - Wed	PCI Provincials Retreat, Shillong		
10	Wed	Journey to Kodambakkam, Chennai		
11 -12	Thu - Fri	Provincial Office, Kodambakkam		
13 - 14	Sat – Sun	Provincial Council, ACK		
13	Sat	Inauguration of Auxilium Care Home		
16 -17	Tue - Wed	PV: Avvai Nagar		
18 - 19	Thu - Fri	PV: Pethanaickenpalayam		
19 - 20	Fri - Sat	PV: Yercaud		
21 - 22	Sun - Mon	PV:Thoraipakkam		
23 - 30	Tue - Tue	Provincial Office, Kodambakkam		
OCTOBER 2025				
01	Wed	Provincial Office, Kodambakkam		
02 - 03	Thu - Fri	PV: Mannivakkam		

