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My Dearest Sisters,

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

Shared Life for a Shared Mission

INTRODUCTION:

As Christians, we are the body of Christ; we belong to each other and are to be deeply involved in each other's lives. As religious people, we have a unique opportunity to live in a radically counter-cultural way infused with Jesus's love. Living in a religious community and sharing God's mission with others opens doors to godly companionship, a richer spiritual life, and a countercultural witness to God's goodness. Shared life in the religious community is outward-looking and centred on Jesus rather than an inward-looking and exclusive one. It seeks to include and serve others unconditionally. Spiritual maturity, confidence in others, and a mutual commitment are necessary to honour God and maintain a shared life for the shared mission.

Ongoing accountability is vital in shared life for a shared mission. Being transparent and in deep relationships with one another calls for a Gospel way of living religious life. One of the wonderful things about sharing each other's life journeys is the big blessing that has come from sharing the mission of the community and being able to support one another. Our Constitution Article 63 states that our mission comes from the saving initiative of the Father who calls us to participate, as an apostolic Salesian community, in the Church, to share in the prophetic, priestly and kingly ministry of Christ by witnessing life, proclaiming the Word, and rejoicing in Salvation. The life of the first Christian community is the best example of a shared life with a shared mission: 'All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need' (Acts 2:44-45). Let us reflect on some of the significant aspects in fulfilling the shared mission of the community.

1. Sharing is Caring

"Sharing is caring" is a common expression that emphasises the positive connection between sharing and kindness or caring for others. Sharing is a rewarding experience, and it shows the kind of person one is. Sharing strengthens relationships, deepens connections and creates a sense of belonging. It builds a stronger missionary community communion. When sisters share resources and support each other, it creates a more connected and cooperative environment in the community. It is a noble and beneficial act that one can positively impact oneself and others by sharing what one is and has. The more one shares, the more one cares.

Sharing is a fundamental building block of strong relationships, a cornerstone of cooperation, and a key to a more fulfilling religious life.

Sharing is caring; it is a tangible way to show someone that we value their well-being, and it fuels progress. Sharing our time, energy, skills, resources, and challenges fosters a sense of collective well-being. Article 63 highlights that by the very fact of being a member of a specific community, every FMA is commissioned. Each one, no matter what task has been assigned by obedience, lives her identity as a Salesian educator in communion with her Sisters, in the spirit of the *da mihi animas*. Volunteering our time to a cause we care about, mentoring a young person, or offering a helping hand to a sister in the community demonstrates passion and compassion for the mission and strengthens the fabric of community unity. The fear of loss or the desire for personal gain can create a reluctance to share. However, true fulfilment often lies in the act of giving oneself and sharing joys and sorrows, remembering, “There is no enjoying the possession of anything valuable unless one has someone to share it with.” So, when we share, we are bringing true joy to others and ourselves. When we share and care for one another, we create a ripple effect of generosity and support.

2. The Power of Sharing Connects Us and Creates a Bond

Shared experiences are vital to building a deep connection in the context of relationships. Sharing life means loving one another, purely and simply, the way God first loved us: “We love because He first loved us” (1 John 4:19). God’s call is the foundation for our love for Him and others. God’s love is a proactive, initiating love, not a reactive one. He loved us first, demonstrating His love through the sacrifice of Jesus, and this love inspires and enables our love in return. Our life of love and faith in a shared mission invites us to share it generously and with gratitude, for the blessing and benefit of one another. Offering a helping hand, a thoughtful word, laughter, a simple smile, and even tears creates a deeper level of understanding and can foster a sense of community and belonging. When we share such experiences, we create a sense of “we” rather than “me”, strengthening the bonds that tie us together.

Shared life for a shared mission means staying with... walking alongside... abiding... And it’s what we’re called to as believers and religious in the world and as Partners in Mission. Sharing the highs and lows of missionary life lets us tap into the river of grace flowing through our lives. One can identify it by the quality of the relationships between Sisters in the community, by the power of trust and by the wonder of generosity. The episode of the paralysed man and his healing (Mk 2:1-12) is the **result** of both a **shared life** and a shared life **in action**. The friends were on a shared mission for a sick friend who needed help. **He** had a need, so **they** had a need. When Jesus saw **their** faith, he said to the paralysed man, “Son, your sins are forgiven.” When he saw **their** faith, the paralysed man experienced the miracle. It’s the Spirit who leads people to find Christ, not us, but we can plant seeds in the fertile soil of communion, compassion and caring for people.

3. Cementing the Power of the Community’s Shared Vision of the Mission

Shared experiences cement relationships together and create a foundation for living a witnessing life and building out an awesome vision of the mission. Shared positive experiences enhance our feelings of belonging, connectedness and sense of meaning. It is important to celebrate ‘wins’ together, cementing the power of the shared vision into the

mission of the community. We need to realise the power of shared vision and its effects in the fulfilment of the mission of the community. Sharing the vision of the mission in the spiritual, relational, and emotional domains of our lives with the Sisters in the community will foster and nurture genuine relationships. We consider the depth of the relationship when we consider the depth of the shared experiences of the vision in mission: A prayerful concern for the lives of the community members, moments spent together dreaming and visioning, working on both strategic and tactical initiatives together for the mission of the community... A shared mission incorporates the mission of individuals within a community. It defines the purpose which allows everyone involved within the community organisation to share their vision that addresses broader components such as community, social, and environmental elements.

For instance, sharing spiritual experiences connects us uniquely because we talk about the deep and meaningful transformations in our lives. Having a shared vision is a crucial aspect of a successful and fulfilling mission. It provides the foundation for a fulfilling and enduring relationship in the mission of the community. Let's explore how we can establish a shared vision of the mission that shapes the dynamics of a healthy relationship and a common framework for decision-making in view of the mission of the community, with overall compatibility.

- **Trust as the Foundation of the Mission**

Trust is the bedrock of any healthy relationship for a shared vision of the mission. When all the Sisters in the community hold similar core beliefs of the mission, there is a fundamental level of assurance that their decisions will align with the core values of the mission of the Institute. This trust forms the basis for open communication and sharing responsibilities with generosity. The trust in each other in all aspects of life is a beacon of hope in navigating differences and conflicts in the fulfilment of the mission of the community. It provides common ground to move towards common goals, respecting each one's specific place in the shared responsibilities. Additionally, trust reduces conflicts in the shared principles, favours mutual understanding, and fosters harmony and resilience in the collective fulfilment of the mission.

- **Direction and Goals**

Sisters with a similar vision of the mission tend to have similar life goals and aspirations, purpose and direction. This can drive harmony in a relationship, pursuing common objectives, planning future activities together, or working toward a vision of the mission. Understanding among the Sisters and laypeople in the fulfilment of the mission is a crucial aspect of a successful accomplishment of the mission. This makes the process significantly more straightforward, as all are more likely to understand each other's responsibilities and decisions when they stem from fundamental values. This more profoundly strengthens the connection between the members in the community, fostering a sense of unity in the mission of the community. During challenging periods, it can be a source of strength and resilience and give a sense of unity and mutual support.

- **Moral, Ethical and Spiritual Alignment**

In the face of ethical decisions or moral challenges, our shared mission ensures that we will support each other. This alignment creates a united front, allowing us as a community to face

external and internal challenges with spiritual strength and conviction. For instance, when setbacks arise, a commitment to transparency enables open discussions, joint decisions, and collaborative problem-solving, nurturing a healthy connection and integration into each other's social circles. When everyone in the community shares the common vision of the mission, forming bonds with each other and the significant people, life becomes simpler. A compatible commitment to the mission of the community promotes a sense of unity and cohesion within the broader socio-cultural challenges of the context. Constantly, we have to create a harmonious living environment that aligns with our vision, our mission and our life.

- **Satisfaction and Success**

When we are committed to being the best versions of ourselves, the shared vision of the mission tends to have greater long-term satisfaction and success. Mutual support and sacrifice act as a stabilising force, helping to maintain the bond between us and everyone in the community, even as individual interests and circumstances change over time. In this process, relationships are more likely to withstand the test of time and continue to thrive, because every day, everyone will choose to learn more, do more and be more while acknowledging their strengths and gracefully accepting their limitations. It is reaffirming that when we give our best, so does everyone around us. We can thrive in an environment with the highest standards set for ourselves and the best fulfilment of the mission, relying on each other for support, strategy and encouragement.

4. Ways to Establish a Shared Vision of our Mission

While a shared vision of our mission is vital, establishing it requires open communication, active listening, and commitment. Here's how we can do it:

1. **Communicate Openly:** Start by having honest and open conversations about your vision and dreams in the community. Share your perspectives and encourage your community members to do the same. Listen actively to understand their viewpoints, style and expectations.
2. **Identify Common Ground:** Explore areas where your commitment aligns naturally. These can be related to the specific sectors of the mission, ethics, spirituality, or shared interests. Recognising these commonalities can lay the foundation for shared values.
3. **Discuss Differences:** It's essential to acknowledge and discuss areas where you may differ. Instead of seeing these differences as obstacles, view them as opportunities to learn from each other and find a common path to journey together.
4. **Prioritise Core Values:** Identify the most important values. These values should form the foundation of your shared mission and guide your decisions in the mission of the community. Assess your views and find out what matters for the well-being of the community.
5. **Create a Shared Vision:** Work together to create a vision that reflects the shared mission of the community. This vision can encompass the goals, aspirations, and principles guiding your life in the mission of the community.
6. **Seek Guidance if Needed:** In some cases, it may be helpful to seek professional guidance, such as relationship counselling, to navigate differences and establish a shared mission of the community.
7. **Practice Patience:** Fulfilling the shared mission of the community with a personal sense of responsibility is a great achievement. Be patient with each other and

recognise that it's normal to evolve and adapt your views as your relationship grows with the community members.

CONCLUSION

The main benefit of a shared mission is that it fosters a sense of belonging to the community. This translates not only into increasing the passion and loyalty of its members but also enhancing innovation and creativity. When every sister feels part of the mission and the community that supports and accompanies her, it creates sufficient space to build community communion, live and share faith, grow in confidence, and share Jesus' values of the kingdom of God. We need to believe that we can achieve more and greater things when we collaborate toward our common goals, rather than compete. When we trust each other, we are more authentically ourselves, we take smart risks, and we achieve greater things collectively than as individuals. To do this well, we must trust in ourselves and in our capacity to succeed, take very seriously our responsibility in the fulfilment of the mission of the community, and realise that our success is due to mutual trust and acceptance.

In conclusion, sharing is a powerful force that fosters connection, propels progress, and creates a happier community and compassionate world. By embracing the spirit of sharing, we enrich our own lives, strengthen our communities, and pave the way for a brighter future for all. A shared mission supports a healthy and enduring relationship, providing a foundation for nurturing love and trust. It contributes to the overall satisfaction and success of our mission. However, everyone needs to participate in the mission of the community, belong to and engage with, co-create, or share with others, personal and social responsibility. A willing collaboration, as the latest organisational wave, must craft and implement a shared mission for smoother and successful sailing ahead. So, let's embrace the transformative power of sharing the mission, for in doing so, we truly demonstrate that sharing is caring.

POINTS TO PONDER, SHARE AND LIVE

1. Why is a shared life important for a shared mission?
2. Why do we say that sharing is caring?
3. How does the power of sharing connect us and create a bond?
4. How will you cement the power of the community's shared vision of the mission?
5. What are the ways to establish a shared vision of our mission?

CELEBRATIONS OF THE MONTH

01 Thu	-	St Alphonsus Liguori
02 Fri	-	Bl. Augustus Czartoryski SDB
04 Sun	-	St John Maria Vianney
05 Mon	-	Foundation Day of FMA Institute, Our Lady of Snow, Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major
06 Tue	-	Transfiguration of the Lord
15 Thu	-	Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary, Independence Day
16 Fri	-	Birthday of Johnny Bosco
22 Thu	-	Queenship of Mary
24 Sat	-	St Bartholomew
25 Sun	-	Bl. Maria Troncatti

26 Mon	-	Bl. Zeferino Namuncura
27 Tue	-	St Monica
28 Wed	-	St Augustine
29 Thu	-	Beheading of St John the Baptist

CONGRATULATIONS

Hearty Congratulations! We extend our warmest congratulations to all our **Postulants:** Anthonisamy Mast Rojiya, Jaganathan Jayasri, Martin Doss Poulin Prasanna, Sagayaraj Suji, Selvin Raj Rosali Archana, Arokia Samy Lourdu Mary, Thedor Sandhiyatheras of INM and Amalraj Anitha, Arockiam Josephine Infanta, James Loveveena, Santhiyagu Gladis Dayana, Sebastian Christobher Josephine Jenat of INT. We also appreciate our Aspirants of INM and INT who have taken a courageous step to follow Jesus. Let us accompany them in their spiritual journey.

ALL IN THE FAMILY

Golden Jubilee of our Beloved Mother General: On 5 August 2025, we joyfully thank the Lord for the 50 years of the religious profession of our beloved Mother General, Sr Chiara Cazzuola. With hearts full of gratitude, we celebrate her faithful response to God's call and the loving leadership she offers the Institute. May the Lord, who has guided her all these years, continue to bless her with good health, strength, and joy as she marks this golden milestone. Let us unite in prayer, asking God to accompany her always in her mission of animation and governance.

Golden Jubilee Celebrations: With joy and gratitude, we shall celebrate the Golden Jubilee of Sr Putti Mary, Sr Sebastian Philomena, and Sr Yedanapalli Margaret on 16 August 2025 at Fatima Convent, Kodambakkam. We thank the Lord for their fidelity in the consecrated life. Assuring them of our prayers, we wish them continued fruitfulness as they journey ahead in their mission.

Animation for Superiors: The Superiors' Meeting will take place on the evening of 16 August 2025. On 17 August 2025, a Seminar on *Spiritual Direction, Guidance, and Accompaniment* will be animated by Rev. Fr Sagayaraj Stanley, S.J. I urge all the Superiors to come well-prepared to benefit deeply from this enriching formation experience.

Community Experience for II Year Novices: We warmly welcome our dear second-year novices - Lawrence Mary Sujatha, Suresh Chandhar Paul Nancy, and Velankanni Amalraj Leema Jenifer - into the communities of Pallikonda, Arni, and Polur, respectively. From 5 August to 5 September 2025, they will be engaged in a meaningful period of community living and apostolic experience.

Renewal of Vows: On 4 August 2025, our temporarily professed Sisters will renew their vows in Negombo, Sri Lanka, joyfully reaffirming their fidelity to the Lord. Let us accompany them with our prayers, that they may continue their formative journey with zeal for Christ and His Kingdom.

First Profession: Heartfelt congratulations to Novice W. Ann Nimesha Dulanjalee Fernando, who will make her First Profession on 5 August 2025 at the Sacred Heart Novitiate in Negombo, Sri Lanka. We extend our sincere gratitude to Sr Rona Kharkongor, Novice Formator of INS, for her loving accompaniment during the past year, and to Sr Mathew J. Siriapushpam, who guided her with dedication the previous year.

Intensive Juniorate: On 10 August 2025, Sr David Anushiya and Sr Nekchilan Maria Nisobana will leave for Shillong to begin their one-year Intensive Juniorate Course. We accompany them with our prayers as they embark on this formative journey.

Ashram Experience for Aspirants: From 6 to 22 August 2025, our dear Aspirants will enter into their Ashram Experience - a sacred time set apart for silence, prayer, and deep communion with God. Let us pray that this spiritual journey becomes for them a profound encounter with the Lord, filling their hearts with peace, clarity, and strength as they attune themselves to His voice. May the Holy Spirit guide their every step on the way, deepening their call to follow Christ more intimately.

Counselling Courses for Teachers: Counselling courses for teachers will be held on 8 and 9 August 2025 at Auxilium College, Katpadi, in collaboration with the Department of Psychology. We hope this initiative will empower educators with the tools and insights needed to accompany the young people with greater care and understanding.

Birthday of Don Bosco: The 210th birthday of our beloved Father and Founder, St John Bosco, on 16 August 2025, invites us to rekindle the flame of his mission within our hearts. His clear educational vision, rooted in love, reason, and religion, remains profoundly relevant even today. As Salesian Sisters, we are called to continue his legacy with compassion, courage, and unfailing hope. By embracing the Preventive System and its core values, we empower the young people to build lives anchored in faith, freedom, and responsibility. Let us honour Don Bosco by living and transmitting his spirit with joyful fidelity.

NOTE OF THANKS

- ❖ I extend my heartfelt gratitude to Sr Panakezham Annie, the Superior, and the community of Mannivakkam, along with Sr Doss Rosalia and Sr Pichai Mary Saroja, for their meaningful animation of the Postulants, from 5 to 15 July 2025, leading them to a deep and transformative experience of God.
- ❖ My sincere thanks to Sr Gaspar Mary Celine, the Superior, and the Sisters of Auxilium Home, Katpadi, for graciously hosting the Media Animation for Teachers on 11 July 2025. Special appreciation to Sr Rajendran Thimena Celine for her resourceful coordination of the programme.
- ❖ Hearty thanks to Sr Mathew Alice for organizing an online meeting for the Sisters and the ADMA members of Sri Lanka on 6 July 2025, promoting the devotion to Mary Help of Christians.
- ❖ I express my heartfelt appreciation to Sr Antony Raj Christiana, the Superior, and the entire community of Fatima Convent, Kodambakkam, for their gracious hospitality in hosting two significant gatherings - the meeting for the Sisters responsible for writing the House Chronicles on 12 July 2025, and the INM and INT Formators' Meet on 14 July 2025. A special word of thanks to Sr Susai Josephine Rani, Province Secretary and INM

Formation Coordinator, for her meticulous organization and inspiring animation of both events.

- ❖ I express my deep appreciation to Sr Antony Raj Christiana, the Superior, and the community of Fatima Convent, Kodambakkam, for hosting the INM and INT Formators' Meet on 14 July 2025. Special thanks to Sr Susai Josephine Rani, INM Formation Coordinator, for her efficient organisation of the day.
- ❖ My heartfelt thanks to Sr Kanickaraj Mary Tamizharasi, the Superior, and the community of Arni, for hosting the Media Animation for Vellore Zone students. Special appreciation goes to Sr Rajendran Thimena Celine, and Sr Anthony Cruz Mathalen Mary for their meticulous organisation and coordination.
- ❖ I extend sincere thanks once again to Sr Antony Raj Christiana, the Superior, and the community of Fatima Convent, Kodambakkam, for their warm hospitality in hosting the Provincial Council meeting on 19 July 2025.
- ❖ My heartfelt appreciation to Sr Anandaraj Jaya Shanthi, the Superior, and the community of Kingsford, for hosting the Faith Formation and Pastoral Preparation Programme for Young Sisters on 13 July 2025. Your warm hospitality and commitment to nurturing spiritual growth are deeply valued. Special thanks to Sr Wilson Anitha Arockiam and Sr Adaikalam Rekha for coordinating the programme with dedication.
- ❖ My sincere appreciation goes to Sr Alphonse Mary J. Isabella, Social Development Coordinator, for promoting the Youth Skill Day initiatives across the local communities on 15 July 2025.
- ❖ I express my sincere gratitude to Sr Chinnappan Gracy Fatima, the Superior, and the entire community of Sacred Heart Home, Katpadi, for hosting the Retreat for Candidates from 21 to 23 July 2025 and the function of Postulants receiving the Medal on 24 July 2025.
- ❖ Grateful acknowledgement to Sr Antony Raj Christiana, the Superior, and the Kodambakkam Community for hosting the New Superiors and Economers Meet on 25 July, followed by the Tri-monthly Recollection and Animation for Juniors (INM & INT) from 26 to 27 July 2025.
- ❖ I extend my warm appreciation and heartfelt gratitude to Sr Chinnappan Philomena Rani, the Superior, and the entire community of Yercaud for graciously hosting the meeting on Integral Ecology and for their generous hospitality. A special note of thanks goes to Sr Alphonse Mary J. Isabella, Social Development Coordinator; Sr Salvadore Gertrude M. Nirmala; Dr Anita Madona Maria Doss; and all the Integral Ecology Coordinators for their inspiring commitment and invaluable contributions, which greatly enriched the gathering.
- ❖ My sincere appreciation goes to Sr Sebastian Vimala for her consistent and dedicated follow-up in encouraging local communities in their vocation pastoral efforts, as well as for ensuring the proper documentation of vocation pastoral activities.
- ❖ I extend a word of gratitude to the Youth Pastoral Team of our Province for their committed animation of various groups and movements through the monthly animation materials shared with all communities. May their constant efforts bear abundant fruits of holiness and foster a vibrant culture of vocations.

COURSES AND SEMINARS

Annual General Body Meeting, TNCRI: The TNCRI General Annual Assembly will be held at Pillar, Ngamalai, in Madurai, on 2 and 3 August 2025. I am pleased to inform you

that Sr Susai Josephine Rani, Province Secretary, will represent our Province at this significant gathering.

Missionary Formation Course 2025, Shillong: The Missionary Formation Course 2025 is an ongoing formation program for members of the Salesian Family. The course will be held in Shillong from 19 August to 10 September 2025. Following this, the group will embark on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land, and the return to India is scheduled for 21 September 2025. Sr Santiago Amirtha Alocis, Sr Antonysamy Arul Pragasa Mary and Sr Lourdusamy Jebamani will participate in it.

LIVING IN OUR MEMORY

- 04 † Sr Maria Angeleri (1967)
- 06 † Sr Anna Xavier Savaraya (2005)
† Sr Paola Guazzora (2013)
- 08 † Sr Carmela Spitalieri (1938)
- 09 † Sr Arockiasami Maria Teresa (2012)
- 10 † Sr Cecilia Da Roit (1981)
- 11 † Sr Maria Teresa Soosai (2019)
- 15 † Sr Maria Ravalico (1980)
- 19 † Sr Margaret D'Couth (2007)
- 20 † Sr Gloria Rita James (2019)
- 23 † Sr Celine D'Souza (2013)
- 26 † Sr Camilla Tagliabue (2004)
† Sr Mary Vaz (2016)
- 27 † Sr Lorenza D'Silva (2019)

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

02.08.2025	Sat	Past Pupils Reunion, Past Pupils, Kodambakkam
02.08.2025 to 03.08.2025	Sat to Sun	Annual General Body Meeting of TNCRI, Pillar, Nagamalai, Madurai
03.08.2025	Sun	Tri-Monthly Recollection for Senior Sisters, TPT MIC, Salem- Avvai Nager
03.08.2025	Sun	Initial formation for Aspirant-Cooperators (Chennai Zone - SIGA)
04.08.2025	Mon	Renewal of Vows – Juniors, SL Negombo Transmission of Triennial Evaluation for Sisters, SL, Negombo
05.08.2025	Tue	First Profession, SL, Negombo
05.08.2025	Tue	Mother General's Golden Jubilee of Religious Profession, Rome

06.08.2024	Wed	Tri-Monthly Recollection, Senior Sisters SL, Negombo
06.08.2025 to 22.08.2025	Wed to Fri	Ashram Experience for Aspirants, Mannivakkam
08.08.2025 to 09.08.2025	Fri to Sat	Counselling Course for Teachers, Auxilium College, Katpadi
09.08.2025	Sat	Tri-Monthly Recollection for Senior Sisters, SHH, Kingsford
		Seminar on Preventive System for Teachers/Jubilee Preparation, Columbuthurai
		YP Animation (SL) for Sisters, Online
10.08.2025	Sun	Introducing ADMA at Kekirawa Parish, St Xavier's Church, SL
12.08.2025	Tue	International Youth Day & One-day Workshop for Diocesan youth, Youth Achievers, HRDC
13.08.2025	Wed	Organ Donation Day (Loving is self-giving), Children / Youth / Women, Supplementary Centres
16.08.2025	Sat	Golden Jubilee Celebrations, Kodambakkam
16.08.2025 to 17.08.2025	Sat to Sun	Media Animation for Local Media Coordinators, Auxilium College, Katpadi
16.08.2025 to 17.08.2025	Sat to Sun	Meeting on Migration, SDB Provincial House, Hyderabad
17.08.2025	Sun	Superiors Meeting, Kodambakkam
17.08.2025	Sun	Initial formation for Aspirant-Cooperators, (Vellore Zone- Auxilium College)
18.08.2025	Mon	Provincial Council, Kodambakkam
20.08.2025	Wed	Presentation of the Child Protection Policy, SL
20.08.2025 to 21.08.2025	Wed to Thu	NDF Meeting for SDC and the Staff in charge of NCP, Kolkata

23.08.2025	Sat	Golden Jubilee of Mrs Susan Victor, Salesian Cooperator, Kodambakkam
25.08.2025	Mon	Media & Salesian Charism, Local Media Coordinators (SL), Online
27.08.2025	Wed	Media Animation for Non-Formal Sector, HRDC/ SC
28.08.2025 to 29.08.2025	Fri to Sat	CPS - Ttraining - Formal and NFE Teachers and Sisters, Auxilium Home, Katpadi

On 5 August 2025, we celebrate a day rich in spiritual meaning as we commemorate our Foundation Day, the Foundation of the Institute of the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians, the feast of Our Lady of the Snow, and the Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major. On this day in 1872, St Mary Domenica Mazzarello and her companions offered their wholehearted “Yes” to God with simplicity and trust, marking the birth of a congregation devoted to the education and evangelisation of young people, especially the poor and abandoned. The FMA Institute continues to shine as a beacon of Salesian holiness and mission in the style of Don Bosco. At the same time, we honour Our Lady of the Snow, a Marian title linked to a miraculous snowfall that led to the construction of the Basilica of St Mary Major in Rome, the oldest church dedicated to Mary in the Western world.

This sacred place reminds us of Mary’s maternal presence in the Church’s journey. Filled with gratitude and joy, we renew our fidelity to God and our Marian identity, asking Mary to guide us to be faithful disciples and joyful witnesses of the Gospel. Let us live the grace of the covenant and renew the joy of our “yes” for and with the young people, faithful to the spirit of Mornese (Cf. Cir No.1051).

On 6 August 2025, the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord draws us into the mystery of divine glory revealed on Mount Tabor. Jesus, in the presence of Peter, James, and John, was transfigured before their eyes, his face shining like the sun and his clothes dazzling white - a foretaste of the Resurrection. This moment revealed the divine nature of Christ and offered strength to his disciples to face their future trials. The voice of the Father resounded from the cloud: “This is my beloved Son, listen to Him.” As we celebrate the Feast of Transfiguration, may we fix our gaze on Christ, allowing his radiant light to transform our hearts and renew our courage.

15 August 2025 is a day of double celebration. First, we mark India’s 78th Independence Day, honouring the sacrifices of the many patriots who fought for the nation’s freedom. It is a time to reflect on our shared history, embrace our diverse cultural identity, and recommit ourselves to building a future rooted in justice, peace, and unity. The sight of the national flag fluttering in the sky reminds us of the collective responsibility we hold for the well-being of our country. On the same day, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. In this great Marian feast, we rejoice in the mystery of Mary being taken body and soul into heavenly glory - a sign of hope and a promise of our destiny in Christ. Mary’s Assumption is the crowning of a life fully surrendered to God, filled with grace and love. As Queen of Heaven, she continues to intercede for us, her children, and invites us to lift our eyes toward the eternal.

On 16 August 2025, we joyfully remember the birthday of St John Bosco, our beloved Father and Founder, born in 1815. His life was a profound gift to the Church, especially to young people. Through his cheerful spirit, deep faith, and pioneering educational approach - the Preventive System based on reason, religion, and loving-kindness - Don Bosco transformed the lives of countless young people. His legacy continues to inspire educators around the world to accompany the young with love and wisdom. On his birthday, we thank God for the Salesian charism and renew our mission to serve and uplift the young with the heart of the Good Shepherd.

On 22 August 2025, we celebrate the Queenship of Mary, acknowledging her royal dignity as Queen of Heaven and Earth. This title is rooted in her divine motherhood and her unique role in salvation history. Mary's queenship is one of humility, service, and compassion. As she reigns beside her Son in glory, she continues her maternal mission of intercession and care for the Church. On this feast, we are invited to entrust ourselves to her gentle reign and to imitate her virtues in our daily lives, confident in her protection and inspired by her unwavering faith.

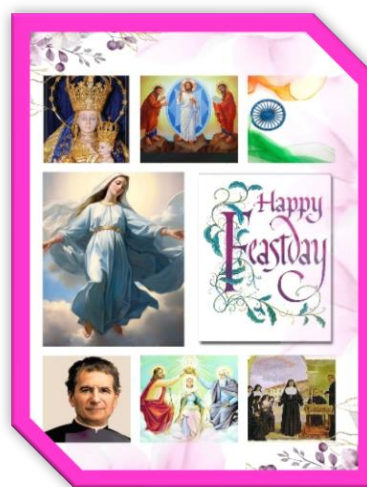
Hearty congratulations and prayerful blessings to novice W. Ann Nimesha Dulanjalee Fernando, who will be making her first profession, the Sisters who will be renewing their vows and those who keep the anniversary of their first and final commitment on 5 August!

I wish you all a very Happy Birthday of our Congregation, Feast of Our Lady assumed into heaven and Independence Day!

Yours affectionately,

Sr. Devadoss Margaret

Sr Devadoss Margaret
INM FMA Provincial



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AUGUST 2025

01 - 02	Fri - Sat	Provincial Office, Kodambakkam
03	Sun	Journey to Sri Lanka
04	Mon	Renewal of Vows, Negombo, SL
05	Tue	First Profession, Negombo, SL
11	Fri	Journey to Kodambakkam, Chennai
12 - 15	Tue - Fri	Provincial Office, Kodambakkam
16	Sat	Golden Jubilee Celebrations, Kodambakkam
17	Sun	Animation for Superiors, Kodambakkam
18	Mon	Provincial Council, Kodambakkam
19 - 22	Tue - Fri	Provincial Office, Kodambakkam
23	Sat	Golden Jubilee of Mrs Susan Victor, Salesian Cooperator, Kodambakkam
24 - 30	Sun - Sat	Provincial Office, Kodambakkam
SEPTEMBER 2025		
01 -10	Mon - Wed	PCI Provincials Retreat, Shillong

