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My Dearest Sisters,

Viva Gesù! Affectionate greetings to each one of you from Kodambakkam!

THE INEVITABILITY OF BUILDING COMMUNION IN THE MISSION OF EDUCATION

INTRODUCTION

Every human being is called to communion because of one's nature, being created in the image and likeness of God (cf. *Gen 1:26-27*). A human person is not an isolated individual but a *person*: a being who is essentially relational. Building communion in the mission of education is inevitable because true learning requires deep human relationships, shared values, and a united community rather than mere instruction. True learning happens best through real and caring bonds between teachers and students. Everyone in the school has to work together as a team instead of competing. This relational approach shapes how educators, students, and families grow together. A true school community builds communion with diverse people through open and honest communication, moves away from lonely, individual competition toward mutual support, and heals divided and broken environments by creating a welcoming space and place for all.

Communion is the foundation and source of our mission in the world. The communion to which every person is called always involves a double dimension: communion with God and communion with others. This communion is to be acknowledged as a gift of God. The educational system in our schools encounters different situations and calls for communion with God that will unite individuals with one another. Our educational centres are to be and become centres of communion, leading all men and women to enter ever more profoundly into communion with God and, at the same time, to extend and strengthen interpersonal relationships within the human community. They are to be places of communion and unity through all cultures, religions, and regions.

1. Communion and Mission: The Heartbeat of Educational Vitality

The concepts of communion (internal unity and community) and mission (external purpose and outreach) together form the heartbeat of educational vitality in a school. They are not separate departments; they are two sides of the same coin. Communion is the source of a strong internal community that fuels the energy needed for the school's mission. The school's purpose provides the community a shared direction and prevents it from becoming isolated. Healthy communion strengthens the mission, and a shared mission deepens internal communion. Communion nourishes the school mission. Trust and deep relationships create a unified front

so that the staff and students speak with one voice. A supportive community allows individuals to take risks, and risk-taking drives innovative learning and outreach. Thus, the school models the collaborative world it wants students to build outside its walls.

Strong internal bonds maximize collaboration, breaking down silos between sectors to achieve goals faster. A clear external goal prevents internal gossip, petty conflicts, and division. Differences in background or opinion fade when everyone rallies behind a single, inspiring objective. Achieving external milestones (like community service impact or academic benchmarks) celebrates and bonds the community. Members feel connected not just for social reasons but also because they are changing the world together. Therefore, ensuring communion directly celebrates or launches service projects and learning goals (mission). It guards the internal community's health, knowing that toxic internal politics will quickly destroy external success. It constantly reminds the internal community how their daily interactions directly impact the broader world.

Communion and mission are profoundly connected; they interpenetrate and mutually imply each other to the point that communion represents both the source and the fruit of mission: communion gives rise to mission, and mission is accomplished in communion. Because it aims to make humans more human, and education has to be carried out authentically only in a relational and community context. The first and original educational environment is the family. Schools, besides the family, are an educational space that is communitarian, organic, and intentional, and they sustain an educational commitment and service.

2. The Power of Communion in Schools that Must Unite Everyone's Efforts

There is a growing awareness of the importance of communion that must unite everyone's efforts, with a view to more effective cooperation and participation in our mission. The mission of our school, lived as a community formed of consecrated persons and lay faithful, assumes a very special meaning and demonstrates a wealth that should be acknowledged and developed. This mission demands, from all the members of the educational community, the awareness that educators, as persons and as a community, have an unavoidable responsibility to create the lifestyle of Jesus. Just as a consecrated person is called to testify to their specific vocation to a life of communion in love to be in the scholastic community, a sign, a memorial, and a prophecy of the values of the Gospel, so too a lay educator is required to fulfil the specific mission of the community by living, in faith, a secular vocation in the communitarian structure of the school.

Communion - defined as a deep sense of unity, shared purpose, and fellowship - is the foundation of a thriving educational community. When students, teachers, parents, and administrators unite their efforts, it transforms the school from a basic institution into a powerful ecosystem for growth. Unity or communion in the school boosts students' achievement. Collaboration creates a consistent learning environment and improves mental well-being. Shared life reduces isolation and anxiety and optimizes limited resources. Combined efforts prevent duplicated work and waste and build stronger networks. Unified schools survive crises much more effectively and model real-world success. In all our schools, the spirituality of communion must become the living breath of the educational community, the criterion for the integral development of its members and the fundamental point of reference for the implementation of a truly shared mission.

The students learn teamwork by witnessing the lives of the cooperative adults. Teachers who break down classroom silos, nurture collaborative teaching, and share teaching plans, strategies, and insights ensure no child falls through the cracks. Education does not stop at the school gate but facilitates active parent partnerships. Regular, transparent communication between home and school aligns expectations and reinforces behavioural and academic goals. Communion requires students to actively practice empathy, peer mentoring, group projects, and inclusive extracurricular activities to bridge social gaps. It focuses on visionary leadership and must set a singular, clear mission. When leadership prioritizes community over bureaucracy, staff and students feel valued and driven. They need to intensify their reciprocal cooperation, especially in order to guarantee the achievement of the common goals, fully respecting the value and specificity of our charism and favouring and encouraging a more coordinated educational mission.

3. Educating the Young Generations in Communion and for Communion

Educating young generations in communion and for communion in schools means building a shared community of love, peace, and teamwork. It helps students move away from selfishness and learn how to live, share, and grow together with others. The educators are to teach the students to respect and care for classmates from all backgrounds. They need to cultivate in them a culture of sharing and caring. They must encourage them to work as a team in facing the challenges and solving problems together. The educators need a formation of the heart and mind. They need to be led to that encounter with God that awakens their love and opens their spirits to others so that their educational commitment becomes a consequence deriving from their faith, a faith that becomes active through love (cf. Gal 5:6).

Educating the young generations in communion and for communion in our school is a serious commitment. It must be duly prepared and sustained through an initial and permanent project of formation that is able to grasp the educational challenges of the present time and to provide the most effective tools for dealing with them within the sphere of a shared mission. This implies that educators must be willing to learn and develop knowledge and be open to the renewal and updating of methodologies and constant updating and sharing. In the context of the present day, this is essential for responding to the expectations that come from a constantly and rapidly changing world in which it is increasingly difficult to educate.

The educator's vocation demands a ready and constant ability for renewal and adaptation. It is not sufficient simply to care about professional updating in the strict sense. The synthesis between faith, culture, and life that educators of our school are called to integrate all the different aspects of human knowledge through the subjects taught, in the light of the Gospel and in the growth of the characteristics of a human person. This means that the educators must attain a special sensitivity with regard to the person to be educated in order to grasp not only the request for growth in knowledge and skills but also the need for growth in humanity and communion. Thus, educators must dedicate themselves to others with heartfelt concern, enabling them to experience the richness of human dignity and respect.

4. The Witness of the Educational Community of Communion

The fruitfulness of communion is expressed, above all, in the witness offered by the educational community. Certainly, in our schools, education is essentially accomplished through teaching, which is the vehicle through which ideas and beliefs are communicated. In this sense, "words are the main roads in educating the mind. This does not mean, however, that education is not

accomplished in other situations of scholastic life. Thus, educators, just like every person who lives and works in an educational environment, educate, or they can also dis-educate, with their verbal and non-verbal behaviour. The witness of the educational community of communion in a school means that teachers, students, and families live and work together through shared love, trust, and mutual respect. This approach turns a normal school into a tight-knit family where human and Christian values shape their daily learning.

The central figure in the work of educating is specifically the form of witness. Educators, as witnesses, account for the hope that nourishes their own lives (cf. 1 Pt 3:15) by living the truth they propose to their pupils, always in reference to the one they have encountered and whose dependable goodness they have sampled with joy. Teachers and staff are to team up as one group to guide students and listen to each other with respect. Actions show kindness and care; therefore, they are called to act as guides who share both knowledge and personal care and work closely with the school as the first-place children learn about life. The students learn how to care for others by watching how adults treat them.

Our schools are for the *person and for persons* of communion. In fact, it aims at forming the *persons in the integral unity of their being*, using the tools of teaching and learning where criteria of judgment, determining values, points of interest, lines of thought, sources of inspiration, and models of life are determined. Above all, they are involved in the dynamics of interpersonal relations that form and vivify the school community. Because of their Christian identity and ecclesial roots, our schools must aspire to becoming a community of faith, able to create increasingly more profound relations of communion, which are educational in themselves. It is precisely the presence and life of its members that must participate in a fraternal communion, being nourished by a living relationship with Christ and with everyone, that makes the Catholic school the environment for an authentically ecclesial experience.

CONCLUSION

The spirituality of communion must be transformed into an attitude of clear evangelical fraternity among us, the consecrated persons, and others who collaborate with us. In educational communities, more than teaching, the style of life has a great influence, especially if the consecrated persons and the lay faithful work together, fully sharing the commitment to develop, in the school, an atmosphere of family. This requires that each one contribute the specific gift of one's vocation to construct a family supported by charity and by the spirit of the beatitudes. In fact, even caring for teaching or learning means loving (cf. Wis 6:17), which will bring a fruitful contribution to the world of education in building communion. This spirituality of communion will help the educating community to make room for the gifts of the Spirit and acknowledge the diversities of life and mission as a wealth. It will affect every scholastic activity, the teaching, and even all the after-school activities such as sports, theatre, and commitment to social work, which promote the creative contribution of the students and their socialization for communion.

By giving witness of communion, our educational community is able to *educate for communion*, which, as a gift that comes from above, teaches the art of living together in harmony and being welcoming. It cultivates in the students the cultural values that are mediated by authentic interpersonal relationships among the various members that form it and by the individual and community acceptance of them. In this way, the life of communion of the educational community assumes the value of an educational principle, of a paradigm that directs its formative action as a service for the achievement of a culture of communion.

Education in our school, therefore, through the tools of teaching and learning, is an aid towards a fuller understanding of, and communion with one another, events and things.

POINTS TO PONDER, SHARE, AND LIVE

1. Why is the inevitability of building communion in the mission of education?
2. How do communion and mission become the heartbeat of educational vitality?
3. Why is the power of communion in schools that must unite everyone's efforts?
4. Why is educating the young generations in communion and for communion important?
5. What should be the witness of the educational community of communion?

CELEBRATIONS OF THE MONTH

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

ALL IN THE FAMILY

Hearty Welcome! We warmly welcome Sr Leslie Sándigo, General Councillor for the Salesian Family, Sr Lucrecia Uribe, Delegate for ASC and ADMA, and Sr Sangitha Rani, World Delegate for the FMA Past Pupils, who will be with us for the forthcoming Salesian Family Meeting.

With great joy, we announce the news that **the Salesian Family Meeting** will be held from 18 to 20 August 2026 at the Provincial House, Kodambakkam. The meeting will be animated by Sr Leslie Sándigo, Sr. Lucrecia Uribe, and Sr Sangitha Rani, who will enlighten us with their reflections on the theme: *“Walking Together as Salesian Family.”* These days will be a privileged opportunity to deepen our communion, strengthen the collaboration, and renew our commitment to the shared mission of the Salesian Family.

Community and Apostolic Experience for the II-Year Novices: We warmly welcome our dear second-year novices Sr John David Asha Mary, Sr Rajesh Srinithi and Sr Tharsiyus Raja Auxilia to the communities of Vellore, Polur and Arni, respectively, from 15 July to 15 August 2026, where they will be engaged in an intense and purposeful period of community living and apostolic experience.

Intensive Juniorate: On 13 August 2026, Sr Anton Bernard Liyana, Sr Christopher Dionit Nilojana, Sr Sahayaseelan Kajana, Sr Anthonipillai Perera Arul Malar, Sr Santhiogu Verginiya will commence their intensive Juniorate formation in Auxilium Convent, Nongthymmai, Shillong, Meghalaya.

Renewal of Vows: On **4 August 2026**, our temporarily professed Sisters, Sr W. Fernando Anne Nimesha, Sr Maharahatti A.D. Sapna Nimesha, Sr Piratheepan Dobinsiya, Sr James Conar Krishmina, and Sr Vastiampillai Sulaixana will joyfully renew their vows at Auxilium Convent, Negombo, Sri Lanka, reaffirming their commitment and fidelity to the Lord. Let us accompany them with our prayers that, strengthened by God's grace, they may continue their formative journey with an ever-increasing love for Christ and a great zeal for His Kingdom.

First Profession: We extend our heartfelt congratulations to **Novice Lawrence Anet Lawrenciya**, who will make her first profession on **5 August 2026** at Auxilium Convent, Negombo, Sri Lanka. We thank God for the gift of her vocation and pray that she may grow in joyful fidelity and wholehearted dedication to the Salesian mission. We also express our sincere gratitude to Sr Rona Kharkongor, Novice Formator of INS, for her loving accompaniment, dedicated guidance, and formative support throughout the novitiate period. I also extend my heartfelt thanks to Sr Rosa Pyngrope, Provincial of INS, for her generous support in making this formative journey possible.

Diamond and Golden Jubilee Celebrations: On **22 August 2026**, the province will joyfully celebrate the Diamond and Golden Jubilee of the Religious Profession of our Sisters at **Auxilium Home, Katpadi**: Sr Arokiaswamy Celine and Sr Selvam Maria will celebrate the Diamond Jubilee, and Sr Thengapurakkal Cyril Elizabeth, Sr Ambrose Emelda Mary, Sr Pudota Mary Kirubagari, and Sr Samala J. Amalorpavam will celebrate the Golden Jubilee. All the Superiors and Sisters are warmly invited to participate in this grace-filled celebration as we glorify God for His enduring faithfulness and thank Him for their generous response to His call and their dedicated and selfless service to the young people. All the Superiors are requested to be at the venue by **6.00 pm on 21 August 2026** to commence the celebrations with the evening prayer.

Animation for Superiors: On 23 August 2026, all the Superiors are requested to participate in a full-day animation programme on **Ongoing Formation: Challenges and Perspectives**, in the light of the recent document from the Centre, *The Constitutions of the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians: A Journey of Holiness in Everyday Life*. This day of reflection and sharing will offer the opportunity

for an in-depth understanding of the Constitutions and renew our commitment to living them faithfully in the service of the mission. Kindly bring a copy of the above-mentioned book for the animation.

COURSES AND SEMINARS

- Sr Emmanuvel Celcia and Sr Suresh Chandhar Paul Nancy participated in a Prayer Experience at Sogathur from 22 to 26 June 2026.
- Sr Emmanuvel Celcia and Sr Arokia Raj Sowmiya Vinciate attended the Healing of the Inner Child programme at Anugraha, Capuchin Institute for Counselling, Dindigul from 23 to 29 July 2026.
- Sr Antonysamy Arul Pragasa Mary and Sr Anthony Cruz Mathalen Mary will attend the Vocation Promoters' Seminar at Poondimadha Retreat Centre on 1 and 2 August 2026.
- Sr Stanislaus Mary Dora will participate in the TNCRI Annual General Assembly Meeting at the Holy Cross Retreat Centre, Yercaud, on 2 and 3 August 2026.
- Sr Maria Louis Isabel Sirumalar will participate in the International Congress of VIDES at Sanlúcar la Mayor, Spain, from 25 to 31 August 2026.
- Sr Amaladoss Victoria Selvi, Sr Sebastian Amalaorpava Mary, and Sr Anthony Sheeba will attend the Missionary Formation Course in Shillong from 1 to 21 September 2026, arriving at the venue on 31 August 2026. They will subsequently participate in the Holy Land Pilgrimage from 22 September to 3 October 2026.

NOTE OF THANKS

- I extend my heartfelt gratitude to Sr Panakezham Annie, the Superior, and the community of Mannivakkam, especially Sr Doss Rosalia and Sr Pichai Mary Saroja, for their purposeful animation of the Postulants from 2 to 11 July 2026, and the Aspirants from 27 July to 10 August 2026.
- My heartfelt thanks to Sr Ambrose Arokia Jayaceeli and Sr Francis Jeyamani for their dedicated efforts to conduct the Past Pupils' Meet on 11 July 2026 at Sneha Deepam, Vellore.
- My sincere thanks to Sr Mariadoss Amala Mary, the Superior, and the community of Kingsford, for graciously hosting the Media Animation for Sisters on 12 July 2026. Special appreciation to Sr Rajendran Thimena Celine and Sr Anthony Cruz Mathalen Mary for their resourceful coordination of the programme.
- I express my heartfelt gratitude to Sr Alexander Lilly Rose for her inspiring and enriching online animation session for our principals in Sri Lanka on 12 July 2026.
- I extend my warm appreciation to Sr Alphonse Mary J. Isabella for her inspiring online animation on the occasion of World Youth Skills Day, on 15 July 2026.

- I gratefully acknowledge Sr Chinnappan Gracy Fatima, the Superior, and the entire community of Sacred Heart Home, Katpadi, for their generous hospitality in hosting the INM Formators' Meet on 17 July 2026 for the Formators and the Superiors who accompany the Junior Sisters in their communities. I am grateful to Sr Susai Josephine Rani, the Coordinator for Ongoing Formation, for organising and coordinating the entire meeting.
- Heartfelt thanks to Sr Gabriel Mariammal and Sr Antonysamy Arul Pragasa Mary for conducting the online session on *Human Rights Education* for the students of Classes VI and VII on 17 July 2026 and on 24 July 2026 for the students of Classes VIII and IX.
- With deep appreciation, I thank Sr Anandaraj Jaya Shanthi, the Superior, and the entire Mary Immaculate Community for their generous support in hosting the Catechetical Programme for the Local Catechetical Coordinators on 18 July 2026. A word of appreciation to Sr Wilson Anitha Arockiam and Sr Adaikalam Rekha for organising and animating the meeting.
- I extend my heartfelt appreciation to Sr Sebastian Princy for her enriching online orientation on Digital Catechesis for the Sisters of Sri Lanka on 19 July 2026.
- My sincere appreciation to Sr Alexander Amali and the Community of St Mary's Convent, Vellore for solemnly initiating the preparation for the Centenary Celebration of the House, and for the blessing and opening of the STEM Classroom on 20 July 2026.
- With heartfelt appreciation, I thank Sr Chinnappan Gracy Fatima, the Superior, and the entire Sacred Heart Home Community, Katpadi, for their warm reception and loving hospitality in hosting the Provincial Council Meeting on 18 and 19 July 2026.
- Hearty thanks to Sr Mathew Alice for organising the online meeting for the Sisters and the ADMA members of Sri Lanka on 21 July 2026, promoting the devotion to Mary Help of Christians.
- 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 2026 and the function of Postulants receiving the Medal on 24 July 2026. I thank Fr Francis Sagaya Pinto, the Retreat preacher, for his availability and service.
- I gratefully acknowledge Sr Samuel Gloria Navaneetham, the Superior, and the entire community of Pallikonda for their gracious hospitality in hosting the Media Animation Programme for the Vellore Zone students on 24 July 2026. I also extend my special appreciation to Sr Rajendran Thimena Celine and Sr Anthony Cruz Mathalen for their effective coordination of the programme.
- My sincere appreciation to Sr Kanickaraj Mary Tamizharasi, the Superior, and the community of Arni for hosting the Workshop for the Vellore Zone Women Farmers, on 25 July 2026.
- My heartfelt appreciation to Sr Arulanandu Arockia Mary, the Superior, and the Sisters of the Negombo Community for hosting the Annual Retreat I for the Sisters of Sri Lanka from

27 July to 3 August 2026. I also extend my special appreciation to Sr Lazar Maria Nirmala, the Delegate, for her dedicated planning and efficient coordination of the Annual Retreat.

- I owe my thanks to Sr Anthony Raj Mary Josephine, the Superior, and the Auxilium College Community, Katpadi, for hosting the Counselling Course for Teachers from 31 July to 1 August 2026.
- I express my gratitude to all the Sisters, Priests, friends, well-wishers and members of the educating communities who, in many ways, expressed their greetings on my **60th Birthday on 20 July 2026**: the Provincial House Sisters - Sr Kunnathu Anna, Sr Susai Josephine Rani, Sr Rayappan Stephina Roy, Sr Anthony Cruz Mathalen and the staff; Sr Anthony Raj Christina, the Community Sisters, the workers and the House Staff of Kodambakkam; all the Provincial Councillors; the Auxilium Campus Communities: Sr Anthony Raj Mary Josephine, and the Auxilium College Community; Sr Irudayasamy M. Nirmal Rose and the Community of Auxilium Home; Sr Mathew J. Siriapushpam and the Community of Auxilium Care Home; Sr Chinnappan Gracy Fatima and the community of Sacred Heart Home; Sr Alexander Amali, the Community Sisters and the entire educating community of St Mary's Convent; Sr Samuel Gloria Navaneetham and the Sisters of Little Flower Convent, Pallikonda and all the Superiors and Sisters and all those who sent their wishes through social media. May God bless you for your love and generosity.

HEARTFELT SYMPATHIES

Our loving prayers and condolences to all those who lost their dear ones in July 2026.

- To Sr Annie Panakezham, at the loss of her younger brother, Mr Thomas P. J. (77), in Changanaserry, Kerala on 8 July 2026.
- To Sr Rayappan Stephina Roy at the passing away of her aunt, Mrs Santha Mary (75), in Viruduvilanginan on 15 July 2026
- To Sr Paul Ezhilarasi at the demise of her beloved father, Mr Paul Charles (91), at Amalorpava Annai Alayam, Vellambi, Kalavai on 18 July 2026.
- To the family of Sr Perianayagam Sagaya Selvi at the death of Mr D Perianayagam (85), in Kanakkan Kuppam, Gingee, on 22 July 2026.
- To Fr Ashley Miranda SDB, the Provincial and the Confreres of INB at the demise of Fr Ivan De Souza SDB at Matunga, Mumbai, on 27 July 2026.

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 Maria Teresa Arockiasami (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 Glorina 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

August 2026

01.08.2026	Sat	Tri-monthly Recollection for INM Juniors at Kodambakkam
02.08.2026	Sun	Tri-monthly Animation for INM Juniors at Kodambakkam
		Tri-monthly Recollection for Seniors at MIC, Tirupattur
02.08.2026	Sun	Annual General Body Meeting of TNCRI, Yercaud
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03.08.2026	Mon	
04.08.2026	Tue	Juniors' Renewal of Vows at Negombo, Sri Lanka
05.08.2026	Wed	Foundation Day, First Profession at Negombo, Sri Lanka
07.08.2026	Fri	Annual Retreat II for Sisters, Negombo, Sri Lanka
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14.08.2026	Fri	
08.08.2026	Sat	Webinar for the Local YaR Coordinators, online; ADMA Coordinators Meet, Online; Tri-monthly Recollection for Senior Sisters, SHH, Kingsford, Avvai Nagar
09.08.2026	Sun	Initial Formation for Aspirant Cooperators, St Bede's, Chennai
13.08.2026	Thu	Intense Juniorate begins for Junior Sisters (SL) in Shillong
		Organ Donation Day- Online Meeting for the Teachers
15.08.2026	Sat	National Seminar for Principals of Schools and Colleges, in Auxilium College, Katpadi
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16.08.2026	Sun	
15.08.2026	Sat	Past Pupils Meet in the Local Communities
16.08.2026	Sun	Animation for the Vocationable Girls in Local Communities
18.08.2026	Tue	Salesian Family Meet for Delegates: INM and INT in Kodambakkam, Chennai.
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20.08.2026	Thu	
21.08.2026	Fri	Media Animation for Chennai Zone Students in Kingsford, Chennai

21.08.2026	Fri	Salesian Family Meeting with Postulants and Novices of INM
to	to	and INT in Manikandam, Trichy
22.08.2026	Sat	
22.08.2026	Sat	EC Meeting & Vocation Promotion in Local Communities (SL)
		Diamond and Golden Jubilee, Auxilium Home, Katpadi
23.08.2026	Sun	Superiors Meeting, Auxilium College, Katpadi
		Initial Formation for Aspirants-Co-operators, Vellore, Pallikonda
24.08.2026	Mon	Provincial Council, Auxilium College, Katpadi
to	to	
25.08.2026	Tue	
29.08.2026	Sat	Faith Formation for Catholic Students VI to XII in Local Communities
31.08.2026	Mon	Missionary Formation Course in Shillong and Pilgrimage to the Holy
to	to	Land
03.10.2026	Sat	

On 5 August 2026, we gratefully commemorate the **Foundation Day of our Institute**, praising God for the gift of the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians and for the rich spiritual heritage entrusted to us by St John Bosco and St Mary Domenica Mazzarello. May this day renew our gratitude, strengthen our Salesian identity, and inspire us to live our vocation with joy, fidelity, and missionary zeal. I extend my prayerful wishes to all the Sisters who celebrate the anniversary of their first and final commitment of their Religious Profession.

On 6 August 2026, we celebrate the **Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord**, contemplating the radiant face of Christ who reveals the glory of the Father. May this feast renew our faith, strengthen us in moments of challenge, and inspire us to be transformed by God's grace so that we may reflect His light and hope in our communities and in our mission among the young.

15 August 2026 is a day of double celebration for us. First, we joyfully commemorate **India's 79th Independence Day**, thanking God for the gift of freedom and praying for peace, justice, unity, and the integral development of our nation. As responsible citizens and consecrated women, let us renew our commitment to fostering the values of truth, harmony, and selfless service, especially among the young entrusted to our care. On this day, we also celebrate the **Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**, our Mother and Protectress. May her glorious Assumption strengthen our hope, deepen our love for God, and inspire us to live our vocation with joyful fidelity and missionary zeal.

On 16 August 2026, we joyfully remember the birthday of **St John Bosco**, our beloved Father and Founder. We thank God for raising this great saint, whose love for God and passionate dedication to the young continue to inspire the Salesian Family throughout the world. May this celebration renew our Salesian identity and deepen our commitment to be signs and bearers of God's love, especially to the young who are poor and most in need.

On 22 August 2026, we celebrate the **Queenship of Mary**, honouring her as the Queen of Heaven and Earth and the loving Mother who accompanies the Church. As Daughters of Mary Help of Christians, let us renew our filial devotion to Mary, entrusting our communities, mission, and the young to her maternal care. May she guide us to live with humility, faith, and joyful fidelity to our vocation. Inspired by her loving "Yes" to God's plan, may we be ever more open to the promptings of the Holy Spirit and generous in our service to others. Through

her powerful intercession, may our Province continue to flourish in unity, holiness, and apostolic zeal, bringing hope and the joy of the Gospel wherever we are sent.

On 25 August 2026, we lovingly remember **St Maria Troncatti**, Daughter of Mary Help of Christians, missionary, and witness of heroic charity. Through her fearless dedication to the poor, the sick, and the indigenous peoples of Ecuador, she embodied the Salesian spirit of joyful service and missionary zeal. May her life inspire us to proclaim the Gospel with courage, compassion, and an unwavering commitment to those most in need. As women consecrated to God, let us imitate her simplicity, faith, and total availability to the mission. May her life of witness encourage us to embrace every challenge with hope, trusting in God's providence. Through her intercession, may our communities become places of communion, compassion, and missionary enthusiasm, bringing Christ's love to every young person we encounter. I urge you to celebrate the feast with due spiritual preparation.

Wishing you all a very Happy Birthday of our Congregation!

Happy Anniversary of your Religious Profession, dear Sisters!

A blessed Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady and a

Happy Independence Day!

A grace-filled Feast of Mary, Queen of Heaven and Earth!

Yours affectionately,

Sr. Devadoss Margaret

**Sr Devadoss Margaret FMA
INM Provincial**



ITINERARY OF THE PROVINCIAL ***August - 2026***

August 2026		
01 - 03	Sat - Mon	Annual Retreat - I for Sisters, Negombo, Sri Lanka
04	Tue	Renewal of Vows, Negombo, Sri Lanka
05	Wed	Foundation Day, First Profession, Negombo, Sri Lanka
06 - 08	Thu - Sat	Annual Retreat - II for Sisters, Negombo, Sri Lanka
09	Sun	Journey to Old Goa
10 - 14	Mon - Fri	Classes for the Sisters at Mater Dei, Old Goa
15-16	Sat - Sun	PCI National Meet for ACs, Auxilium College, Katpadi
17	Mon	Provincial Office, Kodambakkam, Chennai
18 - 20	Tue - Thu	Salesian Family Meet for Delegates of INM and INT, Kodambakkam, Chennai
21	Fri	Journey to Katpadi
22	Sat	Diamond and Golden Jubilee, Auxilium Home, Katpadi
23	Sun	Superiors Meeting, Auxilium College, Katpadi
24 -25	Mon - Tue	Provincial Council, Auxilium College, Katpadi
26 – 28 FN	Wed - Fri	Provincial Visit – Auxilium Care Home, Katpadi
28 AN - 31	Fri - Mon	Provincial Visit – St Mary’s Convent, Vellore
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31Aug – 02	Mon - Wed	Provincial Visit – Auxilium Home, Katpadi
03	Thu	Centenary Celebration, Broadway, Chennai
04 – 05	Fri – Sat	Provincial Visit – Vyasarpadi
07	Mon	Provincial Office, Kodambakkam
08	Tue	Journey to Imphal
11 - 18	Fri – Fri	PCI Provincials’ Spiritual Annual Retreat, Kohima - ING
19	Sat	Journey to Chennai

