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My Dearest Sisters,

Viva Gesù! Affectionate greetings to each one of you from Sri Lanka!

Proclamation of the Gospel in Words

INTRODUCTION

The proclamation of the Gospel is a central tenet of Christian faith and practice, rooted in the Great Commission given by Jesus Christ to His disciples (Matt 28:19-20). This task involves the dissemination of the good news of Jesus Christ's life, death, and resurrection, and the offer of salvation to all who believe in Jesus. It refers to the specific mandate given by Jesus Christ to His disciples to go forth into all the world, proclaim the gospel, make disciples, and teach obedience to His commands (Mk 16:15-16, Lk 24:47-49, Jn 20:21, and Acts 1:8). Proclaiming the Gospel means proclaiming Jesus. We cannot take away Jesus and proclaim the Gospel. The Gospel is the Good News. The Greek verb used means proclaiming the good news, and the good news is Jesus.

Evangelisation is the proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus through words and deeds. According to Pope Francis, evangelisation means first and foremost preaching the Gospel, especially to those who do not know Jesus Christ. He adds that everyone has the right to know about Jesus, which cannot be denied (Ref. *Evangelii Gaudium*). Therefore, it is the responsibility of the consecrated person to proclaim the Gospel. It's easy to assume that words are unimportant, or even detrimental, to authentic evangelisation. However, this isn't the case. Words have power. They can inspire, encourage, challenge, and comfort. But they are most effective when they flow from a life that already embodies the Gospel message.

1. The Indispensable Verbal Proclamation of the Gospel

Jesus' mandate for the proclamation of the Gospel is explicitly stated in the New Testament (Matt 28:19-20; Mk 16:15), which underscores the universal scope and enduring nature of the Gospel mission and emphasises the inclusivity of the Gospel message, intended for every person regardless of background or status. To reveal Jesus Christ and His Gospel to those who do not know them has been, ever since the morning of Pentecost, the fundamental programme which the Church has taken on as received from her Founder. Jesus wills everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth (cf. 1 Tim 2:4). Since the Church believes in this divine plan of universal salvation, she is missionary, and every baptised person and consecrated person is too.

Jesus has commanded every baptised and, very specially, every consecrated person to "go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation" (Mk 16:15). This is exactly what the apostles who followed Jesus radically, like the consecrated persons of today,

did after the ascension of Jesus: “They went out and proclaimed the good news everywhere” (Mk 16:19). Pope Paul VI writes about the Proclamation of Jesus in words to those who have not yet heard of Jesus Christ in his Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii Nuntiandi*. He states that it is not superfluous to emphasise the importance and necessity of preaching. And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without a preacher? So faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes by the preaching of Christ.

The core message of the Gospel centres on the person and work of Jesus Christ. It proclaims that Jesus, the Son of God, came into the world to save sinners (1 Tim 1:15). The Gospel message includes the acknowledgement of human sinfulness, the need for repentance, and faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour. The Apostle Paul declares, “I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, first to the Jew, then to the Greek” (Rom 1:16). He succinctly summarises the Gospel in 1 Corinthians 15:3-4: “For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures.” Therefore, preaching, the verbal proclamation of a message is indeed always indispensable. All of us are well aware that modern man/woman is satiated by talk; they are obviously often tired of listening and, what is worse, impervious to words.

2. The Role of the Holy Spirit in the Proclamation of the Gospel

The gospel is not merely a collection of words or teachings; it is the dynamic power of God actively working in the world. This power is made manifest through the Holy Spirit, who transforms both the preacher and the listener, making the gospel a living reality. The Holy Spirit plays a crucial role in the proclamation of the Gospel. Jesus promised His disciples that they would receive power when the Holy Spirit came upon them, enabling them to be His witnesses (Acts 1:8). The Spirit empowers believers to speak boldly (Acts 4:31), convicts the world of sin (Jn 16:8), and guides the church in its mission (Acts 13:2-4).

The strength of Peter and the other Apostles (Acts 5:27-32, 40-41) in response to the order to be silent, no longer to teach in the name of Jesus, and no longer to proclaim his message, “We must obey God rather than men,” remained undeterred even when flogged, ill-treated, and imprisoned. Peter and the Apostles proclaim courageously, fearlessly, what they have received: the Gospel of Jesus. Like the Apostles, are we capable of bringing the word of God into the environment in which we live and work? Do we know how to speak of Christ, of what he represents for us, in our families, communities, and among the people who form part of our daily lives? Faith is born from listening and is strengthened by proclamation. The Gospel must be preached “through the Holy Spirit” (1 Pt 1:12). The Church must do precisely what Jesus says at the beginning of His public ministry: “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor” (Lk 4:18).

We might ask how we can receive the power of the Holy Spirit in proclaiming the Gospel. Pope Francis says that the Holy Spirit comes to those who pray, because the heavenly Father – it is written – “gives the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him” (Lk 11:13), especially if we ask Him to proclaim the Gospel of His Son! Woe to those who preach without praying! They become those whom the Apostle defines as “a resounding gong or a clashing cymbal” (cf. *1 Cor* 13:1). So, the first thing that depends on us is praying so that the Holy Spirit may come. The second is *not wanting to preach ourselves, but Jesus the Lord* (cf. *2 Cor* 4:5). This relates to preaching. Preaching with the anointing of the Holy Spirit means transmitting, together

with the ideas and the doctrine, the life and conviction of our faith. It means doing so “not with persuasive (words of) wisdom, but with a demonstration of spirit and power” (1 Cor 2:4), as Saint Paul wrote.

3. The Joy of the Church is Proclaiming the Gospel

The Church exists to proclaim the Gospel, and the joy of the Church is proclaiming the Gospel. Today, we, the consecrated persons, are called to better understand that God has given us the great dignity and responsibility of proclaiming him to the world, of making him accessible to all humankind. Jesus’ proclamation of the Kingdom of God finds its most rightful place on the streets (cf. Mk 1:29-39). To the disciples who looked for Jesus to bring him back to the town, the disciples went to find him where he was praying, and they wanted to bring him back to the town. What does Jesus answer? “Let us go on to the next towns, that I may preach there also” (v. 38). Pope Francis says that this was the journey of the Son of God, and this will be the journey of his disciples. And it must be the journey of each Christian. The street, as the place for the Good News of the Gospel, places the mission of the Church under the sign of “going forth”, of journeying, under the sign of “movement”, and never of idleness. The young people gathered in Rio de Janeiro for the 28th World Youth Day. Pope Francis said, 'Go, you have been able to enjoy the wonderful experience of meeting Jesus, meeting him together with others, and you have sensed the joy of faith.' But the experience of this encounter must not remain locked up in your life or in the small group of your parish, your movement, or your community. That would be like withholding oxygen from a flame that was burning strongly. Faith is a flame that grows stronger the more it is shared and passed on, so that everyone may know, love and confess Jesus Christ, the Lord of life and history (cf. Rom 10:9).

The Pope says, "Jesus did not say, 'Go, if you would like to, if you have the time,' but he said, 'Go and make disciples of all nations.'" Sharing the experience of faith, bearing witness to the faith, and proclaiming the Gospel: this is a command that the Lord entrusts to the whole Church, but it is a command that is born not from a desire for domination or from the desire for power but from the force of love, from the fact that Jesus first came into our midst and did not give us just a part of himself, but he gave us the whole of himself; he gave his life to save us and to show us the love and mercy of God. Jesus not only sends us, but he also accompanies us; he is always beside us in our mission of love.

Let us not be afraid to go and to bring Christ into every area of life, to the fringes of society, even to those who seem farthest away and most indifferent. When God called Jeremiah to be a prophet, he said, “Ah, Lord God! Behold, I do not know how to speak, for I am only a youth,” but God said to Jeremiah, “Be not afraid ... for I am with you to deliver you” (Jer 1:7, 8). He is with us! When we go to proclaim Christ, it is he himself who goes before us and guides us. When he sent his disciples on a mission, he promised, “I am with you always” (Mt 28:20). And this is also true for us! Jesus never leaves anyone alone! He always accompanies us.

4. The Proclaimers of the Gospel – The Bearer of the Power of God

The Great Commission is the enduring command that calls followers of Jesus to share the message of His life, death, and resurrection, make disciples, baptise them in the name of the triune God, and teach them to live according to His commandments. Proclamation of the gospel is an integral part of the Christian faith. By spreading the gospel to every corner of the

earth and nurturing believers, Christians echo the call Jesus gave: “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature” (Mk 16:15), fully persuaded of His authority and empowered by the Holy Spirit. In essence, mission is the animating force that propels consecrated life outward, fulfilling its call to make Christ present and to serve the Church's evangelising mission in every age.

When we face challenges together in proclaiming the Gospel, we are strong. The life of Jesus is a life for others and a life of service. Saint Paul says, "I have made myself a slave to all, that I might win the more" (1 Cor 9:19). To proclaim Jesus, Paul made himself “a slave to all”. Evangelising means bearing personal witness to the love of God; it is overcoming our selfishness, and it is serving by bending down to wash the feet of our brethren, as Jesus did (Jn 13). Let us be convinced that one who evangelises is evangelised; the one who transmits the joy of faith receives more joy. Bringing the Gospel is bringing God's power to pluck up and break down evil and violence, to destroy and overthrow the barriers of selfishness, intolerance and hatred, and to build a new world.

What does it mean to “proclaim the Gospel today”? It means allowing the love of Christ to permeate every aspect of our lives – our interactions with others, our work, our leisure, our joys and sorrows, and our responses to adversity. It's about embodying the virtues of humility, love, compassion, forgiveness, acceptance, and justice in all that we say and do. This “proclaiming” happens through acts of kindness, through standing up for the oppressed, through offering a listening ear, and through living with integrity and authenticity. It's a silent, yet powerful, witness that speaks volumes to those around us.

Consecrated persons who have dedicated their lives to loving God above all else cannot fail to love their fellow human beings. Consequently, they cannot remain indifferent to the fact that many men and women still do not know the full manifestation of God's love in Jesus. Hence, every consecrated person must have the missionary drive *ad gentes*. Consecrated persons should be impelled by the love of Christ (2 Cor 5:14) like St Paul because the task of the consecrated life is to work in every nook and corner of the world, expanding the Kingdom of Christ and bringing the proclamation of the Gospel even to the most far-off regions.

The history of religious life testifies to the great contribution made by consecrated persons to the evangelisation of the peoples. It is the essential and never-ending mission of the consecrated persons to proclaim Jesus to the growing number of people who do not know Jesus. The first evangelisation of the consecrated persons is proclaiming Christ to others. Proclamation of the Gospel strengthens the consecrated persons and gives them new enthusiasm and motivation in living their consecrated life meaningfully and becoming the bearers of God's power in their daily life.

CONCLUSION

We are aware of the fatigue produced these days by so much empty talk, and the relevance of many other forms of communication must not, however, diminish the permanent power of the word or cause a loss of confidence in it. The proclamation of the Gospel in words remains ever relevant, especially when it is the bearer of the power of God. This is why St Paul's axiom, “Faith comes from what is heard,” also retains its relevance: it is the Word that is heard which leads to belief. Throughout history, the proclamation of the Gospel has faced challenges and opposition. Jesus warned His followers of persecution (Jn 15:20), and the early church experienced significant resistance from religious and political authorities (Acts 4:1-3, Acts 5:17-18). Despite these challenges, the Gospel continued to spread, often flourishing in the face of adversity.

In contemporary times, the proclamation of the Gospel remains a vital aspect of Christian life. We can “proclaim the Gospel” in our daily lives by treating others with kindness and respect, by standing up for justice, by caring for the environment, and by living with integrity and authenticity. We can use our words to speak truth to power, to offer encouragement, and to share our faith when appropriate. But most importantly, we can let our lives be a reflection of the love of Christ. This isn’t about grand gestures or heroic acts. It’s about the small, everyday choices that we make – the way we treat our sisters, our friends, our workers, and even strangers. It’s about living a life that is worthy of the Gospel.

POINTS TO PONDER, SHARE AND LIVE

1. How can we proclaim the Gospel in words today?
2. Why is verbal proclamation of the Gospel indispensable?
3. What is the role of the Holy Spirit in the proclamation of the Gospel?
4. How do you share in the joy of the Church in proclaiming the Gospel?
5. How can you, the proclaimers of the Gospel, become the bearers of the power of God?

CELEBRATIONS OF THE MONTH

07 Sat	-	Sts Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs
08 Sun	-	Women’s Day / St John of God
19 Thu	-	St Joseph
25 Wed	-	Annunciation of the Lord
29 Sun	-	Palm Sunday

ALL IN THE FAMILY

Annual Retreat II for Sisters: The annual spiritual retreat is a privileged time of grace, offering each Sister a sacred space for interior renewal, profound reflection, and a deeper personal encounter with the Lord. It is a cherished opportunity to dwell more intensely in the Word of God, discern His will with clarity, allow our hearts to be purified, and rekindle our ardour for Christ and for the young people entrusted to us. The annual retreat II for Sisters is scheduled from 21 to 28 March 2026 at Yercaud. The retreat will conclude on 28 March with a special animation session on the “Protection of Children and Vulnerable Persons,” helping us strengthen our commitment to safeguarding and fostering safe, respectful, and life-giving environments.

World Feast of Gratitude 2026:



Dearest Sisters, our Vicar General, Sr Garcia Ribas M del Rosario has lovingly invited the entire Institute to prepare with prayer and unity for the World Feast of Gratitude 2026, to be celebrated from 23 to 26 April 2026 in the “Sagrado Corazón” Province of Ecuador. This grace-filled celebration will be our filial expression of gratitude to our dear Mother Chiara Cazzuola, the center of unity and communion in the Institute, and it gains special significance in the joyful context of the canonization of St Maria Troncatti and the 150th anniversary of the First FMA Missionary Expedition. The theme for the World Feast of Gratitude: “Be missionaries everywhere,” is inspired by the Gospel call, “Go and do likewise” (Lk 10:37).

The logo proposed by the Ecuadorian Province beautifully portrays St Maria Troncatti in the heart of Mary Help of Christians, encircled by five stars, in the traditional missionary colours - white, red, green, yellow, and blue - representing our presence on the five continents. The universal missionary call of the Church is framed symbolically by the Ecuadorian Amazon, where she carried out her mission. As part of our preparation, the triduum with three Lectio Divina reflections will help us contemplate St Maria Troncatti as Mother, Missionary, and Artisan of Peace. The materials, hymn, prayer intentions, entrustment to Mary Help of Christians, and outreach proposals will be made available on the Institute’s website.

As a visible sign of communion, each province is invited to send a photograph of the educating community, expressing the assigned missionary attitude according to its continent, by the second week of April. I warmly encourage every community to respond generously to this invitation and to prepare wholeheartedly so that together we may renew our missionary “yes” with gratitude, joy, and creative fidelity to our charism.

Convocation of GCXXV: Mother General, Sr Chiara Cazzuola, in her Circular No. 1056 dated 24 February 2026, has officially convoked the XXV General Chapter, which will begin on 22 September 2027 in our Generalate, Rome. The theme is: **“Blessed are you...” With the prophetic power of our charism, missionaries of communion together with young people.** The objective of GCXXV is to “revive the missionary passion characteristic of our charismatic identity”. Mother General has designated Sr María del Rosario García Ribas, Vicar General, as the Moderator of the Chapter XXV. The Circular is now available only in Italian. It will be sent to you as soon as we receive the English translation from the Centre. Let us unite in prayer for the journey of preparation for this historic event in our Institute.

CONGRATULATIONS

Don Bosco with us, the Salesian Family: The visit of the Rector Major, Rev Fr Fabio Attard: Hearty congratulations and heartfelt gratitude to our beloved **Rector Major, Very Rev Fr Fabio Attard SDB**, for his gracious visit to the INM Province. As the centre of unity and the bond of communion in the Salesian Family, his presence among us was an intense moment of grace. His meetings with the Salesians and members of the Salesian Family at Citadel, Gandhi Nagar-Vellore, Polur, and Tirupattur rekindled our Salesian spirit and renewed our ardent desire to be credible disciples of Christ, faithfully

walking in the footsteps of St John Bosco and St Maria Domenica Mazzarello. We are equally grateful for the inspiring presence of **Very Rev Fr Biju Michael Pulianmackal SDB** which strengthened our sense of belonging to the wider Congregation of the Salesian Family.

A special word of **appreciation to Fr Lourdasamy Don Bosco SDB, Provincial of INM SDB**, and his Council Members for the meticulous and gracious organization of the Rector Major's visit. Their thoughtful planning and fraternal collaboration ensured that each encounter was meaningful, prayerful, and purposeful, enlightening, enriching and enthusing every member of the great INM Salesian Family.

Platinum Jubilee of Sacred Heart College, Tirupattur: warm congratulations to **Fr Praveen Peter, Rector of Sacred Heart College, Tirupattur, and Fr Maria Antonyraj, Principal**, for the grand celebration of the 75 Years of Sacred Heart College. This milestone, marking seventy-five years of excellence in education, faith, and service, stands as a luminous testimony to the enduring legacy and transformative mission of Salesian education.

I express my special **appreciation to all the superiors, Sisters**, and members of the educating community who were directly involved in preparing the ambience, extending a warm welcome to the Rector Major, and offering gracious hospitality in so many thoughtful ways. In a particular manner, I acknowledge Sr Anthony Raj Mary Josephine and the Sisters of Auxilium College and Sr Fernando Amutha and the Sisters of Sacred Heart convent, Polur, for their generous efforts and loving attention to every detail. May God abundantly bless and reward you for your selfless service and for so beautifully nurturing the Salesian family spirit.

NOTE OF THANKS

- ❖ I express my sincere gratitude to Sr Gaspar Mary Celine, and the community of Auxilium Home, Katpadi, for graciously hosting the VIDES General Body Meet for Local Coordinators and Members on 1 February 2026.
- ❖ Hearty thanks to Sr Lazar Maria Nirmala, the Delegate of Sri Lanka, Sr Arulandu Arockia Mary, the superior and the community of Auxilium Convent, Negombo, for hosting and organising the tri-monthly animation for Juniors on 4 February, the tri-monthly recollection for Sisters on 5 and 11 February 2026 and the Team Meeting on 10 February 2026.
- ❖ My heartfelt gratitude to Sr Anandaraj Jaya Shanthi and the Kingsford community, to Sr Chinnappan Gracy Fatima and the community of Sacred Heart Home for organising the tri-monthly recollection for the Sisters on 7 February 2026, and to Sr Stanislaus Mary Dora and the community of Avvai Nagar for organising the same on 12 February 2026.
- ❖ Sincere thanks to Sr Samala Rayappan Elisa, and the community of Mary Immaculate, Tirupattur, for arranging the tri-monthly recollection for the Sisters on 8 February 2026.
- ❖ I extend my heartfelt appreciation to Sr Anthony Raj Mary Josephine, and the community of Auxilium College for hosting the Provincial Council Meeting on 14-15 February 2026.
- ❖ My sincere thanks to Sr Alphonse Mary J. Isabella for organising and successfully conducting the province-level STEM Expo at Kodambakkam on 21 February 2026. I express my deep appreciation to the teachers in charge of STEM education, the superiors, the Sisters and the staff of ARUWEY who were actively involved in planning and

executing the programme. I extend my gratitude to Sr Anthony Raj Christina and the community of Kodambakkam for hosting the event.

- ❖ I thank Sr Alexander Amali and the community of St Mary's Convent, Vellore, for hosting and organizing the meeting of the Superiors, Headmistresses and the Economers on 22 February 2026. A special word of thanks to Sr Kunnathu Anna, Sr Anthony Raj Christina and Sr Joseph Victoria Mary for their valuable contribution.

COURSES AND SEMINARS

- **General Body Meeting of TNBCLC Commission for Vocation:** Sr Sebastian R Vimala and Sr Maria Prakash Kanimozhi will participate in the General Body Meeting from 28 February to 1 March 2026 at Velankanni Madha Retreat Centre, Velankanni Shrine, Thanjavur Diocese.
- **Media Training Programme** will be held from 6 to 8 March 2026 at Citadel, Taylors Road, Chennai. Sr Tharcus Sancu will participate in this programme.
- **IV World Meeting 2026 of Higher Education, ISS-FMA:** The IV World Meeting of ISS-FMA will be held in the Philippines from 9 to 13 March 2026, under the theme: "Empower young people to become protagonists of social change." From our Province, Sr Rathinaswamy Regina Mary, Sr Ambrose Arokia Jayaceli, and Ms Vetriselvi Thanigaimalai Santhi will participate in this global event.
- **Leadership Training Programme** will take place from 14 to 17 March 2026 at FMM Social Service Society, Immaculate Convent, Subedari, Hanumakonda District, Telangana. Sr Amirthanathan Preethi Diana will participate in this course.
- **Project Mornese:** Sr De Rose Amala, Sr Perianayagam John Martina, Sr Varghese Mary Janet, Sr Madalaimuthu Lidwin Mary and Sr Perianayagam Auxilia will participate in the Project Mornese, Italy, from 14 April to 4 May 2026. They are scheduled to depart on 13 April and return on 6 May 2026.
- **Psycho-Social Integration seminar** is scheduled from 14 to 16 April 2026 at the Jesuit Provincial House, Malaparamba, Kozhikode. Sr Lazar Jackuline Mary, Sr Peter Ganesan Ragini, and Sr Anjalan Stella Rani will participate in it.

HEARTFELT SYMPATHIES

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

- To Sr Standly Andrew Mary Margaret, at the death of her aunt, Mrs Amala Mary (48), at Sagayanagar, Tirupattur, on 2 February 2026.
- To Sr Lazar Maria Nirmala, the Delegate of Sri Lanka, at the loss of her youngest brother, Mr Maria Ezhil Valan (52), in Peravalur, Chennai, on 8 February 2026.
- To Sr William Vasantha Priya, at the demise of her paternal aunt, Mrs Annammal (60), at Mathurampattu, on 8 February 2026.
- To Sr Sebastian Amalorpava Mary, at the demise of their aunt, Mrs Maria Mathalai (79), at Kuthalur near Karaikudi, on 14 February 2026.

- To Sr Thengaparrakkal Cyril Elizabeth at the demise of her paternal uncle, Mr Joseph Ezekiel (69), at Vaduthala, Ernakulam, Kerala, on 20 February 2026.
- To Sr Michael Theresa Rani, at the loss of her second elder brother, Mr Michael Arulnathan (88), at Vandavasi, on 23 February 2026.
- To Sr Mathew Alice at the passing away of her beloved mother Mrs Savariammal (77), at Vadakkencherry, Kerala, on 24 February 2026.

LIVING IN OUR MEMORY

02	†	Sr Ida Papa (1994)
09	†	Sr Josephine M. Arokianathan (2021)
10	†	Sr Marie Dulla Cardozo (2004) and Sr Luigina Miorelli (2004)
24	†	Sr Giovanna Castelli (1995)
26	†	Sr Eugenia Cazzuli (1973)
27	†	Sr Mary George Uzhunnalil (2020)
28	†	Sr Nellie Nunes (1983)
29	†	Sr Amelia Boiani (2004), Sr Philomena Anthoni (2017) and Sr Teresa Castelino (2024)
30	†	Sr Eugenia Versino (1951), Sr Dorothy Gonsalves (2019) and Sr Helen Thonippara (2024)

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

March 2026

06.03.2026	Fri	South Asian Salesian Family Major Superiors Meeting, Guwahati
08.03.2026	Sun	Fourth World Meeting ISS-FMA, Mazzarello Home, Philippines
to	to	
14.03.2026	Sat	
08.03.2026	Sun	International Women's Day
15.03.2026	Sun	Provincial Council, Kodambakkam
to	to	
16.03.2026	Mon	
17.03.2026	Tue	Women's Day, HRDC and other Centres
21.03.2026	Sat	Retreat for Workers, Mazzarello Home / Chetpet / Pallikonda / Salem (Avvai Nagar)
21.03.2026	Sat	Annual Retreat- II for Sisters, Yercaud
to	to	
28.03.2026	Sat	
28.03.2026	Sat	Animation for Retreatants, Yercaud.

On **8 March 2026** we celebrate **International Women's Day** gratefully recognizing the dignity, resilience, and the invaluable contribution of women in every sphere of life in the society and the Church. This is an occasion once again to affirm that the presence of women is essential in building a more fraternal and inclusive world. It calls for greater recognition of their role in processes of decision-making and peacebuilding. In the light of the Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium*, which highlights the indispensable contribution of women in the life and mission of the Church, we are invited not only to appreciate but also to promote spaces where women's talents can flourish, multiply and bear fruit. As an educating community, may we continue to form young girls and women to be courageous and faith-filled leaders, capable of transforming society with Gospel values, while renewing our commitment to justice, equality, and the safeguarding of their God-given dignity!

On **19 March 2026**, we celebrate the **Solemnity of St Joseph**, the humble and faithful guardian of the Holy Family, model of silent strength, obedience, and steadfast trust in God's providence. In the Apostolic Letter *Patris Corde*, Pope Francis presents St Joseph as a beloved father, a tender and courageous protector who teaches us creative fidelity in times of uncertainty. His quiet dedication, hardworking spirit, and unwavering openness to God's will inspire us in our consecrated life and mission. As we honour him, let us entrust to his intercession our families, our young people, our collaborators and all workers, praying for the grace to embrace our responsibilities with humility, courage and loving trust, just as he did in caring for Jesus and Mary.

On **25 March 2026**, we celebrate the **Feast of the Annunciation of the Lord**, commemorating the moment when the Angel Gabriel announced to the Virgin Mary that she would conceive Jesus by the power of the Holy Spirit. Mary's generous "Yes" opened the way for the mystery of the Incarnation and our salvation. The feast highlights her faith, humility, and total surrender to God's will. It reminds us that God's plan unfolds through trusting obedience, and invites us to renew our own "Yes" to His call in our daily lives.

Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday, 29 March 2026, marking the solemn entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. With palms in hand, we recall the joyful welcome of the crowds who hailed Him as King. This day opens the most sacred week of the Church's liturgical year. It invites us to journey with Christ through His Passion, Death, and Resurrection. May this Holy Week deepen our faith, gratitude, and commitment to follow Him faithfully.

Festal greetings to our Sisters who celebrate their name days and to our communities in Arni and Mosavadi that bear the name of St Joseph.

Yours affectionately,

Sr. Devadoss Margaret

**Sr Devadoss Margaret FMA
INM Provincial**



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MARCH 2026

01	Sun	Journey to Colombo
02 - 03	Mon - Tue	Provincial Visit - Colombo
04	Wed	Journey to Chennai
05	Thu	Journey to Guwahati
06	Fri	South Asian SF Major Superiors Meeting, Guwahati
07	Sat	Journey to Sri Lanka
08 - 09	Sun - Mon	Provincial Visit – Negombo
10	Tue	Journey to Nochchiyagama
11 - 12	Wed - Thu	Provincial Visit – Nochchiyagama
13	Fri	Journey to Negombo
14	Sat	Journey to Chennai
15 - 16	Sun - Mon	Provincial Council, Kodambakkam
17	Tue	Women’s Day Celebration, ARUWEY, Kodambakkam
18	Wed	Blessing of Elementary School, Auxilium Home, Katpadi Blessing of Auditorium, St Joseph’s Convent, Arni
20	Fri	Journey to Yercaud
21 - 28	Sat - Sat	Annual Retreat II for Sisters, Yercaud
28	Sat	Animation for Sisters, Yercaud
29	Sun	Journey to Chennai
30 - 05	Mon - Sun	Provincial Office, Kodambakkam
APRIL 2026		
05	Sun	Journey to Yercaud
06 - 13	Mon - Mon	Annual Retreat III for Superiors, Yercaud
13 - 14	Mon - Tue	Animation for Superiors, Yercaud
15 - 16	Wed-Thu	Provincial Council, Yercaud

