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My Dearest Sisters,

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

Blessed Mother Mary: The Most Revered, First and Perfect Model of Consecrated Life

INTRODUCTION

During the month of May, Catholics around the world honour the Blessed Virgin Mother by praying the rosary, the May crowning, special popular observances and other Marian devotions. Mary is revered as the first and the most perfect disciple of Jesus, serving as a universal model of faith, humility, and total surrender to God. Of all those called by God to share in his holiness and to be consecrated to him through Jesus Christ in the power of the Spirit, no one responds to him more fully than Mary, the mother of the consecrated one. Her “yes” at the annunciation demonstrates trust in God, and her presence at the foot of the cross illustrates faithful and courageous discipleship. To the faithful, especially the religious, she is the epitome of love, devotion, faith, and discipleship. Being docile to the voice of the Spirit, she teaches us to do whatever Jesus tells us (cf. Jn 2:5).

One of the prerequisites for Mary to be the mother of Christ is to be a steadfast disciple and a true follower. The close relationship between Mary and the consecrated life has always been a strong conviction in the Church. To prepare Mary for her salvific role as the prototype of all who are consecrated, God sanctified her in advance from the first moment of her existence with her Immaculate Conception until her Assumption. We may also consider her as the foundation of the consecration of Christ, because she gave him the humanity which enabled him to be king, priest, and victim of the redemptive sacrifice. She is also the prototype of the consecration of the Church and of each Christian. She is the model of a life entirely consecrated to God, at every instant and in every dimension of her being.

1. A Sublime Example of Perfect Consecrated Life

Mary, in fact, is the *sublime example of perfect consecration*, since she belongs completely to God and is totally devoted to him. Chosen by the Lord, who wished to accomplish in her the mystery of the Incarnation, Mary reminds consecrated persons of *the primacy of God’s initiative*. At the same time, having given her assent to the divine Word made flesh in her, Mary is the *model of the acceptance of grace* by human creatures. Having lived with Jesus and Joseph in the hidden years of Nazareth and being present at her son’s side during crucial moments of his public life, the Blessed Virgin teaches us the significance of unconditional discipleship and diligent service. The document *Vita Consecrata* states, “As the sublime model of consecration to the Father, union with the Son and openness to the Spirit, ... Mary in fact is the magnificent example of perfect consecration, since she belongs completely to God

and is totally devoted to him. Chosen by the Lord who wished to accomplish in her the mystery of the Incarnation, she reminds consecrated persons of the primacy of God's initiative." (VC, 28)

Mary's response to the Angel Gabriel, "Let it be done to me according to your word", underscores her role as the humble handmaid of the Lord, surrendering her own plans to his will. She exemplifies the disciple's attitude through receiving God's word, meditating on it, and trusting in his plan even when she did not fully understand. Known to be the first to bring Christ to the world, Mary exemplifies the call of a disciple to be a "Christ-bearer", sharing the Gospel of Jesus through service, particularly in her visitation to Elizabeth. Mary's Magnificat focuses on God's greatness, reflecting a humble spirit that recognizes her littleness while trusting in God's great mercy. Standing at the foot of the cross, Mary exemplifies her steadfast and loyal commitment to Jesus during his most painful hour. She is seen with the early Church, praying in anticipation of the Holy Spirit, highlighting the importance of community and prayer in discipleship. She acts as the mother of the Church, inviting all to accept God's promise and encourages them toward discipleship. In Mary, "the temple of the Holy Spirit", all the splendour of the new creation shines forth. Consecrated persons look to her as the sublime model of consecration to the Father, union with the Son and openness to the Spirit.

In the Blessed Virgin Mary, consecrated persons also find a *mother who is altogether unique*. Indeed, if the new motherhood conferred on Mary at Calvary is a gift for all Christians, it has a specific value for those who have completely consecrated their lives to Christ. "Behold your mother!" (Jn 19:27). These words of Jesus to the disciple "whom he loved" (Jn 19:26) are particularly significant for the lives of consecrated persons. They, like John, are called to take the Blessed Virgin Mary to themselves (cf. Jn 19:27), loving her and imitating her in the radical manner which befits their vocation, experiencing her special motherly love. She shares with them the love which enables them to offer their lives every day for Christ and to cooperate with him in the salvation of the world. Hence, a filial relationship to Mary is the royal road to fidelity in one's vocation and a most effective help for advancing in that vocation and living it fully.

2. Mary and Consecrated Life: A Profound Harmony

Christ and his Mother Mary manifest the beauty and the great worth of a life totally consecrated to God. Consecrated life is seen as a "Marian life" because it shares in her spiritual maternal care for the Church, making her presence alive in their spiritual lives. Mary serves as the supreme model and archetype for consecrated life, embodying total surrender to God's will through her life of chastity, poverty, and obedience. This "profound harmony" exists because she perfectly models the evangelical counsels, offering her life as a total gift to Christ, reflecting the essence of religious consecration. She is considered the "Mother and Model of consecrated persons", reflecting the ideal union between creature and the Creator. Consecration to God is a supernatural gift that helps the religious to mirror their intimate union with Christ. The role of Mary and the role of the consecrated persons is to remain at the foot of the Cross, offering a hidden, contemplative, and sacrificial life.

Consecrated persons, like Mary, act as signs of Christ's saving presence, living out a "profound harmony" between service to God and devoted service to neighbours. This relationship emphasises that Mary is not only a model to be imitated but also a mother who assists in fulfilling the spiritual requirements of consecrated life. The "profound harmony"

between Mary's "kind of life" and the consecrated life ensures that wherever the gospel-inspired religious life is lived with commitment, genuine devotion to the mother of Jesus flourishes. Therefore, wherever there is sound devotion to the Blessed Virgin, the most favourable conditions for the growth of consecrated life are found. Being consecrated by the sanctifying action of the Spirit, by the ineffable presence of the Word in her virginal womb, Mary freely and totally consecrated herself to God in generously responding to his call. In the light of the New Testament, we can say that by virtue of her singular consecration, everything in Mary's life expresses a relationship with the Triune God, orientated to the salvation of humanity. She performs her maternal ministry on behalf of all those who believe in Christ, offering herself to everyone as a perfect image of the faithful disciple of Christ.

3. The Quality of Mary's Response to the Gift of Grace and Mission

Mary's response to the gift of grace and her mission is characterised as a "perfect model" of response, marked by active, total, and courageous discipleship. As the *kecharitomene* (fully graced one), Mary's *fiat* is viewed not as a passive acceptance but as a deliberate act of will that reversed the disobedience of Eve, making her the "New Eve" and the first and most perfect disciple of Christ. The quality of Mary's response to the gift of grace and mission is based on the following aspects:

- **Radical Trust and Surrender (*Fiat*)**

Mary's *fiat*, "let it be done", is her radical and trusting "yes" to the Angel Gabriel, accepting her role as the mother of God without knowing its full implications. It signifies complete surrender, humility and faith, reversing Eve's disobedience and enabling the Incarnation of Jesus. Despite being "troubled" or "shaken" by the announcement, her questioning ("How will this be?") was not a lack of faith but a desire to understand her role in fulfilling God's plan. Mary's response, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word" (Lk 1:38), indicates a total, unconditional surrender of her own plans. This "yes" was not passive but a deliberate act of courage and lifelong, joyous abandonment and a total surrender of her plans to God's will.

Mary's *fiat* was not a single moment at the Annunciation but a continuous "yes" to God throughout her life, from Nazareth to the cross. Her response was an act of complete trust in a plan she did not fully understand, embracing a mission that involved significant risks and sacrifices. Mary's example is a blueprint for discipleship, urging us to embrace God's will with openness and trust. The *fiat* is an invitation for us to stop telling God "Whatever" (passive) and start saying "anything" (active, trusting obedience) in our own lives. The *fiat* invites us to trust God even when circumstances are challenging or unknown.

- **Perfect Cooperation with God's Grace**

Mary's "perfect cooperation" with God's grace refers to the belief that because she was preserved from original sin (Immaculate Conception) and filled with grace, she possessed the freedom and sanctity to never choose sin, offering a perfect, "unwavering fiat" (yes) to God's will throughout her life. She is viewed as the "New Eve" who obeyed God completely and as the model of perfect cooperation with God's grace, brought salvation to humanity. Mary's response was rooted in deep humility, recognising herself as a handmaid (servant) and directing all attention toward God, as seen in her *Magnificat*. Mary did not just receive grace; she actively carried out the mission by travelling to help her cousin Elizabeth, manifesting her

faith through action. At the Wedding in Cana, her instruction “Do whatever he tells you”, highlights her role as a guide, leading others in obedience to Christ. As consecrated persons, we need to feel the urgent need to put this into practice by making our lives as a service of love to God, the Church and all men and women.

Blessed Virgin Mary’s “yes” was not a one-time event but a continuous lifelong dedication, culminating in her steadfast presence at the foot of the cross and the resurrection of her Son. She participated in the work of redemption by joining her sufferings with the sacrifice of her son with a mother’s heart, consenting to his immolation. Mary does not keep grace for herself but acts as God’s vessel, bringing divine grace to humanity and pointing everyone to Jesus. She is honoured with the title “full of grace” because she brought the source of all grace (Jesus) into the world. Mary is seen as the model of perfect cooperation with God’s grace, having prepared her heart to receive it and allowing her to bear the Saviour. She is the most perfect example of how a human being should cooperate with God’s grace, acting as a “living mould” of God’s grace.

- **Active Stewardship of the Mission**

Active stewardship of Mary in the mission of Jesus describes her unique, intimate, and continuous cooperation in the work of redemption, fulfilling her role as the mother of God and the first disciple. Rather than a passive figure, Mary is viewed as the “First Steward” who pondered, guarded, and actively supported the entire life and ministry of her Son. She guarded and pondered the life of Jesus, stewarding the “mystery” of his earthly life. She actively participated in the redemption of humankind by submitting her will to God’s plan at the annunciation and at the foot of the cross. This active role is the sign of her stewardship in the redemptive mission of Jesus. By virtue of the quality of her response to the gift of grace and the mission she received from God, the Blessed Virgin appears to the Church as the model of mysterious holiness. The consecrated persons are to learn from her how to live their consecrated life fruitfully, including their unconditional love, voluntary poverty and generous obedience.

As “mother of grace”, Mary is seen as one who acquires graces and distributes them to humanity. Her intercession is considered as an active, ongoing stewardship of the spiritual life of believers. At the Cross, Jesus entrusted humanity to Mary (“Woman, behold your son”), making her the mother of all believers. She continues to “steward” the Church, nurturing the development of the life of grace in everyone. Just as Eve’s disobedience caused the fall, Mary’s obedience (active stewardship) loosened the knot of disobedience, serving as the “cause of salvation” for herself and for the whole human race. Mary was present at the birth of Jesus and remained till the birth of the Church at Pentecost, praying with the disciples. May we accept Mary as the sublime model for all Christians, especially the consecrated persons, on how to be active, grateful, generous, and willing stewards in the mission of God!

CONCLUSION

We, religiously, interpret our vocation to the “consecrated life” in the light of Mary’s vocation. We therefore hold that God extends certain aspects of Mary’s vocation to our vocation to consecrated life. She stands before us as the norm for living out the commitment of love we have made to Christ and our fellow men and women and for remaining true to the pledge we have given. The quality of Mary’s response is “sublime” because it was free, unreserved, and persistent, making her not only the mother of God but also the wondrous

example of the Church's vocation to follow Christ. By contemplating the mystery of calvary, we are all called to be sharers like Mary who is present in the pain of our brothers and sisters. in whom the passion of Christ is constantly renewed. Our communities are to be like cenacles, where the religious gather together with "Mary, the mother of Jesus" (Acts 1:14). She gives her protection and consolation to all her children, wanting nothing more than to bring them to Jesus, saying, "Do whatever He tells you." Let us take Mary's example of fidelity as a model to be faithful to the gift of God's call and His mission.

POINTS TO PONDER, SHARE AND LIVE

1. How does the Blessed Virgin Mary become the most revered, the first and perfect model of consecrated life?
2. Why is Mother Mary called a sublime example of perfect consecrated life?
3. How do you describe the profound harmony between Mother Mary and consecrated life?
4. Which quality of Mary's response to the gift of grace and mission (radical trust and surrender (*fiat*), perfect cooperation with God's grace, and active stewardship of the mission) would you live in your consecrated life?

CELEBRATIONS OF THE MONTH

01 Fri	-	St Joseph, the Worker
06 Wed	-	St Dominic Savio
13 Wed	-	Our Lady of Fatima and St Maria Domenica Mazzarello
14 Thu	-	St Mathias, the Apostle
17 Sun	-	The Ascension of the Lord
24 Sun	-	Pentecost and Mary Help of Christians
26 Tue	-	St Philip Neri
29 Fri	-	St Pope Paul VI
31 Sun	-	The Most Holy Trinity

ALL IN THE FAMILY

World Communications Day, 17 May 2026, invites us to rediscover the sacredness of human communication in an increasingly digital world. As Pope Leo XIV reminds us, "our faces and voices are sacred," revealing our unique identity and our capacity for relationship. Created in the image of God, we are all called to communicate not merely through information, but through authentic encounter. In Jesus, the Word made flesh, God has shown us that true communication is self-giving, rooted in love and truth. Therefore, every interaction, whether personal or digital, becomes an opportunity to reflect God's presence and to build meaningful relationships that affirm the dignity of each person.

At the same time, the Holy Father cautions us about the challenges posed by digital technology and artificial intelligence, urging us: “Do not renounce your ability to think.” In a world shaped by algorithms, simulations, and virtual interactions, we are all called to preserve our humanity by nurturing critical thinking, responsibility, and genuine relationships. Let us embrace technology with discernment, ensuring that it serves the common good and does not replace authentic human connection. On this day, may we renew our commitment to be responsible communicators, people who listen deeply, speak truthfully, and use every medium to promote unity, justice, and peace so that our faces and voices may truly witness to God’s love in the world.

Furthermore, Pope Leo XIV calls us to form a responsible “alliance” with technology, rooted in responsibility, cooperation, and education. We are all invited to use media with integrity, to seek truth with transparency, and to promote a culture of dialogue rather than division. By fostering digital literacy, especially among the young, we can ensure that communication remains a means of human growth and communion. May we, therefore, cherish and safeguard our “faces and voices,” using them courageously to speak for truth, to defend human dignity, and to build a more compassionate and connected world.

Entry into Novitiate, First and Final Commitment:

- ❖ I am happy to communicate to you that our **Postulants:** Anthoni Samy Mast Rojiya, Arockia Samy Lourdu Mary, Jaganathan Jayasri, Martin Doss Poulin Prasanna, Sagaya Raj Suji, Selvin Raj Rosali Archana, Thedor Sandhiyatheras of (INM) and Amalraj Anitha, Arockiam Josephine Infanta, James Loveveena, Santhiyagu Gladis Dayana, Sebastian Christopher Josephine Jenat of INT, will be entering into the period of their Novitiate on 23 May 2026 after their annual retreat from 16-23 May 2026 at Sacred Heart Novitiate, Manikandam, Trichy. Let us accompany them with our fervent prayers.
- ❖ Sincere congratulations and prayerful wishes to our second-year novices: Sr Lawrence Marysujatha, Sr Suresh Chandhar Paul Nancy, and Sr Velankanni Amalraj Leema Jenifer of INM, and Sr Arockiyasamy Reyasna Mercily and Sr Maria Louis Maria Yasmin of INT- who will make their **First Profession** on 24 May 2026 at Sacred Heart Novitiate, Manikandam, Trichy. Their motto is: *“Rooted in Christ, with Mary, for the young.”*
- ❖ Warm greetings and assurance of prayers to our Sisters, Sr Premkumar Josephine Keerthana and Sr Susainathan Ayesha Bindhu for their joyful “Yes” to God’s call and their irrevocable decision to follow Him throughout their lives. Their motto is: *“Abide in Christ, Generate New Life.”* They will make their **Final Commitment** on 25 May 2026, at 5.30 pm in the Sacred Heart Parish Church, Polur. The Holy Eucharistic celebration will be presided over by Most Rev. Dr Sagayaraj Thamburaj, D.D., Bishop of Thanjavur Diocese.

Junior Sisters' Summer Course, Recollection and Renewal of Vows:

Our Seventeen Junior Sisters will participate in the summer renewal course from 11 to 21 May 2026 at Jawadhi Hills. They will be guided through a village exposure programme, coordinated and organized in collaboration with Fr Amal Vinodh, SDB and his team. I express my sincere gratitude to Sr Susai Josephine Rani, the Province's ongoing Formation Coordinator, for her dedicated efforts in planning, networking with our Salesians, and organizing the one-day recollection and the renewal of vows. A special word of thanks to those who will accompany the young Sisters during these days of village exposure: Sr Susai Josephine Rani, Sr Chinnappan Gracy Fatima, and Sr Alphonse Mary J. Isabella. I also gratefully acknowledge Sr Chinnanayagam Mary Sheela and the Sisters of the Jawadhi Hills community for their generous help and support.

NOTE OF THANKS

- ❖ Hearty thanks to Sr Chinnappan Philomena Rani and the community of Mornese, Yercaud, for making all the arrangements to create a prayerful atmosphere for the Provincial Councillors and Superiors who made their annual retreat from 6 to 13 April 2026, animation from 13 to 14 April and for hosting the Provincial Council on 15 and 16 April 2026.
- ❖ My sincere thanks to Sr Lazar Maria Nirmala for organizing the Juniors' Summer Course from 10 to 20 April 2026, in Auxilium Convent, Negombo, SL. I also thank Sr Arulanandu Arockia Mary and the Community for hosting the meeting and contributing to the fruitful experience of the Young Sisters of Sri Lanka.
- ❖ Grateful acknowledgements to Sr Anthony Raj Christina, and the Sisters of Kodambakkam Community for the hospitality extended to the local economists during the submission of the Society Accounts on 25 April 2026. Sincere thanks to Sr Kunnathu Anna for organizing it.
- ❖ I extend my heartfelt gratitude to Sr Sebastian Vimala and Sr Savariappan Irene Novila Rani for their dedicated efforts in organizing and coordinating the entire Summer Vocation Camp. My sincere thanks to Sr Gaspar Celine and the Sisters of Auxilium Home, Katpadi, for their generous hospitality and for fostering a vibrant culture of vocation. My appreciation also to all the Sisters who helped in various capacities: Sr Standly Andrew Mary Margaret, Sr Anthonysamy Mary Abisha, Sr Victor Sharmila and Sr Gabriel Mariammal. I also thank Sr Josephine Anthony Raj and the Sisters of Auxilium College, Sr Kanickaraj Shanthi Selvi and the Sisters of Auxilium Care Home, Sr Chinnappan Gracy Fatima and the Sisters of Sacred Heart Home, who contributed in many different ways to the success of the camp. A special word of thanks to Sr Chinnappan Gracy Fatima, and Sr Ambrose Arockia Jayaceli for all the help and support offered for the camp. I appreciate all the Superiors and Sisters who have been actively involved in the vocation drive throughout the year.

COURSES AND SEMINARS

- Sr Arokia Samy Rackel Mary, Sr Don Bosco Swingle Jerida and Sr Joseph S. Christina Jenifer will participate in the **Counselling Course** in Anugraha Centre, Dindigul, from 4 to 30 May 2026.
- Sr Susai Josephine Rani and I will participate in the **International Symposium**, organized by CRWI, in Christ University, Bangalore, from 6 to 8 May 2026.
- Sr Amirthanathan Preethi Diana and Sr Arul Prakasam Fabia Cletus will participate in the **Italian Course for Beginners**, from 25 April to 23 May 2026, at Becchi Don Bosco, Kavaraipettai.

HEARTFELT SYMPATHIES

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

- To Sr Juliet Antonysamy at the loss of her niece's husband, Mr Vivin (43), in Coimbatore, on 7 April 2026.
- To Asha Mary John David, I year Novice, at the demise of her beloved father, Mr John David (53), in Dharmapuri, on 14 April 2026.
- To Sr Amali Devaraj, at the passing away of her elder sister, Mrs Rose Mary (80), in Bangalore, on 14 April 2026.
- To Fr Joseph Pampackal SDB, the Provincial and the Confreres of Dimapur Province, at the demise of Fr Maippan Paul, SDB (62), in Dibrugarh, on 19 April 2026.
- To Sr Annie Pazhayattil, at the passing away of Mr Baby (69), the brother-in-law, at Veppampattu, Chennai, on 25 April 2026.
- To Sr Mary Vadakkapedika, at the demise of her sister, Ms V. R. Rosina (82), in Aloor, Trichur, Kerala, on 28 April 2026.
- To Sr Bridget Thambusamy, at the demise of her Sister, Sr Mildred Thambuswamy (81), in Chengalpattu, on 30 April 2026.

LIVING IN OUR MEMORY

01 † Sr Colussi Rina (1966), Sr Bastian Maria (2021) and Sr Merlo Teresa Pierina (1993)

02 † Sr Appiano Luigia (1970)

05 † Sr Gomes Anna (2000) and Sr Battigelli Genevieve (2014)

06 † Sr D'Gama Bertha (2008), Sr Dias Lydia (2014) and Sr Piera Olivieri (2020)

07 † Sr Pereira Anne (1996)

12 † Sr Mascarenhas Josephine (1988) and Sr Cherian Lizy (2021)

18 † Sr Cogliolo Clotilde (1939) and Sr Gallina Cesira (1987)

- 19 † Sr De Berardinis Tullia (1957) and Sr Perez Mary Magdalene (2019)
 20 † Sr Mathews Maddalena (2015) and Sr D'Souza Gladys (2017)
 21 † Sr Susai Pillai Saveria (1996)
 22 † Sr Vallino Innocenza (1946) and Sr Shyby Chirayth (2010)
 25 † Sr Agnes Anthony (2022)
 26 † Sr Sylvia Philomena Fernandes (2022)
 29 † Sr De Silva Muriel (1991)

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

May 2026

02.05.2026	Sat	Annual Retreat-IV, Yercaud
to	to	
08.05.2026	Fri	
05.05.2026	Tue	Tri-monthly recollection for Sisters (SL) in Local Communities
09.05.2026	Sat	Animation for Retreatants, Yercaud
10.05.2026	Sun	Preparation for the Feast of MHC for ADMA members, SL
10.05.2026	Sun	Provincial Council, Mary Immaculate Convent, Tirupattur
to	to	
11.05.2026	Mon	
11.05.2026	Mon	Summer Renewal Course for Juniors, Jawadhi Hills
to	to	
23.05.2026	Sat	
23.05.2026	Sat	Renewal of Vows for Junior Sisters, Jawadhi Hills Marian Moment for ADMA Members SL - Online
16.05.2026	Sat	Annual Retreat for Novices and Final Profession Sisters, Trichy
to	to	
23.05.2026	Sat	
24.05.2026	Sun	First Profession, Manikandam, Trichy
25.05.2026	Mon	Final Profession, Sacred Heart Church, Polur

Feast of St Joseph, the Worker, and Month of Mother Mary: On 1 May 2026, we celebrate the feast of **St Joseph, the Worker**, a model of dignity in labour, humility, and faithful service. His silent yet profound witness invites us to sanctify our daily work with love and responsibility. On the same day, we also begin the month specially dedicated to Mother Mary, entrusting ourselves and our mission to her loving care. May she guide us to live with simplicity, prayerfulness, and joyful commitment in all that we do.

Feast of St Dominic Savio: On 6 May 2026, we celebrate **St Dominic Savio**, a young saint who radiates purity, joy, and a deep love for God. His life reminds us that holiness is attainable in everyday life, especially through fidelity to small duties. Inspired by his motto, "Death rather than sin," may we encourage our young people to choose what is good and noble. Let us strive to grow in holiness through simple acts done with great love.

Feast of Our Lady of Fatima and St Mary Mazzarello: On 13 May 2026, we honour **Our Lady of Fatima**, who calls us to prayer, penance, and conversion of heart. Her message invites us to become instruments of peace and witnesses of faith in today's world. On the same day, we also celebrate **St Maria Domenica Mazzarello, our Co-foundress**, whose life of simplicity, charity, and joyful service continues to inspire our Salesian vocation. Rooted in a deep union with God, she lived a life of humility, hard work, and loving presence among the young, especially the poor. Her spirit of "cheerfulness and holiness" urges us to create family-like communities marked by kindness and mutual support. With her practical wisdom and maternal care, she teaches us to find God in the ordinary and to serve with generosity and joy. May her example help us to live our mission with humility, zeal, and deep love for God and the young.

Feast of the Ascension of the Lord: On 17 May 2026, we celebrate the **Ascension of the Lord**, marking Christ's return to the Father in glory after completing His earthly mission. This feast reminds us that our true home is in heaven and invites us to lift our hearts to higher realities. At the same time, Jesus entrusts us with the mission to be His witnesses in the world. Strengthened by this hope, may we live with faith and commitment, proclaiming His presence through our lives.

Feast of Pentecost and Mary Help of Christians: On 24 May 2026, we celebrate **Pentecost**, the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles, empowering them to proclaim the Good News with courage and zeal. The Spirit renews the face of the earth and enkindles in us the fire of God's love. On this significant day, we also honour **Mary Help of Christians**, our loving Mother, Teacher, and inspirer of our Institute, and our powerful intercessor. With deep confidence in her maternal assistance, may we continue our mission with renewed fervour and generous commitment, trusting in the guidance of the Holy Spirit and her constant and unfailing care. May she form us in her spirit of humility, faith, and joyful service, especially in our mission among the young people. Under her mantle, may our communities grow in unity, zeal, and fidelity to our charism.

Feast of the Most Holy Trinity: On 31 May 2026, we celebrate the feast of the **Most Holy Trinity**, the mystery of one God in three Persons - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. This profound mystery invites us to contemplate the communion of love that is at the heart of God's very being. As we are all created in His image, we are called to live in unity, love, and mutual self-giving. The Trinity becomes the model for our community life and mission, inspiring us to build relationships rooted in harmony and charity. May this feast deepen our faith and lead us to reflect God's love in our daily lives.

Yours affectionately,

Sr. Devadoss Margaret

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MAY 2026

01	Fri	Journey to Yercaud
02 - 06	Sat - Fri	Annual Retreat IV for Sisters, Yercaud
06 - 08	Wed - Fri	International Symposium, Christ University, Bangalore
09	Sat	Journey to Tirupattur
10 - 11	Sun - Mon	Provincial Council, Mary Immaculate Convent, Tirupattur
11	Mon	Summer Renewal Course for Juniors, Jawadhi Hills
12	Tue	Provincial Office, Kodambakkam
13	Wed	Golden Jubilee celebration and Birth Centenary of the Founder of SMA, Madhavaram
14 - 21	Thu - Thu	Provincial Office, Kodambakkam
22-23	Fri - Sat	Manikandam, Trichy
24	Sun	First Profession, Manikandam, Trichy
25	Mon	Final Profession, Sacred Heart Parish, Polur
28 - 31	Thu - Sun	Provincial Office, Kodambakkam

