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My Dearest Sisters,

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

ONGOING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND QUALITY EDUCATION

INTRODUCTION

From the very beginning, in fact, our founders Don Bosco and Mother Mazzarello paid special attention to the professional development of the educators, and they often devoted their best energies to this. Article 76 of our Constitution states that we must carry out our mission in the unity of our charism and the plurality of socio-cultural situations, with the adaptability, courage, and creativity that impelled Don Bosco to go out to meet young people. Ordinarily, this is done through the ministries proper to the institute: oratories, youth centres, schools, and other educational, developmental, and social works.

Educating the young generations with creativity is a serious commitment that must not be taken lightly. It must be duly prepared and sustained through constant updating that can help address the educational challenges of the present time and 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. Poor quality teaching, due to insufficient professional preparation or inadequate pedagogical methods, unavoidably undermines the effectiveness of the overall development of the student and professional competencies of the educators.

1. Solid Professional Development

One of the fundamental requirements for an educator in our schools is their possession of solid professional development. The professional development of the educator implies a vast range of cultural, psychological, and pedagogical skills, characterised by autonomy, planning and evaluation capacity, creativity, openness to innovation, and aptitude for updating, research, and experimentation. It also demands the ability to synthesise professional skills with educational motivations, giving particular attention to the relational dimension required today by the increasingly shared exercise of the teaching profession. Moreover, in the eyes and expectations of students and their families, the educator is seen and desired as a welcoming and prepared interlocutor, able to motivate the young to a complete education; to encourage and direct their greatest energy and skills towards a positive construction of themselves and their lives and to be a serious and credible witness of the responsibility and hope that the school owes to society.

The continuous rapid transformation that affects human persons and today's society in all fields leads to the advanced era of acquiring knowledge that demands new attitudes and methods. The educator is required to constantly update the contents of the subjects they teach and the pedagogical methods they use. The educator's vocation demands a ready and constant ability for renewal and adaptation. It is insufficient, therefore, to achieve solely an initial satisfactory level of preparation; rather, what is required is to maintain it and make it a journey of permanent progress. Because of the variety of aspects that it involves, constant updating demands a persistent personal and communal search for its forms of achievement, as well as an apprising course that is also shared and developed through exchange and comparison between the educators in our schools.

2. Elevating the Quality of Education

The critical role of ongoing professional development in elevating the quality of education and improving student learning outcomes has gained widespread recognition among educators, researchers, and policymakers across the education sector. The educational system needs to be structured based on the demands of the current context. Society is seeking a skilled workforce for the future, which rapidly creates peer pressure on students and educators to maintain the quality of education and help students survive more securely in the outside world after their studies. Therefore, teachers' professional development is crucial for improving teaching skills and keeping them abreast of new technological advancements and educational trends, ultimately creating a better learning environment for students. To effectively foster student skill development, teachers should adapt modern learning methods to develop the students' skills and prepare them well to fulfil professional needs with their acquired knowledge.

Teachers play a key role in maintaining high educational standards and encouraging students' continuous educational achievements and skill development. They need to realise the importance of adopting innovative teaching methods in contemporary education to develop students' critical thinking, problem-solving, computational thinking, designing and developing intellectual skills, and communication skills. The teachers need to train themselves on effectively implementing new teaching methods, familiarise themselves with available innovative methods, and use advanced learning tools to cultivate student skills and achieve positive outcomes. Therefore, it is essential that the management provides adequate support for teachers to adapt new teaching methods and provides ample opportunities for students' integral and professional growth.

3. Positive Impacts on Teaching Performance

Providing training to teachers positively impacts teaching performance. The management has to focus on personalised professional development for teachers, similar to how students are supported, to address each teacher's individual needs and teaching preferences. One effective method for personalised professional development is encouraging collaborative activities among teachers, such as observing each other's teaching styles, team teaching, and participating in professional development communities both within and outside the school. These collaborative activities facilitate peer learning and encourage the application of new teaching strategies in the classroom. A barrier to teachers' professional development is the lack of time for self-learning. To address this issue, our educational institutions can integrate technology-driven professional development such as e-learning platforms and virtual workshops, providing teachers with flexible learning opportunities that allow them to access resources at their convenience.

Teachers play an important role as a bridge between students, society, and educational institutions. By connecting these three aspects, teachers can help students gain practical skills and the knowledge needed for employment and meaning in life. Educational institutions must develop extra course curricula and ensure their relevance to the requirements and standards of the challenging realities of young people. The teachers need to continually develop their knowledge and adopt innovative teaching methods that ultimately benefit the student learning environment. They can create a structured space to collaborate regularly with the management and share experiences and learn from each other. The teachers can discuss their real challenges and find solutions by implementing new ideas and testing different teaching approaches. Day by day, they need to improve their teaching strategies and become more effective in the classroom. They need to adapt practical tools and knowledge needed to implement an innovative teaching culture that meets evolving educational standards. Thus, they can not only improve their teaching methods but also enhance student engagement and achievement. Their adaptation to the changing needs of students and educational environments will also foster better learning outcomes.

4. Invest in Digital Learning Infrastructure

Schools and educational institutions must invest in digital learning infrastructure to empower teachers with the technology necessary to improve their teaching skills. Our educational institutions should provide infrastructure to access e-learning platforms, interactive learning software, and digital tools, helping teachers create more dynamic and engaging classrooms. Facilitating access to digital learning tools helps teachers address the diverse needs of individual students. Subject-specific training not only boosts teachers' confidence but also helps simplify complex concepts for better understanding. Teachers supported by educational institutions are more likely to inspire a passion for learning among their students and demonstrate the effective application of their subjects in practice. Therefore, it is necessary to promote individualised professional development programs within institutions for the benefit of the teaching community.

Personalised professional development helps teachers focus on their individual needs. Whether it involves learning new technology, improving classroom management skills, or refining student engagement strategies, institutions should offer flexible professional development options that meet teachers' unique and professional needs. This can be achieved by providing various opportunities, such as online courses, one-on-one teacher training, staff exchange programs, and workshops designed for specific areas where teachers can develop skills and competencies. Let all our institutions promote self-assessment and goal setting to empower teachers to take ownership of their professional growth. Personalised professional development not only benefits teachers but also leads to better outcomes for students. When teachers receive training that directly addresses their challenges, they can introduce new strategies and use them effectively in the classroom.

5. Regular Review and Evaluation

Reflective teaching involves reviewing lesson plans, student participation, and regular evaluation results to identify what works well and what needs improvement. Teachers can evaluate their teaching strategies by keeping a diary and recording progress for self-analysis. Participating in peer observation or self-assessment activities also helps teachers become more aware of their weaknesses and abilities and enables them to make informed decisions to improve their teaching. A continuous self-assessment process can help teachers stay updated,

adaptable, and responsive to the changing needs of their students, ensuring that they remain effective in the classroom and achieve good results. Teachers can also observe each other's teaching methods and provide constructive feedback for further growth.

Let us be convinced that ongoing professional development is essential for helping teachers improve their modern teaching methods and student success. They also help students become more comfortable with digital tools and advance their technical and job-ready skills. Subject-specific training ensures that teachers gain the in-depth knowledge needed to teach complex concepts, simplifying even the most challenging topics for clearer and more efficient instruction. This method can help teachers achieve high levels of student academic performance while increasing classroom efficiency, which in turn enhances the institution's reputation and development.

CONCLUSION

Education systems across the world recognise the role of teachers as pivotal agents of change. Teachers are not merely transmitters of knowledge but facilitators of learning, mentors for students, and architects of culture. The quality of education in any school depends largely on the quality of its teachers, which in turn rests upon the strength of its teacher education system. The ongoing professional development of an educator is a continuous learning process. In this context, our educational institutions must ensure that teachers remain engaged, confident, and prepared to meet the evolving demands of their profession. Teachers need to be trained to use new strategies in the classroom that lead to continued professional growth. This growth directly benefits students by creating more innovative, engaging, and effective learning methods.

Educators are the backbone of imparting quality education to students. Effective professional development is a critical component in improving the quality of education and enhancing student learning outcomes. The implementation of innovative teaching methods helps teachers understand and adapt digital tools more easily to meet the challenges of the modern world. Let us make all possible efforts so that all our educational institutions prioritise developing a well-structured schedule and an infrastructural educational environment to promote continued training and development throughout the academic year. Let us pay attention to teachers' as well as students' well-being, professional excellence, and quality educational outcomes.

POINTS TO PONDER, SHARE, AND LIVE

1. How are ongoing professional development and quality education related?
2. Why is solid professional development important?
3. How can we elevate the quality of education in our educational institutions?
4. How does teaching performance make positive impacts on the lives of the students?
5. Why should we invest in digital learning infrastructure in all our educational institutions?
6. How can we organise regular review and evaluation of our educative methods and approaches?

CELEBRATIONS OF THE MONTH

03 Fri	-	St Thomas, the Apostle
06 Mon	-	St Maria Goretti
07 Tue	-	Bl. Maria Romero
16 Thu	-	Our Lady of Mount Carmel
22 Wed	-	St Mary Magdalene
25 Sat	-	St James, the Apostle
26 Sun	-	Ss Joachim and Anne
28 Tue	-	St Alphonsa Muthathupadathu
31 Fri	-	St Ignatius of Loyola

ALL IN THE FAMILY

Welcome Home: We warmly welcome our dear Sr Chrisdhu Dass Esther Rani, who will be returning to the Province on 3 July 2026 after completing her two-year studies on Salesian Spirituality at Casa Ersilia Canta, Rome. We wish her a happy and fruitful mission among the Novices at Sacred Heart Novitiate, Manikandam, Trichy.

Buon Viaggio! We extend our heartfelt wishes for a happy and safe journey to our dear Sr Amirthanathan Preethi Diana and Sr Arul Prakasam Fabia Cletus, who will be flying to Rome on 16 July 2026. We wish them every success and God's abundant blessings in their studies. Sr Preethi Diana will undertake a two-year Spirituality course at Casa Ersilia Canta, Rome and Sr Fabia Cletus will pursue a five-year course leading to the Licentiate in Sacred Scripture/Theology at Auxilium, Rome. Let us accompany our dear Sisters with prayers, asking the Lord to guide and strengthen them throughout this important phase of their formation.

Aspirants' & Postulants' Retreat: The Aspirants and Postulants will make their annual retreat from 21 to 23 July 2026 at Sacred Heart Home, Katpadi. On 24 July 2026, during a solemn prayer service, the Aspirants will receive the Postulants' Medal, marking an important milestone in their vocational journey. We warmly congratulate the **Postulants:** Anthony Kiruthika, Arokkiyasami Paska Deepa Mary, Dilli Babu Monisha, Babu Sharmila of INM and Amulraj Kamala Mary of INT. **Aspirants:** Agnel Christhu Raja Biruntha Shuruthi, Jayaraj Vinnarasi, Maria Pragasam Celine Reshma, Padhuvai Ponnarasu Theja Sri, Sagaya Raj Binu Princy, Venketesh Shalini V., Alphonse Velankanni, Antoni Gurus Mariya Nesam of INM; Pilavadhran Nishirubina and John Bellaro Jone Nithya Mary of INT. As we rejoice with them for their generous and courageous "Yes" to the Lord, let us accompany them with our prayers, asking the Lord to strengthen them and grant them the grace to respond to His call with joy, generosity, and faithful perseverance.

INM Formators' Meeting: I warmly invite all the Sisters directly involved in the formation of the Apostolic School Girls, Aspirants, Postulants, and all the Superiors who have Junior Sisters in their communities, to participate in the INM Formators' Meeting on **17 July 2026** at **Sacred Heart Home, Katpadi**.

You are requested to bring the following books (English editions):

1. *The Constitutions of the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians: A Journey of Holiness in Everyday Life*, edited by Sr Yvonne Reungoat and Piera Cavaglia.
2. *Simple Hints*, by Antonio Balzario, SDB, edited by Fr John Dharmanathan, SDB, and Fr Pathiaraj, SDB.

Kindly come prepared with a well-developed Formation Plan for **2026–2027** for your respective area of responsibility: Apostolic School Girls/Aspirants/Postulants/ Junior Sisters. Your active participation and thoughtful preparation will enrich our common discernment and renew our commitment to accompany those in formation with wisdom, zeal, and the spirit of Don Bosco and Mother Mazzarello.

Annual Spiritual Retreat - 1, Negombo, Sri Lanka: The annual spiritual retreat is a precious time of renewal, a moment to rekindle our faith and deepen our commitment. Our Sisters in Sri Lanka will be making their Annual Spiritual Retreat from 27 July to 3 August 2026. Let us accompany them with our prayers.

INM-INT Juniors' Trimonthly Recollection and Animation: On 1 and 2 August 2026, INM and INT Juniors will have the Trimonthly Recollection and Day of Animation at Kodambakkam, Chennai. The Juniors are expected to be at the venue at 4.00 pm on Friday, 31 July 2026.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations and assurance of prayers to all the Salesians of Chennai Province who celebrate the Diamond Jubilee and the Golden Jubilee of their Religious Profession and the Golden Jubilee of their Priestly Ordination on 3 July 2026 at Don Bosco School, Perambur, Chennai. May they continue to serve the Lord among the young people with the zeal of the *da mihi animas* of Don Bosco.

COURSES AND SEMINARS

- Sr Alphonse J Isabella will attend the NDF meeting held in Gobra, Kolkata from 1-3 July 2026.
- Sr Gabriel Mary Chitra and Sr Charles Lowra Nambikkai Mary will participate in the AMRAT Regional Meeting at Thozhamai Illam, Kanyakumari, from 4 to 5 July 2026.

NOTE OF THANKS

Sincere thanks to Sr Anthony Raj Christina and the Sisters of Fatima Convent, Kodambakkam, for graciously hosting the Preparatory Meeting of the Core Group for the Provincial Chapter on 6 June 2026. We extend our heartfelt appreciation to Sr Anthony Raj Christina for her meticulous coordination of the day's programme. We also thank her and the community for hosting the Provincial Council and Team Meeting on 7 June 2026.

I thank Sr Mamani Maria Susi, the Social Communication Coordinator for Sri Lanka, for organising the online meeting for all the Media Coordinators of Sri Lanka on 16 June 2026.

My heartfelt thanks to Sr Anthony Raj Christina and the Sisters of Fatima Convent, Kodambakkam, for their gracious hospitality in hosting **Province Assembly I – Presentation of the Preparatory Document for Sisters** on 13 June 2026, and to Sr Antony Raj Mary Josephine and the community of Auxilium College, Katpadi, for warmly hosting **Province Assembly II – Presentation of the Preparatory Document**. Your generous hospitality, detailed arrangements, warm welcome, and dedicated service greatly contributed to the smooth conduct and success of both gatherings.

I also express my sincere appreciation to the Moderator, Sr Anthony Raj Christina, and the Resource Persons, Sr Susai Josephine Rani and Sr Johnson Towle Irine, for presenting the Provincial Chapter Preparatory Document with clarity, insight, and dedication at **Assembly I in Kodambakkam and Assembly II at Auxilium College, Katpadi**.

I thank Sr Irudayam M. Nirmal Rose and the Sisters of Auxilium Home, Katpadi, for hosting the Inter-sector Meeting on 21 June 2026. Special thanks to Sr Johnson Irine Towle, the General Coordinator, and all the Sector Coordinators for coordinating the programme.

I thank Sr Kunnathu Anna, the Province Economist and Sr Susai Josephine Rani, the Province Secretary, for organizing the new Superiors and new Economers meeting on 25 June 2026 at Fatima Convent, Kodambakkam. I also thank Sr Anthony Raj Christina and the community for hosting this meeting.

My appreciation to Sr Antony Samy Arul Pragasa Mary and Sr Gabriel Mariammal for organising the Meeting on Human Rights Education for Teachers in Auxilium Home, Katpadi on 26 June 2026.

I sincerely thank Sr Alexander Amali and the Sisters of St. Mary's Convent, Vellore, for graciously hosting the Meeting of Principals, Headmistresses, and Teaching Sisters on the forenoon of 27 June 2026, as well as the Provincial Chapter Commission Meeting held on the afternoon of the same day. I am grateful to the Province Academic Coordinators, Sr Alexander Amali and Sr. Joseph Victoria Mary, for organizing the Headmistresses' Meeting, and to Sr Anthony Raj Christina, the Moderator, for coordinating the Provincial Chapter Commission Meeting.

My sincere thanks to Sr Samuel Gloria Navaneetham and the Sisters of Pallikonda Convent for hosting the VIDES Meet on 28 June 2026, and special thanks to the Coordinators, Sr Maria Louis Isabel Sirumalar and Sr Lourdusamy Emily Mary, for organising the meeting. I also thank

Sr Samuel Gloria Navaneetham and the Sisters for their hard work in renovating the refectory and the Girls' Hostel, which was blessed and opened on 28 June 2026.

My sincere thanks to Sr Arulanandu Arockia Mary, the Superior and Sisters of Negombo Community, for hosting the **Province Assembly – Presentation of the Preparatory Document for Sisters in Sri Lanka** on 29 June 2026. I express my sincere appreciation to Sr Lazar Maria Nirmala, the Delegate, and Sr Alexander Lilly Rose, the Resource Persons, for organising the meeting.

I thank each one of you and the members of the Educating Community and the Salesian Family for your prayerful support at the demise of my brother, Mr D.J. James Isai Arasan (70), in Billroth Hospital, Chennai, on 21 June 2026. Special thanks to those who were present for the Funeral Mass and prayed for my brother. Kindly continue to support our bereaved family with your prayers.

HEARTFELT SYMPATHIES

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

To Sr Chinnappan Mano Ranjitham at the death of her elder brother, Mr Paul Raj (85), in Thandiarpet, Chennai, on 13 June 2026.

To Sr Don Bosco Swingle Jerida at the demise of her paternal uncle, Mr Rajan (58) in Mannar, Sri Lanka, on 25 June 2026.

To Sr Arokia Raj Deepika at the loss of her dear mother Mrs Bona Francisca (61) at St Isabel's Hospital, Chennai, on 26 June 2026.

LIVING IN OUR MEMORY

- 01 † Sr Michael Lily Rufina (2005)
- 02 † Sr Anglesio Margherita (1988)
- 06 † Sr Fino Maria (2007)
- 07 † Sr Dias Zita (1966) & Sr Mathew Teresa (2007)
- 12 † Sr Bosotti Angela (1966)
- 13 † Sr Saletta Luigina (1965)
- 14 † Sr Pereira Nancy (2010)
- 16 † Sr Antonietta Garavaglia (1978)
- 18 † Sr Venkateswamy B. Margaret (1999)
- 20 † Sr Thecla Chit Mary (2018)
- 21 † Sr Gnanapragasam Victorina (2020)
- 22 † Sr Lazar Idaya (1998)

- 23 † Sr Burgos Alessandra (1976) & Sr Moris Kanikkam Maria (2014)
 24 † Sr Colombo Regina (2004)
 26 † Sr Castagnetti Zolia (2010)
 27 † Sr Gila Adele Caterina (1973)
 28 † Sr D'Souza Juliana (2013) & Sr Nazareth Edvige (2017)
 30 † Sr Joseph Regina (2015)

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

July 2026

01.07.2026	Wed	Group V - PCI Workshop on Salesian Spirituality for Superiors at Shillong
to	to	
07.07.2026	Tue	
02.07.2026	Thu	Ashram Experience for Postulants at Mannivakkam
to	to	
11.07.2026	Sat	
03.07.2026	Fri	St Thomas the Apostle, Province Feast: Consecration of the Province to the Sacred Heart of Jesus Educating with the Preventive System in the Digital Age for the Provinces' Academic Coordinators - Online
05.07.2026	Sun	Ongoing Formation for Salesian Cooperators (Promised Members) at Vyasarpadi, Chennai
08.07.2026	Wed	Group VI - PCI Workshop on Salesian Spirituality for Superiors at Darjeeling
to	to	
13.07.2026	Mon	
10.07.2026	Fri	EC Meet for Local EC Members in their Local Communities EC Meet, Local EC Members (SL), in their Local Communities
11.07.2026	Sat	INM FMA Past Pupils Meet, Spring Valley, Vellore
12.07.2026	Sun	Animation for the Principals: Sisters (Sri Lanka) - Online
15.07.2026	Wed	World Youth Skill Day, Youth, Aruwye - Online
17.07.2026	Fri	INM Formators Meet for Formators and Superiors who have Juniors at Sacred Heart Home, Katpadi
18.07.2026	Sat	Human Rights Education for Students VI and VII - Online Catechetical Formation for Local Catechetical Coordinators at MIC, TPT
18.07.2026	Sat	Provincial Council at Sacred Heart Home, Katpadi
to	to	Orientation towards Catechesis: Digital Catechesis for Sisters of Sri Lanka – Online
19.07.2026	Sun	
21.07.2026	Tue	ADMA Co-Ordinators' and Members Meet, Online
21.07.2026	Tue	Retreat for Aspirants, Postulants, and Candidates at SHH, Katpadi
to	to	
23.07.2026	Thu	
24.07.2026	Fri	Postulants Receiving Medal at Sacred Heart Home, Katpadi.

25.07.2026	Sat	Media Animation for Vellore Zone Students at Pallikonda Workshop for Vellore Zone Women Farmers at Arni Human Rights for VIII & IX Students - Online Faith Formation for Teachers - Online
25.07.2026 to 27.07.2026	Sat to Mon	General Body Meeting, NCRI, Delhi
27.07.2026 to 03.08.2026	Mon to Mon	Annual Retreat I for Sisters (SL) at Negombo
26.07.2026	Sun	Ongoing Formation for Salesian Co-operators (Promised Members) at Tirupattur
27.07.2026 to 10.08.2026	Mon to Mon	Ashram Experience for Aspirants at Mannivakkam
30.07.2026	Thu	Election of Community Delegate for Provincial Chapter in Local Communities
31.07.2026	Fri	International Day against Drug Abuse & Illicit Trafficking, Women/Youth/Children, HRDC and Other Centres – Online
31.07.2026 to 01.08.2026	Fri to Sat	Counselling Course for Teachers at Auxilium College, Katpadi

August 2026

01.08.2026	Sat	Tri-monthly Recollection for INM & INT Juniors at Kodambakkam
02.08.2026	Sun	Tri-monthly Animation for INM & INT Juniors at Kodambakkam
02.08.2026 to 03.08.2026	Sun to Mon	Annual General Body Meeting of TNCRI, Provincial Delegates at Yercaud
04.08.2026	Tue	Renewal of Vows for Juniors at Negombo, Sri Lanka
05.08.2026	Wed	Foundation Day & First Profession at Negombo, Sri Lanka
07.08.2026 to 14.08.2026	Fri to Fri	Annual Retreat II Sisters Negombo, Sri Lanka

On 3 July, Feast of St Thomas, the Apostle: We joyfully celebrate the feast of **St Thomas** the Apostle, Patron of the Archdiocese of Madras-Mylapore, the Salesian Province of Chennai, and our own Province. We thank God for the inspiring witness of faith of St Thomas, which reached its climax in his profound profession: *"My Lord and my God!"* (Jn 20:28). According to tradition, St Thomas brought the Gospel to India, becoming a shining model of missionary zeal, perseverance, and steadfast faith. As we celebrate our Province Feast, let us entrust to his powerful intercession all the spiritual and temporal needs of our Province, praying especially for our Sisters, communities, apostolic mission, vocations, and a purposeful and fruitful celebration of the Provincial Chapter 2026 and General Chapter XXV. May St Thomas obtain for us the grace to deepen our faith, to remain steadfast in hope, and bear joyful witness to Christ through our lives and mission.

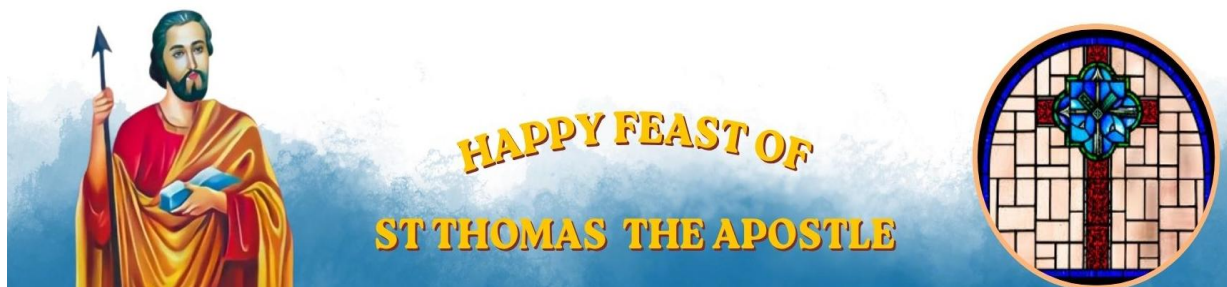
6 July 2025, Feast of St Maria Goretti: We celebrate the Feast of **St Maria Goretti**, the young martyr of purity, forgiveness, and heroic charity. Her life teaches us that holiness is possible at every age through fidelity to Christ and resolute love. In a world that often blurs

moral values, St Maria Goretti shines as a radiant model for today's youth, witnessing that true freedom is found in purity of heart, respect for the dignity of every person, and unwavering fidelity to God. Her courageous example encourages young people to make wise choices, safeguard the beauty of their hearts, and remain faithful to the values of the Gospel despite the pressures of contemporary culture. May her example inspire us to live with integrity, purity of heart, and the courage to forgive as Christ forgives.

7 July 2025, Feast of Bl. Maria Romero Meneses: We joyfully celebrate the Feast of Blessed Maria Romero Meneses, a true daughter of Mary Help of Christians and a zealous Salesian missionary. Her life was marked by deep trust in God, love for the Eucharist, devotion to Mary, and generous service to the poor and the young. May her witness renew in us missionary zeal, joyful hope, and a preferential love for those most in need.

16 July 2025, Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel: On the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, we honour the Blessed Virgin Mary, our loving Mother and faithful guide on the journey of holiness. Through her maternal intercession, may we remain close to Jesus, grow in prayer, and live our consecration with renewed fidelity and joy. May Our Lady of Mount Carmel protect our Province, our communities, and all those entrusted to our care. *We entrust ourselves to Mary, Mother of Christ and of the Church, that she may accompany our steps and guard within us faith and hope, so that we may bear witness to the joy of belonging to God by joining in her Magnificat (Mother General's Circular No. 1060).*

28 July 2025, Feast of St Alphonsa: We celebrate the feast of **St Alphonsa**, the first woman saint of India, whose life radiated humility, patience, and joyful acceptance of suffering. Through her unwavering trust in God's providence, she became a witness of hope and holiness. May her intercession strengthen us to embrace our daily crosses with faith, serve with generosity, and persevere joyfully in our vocation.



Yours affectionately,

Sr. Devadoss Margaret

**Sr Devadoss Margaret FMA
INM Provincial**

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01 - 05	Wed - Sun	Provincial Office, Kodambakkam
06	Mon	PV: Polur/Arni/Jawadhi Hills
07	Tue	Provincial Office, Kodambakkam
08 - 13	Wed - Mon	PCI Workshop, Darjeeling
14 - 16	Tue - Thu	Provincial Office, Kodambakkam
17	Fri	Meeting for Formators, Superiors who have Junior Sisters, Sacred Heart Home, Katpadi
18 - 19	Sat - Sun	Provincial Council, Sacred Heart Home, Katpadi
20	Mon	Sacred Heart Home, Katpadi
21 - 23	Tue - Thu	Annual Retreat for Aspirants and Postulants, Sacred Heart Home, Katpadi
24	Fri	Postulants Receiving the Medal
25 - 27	Sat - Mon	NCRI General Body Meeting, Delhi
28 - 31	Tue - Fri	Provincial Office, Kodambakkam
August 2026		
01 - 03	Sat - Mon	Annual Retreat - 1 for Sisters, SL
04	Tue	Renewal of Vows, Negombo, Sri Lanka
05	Wed	First Profession, Negombo, Sri Lanka
06 - 08	Thu - Sat	Negombo, Sri Lanka
09	Sun	Journey to Old Goa
10 - 14	Mon - Fri	Classes for the Sisters at Mater Dei, Old Goa
15	Sat	Journey to Chennai

