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My Dearest Sisters,

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

INTRODUCTION

Consecrated Persons' Values-Focused Educational Lifestyle

For consecrated persons, a values-focused educational lifestyle is essential because it bridges the gap between religious vows and daily action, ensuring that their personal growth directly serves their spiritual mission. For the integrity of the mission, holistic personal development and effective service and ministry, and value-based and focused lives of the consecrated persons are important. Consecrated persons preach spiritual and ethical values; living these same values in their educational pursuits ensures they practice what they preach. Society looks to religious figures for moral guidance. A values-focused lifestyle builds trust within the communities they serve. Education expands their knowledge and teaching capabilities. Grounding study in core values transforms standard academic learning into a form of prayer and spiritual reflection. It equips individuals to address modern societal challenges—like poverty, injustice, and ethical dilemmas—using both professional skill and compassionate values. By modelling a values-driven life, consecrated educators inspire their students and parishioners to prioritize character and ethics over material success.

Today, students desire a lifestyle focused on values other than wealth, position, or power. There is a shifting cultural trend among younger generations who are redefining success. Rather than prioritizing traditional markers of status, like high-paying corporate jobs, luxury goods, or institutional authority, many students are leaning toward lifestyles rooted in personal fulfilment, community, and social impact. They desire careers that align with personal ethics, environmental sustainability, or social justice, even if they offer lower financial returns. They prioritise mental health, leisure, and time with loved ones over the “hustle culture” that demands gruelling work hours. They value life experiences, travel, and personal growth more than the accumulation of material possessions or real estate. They focus on mutual aid, deep personal relationships, and local community engagement rather than individualistic competition.

1. Shifting Situation of Contemporary Students

Many contemporary students are shifting away from traditional definitions of success. Instead of prioritising wealth, position, or power, they are focusing on a lifestyle centred around personal well-being, social impact, and authentic connection. This generational shift is driven by several cultural, economic, and psychological factors. There is a rapid rise in the search for purpose-driven careers among students. Students today heavily prioritise finding meaning in their work. They often prefer roles in sustainability, social justice, or community building over high-paying corporate positions that don't align with their ethics. They are aware of burnout culture and need

mental well-being. Having witnessed previous generations experience high levels of stress, burnout, and work-related illnesses, modern students place a premium on mental health, work-life balance, and self-care.

High housing costs and shifting economic landscapes have led many young people to view traditional milestones, like corporate climbing or luxury ownership, as less attainable or less rewarding. Instead, they invest in experiences and personal growth. Climate change, social inequalities, and global crises have fostered a collective mindset focused on sustainability and systemic change rather than individual dominance. There is a great desire for authenticity and communal peace. Digital interconnectedness has paradoxically increased the craving for genuine, real-world human connection. Students value deep relationships and community collaboration over competitive hierarchy. Ultimately, today's students are redefining success not by what they accumulate or command, but by how they contribute to the world and how they maintain their peace of mind.

Today, consecrated persons are to discover the methods most suited to meet the needs of different social groups and various professional categories of young people. They are to be the light of Christ and the leaven of salvation for the young people of our time. This calls for renewed commitment in living their consecrated life and responding to the young people who are searching for the Truth and the Life (cf. Acts 17:27). Within the consecrated life itself, there is also a need for a *renewed and loving commitment to the intellectual life*. A lessened commitment in the field of education can have grave consequences for the apostolate by giving rise to a sense of marginalisation and inferiority or encouraging superficiality and rash initiatives.

2. Renewed Commitment in the Field of Education

Education is an essential dimension of the mission of the consecrated persons. In the world of education, they are called to bear radical witness to the values of the Kingdom. Because of their special consecration, their particular experience of the gifts of the Holy Spirit, their constant listening to the word of God, their practice of discernment, their rich heritage of pedagogical traditions of their institute, and their profound grasp of spiritual truth (cf. Eph 2:17), consecrated persons are to be especially effective in educational activities and to offer a specific contribution to the work of other educators. Equipped with the charism of our institute, we FMA are to give life to educational undertakings permeated by the Gospel spirit of freedom and charity, in which young people are helped to mature integrally.

An experience of grace in the field of education contributes to a harmonious development of the whole: the human and the divine, the Gospel and culture, and faith and life. The history of the Institute, from its inception down to our own day, is full of admirable examples of FMA who have sought and continue to seek holiness through their involvement in education, while at the same time proposing holiness as the goal of education. Indeed, many of them have achieved the perfection of charity through teaching. This is one of the most precious gifts that we can offer to young people of today, instructing them in a way that is full of love, according to the wise counsel of Saint John Bosco: "Young people should not only be loved but should also know that they are loved."

With respectful sensitivity and missionary boldness, consecrated persons should show that faith in Jesus Christ enlightens the whole enterprise of education, never disparaging human values but rather confirming and elevating them. Thus, consecrated persons become witnesses and instruments of the power of the Incarnation and the vitality of the Holy Spirit. This task of ours is one of the most significant manifestations of that motherhood that the Church, in the image of

Mary, exercises on behalf of all her children. It is for this reason that consecrated persons are to commit themselves, wherever possible, to the mission of education in schools of every kind and level and in universities and institutions of higher learning.

3. Counteracting the Digital Crisis with Optimistic Presence

In an age of hyper-connectivity, young people frequently encounter isolation, anxiety, and restlessness. Consecrated individuals assist students in mastering technology as a tool for personal growth rather than an end in itself. They champion the “mysticism of the whole,” helping youth heal psychological fatigue by nurturing an interior life. Operating within broken family structures or fractured social realities, the stable presence of religious educators offers institutional fidelity. They actively support vulnerable students, establishing schools as secure sanctuaries. Faced with fewer vocations, consecrated persons heavily prioritise collaborative leadership. They work closely with lay educators to enrich the school’s foundational charism and mission. This partnership transforms schools from strict academic institutions into vibrant communities of faith.

Just as in the past the consecrated persons successfully used all kinds of means at the service of evangelisation and skilfully met difficulties, today too they are challenged anew by the need to bear witness to the Gospel through the communications media. The media, thanks to impressive developments in technology, have reached every corner of the earth. Consecrated persons, especially those who are working in the educational field, have a duty to learn the language of the media, to speak effectively of Christ to the students and lay collaborators, interpreting their joys and hopes, their griefs and anxieties, and thus contributing to the building up of a society in which all people sense that they are brothers and sisters journeying towards God and one another. All efforts in this important new field of apostolate should be encouraged so that the Gospel of Christ may be proclaimed also through these modern means.

Consecrated educators need to be vigilant concerning the distorted use of the media, especially their extraordinary power of persuasion and love in collaborating with the Holy Spirit for the growth of Christ in the hearts of the young people (cf. FMA Const. Art. 7). The problems and challenges of social media that the students face should not be ignored; instead, teach them to face them with careful discernment and involvement. Their response must be educational: it must aim at promoting a correct understanding of the dynamics underlying the media and a careful ethical assessment of the various educative programmes as well as the development of healthy habits in use. In this work of social media education, aimed at training discerning listeners and expert communicators, consecrated persons are called to offer their specific witness regarding the relative nature of all created realities. In this way, they help young people to use the media wisely and in accordance with God’s plan to free themselves from an obsessive interest in “the form of this world which is passing away” (1 Cor 7:31).

4. Serving as Living Signs of the Gospel

In a secularised and competitive society, consecrated educators serve as living signs of the Gospel, offering personal testimony that touches students’ hearts more deeply than digital screens. Modern education relies on a shared mission where consecrated persons and lay educators exchange gifts and work together to face contemporary educational challenges. They are to remain indispensable catalysts for instilling hope, truth, and a Christian vision in new generations. Following founding charisms, they help students to combat socio-cultural and religious poverty by making quality education available and accessible. Drawing from community life, they model collaborative, respectful, and loving interpersonal relationships in

educative ventures. They encourage inclusive environments that bridge differences, promote peace, and build a sense of shared responsibility among students and staff.

According to Vatican guidelines from the Congregation for Catholic Education, teaching is a direct form of evangelisation that requires professional competence and spiritual dedication. Modern frameworks emphasise collaboration between consecrated and lay educators to foster a welcoming, community-focused school environment and skills-based, holistic education. In societies influenced by moral relativism or secularism, they uphold the central dignity of the human person and objective truths. Continuing historical traditions, they prioritise educational access and cultural formation for marginalised or disadvantaged youth. Working hand in hand with lay teachers and families, they share the specific founding charism to enrich the wider school community. Their life of dedication offers the students a tangible, lived example of self-giving, generosity, and moral integrity.

Every educational institute must be devoted to education and be faithful to the founding charism and traditions, knowing that the preferential love for the poor finds a special place in education. Art. 65 of our constitution states, "With the preferential love of Don Bosco and Mother Mazzarello, we dedicate ourselves to the poorest, that is, to those who, for various reasons, have the least chance of success in life and are more exposed to danger." Every FMA should be conscious of the responsibility in the field of education and evangelisation. We should ensure the preservation of our unique Catholic identity in complete fidelity to the Church's Magisterium, while engaging at the same time in active dialogue with present-day cultural trends. Moreover, depending on the circumstances, we should readily become involved in the educational structures of the State too, but always aimed at forming young people as "good Christians and honest citizens." We educate them as persons capable of right judgment, free choices, and service to others (cf. Art. 69).

5. A Contemplative Presence and Inner Stillness

A contemplative presence and inner stillness allow consecrated educators to serve as living testaments of faith and deep existential reflection for their students. Consecrated educators show their students a life lived as a deliberate response to a higher call rather than a mere routine. They teach students to create a space for reflection. Their inner calm provides an environment where students feel safe to pause, move past superficial knowledge and ask deep existential questions. They guide them to move beyond the material world. By radiating spiritual groundedness, they invite young people to look past utility and seek the deeper meaning of human history and existence. They inspire students for self-inquiry and, with quiet composure and steady presence, challenge them to look inward and examine their own lives critically. Their life of witness to the Sacred helps students intuitively recognize a source of inner peace and soul power, offering a tangible reference point for the transcendent amidst a busy, noisy world.

The "holy silence" of consecrated persons in education refers to a contemplative presence and inner stillness that allows educators to avoid empty activism and model a deep, listening relationship with God. The purpose of holy silence is lived in avoiding activism, listening to God, and rooting the charism. Vatican guidelines like *Consecrated Persons and their Mission in Schools* warn religious educators against being consumed exclusively by administrative tasks or frantic overactivity. Silence creates an inner sanctuary where consecrated teachers tune their hearts to divine guidance rather than just societal noise. True educational wisdom and evangelical values are born in quiet reflection before they are spoken to students. A contemplative presence and inner stillness in consecrated educators will help students resist the urge to fix problems immediately, give them space to voice their realities fully, and respond optimistically.

In a loud, media-saturated academic environment, a quiet and reflective educator introduces a revolutionary sense of stillness and peace. It shifts education from mere data transfer to holistic formation that opens young people to God and his plan for everyone. By embracing moments of holy quiet, consecrated persons reveal that their actions flow from a genuine, contemplative love for Christ rather than routine obligation. Young people would like to find in the consecrated educators a safe anchor in a fast-paced, often confusing world. They would learn from their consecrated mentors how to live lives of dedicated service to others, regardless of their own future career paths. They dare to create inclusive school cultures founded on love, solidarity, and mutual respect.

CONCLUSION

Education should be an expression of the unquenchable desire for an ever-deeper knowledge of God, the source of light and all human truth. Consequently, a commitment to an educative mission does not isolate consecrated persons in an abstract intellectualism or confine them within a suffocating narcissism; rather, it is an incentive to dialogue and cooperation, a training in the capacity for judgment, and a stimulus to contemplation and prayer in the constant quest for the presence and activity of God in the complex reality of today's world. When they allow themselves to be transformed by the Holy Spirit, consecrated persons can broaden the horizons of narrow human aspirations and at the same time understand more deeply people and their life stories, going beyond the most obvious but often superficial aspects.

Education is to mould individuals who are equipped not only with knowledge but also with character, capable of decision-making and interpersonal relationships. Countless challenges are emerging today in the world of ideas, in new areas as well as those in which the consecrated life has traditionally been present. There is an urgent need to maintain fruitful contacts with all socio-cultural realities with a watchful and critical attitude but also with confident attention to those who face the particular difficulties of intellectual work, especially when in response to the unprecedented problems of our times, new efforts of analysis and synthesis have to be attempted. Educational endeavours are not merely concerned with imparting information but seek to transform individuals into better persons equipped with knowledge, responsibility, and compassion.

POINTS TO PONDER, SHARE, AND LIVE

1. Why should a consecrated person live a values-focused educational lifestyle?
2. What are the shifting situations of contemporary students?
3. How can you renew your commitment in the field of education?
4. How will you counteract the digital crisis of students with optimistic presence?
5. How will you serve as living signs of the Gospel today?
6. Why are contemplative presence and inner stillness important today in our educative mission?

CELEBRATIONS OF THE MONTH

01 Thu	-	St Theresa of Lisieux
02 Fri	-	The Holy Guardian Angels
04 Sun	-	St Francis of Assisi
05 Mon	-	Bl. Albert Marvelli SDB

07 Wed	-	Our Lady of the Rosary
11 Sun	-	St Pope John XXIII
12 Mon	-	St Carlo Acutis
13 Tue	-	Bl. Alessandrina
15 Thu	-	St Teresa of Avila
18 Sun	-	World Mission Sunday and St Luke, the Evangelist
22 Thu	-	St Pope John Paul II
24 Sat	-	Bl. Luigi Guanella SDB
28 Wed	-	Ss Simon and Jude, Apostles
29 Thu	-	Bl. Michael Rua SDB

CONGRATULATIONS

We joyfully extend our heartfelt congratulations to our dear aspirant Perera Jayasekara Dusheni Sethmi from Sri Lanka. She will make her retreat from 4 to 6 October 2026. On 7 October, she will receive her medal and formally begin her formative journey as a postulant in Sacred Heart Home, Katpadi. Let us lovingly accompany her with our prayers as she takes this significant step toward religious life. May God abundantly bless her on this sacred and promising path.

ALL IN THE FAMILY

Provincial Chapter 2026, Kodambakkam, 18-25 October 2026: The Provincial Chapter will be held from 18 to 25 October at Kodambakkam, bringing together the Provincial Councillors, Superiors, House Delegates and Province Delegates. It will be a grace-filled moment of reflection, prayer and discernment, as we gather to listen attentively to the Spirit and to one another. Rooted in our Salesian charism, we will renew our commitment to the mission entrusted to us. The Chapter will foster sisterly communion, mutual understanding and shared responsibility in building a more vibrant and prophetic presence among the young. Together, we will seek God's will for the growth of holiness in our Province and the Institute. May this experience strengthen our unity and inspire us to embrace the future with hope, courage and renewed missionary zeal. Let us accompany this important event with our prayers and fraternal support.

COURSES AND SEMINARS

- Sr Thengapurakkal Cyril Elizabeth, Sr Lazar Jackuline Mary, Sr Anthony Cruz Mathalen Mary and Sr Lourdunathan Sujitha Jeyaseeli participated in the programme on **"Healing of Inner Childhood"** held in Anugraha, Dindigul from 23 to 29 September 2026.
- Sr Velankanni Amalraj Leema Jenifer participated in a **Prayer Experience** at Sogathur from 28 September to 02 October 2026.

- Sr Susai Raj Mary Sheila and Sr Maria Prakash Kanimozhi will participate in **A Course in Digital Tools for New Evangelization**, which will be held from 5 to 10 October 2026, at Shanti Sadan, Benaulim, Old Goa.
- Sr Madalaimuthu Jacintha and Sr Dominic Switha will participate in the **Intensive Course on Skills for Biblical Pastoral Ministry**, which will be held from 16 to 21 October 2026, Shanti Sadan, Benaulim, Old Goa.
- Sr Anjulan Stella Rani, the Province Delegate for the Salesian Cooperators, will participate in the **Residential Training Program for Delegates of Salesian Cooperators** in Bengaluru, DBRC from 17 to 26 October 2026.

NOTE OF THANKS

- I am grateful to Sr Alphonse Mary J. Isabella for conducting the online programme to mark the World Suicide Prevention Day on 10 September 2026 and appreciate her for her valuable contribution to the Legal Awareness Programme for Women Leaders held online on 11 September 2026.
- I extend my sincere gratitude to Sr Alexander Lilly Rose, in charge of Education for Sri Lanka, for organising the Half-Yearly Evaluation for Principals, held online on 13 September 2026.
- My sincere thanks to Sr Gothorp Mabel, the Provincial and the Sisters of Guwahati Province for their generous availability and warm hospitality in hosting the annual spiritual retreat for the PCI Provincials from 11 to 18 September 2026 in Kohima, Nagaland.
- My heartfelt thanks to Sr Periyamayagam Auxilia, the Superior, and the community of Anmarudai for graciously hosting Media Animation for Non-Formal Sector, Evening Coaching Students of Vellore Zone on 12 September 2026. I also extend my special appreciation to Sr Anthony Raj Christina, in charge of Social Media Communication, Sr Rajendiran Thimena Celine and Sr Anthony Cruz Mathalen Mary for coordinating the programme.
- I extend my heartfelt gratitude to Sr Anthony Raj Christina and the community of Fatima Convent, Kodambakkam, for the successful organisation of the Provincial Council Meeting at Kodambakkam from 23 to 24 September 2026.
- I sincerely express my heartfelt appreciation to Sr Anthony Raj Christina and the community of Fatima Convent, Kodambakkam, for hosting the Pre-Provincial Chapter Commission Meet held from 25 to 26 September 2026. I gratefully acknowledge Sr Anthony Raj Christina, the Moderator of PC2026, Sr Susai Josephine Rani, Province Secretary, and Sr Kunnathu Anna, Province Economist, for their generous contribution towards this event. Special thanks to all the commission members for their involvement and collaboration.
- Hearty thanks to Sr Mathew Alice for organising the online orientation programme for the celebration of the Month of the Rosary and the Missionaries on 30 September 2026 for the Sisters in Sri Lanka.

HEARTFELT SYMPATHIES

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

- To Sr Savari Fathima, at the demise of her brother-in-law and Sr Susainathan Ayesha Bindu, her uncle, Mr Lourthunathan (56), who passed away in Vaniyambadi on 12 September 2026.
- To Sr Lazar Jackuline Mary, at the loss of her aunt, Mrs Regina Mary, (63), in Ceeyalam Village on 13 September 2026.
- To Sr Adaikalasamy Jecinta Jeyarani, at the loss of her grandmother, Mrs Rose Mary (93), in Krishnagiri, on 12 September 2026.
- To Sr Santhiogu Mary Theresa, at the demise of her grandfather, Mr Savarimuthu (90), at Vyasarpadi, on 16 September 2026.
- To Sr Lowrence Anat Lowransiya (SL), at the loss of her aunt, Mrs Deva Raja Parimala Rose (59), in Sri Lanka on 21 September 2026.

LIVING IN OUR MEMORY

- 03 † Sr Gaidano Annetta (1986)
04 † Sr D'Souza Philomena (2016)
05 † Sr Zanetta Carmela (1987)
06 † Sr Marchetti Virginia (2012)
07 † Sr Ittoop Mercy (2010)
08 † Sr Berra Giulia (1968), Sr Mascarenhas Edith (2014), Sr Rayappan Antonia (2019)
10 † Sr Mezzacasa Maria (1943), Sr Savarimuthu Lucy (2013)
11 † Sr Personeni Ancilla (1999)
14 † Sr Zonta Maria (1994)
18 † Sr Nayagam Fatima Mary (2005)
22 † Sr Antonysamy Regina Mary (2005), Sr Fernando Juliet (2017)
26 † Sr Savarimuthu Michaelal (2003)
28 † Sr Arputha Mary Santiago (1945)
31 † Sr Marnetto Caterina (1953), Sr Doyle Cecilia Sarah (1990)

Goodbye, dear Sr Hazel Dashwood (1947–2026). A Life of Faith, Simplicity and Selfless Service.

“I am the Resurrection and the Life.” (Jn 11:25). With hearts filled with gratitude to God and Christian hope, we lovingly remember our dear Sr Hazel Dashwood, who was called to her eternal reward on 30 September 2026 at 2.30 am. As we commend her soul to the loving mercy of God, we cherish the memory of her life of faith, simplicity, humility and generous service. Her peaceful presence, gentle Salesian spirit and unwavering dedication to the mission of the Institute remain a precious legacy to our province. Born on 15 February 1947 at Champion Reef, Sr Hazel was the eldest of seven children in a God-fearing family. Her beloved parents instilled in her the values of contentment, hard work, simplicity and responsibility. Her vocation blossomed during her years as a boarding student at Broadway, where the kindness, cheerfulness and prayerfulness of the Sisters deeply attracted her. A simple gesture of care by Sr Mary Vaz became a defining moment in her vocational journey.

She joined as an aspirant at Broadway on 31 January 1967, began her Novitiate at Katpadi on 5 August 1967, made her first profession at Wellington on 5 August 1969 and subsequently made her perpetual profession at Katpadi on 5 August 1975, committing herself wholeheartedly to the Lord in the Institute of the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians. After completing her nursing studies in Shillong, Sr Hazel dedicated her life to caring for the sick, accompanying children and serving communities with loving attention. Her mission journey took her through Auxilium College, Katpadi; Shillong, Bangalore, Tirupattur, Kodambakkam, Thiruvottiyur and Broadway. In these communities, she faithfully served as infirmarian, linenarian, boarding assistant, catechism teacher and in various household and apostolic services. Her quiet and persevering service reflected the beauty of a vocation lived through ordinary, everyday acts of love. Deeply devoted to Mother Mary, Sr Hazel nurtured a filial relationship with her through prayer and confidence in her maternal care. Her love for the poor, concern for the needs of others, hard work, gratitude to all and the desire to make others happy revealed her gentle Salesian spirit. She always sought to think less of herself and esteem others, finding joy in the hidden services and bringing happiness to those around her. We thank the Lord for the precious gift of Sr Hazel and the countless ways by which her life enriched our province and the communities. With gratitude, we remember her simplicity, generosity and fidelity. Her life remains a beautiful witness to the Salesian vocation of loving service and joyful dedication.

The Funeral Mass was celebrated on 1 October 2026 at Mary Immaculate Convent, Tirupattur, and her mortal remains were laid to rest at Auxilium College Campus, Gandhi Nagar, Vellore. May Mary Help of Christians accompany her into the Father's loving embrace, and may the Lord grant her eternal rest as the reward for her faithful service. Let us continue to offer prayers for her family and all her loved ones.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

October 2026

01.10.2026	Thu	
to	to	
08.10.2026	Thu	Annual Retreat-1 for Senior Sisters, Auxilium Care Home, Katpadi
01.10.2026	Thu	Chain Rosary for World Peace, Parishioners and ADMA Members, Local Community
		Family Rosary, counselling and visits, EC Members (SL), Local Community
04.10.2026	Sun	
to	to	
07.10.2026	Wed	Provincial Visit: Auxilium College, Katpadi
02.10.2026	Fri	
to	to	
08.10.2026	Thu	DAAN Utsav (Joy of Giving Week), Children/ Youth
04.10.2026	Sun	Ecology-related competitions for children, Supplementary Centres & Schools
04.10.2026	Sun	
to	to	
06.10.2026	Tue	Retreat for the Aspirant (SL), Sacred Heart Home, Katpadi
07.10.2026	Wed	Postulant (SL) Receiving Medals - Sacred Heart Home, Katpadi

07.10.2026	Wed	
to	to	
17.10.2026	Sat	Preparation for Provincial Chapter 2026 - Kodambakkam, Chennai
09.10.2026	Fri	
to	to	
11.10.2026	Sun	Retreat for the CPCs, Negombo, Sri Lanka
10.10.2026	Sat	Training on Psychological Well-being for Local YaR Coordinators - Mazzarello Home, Tirupattur
		Formation of a Core Youth Team, Young People & LYPC (SL) - Thirukovil (SL)
11.10.2026	Sun	Faith Formation, Catechism Students of Parish - Local Communities
18.10.2026	Sun	
to	to	
25.10.2026	Sun	Provincial Chapter, Superiors & Delegates, Kodambakkam, Chennai
18.10.20206	Sun	Youth Programme in View of 150 th year, Salesian Co-operators- Perambur, Chennai
17.10.2026	Sat	
to	to	
26.10.2026	Mon	Residential Training Program, Delegates of Sal.Co, Bengaluru DBRC
25.10.2026	Sun	
to	to	
26.10.2026	Mon	Provincial Council, Kodambakkam, Chennai
28.10.2026	Wed	
to	to	
30.10.2026	Fri	Provincial Visit: Kingsford, Chennai
31.10.2026	Sat	Tri-Monthly Recollection for Senior Sisters, Chetpet/SHH/ Avvai Nagar, Salem
31.10.2026	Sat	
to	to	
01.11.2026	Sun	Provincial Visit: Thoraipakkam

Memory of St Thérèse of Lisieux on 01 October: As we remember St Thérèse of Lisieux, the Little Flower, may her Little Way inspire us to discover holiness in the simplicity of everyday life. Her childlike trust in God and her profound love for Jesus remind us that great love is expressed through small acts of kindness, humility and self-giving. May her missionary heart encourage us to embrace every moment as an opportunity to love and serve, becoming joyful witnesses of God's love, especially among the young.

Feast of Guardian Angels on 02 October: As we celebrate the feast of the Guardian Angels, we are reminded of God's presence, protection and loving care in our lives. May this feast renew our awareness that we are never alone on our journey of faith and inspire us to entrust ourselves and our communities to their loving guidance. Following their example of faithful service, may we become attentive companions, gentle guides and instruments of God's protection, encouragement and peace in the lives of the young.

Feast of St Francis of Assisi on 04 October: As we celebrate St Francis of Assisi, may his life inspire us to embrace the Gospel with simplicity, humility and joy. His profound love for Christ, reverence for creation and commitment to peace and fraternity invite us to recognise every person and all creation as gifts of God. May his spirit of poverty and detachment deepen our gratitude, strengthen our bonds of communion and inspire us to become joyful instruments of peace through our words, relationships and daily encounters.

Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary on 07 October: As we celebrate the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, may Mary teach us to contemplate the mysteries of Christ with faith, love and a listening heart. Through the Rosary, may we deepen our relationship with Jesus and learn from Mary's example of humility, trust and total availability to God's will. Let us entrust our communities, our young people and the mission of the Institute to her maternal care, asking her to guide us in becoming joyful witnesses of Christ and builders of communion.

Feast of St Teresa of Avila, Patroness of our FMA Institute on 15 October: As we celebrate St Teresa of Avila, Patroness of our Institute, may her profound love for Christ and her spirit of prayer inspire us to deepen our interior life and strengthen our personal relationship with God. Her courageous faith, wisdom and apostolic zeal remind us that authentic mission flows from an intimate friendship with Jesus. May her example encourage us to cultivate contemplative hearts, embrace challenges with trust and live our Salesian vocation with renewed enthusiasm, becoming joyful witnesses of God's love among the young.

Memory of Bl. Michael Rua on 29 October: As we remember Bl. Michael Rua, the faithful successor of Don Bosco, may his life inspire us to live our Salesian vocation with fidelity, dedication and a generous heart. His deep attachment to Don Bosco's spirit and his unwavering commitment to the young remind us of the importance of preserving and living our charism with authenticity. May his example strengthen our communion, renew our apostolic zeal and encourage us to serve the young with the same loving kindness, simplicity and pastoral charity that marked his life.

Festal Wishes to Little Flower Convent, Pallikonda, on 1 October and to Holy Rosary Convent, Colombo, on 7 October!

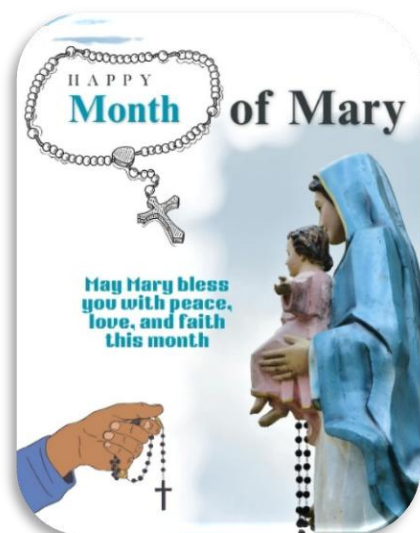
Special prayers and blessings to all the Little Flowers and Teresas and those who bear the name of Our Lady of the Rosary.

I wish you all a very happy feast of Our Lady of the Rosary and Missionary Month!

Yours affectionately,

Sr. Devadoss Margaret

**Sr Devadoss Margaret FMA
INM Provincial**



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October 2026		
01 - 08	Thu -Thu	Annual Retreat – 1 for Senior Sisters, Auxilium Care Home, Katpadi
03 - 06	Sat - Tue	Provincial Visit: Auxilium College, Katpadi
07 - 17	Wed - Sat	Preparation for Provincial Chapter 2026, Kodambakkam, Chennai
18 - 25	Sun -Sun	Provincial Chapter, Superiors & Delegates, Kodambakkam, Chennai
25 - 26	Sun -Mon	Provincial Council, Kodambakkam, Chennai
27	Tue	Provincial Office, Kodambakkam, Chennai
28 - 30	Wed - Fri	Provincial Visit: Kingsford, Chennai
31 Oct - 01 Nov	Sat - Sun	Provincial Visit: Thoraipakkam, Chennai

