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My Dearest Sisters,

Viva Gesù! Wish you a very happy and grace-filled New Year 2026!

Mission: The Vital Core of Consecrated Life

INTRODUCTION

Mission is the vital core of consecrated life, giving it purpose and direction by embodying Christ's love and the call to evangelise, transforming spirituality, fostering communion, and living as prophetic witnesses to God's plan in the world, preventing inward focus and defining the identity of religious individuals and communities. It's not just an activity but the very essence of their being, rooted in the *Missio Dei* (Mission of God).

The mission defines the consecrated person's identity, integrating them into the Church's mission rather than isolating them from it and providing significance beyond the merely internal practices. It nurtures deep spirituality, encouraging awareness of being sent by God to share His love, and transforming prayer into an outward passion for His people. Mission fosters communion, connecting consecrated persons with God and with others as they share in the Word and experience of Christ. It calls individuals to be "prophets to the nations", serving as visible signs of the Kingdom of God through their vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience and their actions, especially for the poor and marginalised.

1. Unity of Consecration and Mission

The unity of consecration and mission is founded on the theology of creation and incarnation and has its unity in Christ, the Word of God who became man and came to dwell among us (cf. Jn 1:14). Jesus is the first to be consecrated and sent into the world. Those whom Christ calls to follow him are also consecrated and sent into the world to imitate his example and to continue his mission. Accordingly, the consecrated persons are called to follow Christ more closely and to make their whole life a mission. The task of devoting themselves wholly to the mission by the action of the Holy Spirit is at the origin of every vocation and chrism. Consecrated life itself is a mission, as was the whole of Jesus' life (John Paul II, *Vita Consacrata*, no. 72). The mission, or the apostolic action of the consecrated life, occupies the entire space. Total dedication is an essential and permanent aspect that gives meaning to all of one's life (cf. *Perfectae Caritatis* no. 5b, 6c).

A consecrated person receives the grace of unifying mission and consecration. These are not two separate moments of one's life, side by side, without relationship. They are joined in deep reciprocity. A person is consecrated for a mission in the church according to the specific

nature of each institute. As God's gift to the Church and the world, the consecrated life manifests a prophetic witness to the Kingdom and its eschatological dimension. "More than in external works, the mission consists in making Christ present to the world through personal witness. The primary task of consecrated persons is to allow themselves to be conformed to Christ, to become the heralds of the Gospel to the whole world.

Prophet Isaiah rightly states, "Beautiful are the feet of those who announce the good news" (cf. Rm 10:15). The final missionary saying of Jesus in Mk 16:15-16 and Mt 28:16-20 commissions the eleven apostles to preach his good news to the whole world. They represent all of Jesus' disciples, every baptized Christian, and especially the consecrated persons, since they have dedicated their entire lives to the mission of Jesus. As consecrated persons, we are fundamentally missionaries.

As he was consecrated and sent into the world (cf. John 10:36), making his whole life a salvific mission, Jesus selected and consecrated the Twelve and sent them out to carry on his own mission (cf. Mark 16:15-18). The selection of the twelve was not intended only to set them apart to sit at the feet of Jesus. Their consecration had a much deeper purpose: Each of them was to be sent. The consecration of the twelve became a modality to follow Christ more closely and totally.

2. Consecrated Persons Are Basically Missionaries

A missionary heart makes the consecrated individual alert to the "signs of the times", demanding a courageous response to God's will in history, even if it means questioning cultural norms. It prevents consecrated life from becoming self-centred by focusing on Gospel-centred challenges, making every activity missionary. Through various ministries like teaching, healthcare, and social work, consecrated persons are to bring Christ's presence to the world. Even contemplative orders have a mission of prayer, making Christ's presence visible through a life of total dedication. For us, FMA, education is evangelisation, revealing Christ's truth to others.

The Church made it clear that "the consecrated life is at the heart of the Church as a decisive element for her mission, since it manifests the inner nature of the Christian calling" (John Paul II, *Vita Consecrata*, no. 3). Thus, consecrated people are counted among those who give testimony in the Church through their life of witness. In other words, consecrated men and women are at the service of the mission of the Church.

Christ is made present and active in the world for the salvation of all. Thus, it can be said that consecrated persons are on a mission by virtue of their consecration, to which they bear witness in accordance with the charisma of their institute. Article 63 of our Constitution states that our mission is a preferential love for the young people, committing ourselves to becoming for them, at the school of Mary, signs and mediators of the love of Christ the Good Shepherd through the Christian education of the whole person, according to the Preventive System.

Obviously, the Consecration inevitably implies mission; they are two facets of a single reality. The consecrated persons, by virtue of their particular form of consecration, are necessarily and deeply committed to the mission of Christ. Like him, they are called for others and are consecrated wholly to the Father in love; and with the same love of God, they are entirely dedicated to the service of Christ in favour of their brothers and sisters. They

must feel called to work in the world, like the leaven (Matt 13:33). Indeed, the consecrated life is seen in the total picture of the Gospel plan, which encompasses the active participation of carrying forward, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the mission of Jesus, seeking the consistent integration of life and faith within the consecrated persons.

3. Consecrated Persons' Special Gift: Passion for Christ, Passion for Humanity

Pope Benedict XVI, while giving an audience to the Superior Generals in 2011, reminded them, saying, “The mission is the route to being part of the Church and, through it, part of the consecrated life; it is an element of your identity.” The task of devoting to the “mission” is included in the very call of the consecrated persons. A sense of mission is essential to every Institute of Consecrated Life, not only those dedicated to the active apostolic life but also those devoted to the contemplative life (cf. John Paul II, *Vita Consacrata*, 72).

The International Congress of Consecrated Life held in Rome in 2004 also stressed the missionary nature as the core of consecrated life. It brought out this aspect beautifully with the phrase “Passion for Christ, Passion for Humanity”. This term expresses the true missionary sense of consecrated life. The icons of the Samaritan woman who met Jesus at the well’s side (Jn 4) and the Samaritan man (Lk 10:25-37) who helped the wounded person he found on the road remain benchmarks for the life and mission of the consecrated persons. It creates a dynamic harmony between contemplative mercy and committed contemplation.

During the 27th World Day for Consecrated Life (2 February 2023), with the theme “Brothers and Sisters for the Mission”, Pope Francis encouraged the world’s religious men and women to go forward in their “prophetic mission” with the richness of their charisms. In his message, the Pope remarked that among the People of God, sent to bring the Gospel to all men, consecrated persons have “a special role” which derives from the particular gift they have received, of being “entirely dedicated to God and to his Kingdom in poverty, virginity and obedience”. “While in the Church everyone is a mission, every one of the consecrated persons is even more so”, he noted.

4. A Call to Announce the Newness of the Kingdom of God

For consecrated persons, *mission* is not merely apostolic activities. It is much more than that. The mission reaches further than specific apostolic ministries; it articulates different dimensions of the life of consecrated persons. It is a call to announce the newness of the Kingdom of God. Religious people are basically missionaries. The mission is at the centre of the consecrated life and of the identity of each institute. The fundamental mission of the consecrated life is the mission of the Church, the only one that Jesus entrusted to his disciples. It is the mission of the Church, which continues to announce the Gospel of the Kingdom to all people and serve the cause of those to whom it belongs: the poor, the peacemakers, those who work for justice, and those who suffer.

It is the mission that Jesus entrusted to his disciples as recorded in the Gospels through different ‘missionary mandates’: to proclaim the Good News to all people (cf. Mt 28, 18; Mk 16, 15); to be witnesses to the Resurrection (cf. Lk 24, 46-48; Acts 1, 8); to be bearers of peace and reconciliation (cf. Jn 20, 21-23); to cure the sick and help those excluded (cf. Lk 10, 1-9); to be light to the world and salt of the earth (cf. Mt 5, 13-16); to love one another with the love with which Jesus himself loved (cf. Jn 13, 34-35); etc. Luke presents the mission of Jesus, which he himself presented through the words of the book of the prophet

Isaiah: “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me. He has anointed me to bring good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives and new sight to the blind, to free the oppressed and to announce the Lord’s year of mercy” (Lk 4:18-19).

CONCLUSION

Consecrated persons “exist for the mission; indeed, they themselves are the missions.” Only by going out and encountering others fraternally can consecrated persons “show themselves with a prophetic character in a society so profoundly marked by individualism.” The consecrated persons are to keep Christ’s love at the centre of their communities to ensure they always remain open to inviting others into their lives. Only if Christ is at the centre of our fraternities can we overcome the temptation to build communities with walls and with closed doors.

Scripture speaks of the mission that God entrusted to the entire humanity, to care for the Creation and to build a society of fraternity and solidarity, as we discover in the accounts of Creation and the preaching of the Prophets. Finally, let us be clear that the mission of the consecrated persons should be shaped by two realities: the Word of God and the historical reality in which we live. Let us invoke the intercession of the Blessed Virgin so that the life of consecrated persons may always “be a feast of the encounter with Christ” and thus, like her, be able to bring the life and love of God to everyone.

POINTS TO PONDER, SHARE AND LIVE

1. Why is the Mission aspect called the Vital Core of Consecrated Life?
2. What is the Unity of Consecration and Mission?
3. Why are Consecrated Persons Basically Missionaries?
4. How can Passion for Christ and Passion for Humanity become the Consecrated Persons' Special Gifts?
5. How will you announce the newness of the Kingdom of God today?

Holy Father’s Message for The World Day of Peace 2026: *Towards an “Unarmed and Disarming” Peace.* Dear Sisters, As we enter the New Year, I invite you to receive ardently the message of His Holiness Pope Leo XIV for the LIX World Day of Peace, which calls us to embrace the gift of the Peace of the Risen Christ: A peace that is *unarmed and disarming*, humble and persevering. Holy Father reminds us that peace is not merely an ideal to be hoped for but a living presence to be welcomed, protected, and radiated through our choices, relationships and mission. In a world wounded by violence, fear, and division, we are urged to witness prophetically to nonviolence, dialogue, reconciliation and trust, allowing goodness, prayer, and evangelical humility to disarm hearts and structures alike. May this call renew our commitment as consecrated women and educators of peace, to become communities that guard peace within, build it patiently around, and courageously proclaim hope through lives rooted in Christ: Our Peace.

Rector Major’s STRENNA 2026: Inspired by the Gospel scene of the Wedding at Cana (Jn 2:1–11), **Strenna 2026**, the first Strenna offered by the Rector Major, Fr Fabio Attard, SDB, invites us to listen anew to Mary’s simple yet demanding words: “*Do whatever he tells you.*” With the attitude of the servants - open, trusting, and free - we are called to centre our personal and community life on attentive listening to Jesus and faithful obedience to his Word. Rooted in Christ, nourished by prayer and guided by Mary, we are challenged to

read the signs of the times with faith, to overcome indifference and sterile activism, and to serve generously, especially the young and the poor. By filling the jars of our daily life “to the brim,” we become humble instruments through whom the Lord continues to transform the water of our limitations into the new wine of hope, joy, communion, and loving service. As our Mother General recalls in Circular No.1055, the Rector Major urges us to welcome the Strenna as a true spiritual itinerary, offering orientation and guidance for the growth of faith and pastoral experience, both at the personal and community levels; therefore, let us consciously take up this journey together, allowing the Strenna to shape our lives, our communities, and our mission.

UNO Themes: The United Nations has proclaimed 2026 as the **International Year of Volunteers for Sustainable Development (IYV 2026)**, recognising the vital role of volunteers as agents of hope, solidarity and transformation in building a just, peaceful and sustainable world. IYV 2026 highlights how volunteer service strengthens communities, promotes social inclusion, fosters peace, and accelerates the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals by placing people at the heart of development. It is an invitation to value, support and promote a culture of volunteering that is rooted in compassion, shared responsibility and active citizenship, encouraging individuals and communities to serve freely, especially in situations of vulnerability, crisis and social fragmentation.

International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists 2026 highlights the vital role of rangelands and pastoral communities in sustaining ecosystems, biodiversity, food security and livelihoods across the world. It draws attention to the wisdom of pastoralists as custodians of fragile environments and calls for greater recognition, protection and support of their traditional knowledge, cultures and rights. The Year urges governments, institutions and communities to promote sustainable land management, climate resilience and inclusive development, ensuring that pastoralist communities are not marginalised but actively involved in shaping a sustainable future.

International Year of the Woman Farmer 2026 recognises the indispensable contribution of women farmers to agriculture, food systems and rural economies, while also acknowledging the persistent inequalities they face in access to land, resources, education and decision-making. This observance calls for empowering women farmers through equitable policies, capacity-building and technological support, affirming their role as key agents of food security, environmental stewardship and sustainable development. Celebrating women farmers is a step towards justice, dignity and gender equality in agriculture and society at large.

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity, 18-25 Jan. 2026: The **Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity** observed from **18 to 25 January 2026**, invites all Christians to come together in prayer, reflection and conversion of heart, responding to Jesus’ prayer, “that they may all be one” (Jn 17:21). This sacred time calls us to deepen mutual respect, heal divisions, and grow in fraternity through sincere dialogue and shared witness, recognising unity as a gift of the Holy Spirit rather than a human achievement. As we pray with and for one another, we are encouraged to move beyond indifference and prejudice, and to commit ourselves to building communion through love, humility and cooperation, so that our common witness may be credible and life-giving for the world.

Republic Day: Republic Day, celebrated on 26 January, marks the historic day in **1950** when the Constitution of India came into force, establishing the nation as a sovereign democratic republic. **Republic Day 2026 commemorates the 77th anniversary** of this momentous occasion. It invites us to remember with gratitude the vision and sacrifices of the Constitution's architects and freedom fighters, and to renew our commitment to the constitutional values of justice, liberty, equality and fraternity. As educators, we are called to form young minds and hearts in these values by nurturing responsible citizenship, respect for diversity, love for the nation and a deep sense of social responsibility, enabling our young people to become agents of peace, integrity and positive transformation in society.

CELEBRATIONS OF THE MONTH

01 Thu	-	Mary, Mother of God
03 Sat	-	Holy Name of Jesus
04 Sun	-	The Epiphany of the Lord
05 Mon	-	Bl. Titus Zeman SDB
11 Sun	-	Baptism of the Lord
14 Wed	-	St Devasahayam, Martyr
15 Thu	-	Bl. Luigi Variara SDB
16 Fri	-	St Joseph Vaz
18 -25	-	Unity Octave
22 Thu	-	Bl. Laura Vicuna
24 Sat	-	St Francis De Sales
25 Sun	-	Conversion of St Paul
26 Mon	-	Republic Day
31 Sat	-	St John Bosco

ALL IN THE FAMILY

Educating Community Meet: On 10 January 2026, the Educating Community Meet will be joyfully convened at St Mary's, Vellore, and in Kingsford, Chennai, with the full participation of all the members of our educating community, FMAs, together with the laity. Each sector will be represented, ensuring a rich diversity of voices, perspectives, and experiences in our shared mission. Together, we will engage in prayerful reflection, open dialogue, and collaborative discernment for the holistic growth of our young people. This gathering will foster meaningful sharing, collective planning, and strengthened communion among educators, parents, and students. This encounter will be an opportunity to weave a network of relationships rooted in care, collaboration, and the shared mission of nurturing hope and excellence in our young people.

Silver Jubilee of Deepam, Jawadhi Hills: With hearts filled with gratitude to God, we joyfully celebrate the Silver Jubilee of the mission of the Salesian Sisters at Deepam Community, Jamunamarathur, Jawadhi Hills, marking the 25 years of committed presence and service. The solemn Thanksgiving Holy Eucharist will be celebrated on 12 January 2026

and will be presided over by Most Rev. Dr Ambrose Pitchaimuthu, D.D., Bishop of Vellore. This significant milestone invites us to thank God for His abundant blessings, to remember with appreciation the dedicated service of the Sisters who have served in this mission, and to acknowledge the support of the local Church and all the collaborators. All the Sisters are warmly invited to participate prayerfully in these Jubilee celebrations, joining the Deepam Community in praising the Lord, strengthening our communion, and renewing our missionary commitment to live and carry forward the Salesian charism with joy, fidelity and hope.

Provincial Community Day 2026: As we joyfully approach the Province Community Day to be celebrated on 24 January 2026 at Auxilium College, Katpadi, I invite each one of you to prepare your hearts for this grace-filled moment of communion, gratitude, and renewal. Inspired by the life and spirituality of St Maria Troncatti, we journey together on the theme “*Centred in God’s Love, Build Peace, and Radiate Joy*,” allowing her witnessing life to guide us towards deeper faith, compassionate service, reconciliation, and courageous Gospel living. The month-long preparation we began on 24 December 2025 invites every community to unite in prayer, adoration, and concrete spiritual practices, expressing our gratitude through creative spiritual bouquets. May this pilgrimage of preparation renew the joy of our vocation, strengthen our community bonds, and transform our Province into a living sign of God’s mercy and love, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit and the maternal care of Mary Help of Christians.

Meeting for the Provincial Councillors, Superiors and Team Members: On 25 January 2026, we will gather for the Meeting of Provincial Councillors, Superiors, and Team Members to dedicate time to comprehensive planning for 2026–2027. This session will take into careful consideration the Peace Message of His Holiness, the Strenna of the Rector Major, and the UNO themes, integrating them thoughtfully into the Apostolic Planning to strengthen and enrich the unified pastoral journey of the Province. Together with the Educating Community, we aim to discern priorities, set clear objectives, and foster collaborative initiatives that will animate our mission and charism in the coming year. This meeting will also provide a space for reflection, sharing of insights, and deepening of our common vision, ensuring that all pastoral and educational efforts are coherent, effective, and oriented toward the holistic growth of the communities we serve.

CONGRATULATIONS

On the joyful occasion of the installation of the 6th Provincial of the Salesian Province of Our Lady of Velankanni, Tiruchy, on 3 January 2026, we extend our heartfelt congratulations and good wishes to the SDB INT Province. We thank God for the dedicated service of **Fr Agilan Sarprasadam, SDB**. We prayerfully invoke God’s abundant blessings upon **Fr Doss Kennedy, SDB**, as he assumes his new responsibility. We assure him of our sisterly closeness and constant prayerful support as he begins this new ministry. Entrusting this new leadership to Mary Help of Christians, we pray that the Lord may grant him wisdom, strength and pastoral zeal. May the Province continue to grow in unity, hope and fidelity to the Salesian charism.

NOTE OF THANKS

- ❖ I extend my heartfelt appreciation to Sr Anthony Raj Christina, Sr Alexander Amali, and to all the Superiors, Economers and Headmistresses for their generous cooperation and effective facilitation of this relief mission for those affected by the floods in Sri Lanka and in Chennai. I sincerely thank Sr Susai Josephine Rani for coordinating the online meeting of the Superiors, Headmistresses and Economers on 2 December 2025 in response to the flood relief mission.
- ❖ My sincere appreciation to Sr Alexander Lilly Rose for organizing the Principals Meeting on 5 December 2025 at Columbuthurai, Sri Lanka.
- ❖ A note of thanks to Sr Antony Raj Josephine, the Superior, and the community of Auxilium College, Gandhi Nagar, for hosting the Provincial Council Meeting on 9 and 10 December 2025.
- ❖ With heartfelt gratitude, we thank Sr Chinnappan Gracy Fatima and the community of Sacred Heart Home, Katpadi, for creating a deeply prayerful atmosphere for the 57 Sisters who participated in the Annual Retreat I, from 26 December 2025 to 2 January 2026. I thank Sr Alphonse J. Isabella, Sr Mahimainadhan Sathiyavani and Sr Joseph Victoria Mary for animating the Retreatants on Child Protection and safeguarding Measures.
- ❖ Sincere thanks to Sr Samala Elisa and the community of Mary Immaculate Convent, Tirupattur, for hosting the House Staff retreat on 27 and 28 December 2025.

COURSES AND SEMINARS

The Renewal Programme for FMA Jubilarians will be held from 9 to 16 January 2026 at SPCSA House, Dwarka, New Delhi, bringing together the Sisters of the 2001 and 2002 Jubilee batches for a meaningful time of prayer, reflection and renewal. The participants from the 2001 batch are Sr Alexander Lilly Rose, Sr Arokiadass Brijit Nirmala, Sr Asirvatham Anthoni Amali, Sr Johnson Irine Towle, Sr Mahimai Dass Jaya Sunitha, Sr Maria Louis Isabel Sirumalar, Sr Paul M. Mary, Sr Rajendran Thimena Celine, Sr Savarimuthu Mary Emelda, Sr Wilson Anitha Arockiam, Sr Kasu Sleeva Showrilu (INK) and Sr Ekka Basanti (INC); and from the 2002 batch, Sr Switha Dominic, Sr Silviya Salas, Sr Irene Novila Rani Savariappan, Sr Leema Joseph and Sr Pauline Mary Antony. The participants will begin their journey from Chennai on 9 January 2026 and return on 17 January 2026, making this programme an enriching opportunity to deepen their vocation, strengthen fraternal bonds and renew their missionary zeal.

HEARTFELT SYMPATHIES

Our loving prayers and condolences to all those who lost their dear ones in December 2025.

- To Sr Lourdusamy Ugini Fatima, at the demise of her brother-in-law, Mr Joseph Arul (75), in Quebec City, Canada, on 4 December 2025.
- To Sr Augustine Sagayarani at the demise of her niece Fadora Mary (4), in Dharmapuri, Valan Nagar, on 5 December 2025.

- To Sr Pathinathan Gloria Rani at the demise of her uncle Mr Selvanayagam (94) at Martelli, Karnataka, 8 December 2025.
- To Sr Pyngrope Rosa, Provincial of INS and all the Sisters of the Province at the demise of Sr Christina Kharkongor (76) at Sacred Heart Convent, Mawlai, Shillong, on 10 December 2025.
- To Sr Sahaseelan Kajana at the demise of her maternal uncle, Mr Rajanayagam (73), in Sri Lanka, on 12 December 2025.
- To Sr Mabel Gothorp, Provincial of ING and all the Sisters of the Province at the demise of Sr Puthempurakel Bridget (83) at Auxilium Provincial House, Christian Basti, Guwahati, on 14 December 2025.
- To Fr Don Bosco Lourdusamy, Provincial of INM and all the Confreres of the Province, at the demise of Fr Arokiasamy Augustine (56), at Don Bosco, Jawadhi Hills, on 17 December 2025.
- To Sr Michael Teresa Rani at the passing away of her sister in law Mrs Amala Rani (64), at Vandavasi on 24 December 2025.
- To Sr Pathi Margaret at the demise of her paternal uncle Mr C Anthony Samy (98), at Kattupadi, on 29 December 2025.
- To Sr Pathi Margaret at the demise of her maternal uncle's daughter Sr Jebamalai Mary, FSJ (76), at Quasqui Residence, on 30 December 2025.
- To Fr Joseph Pauria SDB, the Provincial of INC - Kolkata and the Confreres of the Province, at the passing away of Br Policarp Ekka SDB (81), in Howrah, on 30 December 2025.
- To Sr Jeyashanthi Anandaraj at the demise of Mrs Savariammal (83), the Aunt and the elder sister of Sr Savarimuthu Lucy, in Amminjakarai, Chennai, on 31 December 2025.

LIVING IN OUR MEMORY

- 03 † Sr Rita Thomas (2013)
- 05 † Sr Giuseppina Efisia Festa (1987)
- 07 † Sr Marie Ranner (2002)
- 08 † Sr Clotilde Appiano (1968)
- 14 † Sr Teresa Villa (1989)
- 15 † Sr Josephine Pereira (2021)
- 17 † Sr Annie Kottaram (2023)
- 18 † Sr Walentyna Czernick (2009)
- 19 † Sr Sagayaselvi Periyannayagam (2024)
- 24 † Sr Caterina Mania (1983), Sr Rosary Muthusamy (2018)

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

January 2026

02.01.2026	Fri	Animation for Retreatants, Sacred Heart Home, Katpadi
03.01.2026	Sat	Provincial Team Meet, Auxilium Home, Katpadi
		Provincial Visit: Auxilium Care Home
		Orientation Programme for Teachers, Columbuthurai, SL

04.01.2026	Sun	Provincial Council, Auxilium Home, Katpadi
to	to	
05.01.2026	Mon	
06.01.2026	Wed	Provincial Visit: Kodambakkam
to	to	
09.01.2026	Thu	
10.01.2026	Sat	Traditional Food Day, Children, Youth and Women, HRDC/ Thiruvallur/ Supplementary Centres Educating Community Meet, Kingsford/ St Mary's, Vellore
11.01.2026	Sun	Provincial Visit: Mazzarello Home, TPT
to	to	
13.01.2026	Tue	
12.01.2026	Mon	National Youth Day: Rise and Shine, Youth, HRDC Silver Jubilee of Jawadhi Hills House
18.01.2026	Sun	VIDES General Body Meeting, Polur
20.01.2026	Tue	Submission of House Accounts, Kodambakkam
to	to	
21.01.2026	Wed	
21.01.2026	Wed	Provincial Visit: Nandambakkam
to	to	
22.01.2026	Thu	
24.01.2026	Sat	Province Community Day, ACK
25.01.2026	Sun	Team Meeting: Provincial Councillors & Superiors, ACK
27.01.2026	Tue	Provincial Visit: Vyasarpadi
to	to	Submission of House Accounts SL, Economers, Omanthai, SL
28.01.2026	Wed	
31.01.2026	Sat	Tri-Monthly Recollection and Animation for Juniors, Kodambakkam
to	to	
01.02.2026	Sun	
31.01.2026	Sat	Feast of St John Bosco, Renewal of the Promised SC, Both Zone SC

February 2026

01.02.2026	Sun	VIDES General Body Meet, Local Coordinators and Members, Auxilium Home, Katpadi.
04.02.2026	Wed	Tri-Monthly Animation for Junior Sisters, Negombo, SL
05.02.2026	Thu	Tri-Monthly Recollection, Sisters, Negombo, SL
06.02.2026	Fri	Workshop for writing Reports & Articles, Sisters, Negombo, SL

On 4 January 2026, we celebrate the Solemnity of **the Epiphany of the Lord**, rejoicing in Christ revealed as the Light of all nations. Guided by the star, the Magi teach us a faith that seeks, journeys, and offers its treasures in humble adoration. This feast invites our communities to openness of heart and a renewed missionary zeal. It calls us to recognize God's presence beyond boundaries and familiar paths. May the Epiphany strengthen us to walk together, radiating Christ's light to the young and to the world.

11 January 2026, we celebrate the **Baptism of the Lord**. The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord marks the beginning of Jesus' public mission and reveals Him as the Beloved Son of the Father. Through His baptism, we are reminded of our own baptismal dignity and call to discipleship. This celebration invites us to renew our commitment to live as God's children. May our lives bear witness to faith, service, and fidelity to the Gospel.

14 January 2026, we joyously celebrate the feast of St Devasahayam, Martyr. St Devasahayam, a saint from Tamil Nadu, stands as a luminous witness of faith rooted in our own soil. His martyrdom reflects unwavering fidelity to Christ amid suffering and persecution. He inspires us to live the Gospel with courage, conviction, and integrity. May his life and intercession strengthen us to remain steadfast in faith and truth.

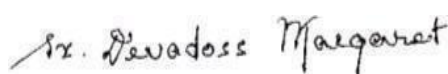
The Feast of Bl. Laura Vicuña is celebrated on **22 January 2026**. This feast invites us to remember her life of purity, courage and heroic love. As a young girl formed in the Salesian spirit, Laura offered her life to God for the conversion of her mother, becoming a shining model of faith and self-giving. Her witness inspires us to choose what is right with inner strength and trust in God. On this feast, we are called to nurture values of integrity, sacrifice and fidelity in our own lives. May Bl. Laura Vicuña intercede for our young people and families, leading them closer to Christ.

January 24 marks the Feast of St Francis de Sales, a gentle pastor and doctor of the Church, renowned for his wisdom, kindness and deep spirituality. He taught that holiness lived with simplicity and love in everyday life is possible for all. As the patron of writers, journalists and the Salesian Family he inspires us to communicate truth with charity and patience. His motto, “Nothing by force, everything by love,” continues to guide our pastoral and educational mission. May his example help us grow in humility, gentleness and faithful service.

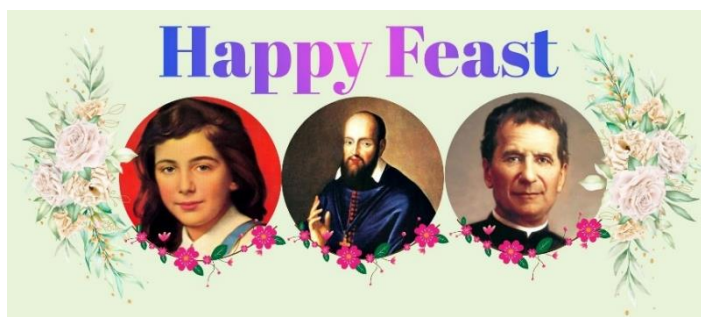
On 31 January 2026, we joyfully celebrate the feast of our beloved Father and Founder, St John Bosco, a tireless apostle of the young and the poor. His life of faith, joy and total trust in Divine Providence continues to inspire the Salesian Family across the world. Through his Preventive System of reason, religion and loving-kindness, Don Bosco shows us the path of holiness in daily life. This feast invites us to renew our commitment to the mission entrusted to us, especially among the young people. May St John Bosco intercede for us and help us live his charism with renewed zeal and joy.

***I wish each one of you a very happy Feast of the Epiphany,
Bl. Laura Vicuña, St Francis De Sales and St John Bosco!***

Yours affectionately,



**Sr Devadoss Margaret FMA
INM Provincial**



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JANUARY 2026

02	Fri	Animation for the Retreatants, Sacred Heart Home, Katpadi
03	Sat	Provincial Team Meet, Auxilium Home, Katpadi
03	Sat	Provincial Visit - Auxilium Care Home, Katpadi
04-05	Sun - Mon	Provincial Council, Auxilium Home, Katpadi
06-09	Tue - Fri	Provincial Visit - Kodambakkam
10	Sat	Journey to Tirupattur
11-13	Sun - Tue	Provincial Visit - Mazzarello Home, Tirupattur
12	Mon	Silver Jubilee of Deepam, Jawadhi Hills
14-18	Wed - Sun	Personal Work
19-20	Mon- Tue	Provincial Office, Kodambakkam
21-22	Wed-Thu	Provincial Visit - Nandambakkam
23	Fri	Provincial Office, Kodambakkam
24	Sat	Provincial Community Day, ACK
25	Sun	Provincial Councillors, Superiors and Team Meeting, ACK
26	Mon	Provincial Office, Kodambakkam
27-28	Tue - Wed	Provincial Visit - Vyasarpadi
29-30	Thu - Fri	Provincial Office, Kodambakkam
31-01	Sat - Sun	Tri-Monthly Recollection and Animation for Juniors, Kodambakkam
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02 - 04	Mon - Wed	Provincial Office, Kodambakkam

