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*Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those whom He favors”
(Lk2:14).*

My dear loving sisters and formees,

As the Word made Flesh dwells among us this Christmas, I greet you my dear Sisters with the peace and joy of this sacred mystery, holding each of you close in love and prayer before the manger of the Lord.

At this Christmas, let us deeply enter into an experience of the Compassionate Love of the Father. St. John in his first letter chapter 3:1 says, “*See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God*”. The Father’s love is a love that chooses to enter into history, to share our fragility, and to dwell among us. In the Babe of Bethlehem, we have a God whose compassion embraces the poor, the wounded, and the forgotten. In keeping with the theme of the FCC year for the marginalized, the child of Bethlehem reminds us our vocation to personify the compassion of the Abba.

At the heart of the mystery of Incarnation is the self-emptying of Jesus, who “*though He was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped, but emptied Himself*” (Phil 2:6–7). The manger proclaims a love, that renounces power and chooses humility. As St. Teresa of Calcutta said, “*Love, to be real, must cost, it must hurt, it must empty us.*” May the poverty of the crib invite us to live our consecration with simplicity, availability, and joyful surrender, allowing Christ to be born again through our self-giving love.

The saving plan unfolds through the gentle and faithful presence of the Holy Spirit. “*The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you*” (Lk 1:35). The Spirit is the silent architect of the Incarnation, working in hidden ways, transforming fear into courage and uncertainty into hope. In the words of Pope Leo XIV, “*The Spirit of God does not shout over our lives; He whispers, waiting for hearts willing to listen and be led.*” Let us remain attentive to the Spirit’s promptings, with grace and courage waiting to encounter him in the trials and challenges of our mission.

Virgin Mary, by her obedient faith, teaches us the beauty of a total “yes” to God. “*Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word*” (Lk 1:38). Mary’s obedience was courageous and trusting. Although she did not understand the whole thing, she trusted, she obeyed. As St. Augustine reminds us, “*Mary conceived*



Christ in her heart before she conceived Him in her womb.” May her example inspire us to live our vows with freedom and joy, allowing God’s Word to take flesh in our daily lives.

Beside Mary stands St. Joseph, the man of quiet faith and steadfast courage. *“Joseph did as the angel of the Lord commanded him”* (Mt 1:24). He expressed his faith in action, responsibility, and perseverance in spite of all the uncertainties of owning up the fatherhood and flight to an unknown land. Pope Francis beautifully describes Joseph as *“the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence, yet an incomparable role in the history of salvation.”* Joseph inspires and strengthens us to remain faithful in the ordinary, to trust God’s guidance, and to serve with integrity even when our efforts remain unseen.

Jesus was born when compassionate love, selflessness, faith, and obedience were overshadowed by the power of the Most High, the Holy Spirit. The mystery of incarnation repeats in our lives when we allow these virtues to find a home in us. Dear Sisters, Christmas reminds us that the mystery we celebrate is also the mission we live. As Pope Leo XIV says, *“The Church becomes credible when Christ is made visible again in lives that reflect humility, mercy, and hope.”* Our world longs for meaning, healing, and light. Through our consecrated lives, our communities thriving in fraternal love, and our selfless ministries, we are called to be the incarnate presence of Jesus, telling the world that God is with us.

May our communities become living Bethlehems where love is nurtured, forgiveness is practiced, and hope is renewed. May our hearts be humble manglers where Christ finds welcome, and may our lives proclaim with joy that God continues to dwell among His people.

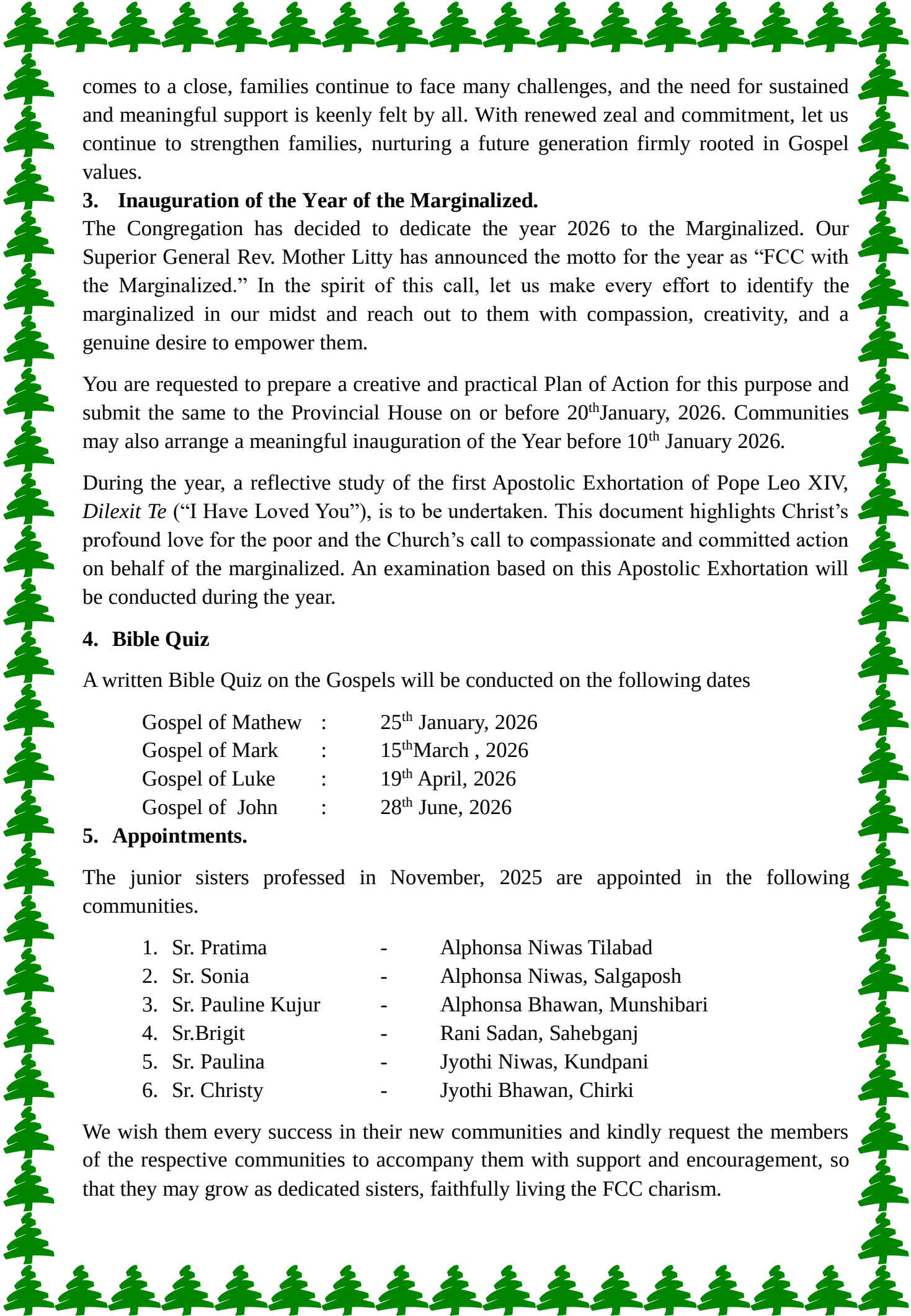
Information

1. Provincial Plenary Assembly

The Provincial Plenary Assembly will be held from the evening of 21st June 2026 until the morning of 25th June 2026. The members of the Plenary Assembly include the Plenary Council members, Local Superiors, Heads of Institutions, and Special Invitees. In preparation for this important Assembly, the Provincial Council members will visit your communities to facilitate the evaluation of the Action Plan, following the method and spirit of the Synodal journey. The dates for these visits will be communicated to you in due course by the respective Councillor concerned.

2. Conclusion of Family year

We conclude the Year of the Family with a week-long programme. I sincerely congratulate you for the many initiatives undertaken and for the generous service you have rendered in accompanying families throughout the year. While the Family Year



comes to a close, families continue to face many challenges, and the need for sustained and meaningful support is keenly felt by all. With renewed zeal and commitment, let us continue to strengthen families, nurturing a future generation firmly rooted in Gospel values.

3. Inauguration of the Year of the Marginalized.

The Congregation has decided to dedicate the year 2026 to the Marginalized. Our Superior General Rev. Mother Litty has announced the motto for the year as “FCC with the Marginalized.” In the spirit of this call, let us make every effort to identify the marginalized in our midst and reach out to them with compassion, creativity, and a genuine desire to empower them.

You are requested to prepare a creative and practical Plan of Action for this purpose and submit the same to the Provincial House on or before 20th January, 2026. Communities may also arrange a meaningful inauguration of the Year before 10th January 2026.

During the year, a reflective study of the first Apostolic Exhortation of Pope Leo XIV, *Dilexit Te* (“I Have Loved You”), is to be undertaken. This document highlights Christ’s profound love for the poor and the Church’s call to compassionate and committed action on behalf of the marginalized. An examination based on this Apostolic Exhortation will be conducted during the year.

4. Bible Quiz

A written Bible Quiz on the Gospels will be conducted on the following dates

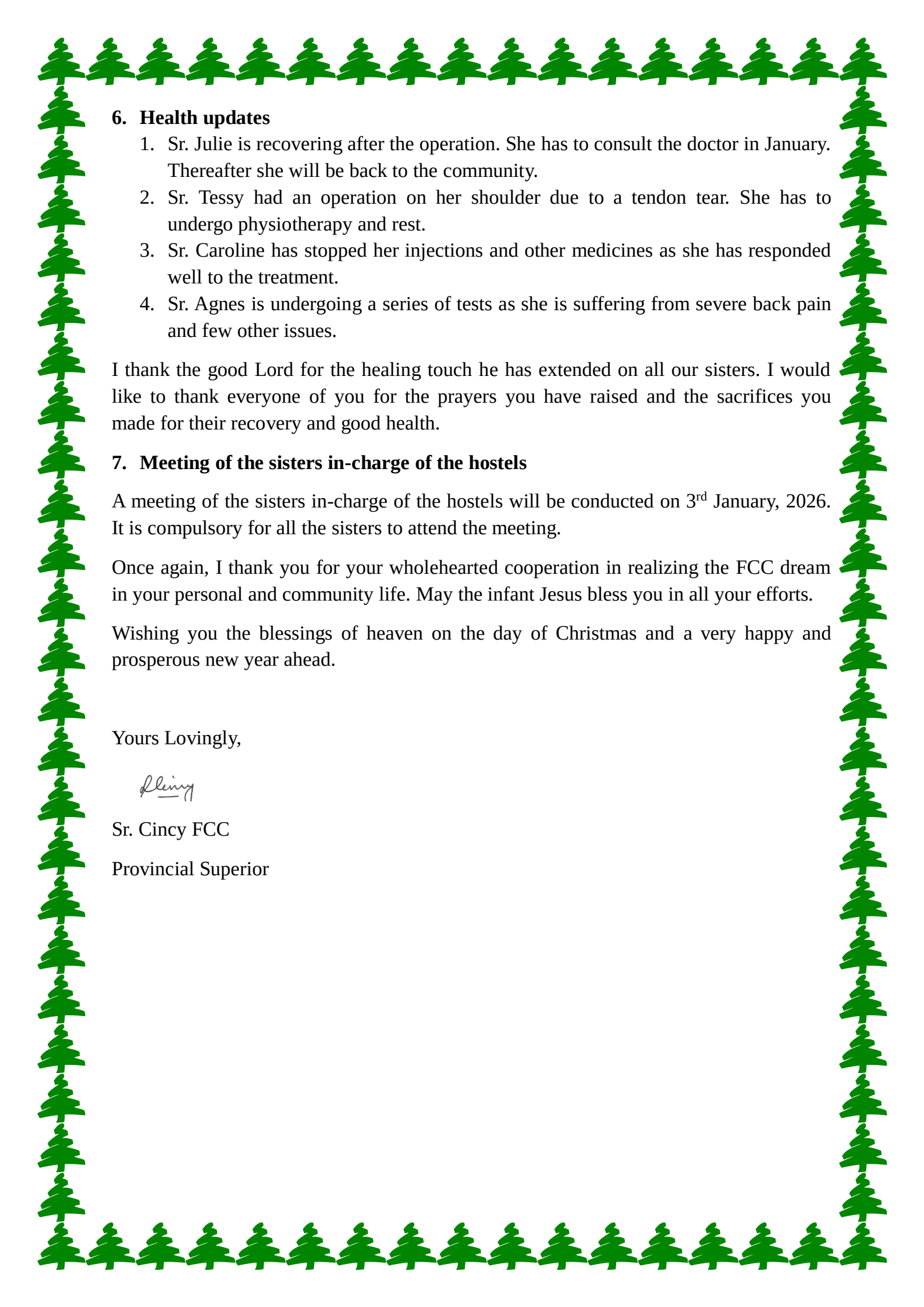
Gospel of Mathew	:	25 th January, 2026
Gospel of Mark	:	15 th March, 2026
Gospel of Luke	:	19 th April, 2026
Gospel of John	:	28 th June, 2026

5. Appointments.

The junior sisters professed in November, 2025 are appointed in the following communities.

1. Sr. Pratima	-	Alphonsa Niwas Tilabad
2. Sr. Sonia	-	Alphonsa Niwas, Salgaposh
3. Sr. Pauline Kujur	-	Alphonsa Bhawan, Munshibari
4. Sr. Brigit	-	Rani Sadan, Sahebganj
5. Sr. Paulina	-	Jyothi Niwas, Kundpani
6. Sr. Christy	-	Jyothi Bhawan, Chirki

We wish them every success in their new communities and kindly request the members of the respective communities to accompany them with support and encouragement, so that they may grow as dedicated sisters, faithfully living the FCC charism.



6. Health updates

1. Sr. Julie is recovering after the operation. She has to consult the doctor in January. Thereafter she will be back to the community.
2. Sr. Tessy had an operation on her shoulder due to a tendon tear. She has to undergo physiotherapy and rest.
3. Sr. Caroline has stopped her injections and other medicines as she has responded well to the treatment.
4. Sr. Agnes is undergoing a series of tests as she is suffering from severe back pain and few other issues.

I thank the good Lord for the healing touch he has extended on all our sisters. I would like to thank everyone of you for the prayers you have raised and the sacrifices you made for their recovery and good health.

7. Meeting of the sisters in-charge of the hostels

A meeting of the sisters in-charge of the hostels will be conducted on 3rd January, 2026. It is compulsory for all the sisters to attend the meeting.

Once again, I thank you for your wholehearted cooperation in realizing the FCC dream in your personal and community life. May the infant Jesus bless you in all your efforts.

Wishing you the blessings of heaven on the day of Christmas and a very happy and prosperous new year ahead.

Yours Lovingly,



Sr. Cincy FCC

Provincial Superior

