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My dear loving sisters and formees,

Warm Feastday greetings to each one of you as we joyfully celebrate our Province Day on 8th September, the feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, our beloved Patroness.

This blessed occasion invites us to come together as one Province, giving thanks to God for His abundant blessings, His loving guidance, and His faithfulness throughout our journey. As we celebrate under the maternal care of our beloved Mother Mary, our Patroness, may we renew our commitment to live our Franciscan vocation with greater joy, simplicity, humility, and love.

Mary's life reminds us of the beauty of a wholehearted "Yes" to God. Her openness to God's will, her deep faith, and her loving service inspire us to respond generously to the needs of the Church, our communities, and the people entrusted to our care.

Before she became the Mother of Jesus, she was the woman who trusted God's word. Before she understood the whole mystery, she surrendered herself to it. Before she could see the fruit of God's promise, she believed in the One who had made the promise. Her faith was not founded on certainty about the future but on a deep confidence in the faithfulness of God.

The Gospel gives us a glimpse into the depth of this faith at the Annunciation. When the angel announced to Mary something that surpassed every human expectation and understanding, she did not receive an explanation for everything that would follow. She received an invitation to trust. Her response, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word" (*Luke 1:38*), is one of the most profound expressions of faith in all of Scripture. Mary does not say, "I understand everything," nor does she ask for a complete map of the road ahead. She simply entrusts herself to God's Word. Her *fiat* is therefore much more than a moment of obedience; it is the expression of a heart that has learned to believe that God is trustworthy even when His ways remain mysterious.

At some point in our lives, each of us heard the Lord calling us to belong to Him in a particular way, and we too responded with our own *fiat*. We entered religious life without knowing every joy and every sorrow that would form part of our journey. We did not know every community to which we would be sent, every person whom we would be called to serve, every responsibility we would receive, every disappointment we would experience or every sacrifice that would be asked of us. Yet, like Mary, we stepped forward because we trusted the One who called us. Faith made us courageous enough to begin, and faith must continue to make us faithful enough to persevere.

On this special day, let us thank God for the blessings and graces received as a Province and entrust our Province and every Sister to our loving Mother and Patroness.

May this Province Day be a joyful celebration of faith, fraternity, gratitude, and mission. May Mary, our Mother and Patroness, accompany us always and teach us to treasure God's Word, serve with love, and remain faithful to our Franciscan calling.

May the Lord bless our Province abundantly, and may Mary, our beloved Patroness, intercede for each one of us and for our entire Congregation

1. Renovation and Blessing of Chirki Convent.

I am happy to share that our convent at Chirki has been renovated and was blessed by the Parish Priest, Rev. Fr. Johny, on 25 August 2026. The old dispensary block has been renovated and converted into a convent, along with a new entrance gate.

2. Education Seminar

A seminar for the sisters engaged in the ministry of education was held on the 28th and 29th of September, 2026. Rev. Fr. Ranjit Marandi S.J. was the resource person for one day. 41 sisters attended the programme. Special thanks to Sr. Suma, the education councillor for her committed efforts in making the programme a success.

3. Germaines gathering

I am very grateful to Sr. Jyoti Soren, the coordinator of Germaines group for making their gathering a memorable event. It was held on the 29th and 30th of September. Rev. Fr. Francis Marian S. J. was the resource person for a day. 30 members were present for the gathering.

4. Annual Retreat

The Annual Retreat for the Sisters will commence on the evening of 13 September 2026 and conclude on the morning of 19 September 2026. All the Sisters are kindly requested to arrive at the Provincial House by 4:00 p.m. on 13 September 2026. I wish all the retreatants a fruitful time with Lord.

5. Eighth centenary Jubilee Celebration

As a Province, we will celebrate the Eighth Centenary of the Transitus (death) of our Seraphic Father, St. Francis on 19th and 20th September, joining it with our Province Day. This Jubilee invites us to remember with thanksgiving the life, witness, and legacy of St. Francis, whose deep love for Christ, the Church, creation, and the poor continues to inspire us today. It will be a beautiful opportunity to come together as one Franciscan family, to deepen our communion, renew our Franciscan identity, celebrate our journey as a Province, and give thanks for the blessings and graces we have received. Let us come together in joy and gratitude to celebrate the gift of St. Francis, our Franciscan vocation, and the life of our Province. May this Jubilee renew in each of us the desire to live the Gospel with simplicity, humility, fraternity, and love. Let us make these celebrations a truly memorable and grace-filled experience for our entire Province by making the maximum participation possible. you are expected to arrive by 4:00 p.m. on the 19th. The programme will conclude with the Eucharistic Celebration at 11:00 a.m. on the 20th.

6. Entrance of Candidates into Prepostulancy phase -I

Eleven of our candidates will enter Pre-Postulancy Phase I on 17th September, 2026. We kindly request your prayers for them as they begin this new journey of discernment and formation. Sr. Alice will continue to accompany them as their Mistress.

7. Pastoral experience of our second year novices .

As part of their exposure programme, five of our novices are having their pastoral experience at Purnapani accompanied by Sr. Jancy and the sisters of the Purnapani community. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Rev. Fr. Vijay and Srs. Vinaya, Reshmi and jyoti Minj for their wholehearted cooperation, guidance and support given to the novices.

Once again I wish each one of you my dear loving sisters a very Happy Province Day and the blessings of our beloved Mother Mary.

Yours lovingly in Jesus,



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