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“They urged him, saying, ‘Stay with us, for it is getting late and the day is now far spent.’ He went up to stay with them” (Lk 24/29).



Beloved Provincial Superiors, Regional Superiors, Local Superiors, Dear Mothers, Sisters, and Loving Children in formation,

Wish you all the peace and happiness of Jesus! I believe and hope that you are all well and happy. This is a time when we journey into the depths of God’s love and the fullness of fraternity with the spirit of penance in this Season of Lent. If, we can touch the depths of Jesus’ sacred love, and receive the grace to understand little more the meaning and depth of His open heart that gave everything for love, we will be able to lead a great many people to that love. For this, like Veronica, we have been trying to walk with Him on the way of the cross, and to absorb all His pain. Praying that may all of us be able to enjoy the glory of the resurrection with the Lord with whom we walked during the fifty days of Lent, I wish you all the greetings of the feast of Resurrection!!

Let us go out into the surroundings, filling our bodies, minds, and souls with the light and hope of the resurrection. We are surrounded by a world that invites darkness, thinking that it is light. Lives sold to drugs for temporary pleasures, broken families with no one to mend or care, families exist only as systems without relationships, children orphaned in the midst of insecurity, youth gripped by violence, indifferent faithful with no sense of responsibility and obligation. At this juncture, let us consciously invite the Risen Lord, “Stay with us, it is getting late.”

Dear sisters, there is not even a single moment to waste. Let us quickly go to families, holding the hands of Risen Jesus, the Eternal Light. Let us ask the Risen One, the King of Peace, to stay there. Let us seek out the young man and woman before they commit suicide and bring them to that Heart of Jesus. Let us hold the teenagers close to us, before they are lost.

Let us run like the women who ran to the tomb of Jesus while it was still dark on the first day of the week. They ran to anoint the body of Jesus while it was still dark. But there

they found the living Jesus. Pope Francis described them as “symbols of the Church in move”. The women, who could have been safe behind closed doors for fear of the Jews, ran to the tomb after the Sabbath hours, were given the right and privilege of being the first witness of the Risen Lord. Let us also leave the four walls of security and rush out. The One who is yet to rise in the hearts of many of our brothers and sisters awaits our arrival. Many of us will have grateful memories of the souls whom God saved through our personal intervention. Dear sisters, Jesus still longs to intervene through you in this way. Let us prepare ourselves prayerfully and respond to him in a dynamic and gentle way. As Paul, the Apostle exhorts, let us prepare ourselves to fight against the powers of darkness in this world, by fastening the belt of truth around our waist, putting on the breastplate of righteousness, putting on as shoes for your feet whatever will make you ready to proclaim the Gospel of peace, taking the shield of faith, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. During this jubilee year, I wish and pray that many may be able to join with us in our pilgrimage of hope.

I believe that all of you have already made the dream of FCC, a topic of meditation and began to form many more visions and dreams in order to be realized and fulfilled it in its fullness. Our FCC dream compels us to open our eyes to the realities in the world that are pointed out above, and work diligently for the salvation of souls and the glory of God. Let us discern the signs of the times, rise up, and help others to wake up soon.

Here in Portiuncula, our 93 junior sisters (Kerala - 49, Mission - 41, Kenya - 3) are preparing for their Perpetual Profession. On 13 April, they are entering into 40 days contemplative retreat. Through their Final Profession, they will offer their entire lives to God Almighty on 26 May, during the Eucharistic Celebration at 10.00 am officiated by our Curia Bishop Mar Sebastian Vaniyapurakkal, at Portiuncula, Generalate. Let us pray for them so that they may be strengthened to remain faithful to their covenant with God, and to become spiritual mothers who lead many souls to Jesus.

Month of May is specially dedicated to Blessed Mother Mary. Let us dedicate the Church and our FCC family to her special intercession and protection. Through our ardent recitation of rosaries and other devotional and sacrificial deeds let us wipe away the tears shed by our Bl. Mother for the souls who are in the deep pit of sin.

1st of May is the feast of Saint Joseph, the patron saint of the workers. I extend my greetings and prayerful wishes to our young senior sisters of St. Joseph Group who are celebrating their patron’s day. Through the intercession of Saint Joseph, I pray for each of you that the presence of our Saviour within us, and in all our brethren may be empowered through our hard works and efforts of day to day life.

It is a time when new superiors assume the leadership in our houses, and new communities are formed. Prayerful Greetings to each of the Local Superiors who have has

been chosen to lead and animate our communities! Humbly trust in God to exercise ministries filled with God's blessings. Believe firmly that our Lord will give us the grace to carry out the ministries entrusted by Him. May you be able to make decisions by seeking God's will through prayer, and seeking advices from the co-ministers you have been given by the Lord. May the good Lord bless you in all your efforts towards the spiritual and mental upliftment of the sisters, and for strengthening their witnessing lives in the apostolate.

I want to convey this message to every sister who has been entrusted with other responsibilities (Principals, Headmistress, Supervisors, Wardens, etc.). "Fear not, for I am with you. Do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you. I will uphold you with my victorious right hand" (Is. 41:10).

May the grace of this Word of God be with all the new leaders. May all the newly formed communities become places where God's new love is experienced and shared.

The entire FCC remembers with great gratitude all our dear sisters who have rendered selfless services in Portiuncula and in all our common houses under Generalate during the last 3 years. Sr. Alice (HZB) and Sr. Maria Francy (NDA) as the superiors of Shanti Dham, Indore and Alphonsa Bhavan, Bangalore respectively and the community members, you really deserve the gratitude for the self - sacrificing services and energy that you spent for the wellbeing of the communities and for FCC family. May God reward you for the good will you have shown in building up the future FCC by devoting your health, talents and time to the cause of our FCC family.

A warm welcome and prayerful greetings to all our dear sisters who generously accepted the call to take up various responsibilities in communities under Generalate, especially Sr. Linsa Paul (DLH) and Sr. Lilly Maria (IJK) on their appointments as the **Local Superiors of Shanti Dham, Indore and Alphonsa Bhavan, Bangalore**, respectively.

Portiuncula Community		
Transferred	Responsibility	Replacement
Sr. Pushpa Maria (TLY)	Farm Supervisor	Sr. Starlet (IDK)
Sr. Smitha (KLM)	Gothambumany, Social Work	Sr. Little Therese (EKM)
Sr. Jaisy (PKD)	Prayer Bhavan Incharge	Sr. Mary Vallanat (TLY)
Sr. Ligy Maria (BHM)	Junior Mistress	Sr. Lissy Joseph (TMY)
Sr. Piyusha (BHM)	Parlour	Sr. Reen Maria (IJK)
Sr. Shanty Maria (KPLY)	Community Sister	Sr. Anjana (KLM)
Sr. Ance Maria (IJK)	Local Treasurer, Catechism	Sr. Sophy Peedikayil (PALA)
Sr. Josna Therese (CHY)	Asst. Secretary	Sr. Memphy (TSR)
Sr. Elsa George (EKM)	Community Sister, Catechism	
Sr. Nirmala (TMY)	Formation Staff	

	Archivist	Sr. Lija Jacob(BPL)
Shanti Dham, Indore		
Sr. Alice (HZB)	Superior	Sr. Linsa Paul (DLH)
Sr. Sayujya (BPL)	Mistress	Sr. Sneha (NDA)
Sr. Jyothi (DLH)	Mistress	
Sr. Justy Jose (JLDR)	Mess Manager	Sr. Bright John (DMPR)
Alphonsa Bhavan, Bangalore		
Sr. Maria Francy (NDA)	Superior	Sr. Lilly Maria (IJK)
Sr. Shergy (KLM)	Mess Manager	Sr. Shanti Maria (KPLY)
Sr. Jiss Maria (MTDY)	Treasurer	Sr. Sonia Jose (MTDY)
Villa Santa Chiara, Rome		
Sr. Silvy (KPLY)	Mess manager	Sr. Deepa (PKD)

I extend my prayerful wishes and greetings to Sr. Julie, our General Councillor as she celebrates her feast on 23rd May. I would like to thank the good Lord for all the blessings and graces that He has showered upon FCC through the instrumentality of Sr. Julie.

General Councillor Sr. Jyothis and myself are leaving for Rome on the evening of 21st April, 2025. After attending the Meetings of Superiors General (UISG), and the International Franciscan Third Order, and making an official visit to Spain, I will be coming back on 22 May, 2025. The Assistant Superior General, Rev. Sr. Rose Anitha, will take up the responsibilities during this period. Sr. Jyothis will return on 25 June, 2025 after making official visitations in Italy and then in Germany.

Action Plan of Departments in the Provincial Level

Short term (1 year) and long term plans (3 years) of each department are to be given together with the report and decisions of Provincial Synaxes and Regional Assemblies.

IX General Plenary Synaxis Report – Decisions : IX General Plenary Synaxis Decision - Finance – Page: 71(Malayalam), No: 3 is being written here for the sake of clarity. The tenure of Finance Officer at Province/House is of 3 years. One can be re-elected consecutively for one more term if necessary. But do not continue in this service more than two terms (6 years consecutively) in the same house or in any of the house.

Family Ministry

Our sisters who are experts in psychological, family and social emancipation ministries, were gathered together at Laverna Convent, Karukadam on 4-6 April 2025. With one accord, as they tried to discern the signs of the times, they could find out that the grave need of the day is to actualize this goal at any cost - ‘Drug Free Families and Society.’ I remind you all to discuss this matter seriously in the Provincial Synaxes, and to find out proper and effective means to execute the decisions in an appropriate way.

Let us enter into the preliminary steps to create a drug-free society by giving awareness programs to our sisters, workers, staff and students in our institutions. Provide ample opportunities for screening among all those who are engaged in various studies.

In order to fight tirelessly against the drugs in today's powerful battlefield, in the Province level, we are to form a team of sisters including Psychiatrist, Social Worker, Clinical Psychologist, Spiritual Councilor etc. From this group (those who are actively involved and take leadership in this ministry), two sisters are to participate in the awareness seminar that is intended to strengthen the fight against the drugs, which will be conducted from 4.00 pm on 10 July, 2025 to 4.00 pm on 13 July, 2025. We entrusted a group of following sisters to lead all our anti-drug activities in the General level.

1. Dr. Sr. Lince Maria (Psychiatrist, KLM)
2. Dr. Sr. Rani Jose (Social Worker, KLM)
3. Dr. Sr. Terciline (Clinical Psychologist, CHY)
4. Sr. Catherine (Clinical Psychologist, MTDY)
5. Sr. Amritha (Social Worker, BPL)
6. Sr. Genevieve (Clinical Psychologist, IMPL)

Healing Ministry

A seminar is arranged for the sisters who are Principals and Tutors of Nursing colleges/schools and Para medical Colleges/schools Administrators and nursing Superintendents in hospitals, from 4.00 pm on 14th June, 2025 to 4.00 pm on 15th June 2025 at Portiuncula, Aluva. Please give the name and designation of the participants as early as possible to the General Secretary.

Animation

For General Animators, training programs are arranged in the General Level from 4.00 pm on 17th to 4.00 pm on 30th July 2025, at Portiuncula, Aluva. All the General Animators are to participate in it. The newly elected animators from Kerala Provinces in order to conduct 33 days retreat for the next 3 years, and the dates of retreats in 2025 are given below. The names of the newly elected animators from the mission will be informed you later.

Name of the Newly Selected Animators from Kerala Provinces					
1	CHY	Sr. Liz Mary	8	KPLY	Sr. Tresa Matthew
2	CHY	Sr. Cicily	9	KPLY	Sr. Ann Therese
3	TSR	Sr. Little Mary	10	IJK	Sr. Liza Bastine
4	TSR	Sr. Rani Therese	11	PKD	Sr. Tereseena
5	EKM	Sr. Anita Jose	12	BHM	Sr. Anice
6	PALA	Sr. Grace Mundaplackal	13	MTDY	Sr. Jyoti Maria
7	PALA	Sr. Reema Vethanath	14	IDK	Sr. Bince Maria

33 Day Retreat 2025		
Date		Centre
June 2025		
Kerala	June 15 – July 17	St. Joseph Provincial, House, TLY
	June 15 – July 17	Seraphic Provincial House, PKD
	June 04 – July 06	Alphonsa Jyothi Provincial House, BHM
Mission	May 29 – June 30	San Damiano Provincial House, NDA
August 2025		
Kerala	August 29 – September 30	Zion Renewal Centre, Thiroor
	August 29 – September 30	Alphonsa Bhavan, Okkal
	August 01 – September 03	Laverna Retreat, Karukadam
Mission	August 01 - September 03	Nirmala Provincial House, VJDA
October 2025		
Kerala	October 04 – November 05	Nirmal Rani Provincial House, IDK
	October 05 – November 06	Anthonianum Renewal Centre, Konnakuzhy
	October 13 – November 14	St. Alphonsa Bhavan, Muttuchira
Mission	October 07 - November 08	St. Francis Provincial House, JLDR
	October 07 – November 08	San Francisco Provincial House, BRLY
November 2025		
Kerala	November 05 - December 07	Seraphic Provincial House, PKD
	November 05 - December 07	St. Thomas Provincial House, KPLY
	November 13 – December 15	St. Joseph Provincial House, TLY
Mission	November 13 – December 15	Nirmala Provincial House, VJDA
	November 10 – December 11	Amala Provincial House, BPL
December 2025		
Kerala	December 26 – January 27	Zion Retreat Centre, Thiroor
	December 26 – January 27	Devamatha Provincial House, CHY
	December 26 – January 27	Laverna Retreat Centre, Karukadam
Mission	December 29 – January 30	St. Paul Provincial House, Delhi
	December 16 - January 17	Nirmal Jyoti Provincial House, DMPR

On the Shore of Eternity

Sr. Dona Maria (BHM, 01.03.2025), Sr. Digna (PALA, 06.03.2025), Sr. Ossia Punnassery (EKM, 17.03.2025), Sr. Servia (EKM, 18.03.2025), Sr. Vineetha (KLM, 18.03.2025), Sr. Mariette Kolothu (BHM, 21.03.2025), Sr. Rose Kalathilparambil (HZB, 25.03.2025), Sr. Amelia (TSR, 26.03.2025), Sr. Philo Pavana (PKD, 08.04.2025).

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