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My dear loving Sisters,

The months of May and June have been very hectic for all of us with retreats, meetings, visits and transfers. Rev. Sr. Caroline, the Gen. Plen. Council member, the Formators - Srs. Lucy and Jancy, the Evaluation Committee members - Srs. Pushpam and Vineeta and me have returned from the Generalate recently after attending a series of meetings and sessions, especially the General Plenary Council Meeting. Sisters have gone back to their communities after the enriching 'Marian Retreat' preached by Rev. Fr. Anand Mathew MST, also the Junior Sisters returned to their communities after the Juniors' course. I hope that by now, you have read the previous circular (LMG.No:05/2024) of our Superior General and come to know the decisions of General Plenary Council. The above decisions will be implemented in our Province in the following ways.

1. **Year of Prayer** : As all of us are aware, Pope Francis had declared the year 2024, as the **year of Prayer**. Therefore, I place before you the following recommendations to observe the year fruitfully along side the FCC year for Vocations.
 - a. **24 hour prayer** - As Pope Francis and our Mother General has proposed, we shall have in every community of ours, a **24 - hour prayer** on any day **before 31st July**, this year. This can be done even in a 3-4 member community by informing the parish Priest and making the parishners, Hostel children and the staff of our institutions who are Catholics to get involved in this Prayer. You can include the following in the 24-hour prayer such as; *Perpetual Rosary, Adoration, Confession, Counselling, Talk by a good preacher and Holy Mass*. Purify the entire campus, by beginning the day with the Jericho Rosary, carrying Mother Mary's statue and incensing.
 - b. Every Community should make the Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary on **8th September** (Province' Day), with a 33-day preparation, which begins on **6th August**. The link for which will be sent you later. Or else you will be given a booklet for the same.
 - c. **Province Day** will be celebrated here in the Provincial House on **Saturday, 7th September**. All the Superiors and other Sisters from Hazaribag Zone are requested to be present for this Province level - celebration of our heavenly Mothers' Birth day.
 - d. You can celebrate the same in your communities **on 8th September itself**.
2. There will be a Meeting of the Local Superiors on Sunday, 23rd June, which will begin at 9.00 a.m in the Provincial House with the Holy Mass.
3. Since it is compulsory for the Faustiniens and the Germaines to attend the 33- days' Retreat, within the next two years, Sisters who like to attend the Malayalam retreat in Kerala (1st retreat at Karukidam from 19th July-23rd August and from 2nd September - 4th October, 2024 at Karukidam) are invited to **give your names within the next two days**. However,

please ensure that your being away from the community for the retreat at this time doesn't disturb your community and the apostolate unduly.

4. **Spiritual Guides:** Sisters belonging to the Josephite group and the Junior Sisters are invited to choose anyone of the Sisters, whose names are given below, as your personal Spiritual guide and inform me about it personally through a phone call, by the 20th of this month. This step is taken in response to the proposal given by the Gen.Plenary Council. Spiritual guides are taken only from the Padre Pio and the Faustina groups.

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| i. Rev. Sr. Lourdes Mary | xi. Sr. Mary Jose |
| ii. Rev. Sr. Leena | xii. Sr. Ancy Antony |
| iii. Rev. Sr. Regy Maria | xiii. Sr. Cincy |
| iv. Rev. Sr. Caroline | xiv. Sr. Saumya |
| v. Rev. Sr. Ancy Jose | xv. Sr. Shobhita |
| vi. Sr. Grace | xvi. Sr. Leela Jose |
| vii. Sr. Vimala James | xvii. Sr. Jyoti Soren |
| viii. Sr. Alice | xviii. Sr. Lucy |
| ix. Sr. Bindu | xix. Sr. Karuna |
| x. Sr. Rani | xx. Sr. Jancy |

5. In order to prepare for the General Synaxis of February, 2025 in the synodal way, in the Local and Zonal level, Facilitators will be trained .

List of Facilitators and their schedule for communities.

HAZARIBAG ZONE				
S.L NO	COMMUNITIES	DATES	FACILITATORS	ZONAL REPRESENTATIVES
1.	Khondhar	23.07.24	Sr. Lissy Thomas	Date of Zonal Meeting : 18.08.24 Venue : Koderma
2.	Novitiate	24.07.24	Sr. Lissy Thomas	
3.	Jeevodaya	25.07.24	Sr. Lissy Thomas, Sr. Pushpam	
4.	Lokai	26.07.24	Sr. Leela, Sr. Pushpam	
5.	Roh	30.07.24	Srs. Leela & Pushpam	
6.	Nawada	31.07.24	Srs. Leela & Pushpam	
7.	Bokaro	04.08.24	Srs. Leela & Pushpam	
8.	Kajarkilo	05.08.24	Srs. Leela & Pushpam	
9.	Chirki	06.08.24	Srs. Leela & Pushpam	
10.	Dhawaiya	07.08.24	Srs. Leela & Pushpam	
11.	Babupara	12.08.24	Srs. Leela & Pushpam	
12.	Patra	13.08.24	Srs. Leela & Pushpam	
13.	Assisi Bhawan, Hazaribag	17.08.24	Sr. Lissy Thomas, Sr. Leela Jose	
14.	Assisi Bhawan, Koderma	18.08.24	Sr. Leela & Pushpam	

BAGDOGRA ZONE

S.L NO	COMMUNITIES	DATES	FACILITATORS	ZONAL REPRESENTATIVES
15.	Bagdogra	13.07.24	Sr. Lissy Thomas	Date of Zonal Meeting : 22.08.24 Venue - Bagdogra
16.	Ranitalab	15.07.24	Sr. Lissy Thomas, Sr. Cincy	
17.	Bhagalpur	16.07.24	Sr. Lissy Thomas, Sr. Cincy	
18.	Thakurgunj	03.08.24	Sr. Cincy, Sr.Saumya	
19.	Kalamjote	04.08.24	Sr. Cincy, Sr. Saumya	
20.	Munshibari	17.08.24	Sr. Cincy, Sr. Saumya	
21.	Satmi	18.08.24	Sr. Cincy , Sr. Saumya	
22.	Dumar	19.08.24	Sr.Cincy	

JASIDIH ZONE

S.L NO	COMMUNITIES	DATES	FACILITATORS	ZONAL REPRESENTATIVES
23.	Sahibgunj	25.07.24	Sr. Sushma, Sr.Saumya	Zonal representatives : Sr.Rani, Sr. Ancy Jose Sr. Grace Mathew Sr. Anupama.
24.	Kandore	26.07.24	Sr. Sushma, Sr.Saumya	
25.	Assisi Bhawan, Jasidih	29.07.24	Sr. Sushma, Rev.Sr. Caroline	
26.	Deoghar	31.07.24	Sr. Sushma, Rev.Sr. Caroline	Zonal Meeting for consolidation on : 05.08.2024
27.	Alphonsa Bhawan, Jasidih	01.08.24	Rev.Sr. Caroline, Sr. Ancy Antony	
28.	Sundermore	02.08.24	Sr. Sushma, Sr.Ancy Antony	Venue : Assisi Bhawan, Jasidih
29.	Tilabad	03.08.24	Sr. Sushma, Sr.Ancy Antony	
30.	Jhingajhal	04.08.24	Sr. Sushma, Sr.Ancy Antony	

RANCHI ZONE

S.L NO	COMMUNITIES	DATES	FACILITATORS	ZONAL REPRESENTATIVES
31	Assisi Bhawan, Kumaranelloor	16.07.24	Sr. Ancy Antony, Sr. Saumya	Zonal representatives : Sr.Julie, Sr. Bindu, Sr. Sherly Zonal Meeting for consolidation on : 09.08.2024 Venue : Ranchi
32.	Salgaposh	29.07.24	Sr. Jyoti Soren, Sr. Vineeta	
33.	Purnapani	30.07.24	Sr. Jyoti Soren, Sr. Vineeta	
34.	Karaikela	31.07.24	Sr. Jyoti Soren, Sr. Vineeta	
35.	Ranchi	02.08.24	Sr. Jyoti Soren, Sr. Vineeta	

36.	Parsa	03.08.24	Sr. Jyoti Soren, Sr. Vineeta
37.	Mahuadanr	04.08.24	Sr. Jyoti Soren, Sr. Vineeta
38.	Shapur, Daltongunj	05.08.24	Sr. Jyoti Soren, Sr. Vineeta
39.	Kundupani	07.08.24	Sr. Jyoti Soren, Sr. Vineeta

6. Local Superiors are to ensure that **a day of Prayer is observed** in every community on any day prior to the 1st phase of the Synodal procedure in the Communities.
7. **Safe Environment cell or Safe environment Committee:** - The purpose of this committee is to provide a secure and supportive environment for worship and community activities. Their role could include:
- Ensuring the physical safety of the members of the Province by implementing measures to protect against accidents or health hazards.
 - Providing a psychologically safe space where members feel respected and free from any form of abuse or harassment.
 - Organizing training for staff and volunteers on safety protocols and emergency response.
 - Overseeing the security of the Province during services and events to prevent any disruptive or harmful incidents.
 - This committee must also ensure that **The Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act (POCSO), 2012**, is made known to every member of the Province and that every institution in our Province has a 'Child Protection Policy' which is signed by every staff.

Essentially, their goal is to maintain a peaceful and safe atmosphere that fosters spiritual growth and community well-being. The following are the members of the recently constituted '**Safe Environment Committee** of the Province'

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| i. Sr. Leela Jose(President) | v. Sr. Sheena(Doctor) |
| ii. Sr.Jyoti Soren(Social Worker) | vi. Sr. Shalini(Psychologist) |
| iii. Sr.Suma(Educationist) | vii. Sr. Rose Mary(Lawyer) |

We wish the safe environment committee members all the very best!

8. Important Reminders Regarding the Election of Synaxis members.

- The perpetually professed sisters, of our Province, are divided into four equal groups A, B, C and D. Representatives from the A, B, C and D groups are elected according to the ratio(16 each from Gr. A,B and C, 8 from Gr.D and 2 from any of the groups) decided by the Provincial Synaxis of each province.
- All perpetually professed sisters and junior sisters who have completed three years after their first Profession have the right to vote for Synaxis members (Franciscan Way of Life: 258).
- Due representation must be given to the different apostolates and convents in the Provincial Synaxis (Franciscan Way of Life: 257).**
- We especially pray for this intention personally in our daily Eucharistic celebration from 2024 May 15 **and recite an intercessory prayer during the evening prayer.**

"As we are in the month of the most Sacred Heart of June, let us try to deepen our devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, which brims with boundless love and mercy for humanity. As we

approach the month of July,. May we also honor the Precious Blood, shed for our salvation, and find solace in its redemptive power. These devotions remind us of the profound sacrifices made for us and inspire us to live with greater compassion and empathy in our day today lives. May our hearts be ever aligned with these divine symbols of love and sacrifice.”

As the entire congregation is seriously preparing for a great revival through the upcoming (Feb,2025) General Synaxis, let us carry forward the light of our faith with renewed vigor and unwavering trust in the Divine. Let us become in every sense *the pilgrims of hope*, who we are called to be , especially during this year of preparation for the **Maha Jubilee** of Jesus' Birth, May our prayers, actions, and intentions be a testament to our commitment to our spiritual journey and service. Let us embrace each day as an opportunity to reflect the love and compassion that unites us as sisters in this beautiful Congregation.

Yours ever lovingly in Jesus,



Sr. Lissy Thomas.

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