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“Go, therefore, make disciples of all nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And look, I am with you always; yes, to the end of time” (Mathew 28:19-20)

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

Hope all are happy and keeping fine. These days, after the celebration of the Resurrection, we come across the readings where we meet Jesus who is sending the apostles with the commission to spread the Good News to all corners of the earth. Just as he calls upon them, He calls upon each of us to continue His mission, which He fulfilled through His Incarnation, Life, Passion, Death and Resurrection. The Good News has indeed reached to the ends of the world through the witnesses of the apostles and the many missionaries, who were sent in His name. Still, if there is anyone who has not heard about Christ, dear sisters, you and I are responsible for it.

In today's indescribable situation, we know that direct evangelization is not feasible in India and several countries. However, we are reminded by our father St. Francis, that “all brothers and sisters should proclaim the Gospel through their deeds” (Rule of 1221- Ch 17). Pope Francis says, "The life of the Consecrated should be a Gospel which everyone can read." Let us be aware that there is no prohibition for the proclamation through our lives. Let us become conscious that our actions speak more than our words and let us proclaim the Gospel conscientiously through our life and deeds. We know that there are many media around us, which are zealous in highlighting and

heightening the minute shortcomings from a Consecrated. That means, our lives are highly monitored. Let us live our lives meticulously witnessing the Gospel values.

Jesus spent 40 days till ascension to deepen and confirm the apostles and other disciples in their faith in His Resurrection. Let us pray specially on the feast of Ascension, for the grace to deepen our faith and to proclaim it through our lives.

We know that the apostles became the evangelists at the Pentecost experience. We who are born in Holy Spirit through baptism are given the grace to be transformed to Him by receiving His Body and Blood. Out of His immense longing to become one with us, He gave us His Body and Blood and Spirit; let us also long to become one with Him. May our annual retreats, daily meditation, and above all, our daily Eucharistic celebration lead us to this unity. May the Feast of Pentecost develop a thirst for this unity and strengthen our union with Him. Wishing you the blessings of Pentecost, I pray for you all that we may become able to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus through our lives.

Mother Mary carried the Word of God in her heart and womb and gave it to the world. Let us also ask the help of Mother Mary, the Queen of May, to grant us the grace to give flesh to the Word of God through our lives.

Kindly remember our 98 junior sisters and two sisters of St. Alphonsa congregation who are in the forty-day retreat at Portiuncula, preparing themselves to make their Perpetual Profession and also sisters participating in the thirty-three-day retreat at Karukadam and Thiroor, commemorating their Silver Jubilee.

Election Synaxis- 2024

Let us prayerfully prepare to find out the sisters, who are to lead FCC for the next three years whom He has already chosen out of His wisdom.

The dates of the Provincial Election Synaxis of each province are given below.

Province	Provincial Synaxis	Provincial Election
Changanassery	2024, November 13 -15	November 15
Thrissur	2024, November 15 -17	November 17
Ernakulam	2024, November 13 -15	November 15
Pala	2024, November 14 -16	November 16
Kothamangalam	2024, November 13 -15	November 15
Thalassery	2024, November 20 -22	November 22
Kanjirappally	2024, November 15 -17	November 17
Irinjalakuda	2024, November 14 -16	November 16
Palakkad	2024, November 16 -18	November 18
Bharananganam	2024, November 14 -16	November 16
Thamarassery	2024, November 19 -21	November 21
Mananthavady	2024, November 20 -22	November 22
Idukki	2024, November 16 -18	November 18
Hazaribag	2024, November 08 -10	November 10
Bhopal	2024, November 13 -15	November 15
Noida	2024, November 18 -20	November 20
Vijayawada	2024, November 16 -18	November 18
Delhi	2024, November 18 -20	November 20
Imphal	2024, November 10 -12	November 12
Jalandhar	2024, November 13 -15	November 15
Bareilly	2024, November 16 -18	November 18
Thuckalay	2024, November 17 -19	November 19
Eluru	2024, November 17 -19	November 19
Rajasthan	2024, November 15 -17	November 17
Rajkot	2024, November 13 -15	November 15
Dimapur	2024, November 12 -14	November 14

Guidelines

1. The Regional Superiors under the Provinces are Ex-officio members in the Provincial Synaxis. (Franciscan Way of Life:255).
2. Other than the Regional Superior, from each Region, at least one should be elected for the Provincial Synaxis (Eight General Plenary Synaxis, 2019). If more members are to be elected, the number must be decided by the previous Provincial Synaxis.

3. Where there is a Mission Superior, the names of the sisters should be included in M group (India) in the voters list. If there is a mission in different continents, one delegate can be elected from each 10 members of the Mission.

When the voters' list is prepared, missionaries of the different continents are divided into groups like M1, M2, M3 (Franciscan Way of Life: 257). Those sisters in Mission who do not have a Mission Superior are listed in the common group and 'M' is marked along with their names. If there are ten or more sisters in the Mission and no one is elected among them, the sister who gets the highest number of votes becomes the member of the synaxis.

4. The perpetually professed sisters, except the M group, 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 decided by the Provincial Synaxis of each province.

5. 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).

6. Due representation must be given to the different apostolates and convents in the Provincial Synaxis (Franciscan Way of Life: 257).

7. Each perpetually professed sister casts secret vote for two sisters according to her conscience most suitable to be elected Provincial Superior on 25 August 2024. The vote is sent addressing the Superior General & Council along with from address (Franciscan Way of Life: 264).

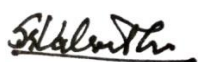
8. The Election Synaxis elects members for the General Plenary Assembly and a member for the General Plenary Council is to be elected from among the General Plenary Assembly members.

We especially pray for this intention personally in our daily Eucharistic celebration from 2024 May 15 and recite an intercessory prayer in the evening prayer. We offer 33 "Glory be to the Father..." for three days prior to the secret voting for the Provincial Superior (August 25).

Obituary

Let us remember and pray for Sr. Osea(KLM, 13.04.2024), Sr.John Maria (CHY, 16.04.2024), Sr. Cicily John Pullattu (St. Clare's Cloistered Convent, Munippara-BHM, 03.03.2024) Sr. Hermas (IJK, 24.04.2024) Sr.Marydas (PALA, 27.04.2024) Sr. Mercy Parathazham (KLM, 30.04.2024) and Sr. Julie (IJK, 30.04.2024)who have departed from us.

Your humble servant in Jesus Christ,



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