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Peace & Joy



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My dear loving sisters and children in formation,

With hearts filled with reverence and joy, we celebrate the glorious feast of Easter, the triumph of life over death, light over darkness, and hope over despair. On this blessed day, I wish you all peace, joy and love of the Risen Lord. May the light of the Risen Lord shine brightly in your hearts, and renew your strength in your sacred vocation.

We celebrate this Easter in a time when the world trembles under the shadow of war, violence, and uncertainty. Nations are divided, lives are broken, and fear often overshadows hope. There is a great longing for peace all around the world, where the pleas for peace fall on deaf ears. In this context it's our mission to become agents of peace and reconciliation.

As we celebrate the gift of peace this Easter, we are invited to pause and reflect deeply on the true meaning of the peace that Jesus offered on that first Easter morning. When He stood among His disciples and said, "*Peace be with you,*" it was not a simple wish for comfort or the absence of trouble. It was a profound gift that flowed from God's own heart, desiring to reach into the depths of human fear, brokenness, and longing.

What do we understand by peace? Is it merely a sense of calm within oneself, a life free from conflict and difficulty? Or is it something greater, something that stretches beyond our own personal comfort? The peace of the Risen Lord is not limited or self-contained.

Rather, it heals, restores, and reaches outward. It calls us to move beyond ourselves, to become instruments of reconciliation in a divided world.

This peace does not deny the reality of suffering, nor does it ignore the wounds around us. Instead, it enters into them with courage and compassion. It is a peace that forgives where there is hurt, listens where there is misunderstanding, and builds bridges where there are walls.

To receive Christ's peace is also to accept a responsibility to share it. It challenges us to ask: Do my thoughts, words, and actions bring peace to others? Do I create spaces of understanding, or do I contribute to division? Am I willing to let this peace transform not only my heart, but also my relationships and my community?

Though we may be far from the battlefields, we are not far from the mission to become heralds of peace in today's world. We are called to be instruments of Christ's peace in the spirit of our Seraphic Father St. Francis, who prayed, "Lord, make me an instrument of your peace; where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith." By our life let us proclaim that peace is possible, through prayer, fraternity, humility, and self-giving love.

To be peacemakers in today's world is challenging. It is a way of being, a daily choice to embody love, patience, and mercy even when it is difficult. It requires us to resist the subtle violence of indifference, the quiet spread of prejudice, and the temptation to withdraw into comfort. It calls us to stand, like Christ, in the midst of wounds and still offer peace. To be a peacemaker is to enter wounds without becoming wounded by bitterness. It is to stand in division and choose unity. It is to forgive not once, but *"seventy times seven"* (Matthew 18:22).

May the Risen Christ make of each of us a living proclamation of Easter, so that even in the midst of a wounded world, our lives may whisper hope, radiate peace, and proclaim with conviction that Jesus Christ is truly risen.

Dear sisters, I would like to draw your attention to the following.

1. Plenary Assembly

Thank you dear sisters, for the whole hearted cooperation you extended while the councillors visited you for the community evaluation, the first phase of the Plenary assembly. This has ensured the active participation of every member in the Plenary assembly. The Province Plenary assembly will commence on the 21st June, 2026 and conclude on 25th June, 2026. The participants will include the Plenary Council members, local Superiors, Institution heads and a few special invitees. The list of the participants is attached for your reference.

2. Prayer for World Peace

Dear sisters, I'm sure that all of us are well updated with the distressing war situation in the Middle East. In the midst of such darkness, let us be reminded of our sacred responsibility to be mediators before the Lord for the whole world. Let us, therefore, unite in deep prayer, both personally and as communities. Let us offer our intentions in every Eucharist, every rosary, every silent moment before the Lord. Let us pray for leaders, that they may choose dialogue over destruction. Through our prayers, our sacrifices, and our unwavering faith, let us become instruments through which God's peace can touch even the most wounded parts of our world. May I request each community to pray the **'Apostle's Creed' three times a day**, one each during morning prayer, evening prayer and night prayer until there is an end to war, trusting fully in his compassionate love for the humanity.

3. Superiors' Meeting along with the treasurers.

A combined meeting of the Superiors and the treasurers will be held on the and 25th April, 2026, From 8.30am. It is compulsory for all to attend. Kindly bring with you, budget for the financial year 2026-27 and trial balance of 2025-26. Those who have auditing at provincial house are requested to bring all the documents required for the auditing, namely cash book, ledger, bank statement, bills and vouchers and the copy of the balance sheet of the year 2024-25.

4. Plenary Council Meeting

A meeting of the Plenary Council will be held on 26th April, 2026, at 10.am. Kindly ensure your participation.

5. Feast of St. Joseph

On the first May, we celebrate the feast of st. Joseph. Our youngest senior sisters are privileged to receive his special blessings and patronage. I wish them a very Happy Feast of their patron saint and pray for showers of blessings from above through his intercession. St. Joseph inspires us to be faithful in small things and hidden tasks. Let this great saint help us to find joy in doing small and unseen things with great love, giving glory to God and due dignity to the members of our community.

6. Fond remembrance of our dear sisters called for eternal rest.

First death anniversary of Sr. Nirmala falls on the 4th May, 2026. The memorial Mass will be celebrated on the same day at 6.00 am. Those who wish to join the Holy Mass are requested to give your names to Sr. Vineeta.

7. 33 days Retreat

33 days retreat will be held in our province from 20th May, 2026 to 21st June, 2026. 40 of us are attending the retreat. The more fervently we prepare for the retreat, the more we shall experience the movement of the spirit in us. so prepare well with prayer and sacrifices.

8. Transfers.

The following transfers are to be implemented by the end of May.

Sl.No.	Name of the Sister	transferred from	Transferred to
01	Sr. Anselm	Alphonsa Bhawan, Jasidih	Clara Niwas, Dhawaiah
02	Sr. Bency	Alphonsa Convent Kalamjote	St. Francis Convent, Bagdogra (vice- Principal Good Shepherd School.)
03	Sr. Agnes	St. Thomas Bhawan, Bhagalpur	Alphonsa Convent, Kalamjote (school treasurer)
04	Sr. Mala	Assisi Bhawan, Hazaribagh	Alphonsa Bhawan, Jasidih.
05	Sr. Manjusha	Clarist Convent, Nawadah	St. Thomas Bhawan, Bhagalpur
06	Sr. Doroty	Assisi Bhawan, Hazaribagh	Alphonsa Bhawan, Mahuadarn (Cadidate -in-charge & vocation promoter.
07	Sr. Arti	Clarist Convent, Nawadah	Alphonsa Bhawan, Jasidih.
07	Sr. Leema Rose	Alphonsa Niwas, Tilabad	Asha Bhawan, Kajarkilo
08	Sr. Anjali Minj	Alphonsa Bhawan, Jasidih.	Clarist Convent, Nawadah.
09.	Sr. Ursela	Assisi Bhawan, Hazaribagh	St. Francis Convent, Deoghar.
10	Sr. Alice K.	Alphonsa Bhawan, Jasidih.	Assisi Bhawan, Koderma
10	Sr. Pratima	First appointment	Aphonsa Niwas, Tilabad
11	Sr. Paulina		Jyoti Niwas, Kundupani
12	Sr. Sonia		Alphonsa Bhawan, Salgaposh
13	Sr. Pauline Kujur		Alphonsa Bhawan, Munshibari
14	Sr. Brigit		Rani Sadan, Sahebganj

Students			
	Name	Course of study	Institution
01	Sr. Jwana	B.A.	Women's College, Patna
02	Sr. Madhu	B.A	Women's College, Patna
03	Sr. Usha	D. El. Ed.	Carmel TTI, Pakyong
04	Sr. Mary Marandi	D. El. Ed.	Carmel TTI, Pakyong
05	Sr. Pavitra	GNM Nursing	
06	Sr. Manisha Baa	GNM Nursing	
07	Sr. Puja Haril	B. A.	St. Xaviers College Ranchi
08	Sr. Stella Surin	B. A.	St. Xaviers College Ranchi
09	Sr. Sunita Tigga	B. A.	St. Xaviers College Ranchi
10	Sr. Christy	NEET preparation	Akash Institute, Ranchi

9. Official Visitation.

The Official Visitation of the following communities will be held as scheduled below.

Sl. No.	Community	Dates
01	Shanti Bhawan, Patra	11/04/26 to 12/04/26
02	Sanjeevan Niwas, Khondhar	14/04/26 to 16/04/26
03	Assisi Bhawan, Bokaro	17/04/26 to 19/04/26
04	Asha Bhawan, Kajarkilo	20/04/26 to 21/04/26
05	Clara Niwas, Dhawaiah	27/04/26 to 28/04/26
06	Alphonsa Ashram, Babupara	29/04/26 to 30/04/26
07	Assisi Bhawan, Kumaranelloor	08/05/26 to 10/05/26

You are requested to keep all your files and registers ready for the same.

Once again I wish you all dear sisters the grace and blessedness of the Holy Easter! Let us rise once again in unity as a communities of love, peace, forgiveness and compassion.



Happy Easter!

**Maria Mata Province, Hazaribagh
Plenary Assembly (June 21-25, 2026)**

Ex-officio Members

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| 1. Sr. Cincy | 5. Sr. Salomi |
| 2. Sr. Regy Maria | 6. Sr. Lissy Thomas |
| 3. Sr. Suma | 7. Jaseena |
| 4. Sr. Sushma | 8. Sr. Shobhita |

Plenary Council Members

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| 1. Sr. Lourdes Mary | 11. Sr. Leela Jose |
| 2. Sr. Leena | 12. Sr. Sheena |
| 3. Sr. Julie | 13. Sr. Jolly |
| 4. Sr. Ritty | 14. Sr. Vineeta |
| 5. Sr. Alice | 15. Sr. Roshni |
| 6. Sr. Bindu | 16. Sr. Jyothi Soren |
| 7. Sr. Rani | 17. Sr. Karuna |
| 8. Sr. Jessy Abraham | 18. Sr. Jancy |
| 9. Sr. Lincy | 19. Sr. Anupama |
| 10. Sr. Pushpam | |

Local superiors

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| 01. Sr. Vincy Pathil | 12. Sr. Priya | 23. Sr. Shefy |
| 02. Sr. Anice | 13. Sr. Jossy | 24. Sr. Kiran |
| 03. Sr. Rosmi | 14. Sr. Grace Mathew | 25. Sr. Vinaya |
| 04. Sr. Jacinta | 15. Sr. Betty | 26. Sr. Remya |
| 05. Sr. Mary Jose | 16. Sr. Sunita | 27. Sr. Shalom |
| 06. Sr. Ancy Antony | 17. Sr. Sherly | 28. Sr. Renu |
| 07. Sr. Rosmine | 18. Sr. Suchita | 29. Sr. Madhura |
| 08. Sr. Elsy Jose | 19. Sr. Preety | 30. Sr. Namita |
| 09. Sr. Rosy Varghese | 20. Sr. Shiny | 31. Sr. Jositta |
| 10. Sr. Joyce | 21. Sr. Beena | 32. Sr. Reshmi Ekka |
| 11. Sr. Suja | 22. Sr. Amala | 33. Sr. Marcela |

Heads of the Institutions

1. Sr. Betsy 2. Sr. Shobha . 3. Sr. Anila 4. Sr. Sajeeva
5. Sr. Vandana.

Special invitees

1. Sr. Deepa 2. Sr. Saumya 4. Sr. Jwana