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*Peace & Joy*

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**“Blessed is she who believed that there would be fulfillment Blessed is she who believed that there would be fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord (LK 1: 45)”**

Dear loving sisters and formees,

Greetings of peace and joy in our Lord Jesus Christ!

Hope everyone is fine and growing in communion with the most Holy Trinity. 8<sup>th</sup> September marks the nativity of the blessed virgin Mary and we, the privileged daughters of Maria Mata delight in her patronage as we celebrate the Province Day on the same day. On this blessed occasion I wish each one of you my dear loving sisters and formees **a very Happy Feast Day and the blessings of the province Day**. As we celebrate our **Province Day**, we are invited to look at the birth of mother Mary not simply as a historical event but as a profound sign of God’s love and purpose.

From all eternity, God prepared Blessed Virgin Mary as the chosen one to bear His Son, the Savior of the world. Every detail of her life such as her simplicity, her faith, her purity, her total submission, her readiness was meant to play a unique role in the salvation of the world. Mary’s birth reminds us that to be born is a mission. Each life is not just a biological incident but a divine intention. When God gave Mary to her parents, Joachim and Anne, He was also giving her to the whole Church, to the entire world. Her birth carried a mission: to be the mother of God and thus the mother of all.

Mary’s birth was the beginning of a journey of consecration. Even as a little child, she was in the temple, kept pure, nurtured in faith. Her vocation was to be the handmaid of the Lord. Our birth too is marked with purpose. As consecrated persons, let us be aware that our vocation did not begin the day we entered the religious life, nor even the day of our profession. It began in the heart of God before our birth, as the prophet Jeremiah says: *“Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you; before you were born, I consecrated you”* (Jer 1:5). Mary’s entire existence was dedicated to bringing Christ to the world, so too our consecration is to be devoted to making Christ visible in the world.

Mother Mary's birth was a call to holiness. So are we reminded of our motto 'To Holiness through Lowliness' to be lived faithfully as an FCC sister.

Mary's childhood in simplicity and purity prepared her for her great mission. Let us by our fidelity, hidden sacrifices, and the self-emptying involved in living our community life fraternal love, prepare us for our mission, ensuring fruitfulness in the service of the Lord.

Mary's "Yes" at the Annunciation was the flowering of her vocation. We too on our profession day said an 'Yes'. Not as a final word, but to be continued in every moment of our consecrated life standing firm in trials with hope and love, like mother Mary who remained faithful even at the foot of the Cross.

Consecrated life, dear Sisters, is nothing less than allowing our lives to become like Mary's: entirely for God, entirely for His people. On this Province Day, let us renew our joy in belonging to the Lord, our readiness to serve one another, and our openness to be channels of Christ's love in the world.

As Pope Francis reminds us, *"Mary is the woman of 'Yes,' who through her faith opened the door for God to dwell among us."* May we too be women of "Yes," born to live and to love with purpose.

**As we celebrate Province Day together, let us commit ourselves to:**

- Strengthen our personal prayer life, so that like Mary, we can treasure the Word of God in our hearts.
- Foster a spirit of fraternity in our communities, avoiding negativity, and choosing kindness and encouragement.
- Live our consecration joyfully, not as a burden, but as a privilege to belong fully to God.
- Carry out our mission with zeal, especially towards the vulnerable, thus bringing Christ's love into the world.
- Entrust our Province and our personal lives daily to Mary, asking her guidance in moments of difficulty.

On this beautiful occasion of the province Day, as I extend you the greetings of the day, I also would like to thank you for your wholehearted cooperation in our collective witness to the Lord. May every trial you undergo, every sacrifice you make, every sorrow you hide, every sickness you bear joyfully be a thanksgiving hymn before the Lord and the continuation of your faithful yes to Him.

## **INFORMATION**

### **1. Zone-wise Night Vigil.**

To deepen our spiritual communion and strengthen our life of prayer, we will be holding Zonal Night Vigils every fourth Saturday of the month organized by the member of the penitents group in the following three houses:

- **Assisi Bhawan, Hazaribagh ( Sr. Regy)**
- **Prayer House, Lokai ( Sr. Vimala)**
- **Alphonsa Bhawan, Jasidih ( Sr. Sushma)**

These vigils are moments of grace for us to come together in adoration, atonement, intercession, and thanksgiving, seeking strength for our mission and renewal in our consecrated life. Those who can manage, are requested to join the vigil. Let us unite with Mother Mary, who kept vigil in prayer with the apostles and implore God's blessings for our communities, our province, our congregation and the world.

### **2. Renovation and blessing of St. Thomas Bhawan, Bhagalpur**

We express our heartfelt gratitude to Rev. Fr. Thomas Chittookalam and the council for his generous support in the renovation of St. Thomas Bhawan, Bhagalpur. The blessing of the renovated house took place on the 5th of September, 2025

### **3. Gathering of the Padre Pio Group**

Special gathering of the **Padre Pio Group** for our senior sisters will be held from evening of 12<sup>th</sup> Sept. to 14<sup>th</sup> Sept. noon in the provincial House. A very warm welcome is extended to all our senior most sisters in the padre Pio group to come and make this occasion a grace-filled experience. We wish all our beloved sisters in the Padre Pio group a very Happy Patroness day on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of September.

### **4. We observe the death anniversary of our beloved founding Mother Mariam Clara,**

the first superior of FCC, remembering all the founding mothers. Let us count the showers of blessings bestowed on our congregation through them. Kindly remember to offer Holy Mass for the dead on the same day.

### **5. Entrance to Pre-postulancy phase 1**

I am happy to inform you that nine of our candidates are entering Pre-postulancy phase -1, on 17.09.2025. they are:

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|-------------------|-------------------------|
| i. Amisha Xaxa    | ii. Sarita Dungdung     |
| iii. Nikita Ekka  | iv . Magdalina Kisku    |
| v. Khusboo Hansda | vi. Susana Kisku        |
| vii. Rose Baraik  | viii. Mariyana Kandulna |

We extend our heartfelt wishes and prayers for them, that they may always remain steadfast and joyful in their vocation. With deep gratitude, I also acknowledge and thank all the sisters who, with dedication and care, played a vital role in identifying and promoting their call to religious life. We wish Sr. Alice all the best to guide and accompany them in their initial journey of vocation.

**6. Vows renewal of Junior sisters**

Vows renewal of our junior sisters will be held on the 21<sup>st</sup> of September, 2025. You are expected to reach the provincial house on the 19<sup>th</sup> at 4.00pm.

**7. Treasurer's Meet**

A Two-Day Treasurer's Meet will be held on 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> of September, 2025 in the provincial House. The purpose of this gathering is to bring together all the treasurers of our Province to reflect, learn, and share best practices in financial management and accountability.

**8. Seminar on compassionate communication and superior's meeting.**

A seminar on compassionate communication will be conducted from 1<sup>st</sup> evening to 4<sup>th</sup> of October, 2025. We are privileged to have Rev. sr. Julie and Rev. Sr. Josiya our general councillor to guide us and enlighten us in this programme. This seminar is aimed at renewal, offering an opportunity for superiors to reflect, share experiences, and strengthen their capacity to accompany others with patience and understanding. Participation in it is compulsory for the provincial team and all the Local Superiors.

**9. Heartfelt thanks to the Bagdogra community and parish for their generous support and encouragement to our second-year novices during their pastoral experiences in the month of August.**

**10. Visitation of Mother General**

We are blessed to have our beloved superior General, Rev. Mother Litty with us in the province from 4<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> of October. Mother will meet the superiors on the 5<sup>th</sup> and will continue with the visitation of the provincial house and the novitiate house. We extend a heartfelt welcome to our beloved Amma

**11. Visitation by the councilors**

We are glad to have Rev. sr. Julie, Rev. Sr. Josia, Rev. Sr. Princy Rose and Rev. Sr. Jyothis in the province for the official visitation of our communities. We extend them a very cordial welcome in our province. The visitation Schedule of Ranchi Zone by Rev. Sr. Julie and Rev. Sr. Josia is given below.

**Schedule for visitation by Rev. Sr. Julie and Rev. Sr. Josia  
6th Oct. 2025 to 17th Oct. 2025**

| Sl. No. | Community                                  | Dates                                           | Visitor     |
|---------|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| 1       | Clara Niwas Kareikala                      | 6th noon to 7th evening                         | . Sr. Josia |
| 2       | Alphonsa Aradhana Bhawan, Ranchi (Noida)   | 6th noon to 7th evening.                        | Sr. Julie   |
| 3       | Alphonsa Niwas Salgaposh                   | 8th noon to 9th evening                         | Sr. Josia   |
| 4       | Alphonsa Bhawan Purnapani                  | 8th noon to 9th evening                         | Sr. Julie   |
| 5       | Sacred Heart Convent ,Gumla (Delhi)        | 10th mor. to 11 <sup>th</sup> evening           | Sr. Josia   |
| 6       | St. Alphonsa F.C. Convent Kadpadhi (Delhi) | 10th mor. to 11 <sup>th</sup> evening.          | Sr. Julie   |
| 7       | St. Mary's Convent Parsa                   | 12th morning to 13 <sup>th</sup> noon           | Sr. Julie   |
| 8       | St. Alphonsa Convent, Mahuadarn            | 12th morning to 13 <sup>th</sup> evening        | Sr. Josia   |
| 9       | St. Joseph's Convent, Shahpur              | 14th morning to 15 <sup>th</sup> noon           | Sr. Julie   |
| 10      | Alphonsa Bhawan, Ranchi                    | 14th noon to 16 <sup>th</sup> morning           | Sr. Josia   |
| 11      | Jyoti Niwas Kundupani                      | 15 <sup>th</sup> noon. to 16 <sup>th</sup> noon | Sr. Julie   |
|         | To Delhi                                   | 17 <sup>th</sup> Oct. 2025                      |             |

Rev. Sr. Mercy also will join us on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of October. **Warm welcome to you our beloved sr. Mercy.**

Rev. Sr. Princy Rose and Rev. Sr. Jyothis will be making the official visitation of Jasidih and Bagdogra zones from 30<sup>th</sup> October to 20<sup>th</sup> November as scheduled below.

**Schedule for visitation by Rev.Sr. Princy and Rev.Sr. Jyothis  
30<sup>th</sup> Oct. to 21st Nov. 2025**

| Sl. No. | Name of the community   | No. of members | Dates<br>Nov.2025                        | Name of the visitor |
|---------|-------------------------|----------------|------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1.      | Alphonsa Bhawan Jasidih | 09             | 30 <sup>th</sup> oct. to 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Sr. Jyothis         |

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|-----|-----------------------------------|----|------------------------------------------|-------------|
| 2.  | Assisi Bhawan Jasidih             | 08 | 30 <sup>th</sup> oct. to 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Sr. Princy  |
| 3.  | Alphonsa Niwas,<br>Deoghar        | 05 | 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup>        | Sr. Princy  |
| 4.  | Alphonsa Niketan<br>Jhingajal     | 09 | 3 <sup>rd</sup> to 5 <sup>th</sup>       | Sr. Jyothis |
| 5.  | Maria Sadan, Sundermore           | 03 | 6 <sup>th</sup> & 7 <sup>th</sup>        | Sr. Princy  |
| 6.  | Alphonsa Niwas Tilabad            | 04 | 6 <sup>th</sup> & 7 <sup>th</sup>        | Sr. Jyothis |
| 7.  | Rani Sadan, Sahebganj             | 03 | 8 <sup>th</sup> & 9 <sup>th</sup>        | Sr. Princy  |
| 8.  | Assisi Bhawan Kandhore            | 03 | 8 <sup>th</sup> & 9 <sup>th</sup>        | Sr. Jyothis |
| 9.  | St. Thomas Bhawan,<br>Bhagalpur   | 03 | 10 <sup>th</sup> & 11 <sup>th</sup>      | Sr. Princy  |
| 10. | Elizabeth Niwas ,<br>Ranitalab    | 04 | 10 <sup>th</sup> & 11 <sup>th</sup>      | Sr. Jyothis |
| 11. | St. Francis Convent,<br>Dumur     | 03 | 12 <sup>th</sup> & 13 <sup>th</sup>      | Sr. Princy  |
| 12. | Clara Niwas, Satmi                | 03 | 12 <sup>th</sup> & 13 <sup>th</sup>      | Sr. Jyothis |
| 13. | St. Francis Convent,<br>Takurganj | 03 | 14 <sup>th</sup> & 15 <sup>th</sup>      | Sr. Jyothis |
| 14. | Alphonsa Bhawan<br>Munshibari     | 03 | 14 <sup>th</sup> & 15 <sup>th</sup>      | Sr. Princy  |
| 15. | St. Francis Convent,<br>Bagdogra  | 06 | 16 <sup>h</sup> to 19 <sup>th</sup>      | Sr. Jyothis |
| 16. | Alphonsa Convent,<br>Kalamjote    | 06 | 16 <sup>th</sup> to 19 <sup>th</sup>     | Sr. Princy  |
| 17. | Visit to Darjeeling               |    | 20 <sup>th</sup>                         |             |
| 18. | Return journey                    |    | 21 <sup>st</sup>                         |             |

## 12. Retreats

Kindly be reminded of the retreat dates.

- 19<sup>th</sup> evening to 24<sup>th</sup> evening , October 2025 ( Franciscan Retreat)
- 27<sup>th</sup> evening of December, 2025 to 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan. 2026 (Contemplation retreat)

Please note that everyone is expected to make a Franciscan Retreat as well as a contemplation retreat within two years.

**Hostels administered by our communities.**

As we cater to the young children in our hostels, we hold the responsibility to take care of their integral development. Healthy food plays a vital role in their growth and development. Therefore sisters -in -charge of the hostels are reminded to add the following in the menu as the minimum requirement. You may provide better food depending on your capacity.

1. Chicken - on Sundays
2. Egg - twice a week
3. Kindly give a curry along with rice.

Dear Sisters, Mary's birth is a reminder that God's saving work often begins in small, hidden, and humble ways. Let us not underestimate the power of our silent prayers, our small acts of kindness, our and our faithful service. Together, may we continue to build up Maria Mata Province as a family of hope, love, and holiness.

Yours in Jesus Christ,



Sr. Cincy FCC  
Provincial Superior



**Province Day Festal Greetings to all!**