

# PROVINCIAL CIRCULAR

Salesian Province of Mary Help of Christians, Guwahati, Assam, India

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**My dear Confreres,**

Greetings from the Provincial House, Guwahati.

**BE TRULY HOLY AND A GOOD HUMAN BEING DURING THIS HOLY WEEK AND BEYOND**

The Holy season of Lent, which we started with the imposition of the ashes on the Ash Wednesday is drawing to a close. Many trans-formative spiritual exercises were undertaken by many during these times of repentance, fast and abstinence and alms giving. We reminded ourselves that whoever we are - reputed, influential, "erroneously" rich etc., that we are dust and into dust, we shall return. So while living here on earth, let us ensure not to tarnish the image of God within, despite our deep awareness that the body is destined to be a mere dust. Prophet Joel spoke powerfully, "Yet even now," declares the Lord, "return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; and rend your hearts and not your garments" (2:12).



During the Holy Week and Easter, let us spend quality time gazing at Jesus and learning his values, principles and the way of life and make them our own. Jesus spent long hours in silence, in solitude, in prayer, in communion with His heavenly Father, discerning His will. If we forget to give primacy to God and have no time for God, our hearts will be too noisy with the noise of the world and may not be in sync with God's will and thus end up, doing not the will of God but ours. Individualism, personal glorification and self-will have often created lots of discord and disunity in our religious community life.

And then, there is always a risk that while we preach conversion to our listeners, we ourselves may have failed to be so. Change of heart may elude us even in Lent. It should not happen. There can be stubbornness, self complacency, loss of the sense of sin and compromises, which can blunt our consciences and we move on without any feeling of guilt and remorse. Hence, our lives will be superficial and our animation fail to touch the hearts. Our own conversion is important before we ask others to. Today, in some, we experience the loss of trust and credibility. Our own people, at times, look at us with suspicion and are unable to trust us for our goodness of heart, honesty, integrity, purity, fair dealing, compassion, gentleness and change of heart.

The Palm Sunday's triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem shows how nobility, greatness and humility can be combined in a person. Jesus, the Son of David, the Messiah and the king enters the city of God - Jerusalem seated on a lowly donkey, remaining humble despite the mob's glorious hosanna. By then, Jesus had discerned his Father's will, that is, to show to the world how sin and evil can finally be destroyed only by love, forgiveness, sinlessness and goodness.

On Maundy Thursday, Jesus invites us to adopt the servant mentality, which at times, can unfortunately be missing in our consecrated life. We, at times tend to exhibit our superiority over others. Jesus however bends, washes and kisses the feet of his friends which only the servants do. He emphatically told the apostles to "do likewise" and said "a new commandment I give unto you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another" (Jn 13: 34).

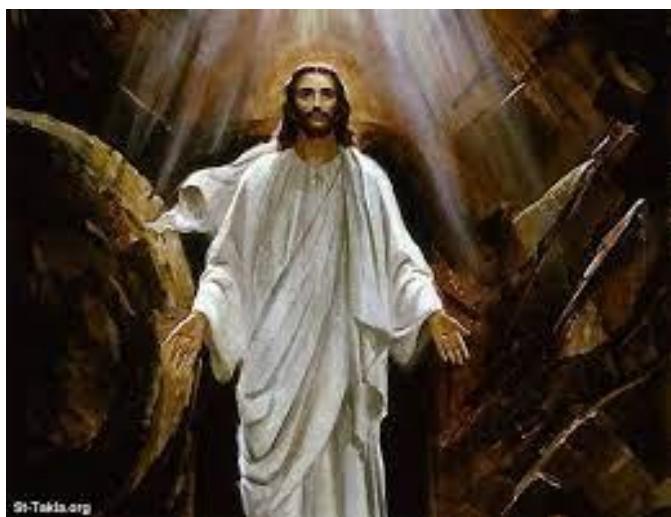
The Maundy Thursday is the day of the institution of Priesthood. "Do this In memory of Me" gratuitously enjoins all ordained priests take the place of Jesus himself - holy, obedient, humble, self sacrificing, prayerful, forgiving and generous. Hence it is important for every priest to understand and appreciate the dignity and nobility of his vocation and live up to it in his day to day life. People have lots of reverence, trust and appreciation to the office of priesthood and it is important that every priest's focus remain deeply spiritual, even as we work for the temporal progress of the people under our care. Every Holy Mass needs to be celebrated with due solemnity and understanding, as St Mother Teresa would exhort, "Priest of God, celebrate this Mass as if it is your first Mass, your last Mass and your only Mass" Of course, these words apply to the celebrant as well as the participants.

Jesus then is betrayed and sold by one of his close friends who dined with him at table. Whatever may have been the intention of Judas, it was he who led the Jews and the Roman soldiers to the garden of Gethsemane to find Jesus there and with the most sublime act of love "kiss" told the enemy, "He is the man". We have seen closest friends, parting ways for whatever reasons and quite bitterly. Pope Francis calls the gossips, scandal mongering, character assassination and detraction as terrorism who throws the bomb of destruction and disappears. One cleric lamented his experience in a Salesian community, of how priest-confreres gossiped uncharitably in the refectory about one another especially about the one who is absent for meals. It brings to my mind one beautiful and meaningful African Proverb which says, "He who gossips with you, will gossip about you" meaning to say that "If someone speaks to you about others, what makes you think he or she will not speak to others about you? Don't be deceived".

Jesus prayed much and devoutly in the garden of Gethsemane. He invited his apostles to pray. Earlier, when he was still in his public ministry and spent time in prayer, the disciples were so moved by his example that they told Him, "Lord, teach us to pray". In prayed, He talked, chatted and dialogued with His Father. In fact he fulfilled His mission, largely because he prayed, discerned the Father's will in his moments of silence, solitude and conversation. It is wonderful to see how he prayed in the midst of pain and suffering, "Forgive them Father, for they do not know what they do". "Into your hands, I commend my spirit", "My God, my God, why have you deserted me" etc. Unflinching fidelity to prayer is what the Church and the Congregation ask from all Christians

especially from the consecrated people. It is good to examine, if prayer is our fascination and if we pray as we should. Jesus Himself told us to pray at all times to overcome temptations.

On Good Friday, Jesus died on the cross for our sins. He sacrificed his innocent life out of love for human beings and through his passion, death and resurrection, we too could learn to be good human beings, full of love even to the enemies, learn to live with dignity and enter into the joy and glory of heaven. It is wonderful to see so many Christians flock the Church and approach the sacrament of reconciliation and thus liberating themselves from the clutches of the devil.



Jesus spoke often about three days in his life. In the temple, He told the Jewish authorities that even if the temple (of his body) is destroyed, he would raise it up on the third day. He clearly told his apostles and disciples that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, be handed over to the enemies who would inflict so much of humiliation and pain, would crucify him and make him die, but on the third day, rise from the dead. He rose from the dead on the third day, as he promised, never to die anymore.

Easter Sunday is not only the resurrection of Jesus but is also the new life of all human beings. The option is now open for us, if we want to choose life, and avoid death, to choose what is right and good and reject all that destroys us.

### **STATEMENT - SOUTH ASIA TEAM VISIT 2023 - March 1 – 3 - Hyderabad**

I am happy to present to you the statement of the Team Visit at Hyderabad, which I and the Provincial Council members attended from 1 to 3 March. I request everyone to consider these deliberations as the Way Forward of the GC 28 deliberations.

"We, the 126 members of the "Team Visit 2023 of South Asia Region", along with the Rector Major, Fr. Ángel Fernández Artíme and his Council, Regional Superior of South Asia, Provincials & members of the Provincial Councils, secretaries of various networks, Rectors of post-novitiate & theologates, and Moderators of Provincial Chapters, gathered at the Provincial House of the Province of St. Joseph, Hyderabad from 1-3 March 2023, to discuss the theme "Forward together on the Path of GC28".

We deliberated and reflected upon the following five sub-themes:

1. Growth in charismatic identity in Salesian life
2. Renewing Youth Ministry focused on the poorest of poor while taking care of sustainability of mission

3. Co-responsibility for the mission: With Laity and the Salesian Family
4. Identity of Salesians in South Asia, and
5. Collaboration and synergy with the Congregation in human resource.



### **GROWTH IN CHARISMATIC IDENTITY IN SALESIAN LIFE**

“Salesian Charismatic Identity” involves a process of embracing the program of Don Bosco *Da mihi animas* by becoming “mystics in the spirit, prophets of communion and servants of the young.”

It invites us to be pastors who have deep God experience, who are rooted in the Word of God and who have the heart of a father, brother, friend and an educator of the young like Don Bosco.

In our region the Salesian charismatic identity is strengthened in our everyday living through the importance given to the primacy of God, regular community practices of piety and following of ‘Salesian traditions’ of piety. It is further manifested in various forms of apostolates, process of ongoing formation, Salesian accompaniment in youth works and oratories.

It is weakened by spiritual worldliness, tendency to focus on mere human promotion rather than spiritual accompaniment, social and emotional fragility and lack of proper understanding of contemporary media trends and different religious traditions.

Growing and living the gifts and charism of the Holy spirit, practices of *da mihi animas*, formative accompaniment, promotion of Salesian brother vocation, pastoral possibilities through media innovations provide us with ample opportunities to grow in our Salesian charismatic identity.

It is threatened by neglect of traditional Salesian practices, spiritual eclecticism, individualism, clericalism, careerism, ethnic and caste polarization and social media addiction.

This calls us to be spiritually enriched, professionally qualified, psychologically integrated and passionately committed to respond to the challenges of the time.

We therefore resolve to:

- Ensure that our Salesian traditions, life of fraternity and prayer, working together in a spirit of collaboration with our lay partners, family spirit and presence among the young are followed in the community's life and mission.
- Inculcate appreciation for spiritual direction and ongoing formation through preparation of spiritual directors, training of formation personnel in spiritual accompaniment and psychosexual maturity.
- Reconcile individual giftedness with community dimension of our Salesian charismatic identity through the process of listening, dialogue and proper discernment.
- Ensure that in the Aspirantate there is a process of accompaniment and discernment.
- Study and grow in our conviction about the promotion of Salesian brother vocations and carry forward the resolutions of the 8<sup>th</sup> Brothers congress in each of our provinces.
- Tackle clericalism, individualism, careerism in all our institutions through periodical evaluation of our ministry at House Council, House Assemblies, functioning of the EPCC and working together with the common goal and focus.

## **1. Renewing Youth Ministry Focused on the Poorest of Poor while Taking Care of Sustainability of Mission**

We are living a historical phase characterized by changes that are not only profound, even radical, but also rapid.

We are conscious of the fact that “to renew” is a verb of action for our Salesian Youth Ministry, which not only has the task of dealing with the present, but also of grasping the dynamism and movements of history and thus entering into the heart of the expectations and hopes of today’s youth.

In this context, it is necessary to have a discernment of the “signals” that come to us from the present times in order to make efficacious the mission we have received.

The 117-year old Salesian mission in South Asia reaches out to various groups of disadvantaged and vulnerable, who experience various forms of poverty and deprivation. We reach out to dalits, tribals, migrants, beggars, construction labourers, slum dwellers, prisoners, substance abusers, orphans, young at risk, refugees and HIV/AIDS affected and infected persons.

The South Asia Region is blessed to have a vast network of institutions with good infrastructure even in remote areas. The PDOs in most of our provinces function as resource-mobilizing agencies for pro-poor projects.

It is weakened by the fact that we Salesians are formed to work with the youth but not with the poor and their eco system. There is a high tendency towards institutionalization and limited neighbourhood outreach, lack of utilization of the resources within the Salesian family, and pro-poor initiatives limited to certain individual charism.

Opportunities are provided to us through various government schemes, access to social media and technology, and vast number of Salesian Family members.

We are threatened by right-wing political environment, tendency to emulate successful models in the market forgetting our own identity and mission, and stringent government norms on education and health services that are anti-poor.

Therefore, we resolve to:

- Move from youth ministry that focuses on activities to process-oriented approaches.
- Emphasize the animating role of the youth ministry delegate as per *SYM Frame of Reference* (i.e., moving from compartmentalization of the various sectors of our mission to one integrated approach).
- Give systematic training and co-opt lay people to be partners in our Salesian mission.
- Make our evaluation systems more scientific, being professional in our HR policies, making optimal use of our structures and resources and making them available to the poor, working towards greater self-reliance.
- Create synergy with other provinces through common interprovincial formation houses, sharing of personnel & expertise, and collaborating with different networks.

## **2. Co-responsibility for the Mission: with Laity and the Salesian Family**

The Salesian missionary spirit is rooted in our charism and our motto *Da mihi animas*, and we share this spirit with our lay collaborators and members of the Salesian family.

We foster a culture of initial proclamation in all our settings in South Asia by forming our lay mission partners as heralds of the Good News.

We keep the missionary spirit alive in the provinces through the right choice of PDMA who carries out the responsibility to animate the confreres and the members of EPC.

The South Asia Region has established institutions and a large number of associations of lay people who work with the Salesians. Good collaboration is experienced with the lay people and members of the Salesian Family particularly in mission centres. There are good, committed and qualified lay people willing to collaborate with Salesians. However:

- The South Asia Region still lacks well-prepared programmes for information, preparation and formation of the laity for their participation in our mission. The

formation and functioning of EPC and SEPP has not yet become a normal practice in many communities.

- Trust-deficit is seen between Salesians and the collaborators as they are not fully integrated in matters of planning, policy-making and financial administration.
- Enormous possibilities for the expansion of our mission exist in our region. Therefore, we resolve to:
- Make Don Bosco's missionary spirit vibrant and alive in our region.
- Prepare Salesian personnel as well as training modules and material for the formal and systematic joint formation with the laity and the members of the Salesian family.
- Train and co-opt qualified and well-motivated lay people and members of the Salesian Family in Governing bodies, Provincial Commissions, Formation Teams, Principals in Schools and Colleges, and other managerial roles.
- Promote missionary voluntarism, and be part of civil movements for social justice and gender equality.
- Have graded syllabus on Salesian Family for the various stages of formation involving them in the formation process.
- Share responsibility with the Salesian family through synodal way of planning, implementing, and evaluation of the SEPP as EPC.

### **3. Identity of Salesians in South Asia**

Consolidation or expansion is a perspective of both the present and the future, a true path of “reshaping” that must lead to a vision that is shared among provinces. The Charismatic originality is shared communally and continually.

We resolve to strike a balance between consolidation and expansion by giving numerical consistency to our communities, giving quality to our community life, making it a prophecy of fraternity and a place of ongoing formation and of holiness.

### **4. Collaboration and Synergy with the Congregation in Human Resource**

The areas of shared responsibility and collaboration of the Congregation involving all of us are:

1. Headquarters
2. The major Salesian places and other services carried out by RMG on behalf of the Holy See
3. UPS in Rome

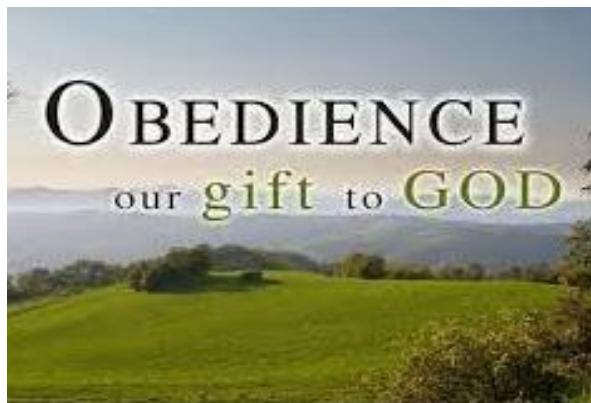
As members of the South Asia Region, we resolve to be conscious of the need to have a renewed openness to the sense of Congregation.

At the end of the Team Visit 2023, resonating with the challenges posed by the South Asian context with its amazing plurality of cultures, religions, spiritualities, and other ethnic diversities, we firmly resolve to reveal God's love by becoming His signs and bearers to the young, especially the poor of our South Asia Region, following the spirit and charism of Don Bosco.

May Mary Help of Christians, be our constant guide".

### APOSTOLIC ASSIGNMENTS FOR THE YEAR 2023-24

As is customary in the province, the Provincial and his Council, collectively make sincere efforts to discern God's will and after much prayer, reflection and dialogue assign ministries and responsibilities to the confreres, usually in the month of May-June. This year too the process has started some time ago. I am very grateful to all the confreres for your participation in the consultation. Out of 250 confreres in the province, 210 participated in it, which is very encouraging and it should continue.



Most of the transfers take place, due to the completion of the terms of office especially of the Rectors and leaders. In some cases, some individual confreres request the Provincial to relieve them of some ministries and in few cases, the Provincial and the council use their discretionary power to effect some changes for various reasons.

As I, as the Provincial of our beautiful province is now working on the new apostolic assignments for the year 2023-2024, all for the above reasons, I wish to share a few thoughts on the apostolic assignments.

There is much greater merit and virtue in obeying cheerfully and in deep faith and accept the assignment given, than desiring to remain on in a place to implement personal projects and plans. At times change is good for the person who moves out and also for the people who remain. It is always possible that when we accept apostolic assignments in a spirit of faith, you are able to perform much better in the new place. At the same time, I must say that there has been a good spirit of obedience in the province and I too keep the doors of dialogue wide open, though at times it is an arduous work. Let us keep up this spirit. Remember that no one is indispensable and the mission progresses if every one obeys and gives his best for the mission wherever God sends us.

Without any malice to anyone, I wish to bring to our awareness that at times, I receive complaints from our faithful/parishioners about confreres whose public relation leaves much room to improve. It seems to me that at times we are unkind, rude, unsympathetic intimidating and want ONLY our wills and plans to be done. Indeed I too receive compliments of confreres whose hospitality and interaction with people are admirable.

We need to remember that we are spiritual leaders and as such, our way of life, our mannerisms, our way of treatment and talking to people such as teachers, parents, parishioners, poor, and especially the youth need to reflect our status as religious. We need to talk with everyone including those who do not agree with us with utmost dignity, respect and love.

There are complaints, rightly or wrongly, from our collaborators and target groups including the youth that they are afraid to approach some of us - confreres, fearing the unexpected violent reactions in words and deeds. It is always better to win the good will of the people - good and not so good with utmost kindness, love and respect. We are asked not to be masters but humble servants but in reality, it looks that often we lord it over the people and woe to the one who has the voice of dissent.

We need to examine if some of us are gradually losing the trust and confidence of our people. Some seem to have huge trust deficit from our people. It is unhealthy physically, mentally and spiritually to suspect the people, who are our own people and their woes, challenges and failures are our own. Conscious efforts must be made to make the community, the school, the parish, the institution and our relationship a family, welcoming and accommodative, in the style and manner of St John Bosco. Let us think about all these during the Lenten season and when the new apostolic assignments are being worked out.

Though we all need money, let us also be willing to occupy places of assignment, where the people are poor and where incomes are meagre. Difficult mission fields should be our priority and there we should be most willing to go. Excess of money and availability of finance can derail and spoil our fidelity to our religious vows. Let us also be willing to work without directly controlling the finances. Money, many times is playing a huge spoil sport, not only in the Church, in the congregations but also in the secular world. Corruption has crept in to every aspect of human life including the life of priests and religious.

## **GENTLE REMINDERS**

**SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION OF CLERICS TO THE VOWS** - In the last Council meeting on 25 March, the Council has processed the application of many clerics and brothers either for the Perpetual vows or the renewals. The communities which have not sent the papers to the Secretary may kindly do so in April, so that we could do the needed work on 29 April when we will have the Provincial council meeting.

**PURCHASE OF VEHICLES** - When planning to purchase a new vehicle for the community due to the real need of the apostolate, kindly get it passed in the House council, after sharing in it about the need for it which should be genuine. Kindly do not place an order for the vehicle from showrooms before it is sent to the Provincial and his council for examination and approval. The Provincial and the Council will also advise the community what type of vehicle, a community needs to buy. I am mentioning it here, as there have been some aberrations which have taken place. It goes against the vow of poverty not to take care of the vehicles, to keep a vehicle exclusively for a confrere and move around without any reference to the community.

**VISITS:** I have made conscious effort to be considerate when some of you approached me to visit homes or other provinces for reasons known to you. Everything depends on the purpose of the visit and when it comes to the sickness of parents, it looks to me that it is good that permissions be given. However, it is my request that for the sake of the effectiveness of the mission, apostolate and community life, let us avoid visits which are not strictly required. Confreres need to inform the Provincial whenever you go out of the province. The Rector does not have the authority allow you to go outside the province and kindly do not inform me when you are already on the way.

### MAINTENANCE OF SPONSORSHIP RECORDS

One of the lofty six year plan of the Rector Major is to pay special attention to the poorest of the poor youth in the place of our ministry. Pope Francis too had invited the whole Church to go to the peripheries and if necessary, get bruised and wounded for the sake of the most needy youth who wait for us and invite us to come to them.

It is fortunate that most of our settings are in the economically challenging areas. It will be wonderful for the communities to evaluate and study who among such target groups, might need our intervention more urgently than others and then make the necessary interventions.

In our budget, every community is asked to set aside a decent amount for scholarships, sponsorships and financial assistance of the most needy youth. It is heartening to see that much assistance is being given and I would encourage that it should continue in a transparent and systematic manner.

During our SPCSA meeting, this topic too was discussed. In our Province, we have been assisting innumerable students who need our help but we need to ensure that all financial interventions of the community are recorded clearly. Hence let us continue to uplift the education of economically challenged students but let our assistance be kept in record too. Henceforth therefore, no one is allowed to help anyone without the maintenance of records. It will help us in many ways. The office of the Economer will collect such assistance annually and will share the information in the meeting of the Rectors and other confreres.

### ORDINATION TO DIACONATE OF JOHN CHANDRA RABHA - BANGALORE



We offer our sincere hearty congratulations to Dn John Chandra Rabha on his ordination to Diaconate. He was ordained at Kristu Jyoti College Bangalore with a host of his companions. As we congratulate him, we wish him all the best for his diaconal experience at Amkachi. We pray that he may continue to prepare himself well for his ordination.

We have two other deacons in the Province, namely Dn Somesh Tudu and Dn Hopna Tudu. Hopefully, five (5) of our clerics, studying at Sacred Heart Theological college Shillong will also be ordained as Deacons in the month of July. Let us keep them in our prayers.

## CONDOLENCES

### **Fr Mathew Dass, the Fatima Sisters, a teacher and a driver**

We extend our heartfelt condolences to Rt. Rev.Thomas Pulloppillil, Bishop of Bongaigaon, the Priests, Religious and all the faithful of the diocese at the tragic demise of Rev. Fr. Mathew Das, the Parish Priest of Barama and to the Congregation of Fatima Sisters at the loss of Sr. Melagrine Dantes, Sr. Promila Tirkey, Sr. Rossie Nongrum, and to the families of Mr. Mairan, the teacher and the driver, who lost their precious lives due to fatal road accident on 26 February 2023 at Sumer, Ri-bhoi District, Meghalaya . May the good Lord grant their soul eternal rest.

### **Mrs Thresiamma Michael Pulianmackal**

We offer our prayerful condolences to Rev. Fr. Biju Michael, our Regional and to his family who have lost their dear mother *Mrs Thresiamma Michael Pulianmackal* on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2023. May the Lord be their consolation and strength in this time of bereavement and loss and may the Lord grant eternal repose to the departed.

### **Mr. Placidas Minj**

*Mr Placidas Minj*, the father of Cl. Manish Minj (Student- DBCL, Tura), passed away on 18 th February 2023. He was 75. May the good Lord grant him eternal rest in His kingdom! We offer our sincere condolences to Cl. Manish Minj and the family, and pray for them

### **Mr. Benjamin Mardi**

Fr Barnabas Mardi sadly lost his younger brother *Mr Benjamin Mardi*, aged 58, who passed away on 29 March 2023. We offer our sincerest and heartfelt condolences to Fr Barnabas and the bereaved family members on this loss. May the Lord be their strength and consolation! May the good Lord grant eternal rest to the departed soul!

## **BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION OF FR CHITTAPANATT GEORGE, OUR VETERAN**



On 31 March 2023 Fr George Chittappannatt, 3<sup>rd</sup> senior-most confrere of ING celebrated his birthday. *Tempus fugit* and it is so true for Fr CV George. Fr. George completes his 86 years of life. We thank God for the gift of Fr George to Provincial House community and to our Province. We thank God for 66 years of Salesian life and 56 years of priestly life. We continue to care for him and pray that God's grace may accompany him for many more years of life and ministry.

## OUR NOVICES AT ZUBZA

Three (3) of our novices at Zubza, Kohima have applied to make their first profession on 24 May 2023. Eight (8) ING novices at Sunnyside, Shillong will receive their religious habit in April at Don Bosco Shrine, Sohra and if admitted, will also make their first profession at Sunnyside on 24 May 2023. Let us thank God for them and keep them in our daily prayers.





### PRENOVICES 2023 - 2024 AT MENDAL



## CONCLUSION

Dear Confreres, I wish you all a very Happy Easter. May the risen Christ be our source of strength to conquer sin and death, like Him and enjoy a new life, at least in some spheres of our life. I was so happy to note how some communities observed the Lenten fast and abstinence, mortification, penance and almsgiving seriously. I was edified to see one community, visiting some poor families in the locality and giving them clothes and financial assistance out of the Lenten fast and abstinence.

I witnessed some parish priests making arrangements for priests, especially from our institutions so that they could go to the sub-centres to administer the Sacraments and especially conduct the Holy Week and Easter Liturgy to the people in their own localities. I thank our confreres who show great willingness to go to the people and animate them, so as to experience the grace of the Holy Week and Easter.

I assure you of my prayerful remembrance during the Holy Week and especially during the Easter celebrations. May the Risen Lord bless you all and may our blessed Mother continue to intercede for us.

Let us continue to pray for Fr George Chalissery, the Extraordinary visitor as he animates the province. He tells me that he is keeping fine and that he is enjoying his visits to the communities and interacting with the confreresm the faithful, the teachers, other collaborators and especially the young. Let us pray for our sick confreres especially Fr CV George and Fr Cornelius Panna. Let us also pray for our confreres in difficult situations.

The dates for the post matric vocation camps have been announced. One camp will be at Garobadha and the other at Sirajuli. Let us take vocation discernment, promotion and accompaniment wholeheartedly. We shall announce the venue of the perpetual profession and of the retreat for clerics and Brothers soon.

Yours affectionately in Don Bosco,



Fr Januarius S Sangma, SDB

*Provincial*



**APRIL 2023**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>PROGRAMME</b>
1	Sat	Zubza, Kohima >> Guwahati
2	Sun	Dimapur >> Guwahati
3	Mon	Guwahati
4	Tue	Guwahati >> Shallang
5	Wed	Shallang
6	Thu	Guwahati
7	Fri	Guwahati
8	Sat	Guwahati
9	Sun	Guwahati : Easter Mass in the Co-Cathedral
10	Mon	Guwahati
11	Tue	Guwahati
12	Wed	Guwahati : Budget : Garo Hills region
13	Thu	<b>Regional Meeting</b> (SDB – Assam Plains Region) at DBSTI Tezpur, 4.00 pm. Salesian Family Gathering (Assam Plains Region) Tezpur, 6.00 pm. (Conference 6.00 –7.00 pm; interaction 7.00 – 7.30 pm). Dinner for all. Budget : BTR Region
14	Fri	Guwahati : Budget : Assam Plain region
15	Sat	Guwahati : Budget : Kamrup Metro region
16	Sun	Episcopal Ordination - Nongstoin
17	Mon	Guwahati : Budget : Karbi Anglong region YAR meeting: BRO
18	Tue	Guwahati >> Mendal
19	Wed	Mendal : Blessing and Inauguration of Science Block
20	Thu	Damra
21	Fri	Guwahati: Governing Body Meeting, ADBU, Tapesia Catechism Teachers Training (English Medium)
22	Sat	Catechism Teachers Training ADMA Meeting, Rongjeng
23	Sun	Catechism Teachers Training
24	Mon	<b>Regional Meeting</b> (SDB – Karbi Anglong Region) Sojong at 4.00 pm. Meeting with Salesian Family and Other Religious Collaborators at 6.00 pm. (Conference 6.00 – 7.00 pm; interaction 7.00 – 7.30 pm). Dinner
25	Tue	Satgaon
26	Wed	Baithalangso >> Guwahati
27	Thu	<b>Meeting of all Commission Members with the Visitor at Provincial House – 3.00 pm to 6 pm</b>
28	Fri	Guwahati
29	Sat	Provincial Council Meeting, Provincial House : Admission to the vows
30	Sun	Guwahati