



# Provincial Circular

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**My Dear Confreres,**

Greetings from Provincial House, Dimapur!

### **SACRED HEART**

June is the month of the Sacred Heart. Let us pay heed to the cry of Jesus: "Behold the Heart that has loved mankind so much, and is so little loved in return." Jesus' human nature was filled with love and kindness that has no equal. He is the perfect model of love of God and neighbour.

"Only the Heart of Christ, who knows the depths of his Father's love, could reveal to us the abyss of his mercy..." (CCC 1439)

The love that Jesus bore towards us also urged Him to undergo the death of the Cross. At the Last Supper, He said, "There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends" (Jn 15:13)

The meaning of love in the life of Jesus was especially evident in His sufferings. Out of love for His Father He willed to undergo the death of the Cross. "The world must know that I love the Father and do just as the Father has commanded Me" (Jn.14:31).

### ***The Image***

The Sacred Heart is often depicted as a flaming heart shining with divine light, pierced by the lance-wound, encircled by the crown of thorns, surmounted by a cross and bleeding. Sometimes the image is shown shining within the bosom of Christ with his wounded hands pointing at the heart. The wounds and crown of thorns allude to the manner of Jesus' death, while the fire represents the transformative power of divine love.

### ***The Meaning***

The Heart of Jesus is the centre of his personality; it is the intimate source from which his thoughts originate, his affection, his words, his works. It is the key of all the dogmas, it is the explanation of all the mysteries, it is the profound sense of each word of the Gospel because everything is illuminated and inflamed by charity. This is why Pius XI wrote "The Heart of Jesus is the compendium of the whole Catholic religion."

When the Catholic Church approved the devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, she did not base her action only on the visions of Saint Margaret Mary. The Church

approved the devotion on its own merits. There is only one Person in Jesus, and that Person was at the same time God and Man. His Heart, too, is Divine: it is the Heart of God.

***Our Lady revealed to St. Brigid:***

"My Son was truly my Heart to me. When He left my bosom to be born, it seemed as though half of my Heart were going forth from me. When He suffered, I felt His pain as though my Heart endured the identical sorrows and torments that He endured. When my Son was being scourged and torn with whips, my Heart was scourged and whipped with Him. When He looked at me from the Cross, and I at Him, two streams of tears gushed from my eyes; and when He saw me oppressed with sorrow, He experienced such violent anguish at my desolation that the pain caused by His sorrow was my sorrow as His Heart was my Heart. Because Adam and Eve together betrayed the world for one, single forbidden fruit, so did my beloved Son wish that I should cooperate with Him in redeeming it with one Heart."

***St. Margaret Mary Alacoque:***

"He promised me that wherever this image should be exposed with a view to showing it special honour, He would pour forth His blessings and graces. This devotion was the last effort of His love that He would grant to men in these latter ages, in order to withdraw them from the empire of Satan which He desired to destroy, and thus to introduce them into the sweet liberty of the rule of His love, which He wished to restore in the hearts of all those who should embrace this devotion... The devotion is so pleasing to Him that He can refuse nothing to those who practice it."

"And Jesus showed me that it was His great desire of being loved by men and of withdrawing them from the path of ruin that made Him form the design of manifesting His Heart to men, with all the treasures of love, of mercy, of grace, of sanctification and salvation which it contains, in order that those who desire to render Him and procure Him all the honour and love possible, might themselves be abundantly enriched with those divine treasures of which His heart is the source."

"I could plainly see His heart, pierced and bleeding, yet there were flames, too, coming from it and a crown of thorns around it. He told me to behold His heart which so loved humanity. Then He seemed to take my very heart from me and place it there in His heart. In return He gave me back part of His flaming heart."

***Padre Pio:***

St. Pio wrote on 12 April 1912: "When Mass was over I remained with Jesus in thanksgiving. Oh, how sweet was the colloquy with paradise that morning! It was such that although I want to tell you all about it, I cannot. There were things which cannot be translated into human language without losing their deep and heavenly meaning. The Heart of Jesus and my own - allow me to use the expression - were fused. No longer were two hearts beating but only one. My own heart had disappeared as a drop of water is lost in the ocean. Jesus was its paradise, its king. My joy was so intense and deep that I could bear no more and tears of happiness poured down my cheeks. When paradise is poured into a heart, this afflicted, exiled, weak and mortal heart cannot bear it without weeping."

"Do not ever lose heart when the tempest rages; place all your trust in the Heart of the Most Gentle Jesus. Pray and I might add, devoutly pester the divine Heart."

### **A Prayer:**

From the depth of my nothingness,  
I prostrate myself before Thee,  
O Most Sacred, Divine and Adorable Heart of Jesus,  
to pay Thee all the homage of love,  
praise and adoration in my power. Amen.  
(St. Margaret Mary Alacoque)

### **APOSTOLIC ASSIGNMENTS**

One name was left out in the apostolic assignments list released in the last circular:

Fr Kochuparambil Jerish Abraham: SHTC Shillong - Lecturer & Asst. Dir. DBCIC

### **LET US PRAY FOR:**

Mrs. Kochumariam, 99: the mother of Fr. Mathew Tharakan who passed away on 1<sup>st</sup> June.

Fr. Mathew Tharakan himself: who is soon to undergo a bypass surgery in Kerala. He will be admitted in Lissie Hospital, Ernakulam on 16 July; operation on 18 July.

Cardinal Simon Lourdusamy: Prefect-Emeritus of the Congregation for the Oriental Churches. He passed away on 2<sup>nd</sup> June at his residence in Rome. He was 90. The funeral will take place at the Immaculate Conception Cathedral Church, Pondicherry.

<b>BIRTHDAYS IN JUNE</b>	
2	Fr Anthony Christudoss
4	Fr Alexis Felix Irudayaraj
6	Fr Thuruthiyil Sebastian (TJ)
8	Fr Chemparathy Jose (CC)
8	Fr Topno Bernard
13	Fr Pellissery Tony
15	Fr Karippai Jose
16	Fr Parumala Vincent (PF)
18	Fr Lakra Bimal
20	Fr Elow Samuel
20	Fr Perianayagam John Bosco
25	Fr Madathiparambil Roy Mathew
26	Cl Chiharmeï Kharsi Alayee Pius
28	Fr Kerketta Paulus
29	Fr Gangmei Jangsinlung Joshua
29	Fr Tharakan Mathew
30	Fr Paikada Manuel

<b>DEATH ANNIVERSARY</b>			
18	Fr. Benjamin Toppo	Kohima	2001 54

### **CONGRATULATIONS**

I extend my heartiest congratulations to the confreres concerned for the good school results.

JUNE 2014			
June		Provincial's Programme	Vice Provincial's Programme
1	Sun	Dimapur	Dimapur
2	Mon	Dimapur	Dimapur
3	Tue	Itanagar	Mon
4	Wed	Harmuty (GC 27 animation)	Mon
5	Thu	Siloam ( Meeting of confreres 70 plus)	Guwahati
6	Fri	Siloam, Dimapur	Siloam – Confreres 70+ meeting
7	Sat	Imphal, Khoupum	Siloam – Confreres 70+ meeting
8	Sun	Khoupum (House Blessing)	Dimapur – Salesian Family Day
9	Mon	Imphal	Dimapur
10	Tue	Dimapur	Dimapur
11	Wed	Dimapur	Dimapur
12	Thu	Dimapur (Council Meeting)	Council Meeting
13	Fri	Dimapur (Council Meeting)	Council Meeting
14	Sat	Dimapur	
15	Sun	Dibrugarh, Rajanagar	
16	Mon	Bordumsa, Wakro	Salesian College
17	Tue	Sadiya	Salesian College
18	Wed	Khobong, Doomdooma	
19	Thu	Tinsukia, Borduria	
20	Fri	Kheti, Longding, Minthong	
21	Sat	Kanubari, Dimapur	Siloam
22	Sun	Siloam (Young Priests' Meeting)	Young Priests' Meeting - Siloam
23	Mon	Siloam (Young Priests' Meeting)	Young Priests' Meeting - Siloam
24	Tue	Siloam (Retreat: Young Priest)	Young Priests' Retreat - Siloam
25	Wed	Siloam (Retreat: Young Priest)	Young Priests' Retreat - Siloam
26	Thu	Siloam (Retreat: Young Priest)	Young Priests' Retreat - Siloam
27	Fri	Siloam (Retreat: Young Priest)	Young Priests' Retreat - Siloam
28	Sat	Siloam (Retreat: Young Priest)	Young Priests' Retreat - Siloam
29	Sun	Siloam (Retreat: Young Priest)	Young Priests' Retreat - Siloam
30	Mon	Siloam (Retreat: Young Priest)	Khetri

“How good and how beautiful for brothers, when they dwell as one!” (Ps 133:1)

Yours affectionately in Don Bosco,

**Fr. Nestor Guria, SDB**  
(Provincial)

