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My Dear Confreres,

Greetings from Provincial House, Dimapur!

From 9th to 12th this month the Councillor for Missions, Fr. Guillermo Basanes, was in our province. We cordially welcomed him, and he on his part has energized us with love for Don Bosco and the congregation. He particularly stressed the importance of belonging: that as Salesians, we should totally belong to God, belong to our confreres and belong to all the youth. Let us refocus our religious and Salesian life on to the Lord and our Blessed Mother following the example of Don Bosco in his love for the youth.

BICENTENARY OF DON BOSCO'S BIRTH

August 16th is an important date for us Salesians. This year it is the 200th birthday of Don Bosco. Let us use the occasion to recommit ourselves to his charism that we have inherited for the welfare of youth everywhere. Let each community mark the event in creative ways to generate admiration for Don Bosco and a desire to be like him.

Bishop Enrico Dal Covolo Rector of the Pontifical Lateran University, in an interview published by the Catholic News Update Asia, appealed for the young people's problems to be taken seriously. According to an Italian sociologist, whom he quotes, what is happening to the youth of today is "Massacre of the Innocents" because the young are not given, not just the employment only, but also the deeper understanding of the meaning of existence. Due to this, in Europe, suicide is slated as the second cause of death among adolescents and first among young people. Again in Italy, the sociologist continues, 30% of those suffering from depression are young people.

The young people need a mechanism to get out of problematic situations. This is where, Bishop Enrico says, Don Bosco comes in. "He really was God's entrepreneur for the well-being of young people. His careful analysis of the situation of young people and the concrete solutions he came up with turned out to be an explosive and beneficial mix. I think that if Don Bosco was with us today he would say to us: 'we have more than enough diagnoses, what we need now are prescriptions.'"

Another important point the bishop raises for our reflection is that of affirming young people. On social media it is very clear that the young want to be noticed and they are looking for 'Like's. The question asked is what role does a Salesian educator play in such a context? It is someone who feels unconditional love for the young, regardless of their qualities and performance; "It is enough for you to be young for me to love you very much," Don Bosco used to say.

The bishop emphasizes that Don Bosco would give all young people a "Like" no matter what. The Salesian educator should care about the rational and the emotional dimension of the young. However just loving is not enough; the challenges the youth situation poses today need to be taken seriously. Love needs to be translated into concrete plans and large-scale

efforts in favour of young people. Someone coined the expression “the martyr of creativity”! A Salesian educator does not rest until he has found concrete solutions to the needs of young people; he is to become a real entrepreneur of the youth cause.

One such entrepreneurial undertaking is what the Salesian Missions in its documentary “I AM NOT FOR SALE” is mentioning. The short film narrates the help the Salesians are able to give to about 200 trafficked children every year in Benin, Western Africa.

The children, who come or are brought there, have had a traumatic childhood in forced labour and exploitation of all kinds. They have lost their personal integrity and most often have turned out to be violent. They have had no experience of a mother-child relationship, no experience of love which results in emotional deficiency and so they display forms of aggression and terrible anger against adults.

One of the Salesians at the Don Bosco Centre says, “We have a chance to make good a kid who was trafficked, who had nobody to call his own or to love or hug him; in time we see this kid smile, start to play, speak in public, say his name and be able to write: that is worth all the money in the world – and that is enough for me.”

It is good to reflect what the bicentenary celebrations would mean for each one of our communities. If there is a wish that we all could have, it should be that each one of us re-incarnates Don Bosco, for the sake of the young of today!

INDEPENDENCE DAY & ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY

As a nation we are privileged to hold these two great events on the same day. It is as if to make us understand that real independence will be celebrated when we have been fully assumed into the spiritual realm. While we await that experience let us keep our fingers crossed in prayer for our people to experience liberation from poverty and want, from injustice and intolerance, from enslavement and persecution. Let us pray for our leaders that they may be guided by true wisdom. May our Blessed Mother watch over our motherland and its people, especially the poor and downtrodden!

AUDITS FROM FINANCIAL YEAR 2014-15

As deliberated in the Provincial Chapter and in subsequent meetings especially of Leaders of Communities, from the current financial year, all the houses will do the audit of the accounts with *H.K.Arawala & Associates, Chartered Accountants, 2nd Floor, Above Indian Overseas Bank, Sabitri Lalit Bharali Bhawan, M.N.Road, Panbazar, Guwahati – 781001* and use the accounting software AcME ERP.

AcME training has already taken place once in the provincial house; and now a follow up action will be taken soon to ensure that all the houses get AcME ERP installed and working. Towards this end, two documents are enclosed which are to be filled in and returned to the office of the Provincial Economist.

The Economist is also planning a visit by the Provincial AcME Team to the various regions in our province. Kindly take advantage of this opportunity to ensure AcME ERP is installed and used in all our institutions.

Following are the enclosed documents:

- a) Appointment for Statutory Audit for financial Year 2014-15
- b) Check list
- c) Schedule for visiting various centres for the installation of AcME ERP

LET US PRAY FOR:

Mr. Aippuni, 77, brother in law of Fr. CT Varghese, who passed away on 3rd August.

| Birthdays in AUGUST | | Birthdays in SEPTEMBER | |
|---------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 2 Cl | Kujur Gyan Sandeep | 4 Fr | Edamala Jose |
| 7 Fr | Toppo Rashmi Ranjan | 5 Fr | Kalapurackal Thomas (KA) |
| 8 Fr | Palely Jose | 7 Br | Topno Benarius |
| 8 Fr | W. Maria Joseph Vianney | 7 Cl | Chiipfokhomei Adahe Paul |
| 9 Cl | Kapena Neli Loli Thomas | 7 Fr | Muthirakalm Sabu (Jose Joseph) |
| 14 Cl | Panmei Imchamngam Paul | 8 Fr | Hans Igness |
| 16 Cl | Francis Kadulung Emmanuel | 9 Fr | R.K.Guangdiat Nicholas |
| 19 Fr | Anthony swamy Chinnapparaj | 9 Cl | Ekka Bosco (INS - MSW) |
| 20 Fr | Edakkudan Joseph | 10 Fr | Kujur Shantilal |
| 20 Cl | Soro John Paul Vemo | | |
| 21 Cl | Anal Ruwnglal Augustine | | |
| 21 Fr | Angel Fernandez Artime | | |
| 23 Fr | Savarimuthu Arokiasamy | | |
| 28 Fr | Kreni Salew Peter | | |
| 28 Fr | Toppo Anthony | | |
| 31 Fr | Chalangattucherry Mathew (CJ) | | |

| RIP in AUGUST | | | | |
|------------------|--------------------|-----------|------|----|
| 28 Fr. | Chacko Edamala | Dibrugarh | 1985 | 46 |
| 29 Fr. | Dominic Barwa | Dibrugarh | 1990 | 67 |
| RIP in SEPTEMBER | | | | |
| 6 Fr. | Philip Kokkapallil | Dimapur | 2005 | 70 |

CONGRATULATIONS

I wish to thank Fr. Lody Pires for conducting and congratulate the participants for attending the retreat for Rectors and Leaders of communities. I was with them all through. I must say the retreat was well made. May its spiritual fruits be seen in the province!

For all those who have not yet made retreat this year, an opportunity will be given in the coming months.

I also congratulate our Economer, Fr. Jose Palely, for so efficiently organizing the AcME training programme for the administrators. It was well attended. There was a visible spirit of enthusiasm and brotherliness.

I express a word of appreciation also to the Rector of the Provincial House, Fr CT Varghese who saw to the many details to make the stay of the confreres comfortable during the retreat and the training programme.

COMING EVENTS

On 22nd this month there is the meeting of the Assistant Parish Priests. A list of participants will be circulated.

| Aug 14 | PROVINCIAL | VICE PROVINCIAL |
|---------------|---|--|
| 01 Fri | Kolkata - Meeting of Commission for Missions | Administrator's meeting - Dimapur |
| 02 Sat | Guwahati | Administrator's meeting - Dimapur |
| 03 Sun | Shillong | Administrator's meeting - Dimapur |
| 04 Mon | Shillong SHTC - Governing Body Meeting | Doom Dooma |
| 05 Tue | Shillong SHTC - Inauguration of New Academic Year | Kheti - Regional Meeting (Bicentenary) |
| 06 Wed | Dimapur | Longding & Mintong |
| 07 Thu | Dimapur | Dimapur |
| 08 Fri | Dimapur | Dimapur |
| 09 Sat | Jorhat with Mission Councillor at 5.30 P.M. | Dimapur - Bicentenary Celebration Core Group Meet |
| 10 Sun | Mission Councillor at Golaghat | Dimapur - PT Brothers Recollection & Meeting |
| | Evening: Provincial House - Meets PT Brothers | |
| 11 Mon | Mission Councillor to Maram, Kohima, Zubza | Dimapur |
| 12 Tue | Mission Councillor: DB Dimapur, Meets Parish Priests | Dimapur - PP's meeting with the Mission Councillor |
| | 5.30 pm Mass with Salesian Family, Conference ... at SC | |
| 13 Wed | 6.30 A.M. Mission Councillor leaves for Guwahati | To Hamutty (Service Rules) |
| 14 Thu | Dimapur | To Doimukh (Service Rules) |
| 15 Fri | Dimapur | To Itanagar DBHSS (Service Rules) |
| 16 Sat | Dimapur: Inauguration of Bicentenary of DB's Birth | |
| 17 Sun | Dimapur: | |
| 18 Mon | Dimapur: DBVTC, Team visit | Team visit - DBVTC |
| 19 Tue | Dimapur: DBVTC, Team visit | Team visit - DBVTC |
| 20 Wed | Dimapur: B. Ed College, Team visit | Team visit - B.Ed College |
| 21 Thu | Dimapur: B. Ed College, Team visit | Team visit - B.Ed College |
| 22 Fri | Dimapur: Meeting of Assistant Parish Priests | Dimapur |
| 23 Sat | Dimapur | |
| 24 Sun | Doimukh: Team Visit | Team visit - Doimukh |
| 25 Mon | Doimukh: Team Visit | Team visit - Doimukh |
| 26 Tue | Doimukh: Team Visit | Team visit - Doimukh |
| 27 Wed | Dimapur | |
| 28 Thu | Dimapur: Council meeting | Council Meeting |
| 29 Fri | Dimapur: Council meeting | Council Meeting |
| 30 Sat | Dimapur | |
| 31 Sun | Dimapur | |

Yours affectionately in Don Bosco,

Fr. Nestor Guria, SDB
(Provincial)

