



# Provincial Circular

## Province of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

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My dear Sisters,

Loving greetings from Auxilium Provincial House, Nongthymmai!

The continued lock down that we have been experiencing ever since the onset of Covid-19 pandemic has impeded our life and activities in various ways. Yet the days and months are galloping very fast that we find ourselves entering already into the second half of the year. While we unite in solidarity and prayers with the suffering world due to the uprising cases of the Pandemic especially in our country, I am happy to know that many communities of our Province have been active in order to cope up with the situation and go on with the mission in the best possible manner. Many of you have been attending online seminars and courses, providing online classes for your students, also interacting with teachers and parents. In the domestic front too, most of you have given your contribution to the community in making the land more productive and sharing its fruits with others. In this year of Laudato Si, this is a tangible sign of solidarity with the invitation of our Holy Father to care for the earth and make it sustainable for future generations. During this period, the communities have also become spiritually more active, spending more time in adoration, personal prayers, etc...and I hope we are still continuing with this as a sign of solidarity and intercession on behalf of the suffering world. We do not know when the situation will come to its normal rhythm but we trust in God who has blessed us beyond, in comparison to our suffering brothers and sisters around us. Let us move on ahead with deeper faith, sincere gratitude and live our mission in the current reality with greater enthusiasm and creativity.

### *Devotion to the most precious blood of Jesus~*

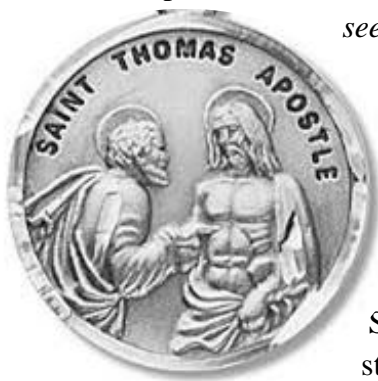
The month of July is especially dedicated to the most precious blood of Jesus. The devotion to the precious blood of Jesus holds a specific importance for us Christians as it was through His death on the Cross and the shedding of His precious blood that He paid for the sins of the world and brought us salvation. Through St. Faustina, Jesus revealed to us that it is through His bleeding side that He wishes to pour out His mercy on us. Every drop of His blood was poured out in love and mercy to generate new life in us. If the precious blood of Jesus has enthused us with new life, our response to it, then, ought to be one of conversion and of transformation to be Christ-like in our being. This conviction invites us to surrender our own desires, our own plans, our own wills, and unite ourselves to Jesus who was obedient to the Father's plan. Since Jesus has poured out his blood for us, we are filled with greater confidence and courage to draw near to His heart. Jesus' sacrifice with His most precious blood was the price of our



redemption. Let us humbly join the offering of ourselves with the supreme sacrifice of Jesus, pleading for the Father's mercy on us and the world.

### *St. Thomas the Apostle*

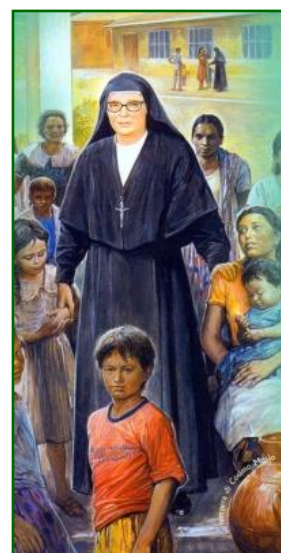
**W**e celebrate the solemnity of St. Thomas the Apostle on 3 July with an invitation to greater and more profound faith. St. Thomas' initial unbelief in the Lord's resurrection prompted the other disciples and ourselves as well to move on from "*seeing to believing*" to "*believe in order to see*". Contextualizing the unbelief of St. Thomas to our own, it is apt to say that, like him, we too often experience the challenge to enrich our faith through the daily events and demands of the cross. Just like St. Thomas we look for signs to believe, at times signs that bypass the precious gift of faith which enables us to recognize the presence of the risen Lord in the events of life.



St. Thomas was the last among the disciples to see the Risen Lord. Yet strong was his faith that he in turn became a witness to the truth of the resurrection and an apostle of Faith. Strengthened by the touch of the Risen Lord and true to His command "*Go into the whole world and proclaim the Good News*", he had the audacity to set out and announce the joy of the Gospel to far distant places including our very own Country, India and finally sealed his life with the blood of martyrdom. In these times when there is so much persecution and discrimination against the followers of Jesus we have a powerful example in St. Thomas to live our discipleship drawing inspiration and courage from him.

### *Blessed Maria Romero Meneses*

**T**he saintly figure of Blessed Maria Romero Meneses whom we commemorate on 7 July is an example of evangelical love and charity. Her great love for God and for humanity proves her to be an authentic example of Salesian holiness wrapped in prayer as in activity. So beautifully she embodied the Preventive system in her context that she was able to generate life spiritually to many people whom she encountered. The young people, the poor and abandoned children, people of wealthy families and everyone were conquered by her apostolic ardour especially her Marian devotion which obtained amazing graces for them. Her authentic faith in Divine Providence and more particularly her deep love for Jesus became an ideal all through her life. She found great joy in the opportunities to bring the children, the poor, the suffering and the marginalized closer to the Gospel truth.



Her zealous life marked by intense prayer, obedience and miracles were signs of her close union with God especially in the Eucharist. She made herself like St. Paul "*all to all*" and she always sought to win souls for God. Everything was simple in her life. Her great confidence in God and her '*Madonina*' were such that no amount of difficulties could dampen her zeal, passion and love for souls. Such wonderful example of a saintly Daughter of Mary Help of Christians is certainly a sign of self interrogation for us. Let us imitate this model of great charity and make the daily situations of our mission small miracles that draw souls to God.

## *New titles in the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary~*

Pope Francis has approved the inclusion of three additional invocations in the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The three titles are: “*Mother of mercy*”, “*Mother of hope*” and “*Comfort of migrants*,” The declaration of the new titles came on the Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the World Refugee Day on 20 June 2020. It was communicated through the prefect of the Congregation for the Divine Liturgy and the Discipline of the Sacraments.

The first new title “*Mother of mercy*” is to be prayed after the invocation “Mother of the Church,” the second “*Mother of hope*” after the invocation “Mother of Divine Grace,” while the third “*Comfort of migrants*,” will go after the invocation of Mary as “Refuge of Sinners.” We place our hope and trust in the divine intervention of our Blessed Mother that she may intercede especially for the suffering world which is being afflicted by various sorts of evil and particularly the pandemic of the corona virus.



## *Communications~*

**Community Animators:** I am happy to communicate to you the following sisters who are called to be animators of our communities. Our gratitude to Mother General and her Council for the confirmation of their appointment.

- **Sr. Lidia Paliar** as the animator of Auxilium, ITI- Aizawl for the second term.
- **Sr. Albina Phangchopi** as the animator of St. Mary Mazzarello, Garobadha for the second term.
- **Sr. Matilda Kharjana** as the animator of Auxilium, Lamysiang for the second term.
- **Sr. Celina Maslai** as the animator of Auxilium, Umswai for the second term.
- **Sr. Luigina Duia** as the animator of Auxilium, Vairengte for the second term.
- **Sr. Irine Lyngdoh** as the animator of Auxilium, Kawnpui for the first term.
- **Sr. Celestina Thyrniang** as the animator of St. Mary Mazzarello, Mawkyrdep for the first term.
- **Sr. Isabella Suja** as the animator of St. Peter's, Nongstoiñ for the first term.
- **Sr. Agatha Shadap** as the animator of St. Mary Mazzarello, Rambrai for the first term.
- **Sr. Luigina Shylla** as the animator of St. Mary Mazzarello, Sutnga for the first term.

I express my profound gratitude to these sisters for their generous ‘YES’ to the noble responsibility of guiding the communities and I assure them of my prayers for the fruitfulness of their mission.

**Appreciation and gratitude:** I am immensely grateful to the sisters who completed their service of animation in the different communities of the Province. I appreciate their spirit of sacrifice, generosity, availability and hard work in animating the communities. May the Lord bless them abundantly especially in their new mission.

- **Sr. Irene Lalmuanpui** in the community of Auxilium, Kawnpui
- **Sr. Victora Saioo** in the community of St. Mary Mazzarello, Sutnga
- **Sr. Iris Suchiang** in the community of St. Mary Mazzarello, Mawkyrdep
- **Sr. Entilia Nongkynrih** in the community of St. Mary Mazzarello, Rambrai

**Change of responsibility:** The responsibility of the Social Development Coordinator which was assumed by Sr. Marilyn Bahun Wahlang till date is now entrusted to Sr. Helen Puwein. We thank Sr. Helen for accepting this responsibility and wish her all the best in this mission. A special note of gratitude to Sr. Bahun for her generous efforts and dedicated service in this sector for the last 2 years. May the Lord bless her abundantly and we wish her too God's blessings for her new mission.

**Formation support to Suore Minime:** Sr. Entilia Nongkynrih will replace Sr. Rona Kharkongor as the one responsible for the formation of the candidates of the Congregation '*Suore Minime della Passione di Nostro Signore Gesù Cristo*' at Nongstoin. We thank Sr. Entilia for accepting this responsibility and we are grateful to Sr. Rona for the loving services rendered in the past years.

**Spiritual Retreats:** As communicated earlier, due to the prevailing situation, the remaining spiritual retreats 2020 cannot be organized as scheduled. Therefore, the retreats will be held, as communicated to you, in the different regions and communities. We would have loved to come together as a Province, but we take this as a Plan of God and an occasion for our personal and apostolic renewal. Let us accompany each other in communion and prayers and we wish all the sisters who will participate in the retreats God's blessings and an enriching encounter with Him. I express my sincere gratitude to all the retreat preachers who even at the very last moment consented to our request. May the Lord bless them abundantly.

We also remember in our prayers in a very special way our dear ***Mother General and her council*** who will have their spiritual retreat at Casa Generalizia from 1-8 July 2020. We support them with our prayers and remembrance.

**Renewal Course:** The annual renewal course for the temporary professed sisters is cancelled due to the impossibility of hosting it. The spiritual retreats for them will be held in the different zones as communicated earlier which will be followed by the renewal of vows. Though the prevailing situation has compelled us to have the celebration in different places, yet we unite in solidarity and prayerful communion with our young sisters. Let us remember them in a very special way that notwithstanding this unique experience of not being able to come together for the renewal of the vows, they may be rejuvenated with vigour and enthusiasm by their generous offering to God. The names of the authorized delegates and witnesses for the renewals will be sent to the persons responsible in the coming days from the Provincial Office.

**The path of religious consecration:** We thank the Lord for the gift of vocations and the joyful response which continues in our days through the 'YES' of our young Sisters, Novices and Candidates. We support and accompany them with our prayers and our own fidelity that they remain faithful to the covenant made with God forever. I thank all the communities who have accompanied the sisters and candidates during their years of formation. We congratulate the chosen ones of 2020 for their courage and generosity to answer God's call and we wish them fidelity in their journey ahead:

- The 8 sisters who will make their perpetual profession at Auxilium Provincial House, Nongthymmai on 6 August 2020.
  - Sr. Dhar Deimon
  - Sr. Kharkongor Ibansara
  - Sr. Makri Aquila

- Sr. Marak R. Sinjak
- Sr. Nongkynrih Martilin
- Sr. Sana Jacinta
- Sr. Sariang Maria Wanpyntngen
- Sr. Suchiang Hamdiaw

➤ The 21 Novices who will make their First profession at Mary our Help Training Centre, Bellefonte on 5 August 2020.

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| • Sr. Dhar Ewarlin           | • Sr. Ranee Mebalari           |
| • Sr. Dkhar Credit           | • Sr. Sad Mebalaishisha        |
| • Sr. Dkhar Nangaibor        | • Sr. Sangma A. Trisha Mianchi |
| • Sr. Ingti Jecinta          | • Sr. Sangma M. Rikmerosa      |
| • Sr. Kharnaier Monaliza     | • Sr. Shabong Darisuk          |
| • Sr. Kharsyiemieli Banrihun | • Sr. Suja Ribha               |
| • Sr. Manih Ready            | • Sr. Sutnga Kyrkhulang        |
| • Sr. Mawthoh Joyly Grace    | • Sr. Sutnga Lidiani Mery      |
| • Sr. Myrthong S. Lucy Mery  | • Sr. Syih Carolyn             |
| • Sr. Nongtdu Sngewhunlang   | • Sr. Tyngkan Bitina           |
| • Sr. Rajee Baladalin        |                                |

➤ The 17 Postulants who will enter the Novitiate at Bellefonte on 3 August 2020.

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| • Dkhar Fabiana         | • Pyngrope Poilang     |
| • Ingtipi Sita          | • Rynjah Iarikmen      |
| • Kharkongor Risilyn    | • Sangma A. Baloritha  |
| • Kharsahnoh Riphilda   | • Sangma D. Tengsilchi |
| • Kharsyiemiong Bansara | • Syiemlieli Felinicia |
| • Langrin Bibimary      | • Tyngkan Opaia        |
| • Nongkynrih Rina       | • Wanniang Methelda    |
| • Nongrud Stability     | • Warjri Bestonia      |
| • Pyngrope Dahun Mary   |                        |

➤ The 61 temporary professed Sisters who will make the renewal of their profession. Some will make on 3<sup>rd</sup> August and some others on 5<sup>th</sup> August 2020 in the different communities of our province.

Due to the difficult situation and restrictions of the Government, the first and final professions will be held in our own communities, with limited number of invitees. The simple celebrations we will have this year is a reminder to all of us of the simplicity of our origins and the need for us today to live by the essentials. However, let not the simple celebrations in no way minimize the importance of these events.

**Intensive Juniorate:** We accompany with our prayers and sisterly support the journey of formation of the following sisters who will pursue the one year of Intensive Juniorate.

- *At Auxilium Provincial House, Nongthymmai (INS)*

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| • Sr. Iangjuh Mary Pariah | • Sr. Ramshon Riotalin  |
| • Sr. Mashli Medalin      | • Sr. Ranee Martha      |
| • Sr. Pyngrope Wanplisha  | • Sr. Rongpeit Nanmerry |



- Sr. Suja Pdianghun

- Sr. Syiem Marvellous

The above Sisters are requested to arrive at Nongthymmai latest by 12th August 2020. [*But if the situation does not permit the movement, we shall see to it accordingly*]

**- At Auxilium Provincial House, Christian Basti- Guwahati (ING)**

- Sr. Klein Matilda
- Sr. Suja Evangelica

**- At Mawlai for the ITLR**

- Sr. Lawai Daphira
- Sr. Suja Kmenlang

**Transfers:** I thank all the Sisters who in the spirit of faith have willingly accepted the obedience of transfers for the different apostolate of our Province, welcoming this mandate as a gift of God. May your generosity to answer to His invitation be blessed by Him. I wish you all the best and assure you of my prayerful support in all the endeavors you will be taking up soon in the various communities.

Let us welcome each sister as God's precious gifts to our communities. The transfer of sisters can be made effective between 10-15 August 2020. However, we will see and make necessary adjustments to facilitate the movement in case the situation does not permit.

**Episcopal Ordination:** On 4 July 2020, **Rev. Fr. Jose Chirackal** will be ordained as the Auxiliary Bishop of Tura Diocese. We extend our prayerful greetings to him on this great day of his Episcopal ordination. May the good Lord shower His manifold blessings and endow him with Divine Wisdom as he guides the flock entrusted to his loving care. We extend our heartiest congratulations and assure him of our prayerful support and collaboration in his noble mission.

### *Congratulations ~*

Heartiest congratulations and prayers to our dear Sisters who will celebrate the Golden and Silver Jubilee of their profession this year. We are grateful to God for their gift to our Province and we thank them in a very special way for their dedicated and selfless service rendered to the Province in the various mission and apostolate. May the Lord reward and sustain them with more graces in their personal lives and mission and may their generous YES be richly blessed by Him in every way.

**Golden Jubilarians:** Sr. Bamon Phyllis  
Sr. Kharkongor Christina  
Sr. Khonglah Sylvestra

**Silver Jubilarians:** Sr. Kamsuan Teresa  
Sr. Phangchopi Albina  
Sr. Pohrmen Gemima  
Sr. Shadap Happyline  
Sr. Wankhar Virginia

### *Prayers for the sick and the departed~*

**W**e extend our prayerful support to all the sick members of our communities and families through the intercession of our Blessed Mother. We pray especially for:

- The mother of Sr. Maria Quinta Wankhar
- The mother of Sr. Lona Sangma
- The mother and brother in law of Sr. Felicita Rynshon

We offer our heartfelt condolences and prayers to all those who lost their dear ones in the past month.

- Sr. Jemiritha Sangma at the loss of her maternal uncle on 2 June 2020
- Sr. Bisilda Iawphniaw at the tragic death of her brother on 4 June 2020
- Sr. Garnet Sutnga, Sr. Diamond Suja and Sr. Kmenlang Suja at the demise of the paternal aunt of Sr. Garnet and grandmother of the latter two on 4 June 2020
- Sr. Isabella Wahlang at the passing away of her nephew on 4 June 2020
- Sr. Patricia Nongkhlaw at the demise of her brother on 6 June 2020
- Sr. Victoria Saioo at the passing away of her paternal aunt on 6 June 2020
- Sr. Dorathy Kharduit at the loss of her grandmother on 7 June 2020
- Sr. Lucy Marak at the passing away of her mother on 17 June 2020
- Sr. Ibamery Sutnga (1<sup>st</sup> year Novice) at the demise of her maternal grandmother on 19 June 2020
- Sr. Aprilda Pasi at the loss of her brother and also to Sr. Icydora Pasi who is her nephew on 22 June 2020.
- Sr. Rishalin Warbah at the tragic demise of her sister on 28 June 2020
- Fr. Provincial of Trichy Province and the Salesians of INT at the demise away of Fr. Thommai Antony Rajan SDB on 14 June 2020.

May the departed ones enjoy forever the eternal Peace of Heaven.

Before I conclude I would like to wish God's blessings upon each one of you and your communities. As most of our communities will be blessed with new members, I would like to end with a piece of advice given by Mother Mazzarello to the sisters at St. Cyr (France) "*My good sisters, remember that where charity reigns there is Heaven. Jesus really loves to stay among Daughters who are humble, obedient and charitable. Act in such a way that Jesus will willingly stay among you*" [L.49,3]. Yes dear Sisters, let each of our communities become a happy abode for Jesus.

With assurance of prayers and loving accompaniment,  
Affectionately,



**Sr. Elizabeth George FMA**  
**Provincial**