

# PROVINCIAL CIRCULAR

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*My Dear Confreres,*

Greetings from Don Bosco Provincial House, Guwahati!

Looking back at January 2021, we cannot but be grateful to God for the freshness and vitality we breathe and witness around. It looks that the Lord is telling us powerfully “Behold, I make all things new” (Rev. 21:5). We continue to be moved by hope. We accompany the young, knowing that the Creator God is in control and will lead us by His Divine will and plan. The journey of faith is often hard and challenging but is rewarding.

Bright and resplendent light shines daily above us though at times clouds obstruct its clear and transparent view. As we are wont to say, there is light at the end of the tunnel. We, the humanity especially people of faith held on strongly to life which is antithesis of virus, pandemic, sinfulness, death, darkness, pessimism and destruction, and we moved ahead in greater solidarity with one another and the Mother Earth, hand in hand with our brothers and sisters who needed succour and help through relief services and self-sustaining initiatives to preserve our Mother Earth and thus we have kept our indomitable spirits high.



It is a happy coincidence for us Salesians that in the first month, our Mother Church presents to us two Saints – Francis De Sales and John Bosco and three Blessed – Louis Variara, young and lovely Laura Vicuña and Bronisław Markiewicz. Their holiness exhorts us to make God the centre of our life and service and thus ourselves grow in closeness to God and our neighbour which is holiness and being a true human being.

## **DON BOSCO – OUR INSPIRATION TILL THE END AND BEYOND**

Don Bosco breathed his last on 31st January 1888. We celebrate this day as his feast day (heavenly wedding feast) and remember how God “will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body” (Phil 3:20). Since I am writing this circular on the days

of the novena and the triduum in preparation for his feast day, allow me to present to you his last words on earth which are truly “a gem” and hope that they be so to you too.

In the ‘Spiritual Testament’ of St John Bosco, we read:

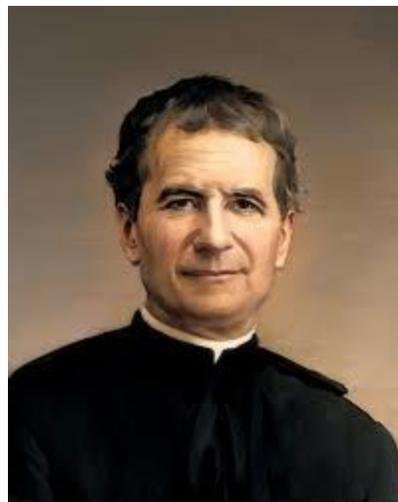
*My dear and beloved Sons in Jesus Christ, before leaving the world for eternity I wish to fulfil a duty towards you and so satisfy an ardent desire of my heart.*

*First of all, I thank you with the most ardent affection of my soul for the obedience you have given me, and for all you have done to sustain and propagate our Congregation.*

*I leave you here on earth, but only for a short time. I hope the infinite mercy of God will enable us all to meet one day in heaven; there I await you.*

*Do not grieve over my death. This is a debt we must all pay; but afterwards, every fatigue sustained for the love of our Master, the good Jesus, will be greatly rewarded. Instead of weeping, make firm and efficacious resolutions to remain staunch in your vocation until death.*

*Watch, so that neither the love of the world, nor the affection of parents, nor the desire of a more agreeable life induce you to make the great mistake of profaning the sacred vows, and so transgressing the religious profession by which you are consecrated to God. Let none of us take back that which we have given to God.*



*If you have loved me in the past, continue to love me in the future by the exact observance of our Constitutions.*

*Your first Rector is dead. But our true Superior, Jesus Christ, will never die. He will always be our Master, our guide, our model; but remember that he, in his own time, will also be our judge and the rewarder of our faithfulness in his service.*

*Your Rector is dead, but there will be another elected, who will have care of you and of your eternal salvation. Listen to him, love him, obey him, pray for him as you have done for me.*

*Adieu, dear children, adieu. I wait for you in heaven. There we shall speak of God, of Mary, the Mother and support of our Congregation; there we shall bless eternally this our Congregation, the observance of whose rules will have powerfully and efficaciously contributed to our salvation.*

## **A FEW WORDS ON ST JOHN BOSCO BY ST JOHN PAUL II**

In his letter *Juvenum patris* St John Paul II writes:

“St John Bosco felt within himself that he had received a special vocation and that in carrying out of his mission he was assisted and almost led by the hand by the Lord and the motherly intervention of the Virgin Mary. His response was such that the Church has officially proposed him to the faithful as a model of holiness.

“His stature as a Saint gives him a unique place among the great Founders of religious Institutes in the Church. He is outstanding from many points of view: he initiated a true school of a new and attractive apostolic spirituality; he promoted a special devotion to Mary, Help of Christians and Mother of the Church; he displayed a loyal and courageous ecclesial sense manifested in the delicate mediation work he carried out between the Church and State at a time when the relations between the two were difficult; as an apostle he was both realistic and practical, always open to the implications of new discoveries; he was a zealous organizer of foreign missions with truly Catholic sensitivity; he was an eminent example of a preferential love for the young, and especially for the most needy among them, for the good of the Church and society; he was the exponent of an efficacious and attractive pedagogical method which he has left as a precious legacy to be safeguarded and developed.

“An interchange between “education” and “holiness” is indeed the characteristic aspect of his personality: he was a “holy educator”, he drew his inspiration from a “holy model” – Francis de Sales, he was the disciple of a “holy spiritual director” – Joseph Cafasson, and he was able to form from among his boys a “holy pupil” – Dominic Savio.

“In the Church and in the world the integral educative vision that we see incarnated in John Bosco is a realistic pedagogy of holiness. We need to get back to the true concept of “holiness” as a component of the life of every believer. The originality and boldness of the plan for a “youthful holiness” is intrinsic to the educational art of this great Saint, who can be rightly called the “master of youthful spirituality”.

“His secret lay in the fact that he did not disappoint the deep aspirations of the young (the need for life, love, expansiveness, joy, freedom, future prospects) but at the same time led them gradually and realistically to discover for themselves that only in the “life of grace”, i.e, in friendship with Christ, does one fully attain the most authentic ideals.”

## **TODAY’S SALESIANS FOR THE YOUTH OF TODAY**

The document, *General Chapter XXVIII, Salesians of Don Bosco, “What kind of Salesians for the youth of today?”: Post Chapter Reflection* is in your hands. Every confrere is happy to have an individual copy of this priceless book. Having an individual copy of the same enables one to read its contents at one’s leisurely time and to note down the insights and inspirations while reading through its rich contents. Internalization,

assimilation and living out of the teachings contained in the book will enhance the spirit and life of Don Bosco today on behalf of the young, who still calls us, “Come to us.”

The roadmap for growth in charism and charismatic identity is spelled out clearly by Fr Ángel Fernández Artime, Rector Major, in close study and collaboration with his council. Before the abrupt closing of the ‘special’ chapter, the Salesians drawn from all parts of the Salesian world were able complete some of the significant animation on themes like “Priority of the Salesian Mission among today’s young people,” “Profile of the Salesian today” and “Together with lay people in the mission and in formation”.

### **RECTOR MAJOR’S GUIDELINES FOR THE SALESIAN CONGREGATION AFTER GENERAL CHAPTER 28**

The following are the guidelines for our next six years and beyond, as given by the Rector Major and his Council, through the Post-Chapter reflection:

1. SALESIAN OF DON BOSCO FOREVER. Six year for growth in Salesian identity
2. In a Congregation in which we are invited by the “DA MIHI ANIMAS, COETERA TOLLE”
3. To live the “SALESIAN SACRAMENT OF PRESENCE”
4. Formation for being SALESIAN PASTORS TODAY
5. ABSOLUTE PRIORITY for the young, the poorest and most abandoned and defenceless
6. TOGETHER WITH LAY PEOPLE IN THE MISSION AND IN FORMATION. The charismatic strength that the laity and the Salesian family offer us
7. NOW IS THE TIME FOR GREATER GENEROSITY IN THE CONGREGATION. A universal and missionary Congregation
8. Accompanying the young towards a SUSTAINABLE FUTURE.

### **POST-CHAPTER REFLECTION – LOADED WITH THE SPIRIT OF DON BOSCO**

Reading through its paragraphs, the insights which made meaning and which I have shared on many occasions are the urgent and constant need of Salesians to grow deeply in our consecrated religious identity. The future of consecrated life is our rootedness in its foundation, Jesus Christ. God makes of us a living memorial of Jesus’ way of living and acting. The vocational challenge for all of consecrated life and for us in particular as Salesians of Don Bosco, is “always returning to Jesus” and renouncing everything that is not Him or that distances us from Him.

We need to recognize in humility that the way out of the crises of religious life, of Salesian life, of the difficulties of each Province, will not be found in new projects, nor in strategic plans. Most of the time, in the face of disillusionment, existential fatigue, lack of

motivation, etc., it is ONLY and ALWAYS a case of returning to Christ, to religious life, to Salesian consecrated life. Because we can live by wrongly believing that everything makes sense when we are doing things.

Rector Major affectionately but firmly tells us that “without Jesus Christ at the centre of our thinking, feeling, living, dreaming, working ... there is no future and we cannot offer anything that is significant.” How true!

In the words of Pope Francis: “The Lord asks everything of us and in return he offers us true life, the happiness for which we were created. He wants us to be saints and not to settle for a bland and mediocre existence.”

In the programme of “Da Mihi animas”, we are challenged to attach top priority to the matter of the soul in all our Salesian activities and thus evangelise and catechise the youth and their families as true educators. Without this, other titanic efforts of the Congregation will tend towards the goodness of human development and social welfare – that are always very necessary and belong to our charismatic identity – but they will not lead us to the primary reason for which the Holy Spirit raised up the Salesian Charism in Don Bosco.

Often we have reflected about our need to find ourselves in the midst of the young to listen, to encourage and motivate, to guide and to protect them. It also serves as preventing them from any negative influence that could come from any source today. The Rector Major says that it is a great privilege to hear the heartbeat of young people’s hearts! “I have no doubt that throughout the Congregation there are so many confreres who are true Don Boscos today for the young. But I am not satisfied with this. We must all be like this.” We must continue on the way of conversion. This commitment demands from us a change of mentality and rhythms of life, openness of mind and heart, overcoming habits that have struck root and become crystallised. Young people say that they love us, that they need us, that they are waiting for us. Don Bosco’s expression, “studia di farti amare,” strive to make yourself loved, is fully relevant today.

Presence does not only consist in spending time with young people as a group but in meeting them individually in a personal way, establishing a relationship that allows us to get to know and listen to their desires, their difficulties and struggles and, at times, their fears and qualms. It is a relationship that seeks to go beyond superficial knowledge, offering friendship characterised by mutual confidence and sharing.

We say that learning happens from the cradle to the grave. Every Salesian needs to take a firm personal responsibility to grow in one’s consecrated life. Sheep, at times without a shepherd would need pastors or shepherds who know where to lead the sheep, protect them from the wild animals and lead to green pastures where there is refreshing water to quench the thirst. The good shepherd looks out for the lost one, leaving the ninety nine in

the field, ensuring safety. He goes in search of the one which is lost till he finds him. He bandages the wounds and carries it on his shoulder, thereby such closeness gives him the smell of the wounded sheep. Formation both in the initial and the ongoing aspects need to prepare Salesians for the mission fields holistically.

Along with the Church, Pope Francis and according to the times that we are going through, where the poor have increased considerably due to migration and pandemic, the Church and the Salesian, nay even other Congregations, continue to show their absolute priority and preference to the young, the poorest and most abandoned and defenceless. The Rector Major says, “if one day we were to leave behind the youngsters, older youth and, the poorest, our Congregation would begin to die, a Congregation that today, thanks be to God, is in good health despite our weaknesses!”

Don Bosco is an example to us today of sharing the mission and charism with the lay collaborators. His own mother was his first collaborator in the Oratory and there are many during his time who shared in his mission for the young. He “fostered participation and the sharing of responsibility by ecclesiastics and laity, men and women.”

From the beginning our Founder was concerned with involving the greatest number of collaborators possible in his operational plan: from Mamma Margaret to work providers, from helpful members of the public to theologians, from aristocrats to the politicians of the era. We were born and raised historically in communion with the laity and they with us. In particular, we must stress the importance that the young had in the development of the Salesian charism and mission: Don Bosco found his first collaborators in the young who thus became, in a certain sense, co-founders of the Congregation.

We are preparing ourselves to celebrate the Centenary of the arrival of the Salesians and the Salesian charism to the North East. With our own eyes, we can see the growth and the blessings that the work of the pioneers has brought to the land and its people. The pioneers have come from across the sea, with no knowledge of the people, their language and culture but they have implanted the charism and the good news on a very firm foundation. We are proud that our Province continues to be missionary within and without.

We however live in times when we have to face reality of this world with renewed mentality which allows us to cross borders. In a world where borders are more and more a defence against others, the prophecy of our life as Salesians of Don Bosco also consists in this: in showing that for us there are no borders. The only reality we respond to is: God, the Gospel and the mission that has been entrusted to us. It is precisely for this that our international and intercultural communities have great prophetic value today, without hiding the fact that building fraternity in different situations requires a vision of faith and personal engagement.

Finally, the Rector Major and the General Council in unison with the voice of the Church call strongly for the protection, preservation and enhancement of the only planet that sustains life. Caring for creation is not a fashion. Humanity's life is at stake, even though many public officials, prisoner to economic interests, look the other way or deny what is undeniable. Salesians all over the world need to commit and work together for greener, cleaner and less polluted environment and ecology for our own health and particularly in view of leaving the world a better place of the generations to come. One small positive gesture as individuals as well as institutions will go a long way in promoting ecology for integral and human development.

May God bless all our endeavours on behalf of the young, the poorest and the people entrusted to our care!

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### **GERINI CASE**

The Rector Major has written to us that the Gerini case has finally concluded. Though we have lost the buildings of the old Generalate at Pisana, the process of attending to the case has thankfully ended. Fr Rector Major writes, "This is a reason for great joy, because at last we will be able to devote all our energies to the one thing that really counts for each one of us: the Salesian mission at the service of the young, in fidelity to the Lord. This case has, in fact, absorbed a great amount of energy and consumed considerable economic resources, causing much suffering to many persons. From now in it will remain only a bad memory of the past."

### **MEETING OF PRINCIPALS: GARO HILLS REGION**

All the Principals of Don Bosco Schools of Garo Hills region assembled on 19 January 2021 at Don Bosco College, Tura for animation, discussion and deliberation. Fr Provincial animated the Principals on "Turning Salesian Institutions into a brand of quality & the important leadership role of the Principal in the Management of the School."



Fr Jogesh Sangma took the session on the indispensability of Annual Calendar with special reference to allocating adequate number of Class/working Days. The assembly next had the assessment of the SSLC and HSSLC results 2020 led by Fr Sebastian

Kuricheal. Fr Charles Sangma then explained the mode of Weekly and Monthly tests and Examinations with a view to ensure the daily study of lessons by the students. The meeting also emphasised on the need for the Refresher course for the Staff, the Staff meetings and Assessment/follow up of the Staff. Fr Ignatius K Sangma took a short session on the early identification of weak students especially of Classes X and XII and provision of remedial and Coaching classes for them. Fr Provincial then spoke about the need for the First Friday Mass, Catechism classes, Retreat for Catholic students and the Scouts and Guides Movement in every school.

Fr Benny, Economer dealt in detail about the financial administration in the schools, such as awards, one administrator in a community, ACME for accounting, documentation, collection for Boscoree and Centenary celebrations, Renewal 12A, FCRA on time, Solidarity fund etc.

The assembly had a close look at the early closure and late opening of schools and enhancement of the salary of the support and private Staff. It was also decided that the region will have the Scouts and Guides Meet, at Joropara, Mendal in December. The schools will also send teachers to participate in the Advance course training for Scout Masters and Guide Captains at Don Bosco, Guwahati (5<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> July 2021).

#### **SALESIAN FAMILY DAY: GUWAHATI**

The Salesian Family Day of Guwahati was held on 20 January 2021 in Don Bosco Provincial House, Guwahati. There were 95 participants for the gathering from the various units of the Salesian Family: SDB, FMA, MSMHC, SMI, VSDB, and Salesian Cooperators. Fr Maria Anthuvan animated on Strenna 2021 “Moved by Hope,” following which there was a discussion on the Strenna, moderated by Fr Provincial. The gathering ended with a fellowship meal.



#### **REGIONAL MEETING: KARBI ANGLONG**

On 21 January 2021, the confreres of Karbi Anglong Region organised its meeting at Bhaitalangso. After a lively brainstorming on how best to utilise the legacy money, each community after a brief meeting community-wise, finally made a project proposal to the Provincial and the Economer’s office, taking into account the need of their own communities.



Next, Fr Joseph Teron, Vice Provincial explained in detail the plan of the Province to make a concerted effort to bring Karbi Anglong on par with the rest of the Province as regards the dissemination of the Good news. He sought collaboration from the communities in the region regarding this. It is to be part of the centenary celebration. Reminders then were given to the communities about the need to prepare well for the Boscoree and the training of catechists.

Fr Benny P. Basil, Economer, then took a short session on financial matters and financial discipline in the Province. The meeting then discussed and deliberated on the concerns of the Province. The assembly also fixed Satgaon as the next venue for the regional meeting on 13th March, a day before the blessing of the new Presbytery. The region planned to have the recollection and Holy Mass together on that date.

### **RECTORS AND LEADERS' MEETING**

The Rectors and Leaders' Meeting of our Province was held at the Provincial House, 27 January 2020. The Meeting began with a hymn to the Holy Spirit and an opening prayer by Fr Januarius S Sangma, Provincial, following which he welcomed all the participants to the Meeting. Then, Fr Maria Anthuvan presented the Strenna of this year "Moved by Hope: Behold I am making all things new." The participants also viewed the Video presentation of Strenna 2021. Then, Fr Provincial moderated the discussion based on the Strenna. The last item for the morning' session was the discussion of the Province Directory Guidelines and the Organic Provincial Plan.



In the afternoon, Fr Charles Sangma spoke about the Don Bosco Past Pupils Association which was Don Bosco's noble idea, and invited the different centres who do not have a Past Pupil's Unit to begin one as soon as possible in honour of the Centenary of Salesian charism in the North East. Fr Provincial too reiterated the important of encouraging many

groups, associations and movements in our different centres, and also called the Leaders to see the possibility of starting the Salesian Cooperators Movement, and other movements like Scouts and Guides for the youngsters.

Next Fr Benny P. Basil, Provincial Economist, presented the financial statements and administrative matters of the Province and the communities. (Kindly see below the section for the administrative proposals and decisions.) The meeting ended with the vote of thanks and a concluding prayer by Fr Joseph Teron Langne, Vice Provincial.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE DECISIONS**

### ***a) Health Insurance***

An insurance plan for the confreres of the Province, without involving the services of any insurance firm, but gradually by building up a corpus fund for the medical expenses of confreres will be introduced in this financial year. This plan will apply to all the perpetually professed members of the Province residing in the country. This plan will come into effect on the 1st of April 2021, and will be continued in the subsequent years.

It will cover the hospitalization and medical care of the professed confreres, including the medical bills one month prior to and one month after the hospitalization, provided that these are connected with the sickness for which the confrere was hospitalized. Each house will bear the insurance premium for all the perpetually professed members belonging to the community. This annual premium decided by the Provincial Council can be paid in annual, half-yearly, quarterly or even bi-monthly instalments directly into the particular medical expenses account of the province, with a copy of the payment to the Economist.

It is hoped that in course of time, and with hospitalization kept to be the minimum, we will be able to build up a corpus fund. This fund will not be touched for any other purpose or need of the Province. The Economist will have the personal responsibility of keeping track of the premiums due from each community as also of the utilization of this fund. He will present a detailed account annually.

### ***b) Opening SBI account for FCRA operation***

Institutions that are having FCRA account need to open a new designated FCRA bank account as provided by the amendment section 17(1) of Foreign Contribution Regulation Act, 2010 in a government designated bank in New Delhi Main Branch (NDMB) of the State Bank of India in keeping with the directives given by the central government in its letter. This account is to be opened before March 31, 2021. Another utilisation account of the same can be opened in any of the desired bank for future operations.

### ***c) Accounting and Budget***

The Province will use ACME ERP Software as its financial management tool. This will enable easy and user friendly environment for accounting. Training will be given to

administrators and accountants on a regular basis. The Economist's office will assist the regions of the Province through regional accountants who will help the communities to learn and implement. Eventually all our communities will have a lay accountant who will help to manage properly our financial documentation. In the coming years we will organise to digitise all our Institution's documents to have them ready for any requirement and accordingly we are appointing a person who will collect data from our Institutions and enter into the computer.

The Administrators' Meeting will be held on 8th March. The budget for the coming financial year will be presented to Fr Provincial and his team 6-9 April 2021 by the individual communities. We shall be sending more details on the same soon.

#### ***d) Land Issues***

We will address the Land Issues that are pending in our Institutions before we are caught unaware of certain anomalies and difficulties in future; they are to be addressed and rectified at the earliest. The Economist's office will assist in the same. The request to all the Administrators and Rectors/Leaders is to immediately deal with any problem related to our land, and inform the Provincial and/or Economist of the same immediately.

#### ***e) Fund-raising***

Communities are urged to cooperate for fund raising for the celebration of the Centenary of the arrival of Salesians in North East India, and for the Boscoree which are due to take place in 2022 last quarter.

### **REGIONAL MEETING: ASSAM PLAINS**

The Regional Meeting of Assam Plains was held on 30 January 2021 at Tangla. After the animation of Strenna 2021 by Fr Maria Anthuvan, there was a short discussion on the various ways to utilize the legacy funds for the Region. The confreres of the Region celebrated the feast of Don Bosco in a concelebrated Eucharist in the parish church, during which the brothers concluded their course and their retreat as part of preparation for their final vows.



### **COURSE IN PREPARATION FOR PERPETUAL COURSE, TANGLA**

Nine clerics participated in the Course in Preparation for Perpetual Course, at Tangla, 6-31 January 2021. The following topics were dealt with in the course: Profile of a Salesian

(Fr Provincial), Salesian Youth Ministry, Salesian Youth Policy (Fr Joseph Teron), Salesian Mission and Missionary Experience (Fr Edward D'Souza and Fr Damian Basumatary), Salesian Preventive System, Practice of PVS, Educative Presence and Accompaniment (Fr John Parankimalil), Religious Personal Growth & Development (Sr Molly Elizabeth Kaniyampady FMA), Financial Accounting, Financial Transparency and Financial Discipline (Fr Benny P. Basil), Emotional Intelligence, Psychosexual Integration (Fr Joseph Thelekkatt), Fraternal Communion, Salesians for the Young at Risk - YaR (Fr Lukose Cheruvalel), Group Therapy, Guided Retreat (Fr Kuriala Chittattukalam). We thank all the resource persons for their availability and helping our brothers in their discernment. May God bless all of you! We congratulate the brothers as they will be taking their final steps towards saying the final "yes" to Lord by way of their perpetual profession.

### **SHALLANG – CANONICALLY ERECTED**

The Rector Major has canonically erected the community of Shallang, with Sacred Heart as the patron. The first Rector of the canonically erected community will be Fr Alfred Marzo. He will take charge on 7 February 2021, during the First Thanksgiving Eucharist of Justin Arul Chinnaparaj who will be ordained priest on 6 February. We congratulate Fr Marzo and the confreres of Shallang community.

### **PRIESTLY ORDINATIONS & NEW PRIESTS' DAY 2021**

We congratulate Fr Anmol Soreng and Fr Narendra Lakra who were ordained in the month of January. Deacon Justin Arul Chinnaparaj will be ordained priest on 6 February in Rongjeng and Deacon George John will be ordained on 20 February in St Joseph's Co-Cathedral, Panbazar, Guwahati. The New Priests' Day will be held on 24 February in Don Bosco Provincial House, Guwahati. We congratulate all these confreres, and wish them all the best for their sacerdotal ministry in the Province. May God bless their sacrifices and generosity!

### **TRAINING CAMP FOR SCOUT MASTERS AND GUIDE CAPTAINS**

A week-long basic training camp for Scout Masters and Guide Captains on Basic Course was held at Don Bosco School, Boko from 4th to 10th January 2021. A total of 36 participants (20 Scouts Masters and 16 Guide Captains) attended the camp. The camp was inaugurated by Fr Januarius S Sangma, Provincial, Fr Joseph Teron, Vice Provincial and Fr Joy Kachappilly, Rector, Don Bosco School, Boko, along with a host of officials that included the camp co-ordinator Fr Solomon Dennis, Camp Chief Fr PX Francis (IND) and the Chief Instructor Mr RA Lazar.

On the closing day, various certificates and awards were given by Khagendra Nath Das, State Secretary, Bharat Scouts and Guides, Assam; Ranajit Basu, State Training Commissioner, Bharat Scouts and Guides, Assam and Fr Benny P. Basil, Economer of Guwahati Province. The organizers also thanked Absar Hazarika, State Chief Commissioner, Bharat Scouts and Guides, Assam for all his co-operation and support.



### VOCATION CAMP AT GAROBADHA

A vocation camp was held at Garobadha from 18th to 22nd January 2021. 18 boys attended the camp.

### CONCLUSION

Today, on 1 February, we commemorate all the deceased Salesians; we pray for them and offer Masses for them on this day. We thank the Lord for all of them; we emulate their good examples. They were imperfect people, like all of us. But the legacy of holiness and goodness that they have left for us and the world at large need to be imitated. In a special way we remember all those Salesians who have planted the Salesian charism in the North-Eastern soil. As we prepare to celebrate the Centenary next year, we want to put into action the programme of the first missionaries, “Dare and Hope.” The Rector Major too has given us a programme of life for this year by way of Strenna, “Moved by Hope.” Let our hope for a better world be realized in and through us. Let us continue to be witnesses of hope.

May God bless you all!

Yours affectionately in the Lord,

**Fr Januarius S Sangma, SDB**  
*Provincial*



## **MONTHLY CALENDAR – FEBRUARY 2021**

### **PROVINCIAL TEAM**

		<b>PROVINCIAL</b>	<b>VICE PROVINCIAL</b>	<b>ECONOMER</b>
1	Mon	Visitation: ADBU Tapesia	Guwahati	Guwahati- Online meeting with ChildAid Network Team (Germany)
2	Tue	Visitation: ADBU Tapesia	Guwahati	Guwahati- Online meeting with Economer General's office
3	Wed	Ghy: Online Interaction with Mission Councillor and Regional	Guwahati: Online meeting with Fr Alfred Maravilla, Mission Councillor	Guwahati: Online meeting with Fr Alfred Maravilla, Mission Councillor
4	Thu	Guwahati	Tura: Bosco Mount	Kokrajhar
5	Fri	Guwahati >> Shallang	Tura: Bosco Mount	Guwahati
6	Sat	Ordination of Dn Justin Arul Chinnaparaj, Rongjeng	Ordination of Dn Justin Arul Chinnaparaj, Rongjeng	Ordination of Dn Justin Arul Chinnaparaj, Rongjeng
7	Sun	Shallang: First Mass of Fr Justin Canonical Erection of Shallang	Shallang: First Mass of Fr Justin	Guwahati
8	Mon	Guwahati: Governing Body Meeting, DBI, Guwahati	Guwahati: GB Meeting at DBI	Guwahati: GB Meeting at DBI
9	Tue	Guwahati: Visitation of Snehalaya	Ghy: Meeting of Boscoree Team	Guwahati
10	Wed	Guwahati: Meeting of all the Heads of Dimensions	Guwahati: Meeting of all the Heads of Dimensions (Commissions)	Guwahati
11	Thu	Guwahati: Visitation of Bosco Reach Out	Shillong: Sunnyside	Bosco Reach Out
12	Fri	Guwahati: Symposium	Guwahati: Symposium	Guwahati: Symposium
13	Sat	Guwahati: Symposium	Guwahati: Symposium	Guwahati: Symposium
14	Sun	Visitation: Maligaon	Barpeta Road	Guwahati
15	Mon	Visitation: Maligaon	Guwahati	Guwahati
16	Tue	Guwahati: Provincial Council	Provincial Council Meeting & B'day of Fr Provincial	Provincial Council Meeting & B'day of Fr Provincial
17	Wed	Guwahati: Ash Wednesday >> DBI, Guwahati	Guwahati: Online Workshop and Convocation YMD - SA	Guwahati
18	Thu	Visitation: Don Bosco Institute	Guwahati: Online Workshop	Guwahati
19	Fri	GB Meeting, ADBU – Tapesia	Guwahati	Guwahati
20	Sat	Guwahati: Dn George William	Ordination of Dn George William	Ordination of Dn George William
21	Sun	Guwahati	Guwahati	Guwahati > New Delhi
22	Mon	Guwahati: New Priests day and Meeting of the Parish Priests	Guwahati: Meeting of Parish Priests & New Priests' Day 2021	South Asia Provincial Economer's Meet, New Delhi
23	Tue	Guwahati	Guwahati	Economer's Meet, Delhi
24	Wed	Guwahati	Guwahati	Economer's Meet, Delhi
25	Thu	SPCSA Meeting	Guwahati	Delhi > Guwahati
26	Fri	SPCSA	Bangalore: SPCSA Assembly	Guwahati
27	Sat	SPCSA	Bangalore: SPCSA Assembly	Amkachi
28	Sun	SPCSA	Bangalore: SPCSA Assembly	Guwahati