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

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Dear Confreres,

Let me extend to each one of you cordial greetings and wishes as we have embarked on the Jubilee Year 2025 with the theme: “Pilgrims of Hope”, about which I have written already. Now I wish to reflect with you on some of the events of great significance for the Salesian Congregation and the whole Church.

GENERAL CHAPTER 29

During this month the Congregation will commence the 29th General Chapter on the theme “Passionate about Jesus Christ, dedicated to young people”. The choice of Valdocco, Turin, as the venue for the General Chapter holds much significance as it expresses the Congregation’s deep desire to reconnect with the roots of Salesian history and charism. The GC29 which scheduled to be held from February 16 to April 12, 2025, will reflect on the fidelity and prophecy of the Salesian vocation in our contemporary context. The event will also mark the 200th anniversary of Don Bosco's dream at the age of nine, which inspired his lifelong mission in favour of young people.

Together with the Salesian communities around the world, we are praying for the General Chapter event. The Provinces, including ours, have conducted the Provincial Chapters in preparation of the GC29. These and the ongoing studies and reflections on the Chapter theme have created an atmosphere of spiritual communion that embraces the entire Congregation.

The Moderator of GC29, Fr Alphonse Owoudou, with his team, have been working hard to ensure that the Chapter becomes a moment of grace and renewal for the whole Congregation. Elaborate plans are made for reporting, translations, also for sharing information on the Chapter with everyone concerned through the various tools of communication. The seven-week Chapter will begin with a three-day spiritual retreat led by Fr Pascual Chavez, Rector Major Emeritus, and will have its conclusion in Rome in the context of the Jubilee.

The GC29 is a journey that involves the entire Congregation in a process of reflection and renewal, which requires an intensification of prayer. Former Rector Major, Ángel Fernández Artime, in his letter convoking GC 29, stressed the importance of prayer. He said, “Without prayer, without a heart that continually matures in faith, all we can do are sociological things that will end almost before they begin. Only in faith does God have the power to make all things new.”

The Chapter will follow the three-stage methodology of reflection – Listening, Interpreting, and Choosing -suggested by Pope Francis for the 2018 Youth Synod. It will emphasize the need for Salesians to deepen their spiritual life and formation. Discernment plays a central role in the Chapter. The Chapter

members will, through a process of discernment, elect the Rector Major and the General Council.

As we come close to commencement of the GC29, let us follow this important event with keen interest. Let us intensify our prayer seeking the help of the Holy Spirit to guide the Salesian Congregation on the path of fidelity to the charism of Don Bosco so that we as individuals and communities and a Congregation with a vast global reach, continue to remain open to the challenges of our time, to become signs and bearers of God's love for the young people. I invite our communities and confreres to follow these moments in a spirit of prayer and solidarity. Let us also share information about the GC with the members of the Salesian Family and the youth. Let us pray to Our Blessed Mother, Mary Help of Christians, to whom our Province is dedicated, to help us discover the richness of the Salesian charism and legacy we have received.

THE DAY OF CONSECRATED LIFE

The Day of Consecrated Life, instituted by Pope John Paul II in 1997, is celebrated on February 2nd as a special occasion in the Church to honour the contribution and commitment of those living a consecrated life and to reflect on this beautiful vocation. The day aims to recognise with gratitude the gift of consecrated life as a special vocation and charism in the Church, calling for fidelity to live the Gospel and the evangelical counsels intensely. This day marks the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple, and the recognition of Christ as the light of the world.

The vocation and mission of religious and consecrated life in the Church are integral to its identity, witness and service to the world. Through their commitment to prayer, community life, and various forms of ministry, those in consecrated life witness to the love of Christ and contribute to the building up of the Church. In a world often marked by division and materialism, their lives stand as an eschatological sign and a testament to the power of God's grace and the enduring call to holiness.

The vocation of consecrated life is characterized by a deep and personal call from God to live a life of holiness. This calling is discerned through prayer and spiritual guidance and involves making public vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience. These vows are a radical expression of our dedication to God and the Church, reflecting a desire to live in closer imitation of Christ.

Pope John Paul II convened a synod on the consecrated life and wrote the Apostolic Exhortation *Vita Consecrata*, to remind all the faithful of what consecrated life means, not just for the religious who are consecrated men and women, but also to make everyone understand consecrated life as a gift to the whole Church. In *Vita Consecrata* he described consecrated life as "a life deeply rooted in the example and teaching of Christ the Lord, and a gift of God the Father to his Church through the Holy Spirit." The consecrated life is at the heart of the Church. As Pope John Paul II emphasised, "Its universal presence and the evangelical nature of its witness are clear evidence that the consecrated life is *not something isolated and marginal*, but a reality which affects the whole Church."

CONSECRATED LIFE- A GIFT

The consecrated life, in the words of John Paul II, is primarily a gift. This is a special gift to the Church because it is a “life which has not only proved a help and support for the Church in the past but is also a precious and necessary gift for the present and future of the People of God, since it is an intimate part of her life, her holiness and her mission.”

Jesus reminds us that our call is not a choice made by us but result of his gracious favour and grace: “You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go forth and bear fruit” (Jn 15:16). Religious life is a gift of inestimable value because of its uniqueness; indeed, it is a treasure that enriches the Church. Thus, by its various charisms and apostolates, the kingdom of God is made alive, visible and present in our world today. Just as Jesus was offered in the temple, the consecrated life is celebrated by the Church as the self-giving of a consecrated person. The faithful too share in this self-giving by virtue of their baptism.

On the day of Consecrated Life, we pray especially for the men and women who have said ‘Yes’ to the Lord. It is, at the same time, a universal feast of the Church and therefore, the whole Church celebrates the day. This feast celebrates the gift of God to the Church through charisms, apostolates, and pastoral activities in education, health, promotion of justice and peace and the integrity of creation, and many other forms of ministries in the Church, all for the sake of the proclamation of God’s Kingdom.

Since consecrated life is a gift to the Church, the celebration of the day can enable the faithful to understand deeply what this gift entails and how the Church is enriched by their presence. The laity are also obliged to pray for those who have dedicated themselves to God and become aware of the need for more labourers in the vineyard. They can contribute to promote vocations and support their formation and vocational maturation.

JESUS - THE MODEL

The consecrated persons through the profession of the evangelical counsels, as exemplified in the life of Jesus – the chaste, poor and obedient – make “visible” in the midst of the world the values of the Gospel. Their lives are directed towards the mystery of the Kingdom of God already at work in history, even as it awaits its full realisation in heaven” (*Vita Consecrata 1*).

Consecrated life starts with looking at Jesus, recognising him, falling in love. When this happens, then our perspective changes and suddenly all things become an opportunity for a deeper understanding of God. We begin to see Jesus in the ordinariness of our lives, in our work, our encounter with people, the challenges we face, our moments of silence and prayer. This encounter happens for most of us not in any extraordinary way, but in the ordinary events of our daily life. Pope Francis said: “Men and women religious, who live to imitate Jesus, are called to bring their own gaze into the world, a gaze of compassion, a gaze that goes in search of those far off; a gaze that does not condemn, but encourages, frees, consoles; a gaze of compassion.”

A UNIQUE EXPERIENCE OF GRACE

Consecrated life in the Church is not a uniform thing where those who are called are formed in the same mould or act in the same way. There are varieties of gifts and talents which God gives to individuals and institutions. Each person is unique – with one’s talents and gifts, as well as fragilities and weaknesses, socio-cultural and family backgrounds and interests. Being a gift, the religious vocation of the individuals as well as the charisms of various Congregations, are different and diverse. It is the Holy Spirit who gives these charisms and provides the strength to live it. Those who have been called accept this call of God humbly and respond to it through their whole-hearted ‘yes’.

Pope Francis, who is himself a religious, reflecting on the Feast of the Lord’s Presentation and the witness of Simeon and Anna, Joseph and Mary, urges us: “Let us thank God for the gift of life, and ask for a new way of looking that knows how to see grace, how to look out for one’s neighbour, how to hope. Then our eyes too will see salvation.”

A CALL TO BE SHINING LIGHTS

The feast of the Presentation of the Lord is a celebration of Christ’s manifestation as the light of the world. The consecrated persons are also called to become shining lights, manifesting the immense love God has for his people. The Religious vocation is a call to hold out the light of Christ as witnesses of the Gospel.

Consecrated life has found various expressions within the Church’s history. In response to the call to live their baptism and Christian vocation more intensely, men and women, at all times have responded to the call of God and dedicated themselves to him. The Holy Spirit has raised up in the Church founders with gifts and charisms to serve the Lord through a life of contemplation or active ministry. Individuals embracing religious life undergo a transformation, setting aside personal goals and ambitions in order to fully dedicate themselves to the Lord. This vocation is a profound spiritual journey characterized by a total self-giving. Community life is an integral dimension of the life of the religious, who seek holiness of life within the charism of one’s founder. In an ever-evolving world, the consecrated life remains a beacon of faith, hope, and love, inspiring people to seek deeper union with God and dedicated service to humanity.

The journey toward a religious vocation often involves discernment, various phases of formation, and life in common. Their work transcends mere service and embodies a spiritual mission to be agents of transformation and hope, a shining light of the Gospel.

CHALLENGES AND RESPONSES

The path of consecrated life is not without its challenges. Contemporary society’s shifting values, the decline in religious vocations, the lack of stability in marriage, and the pressures that affect the family, as well as the demands of modern living pose challenges to respond to the call to embrace consecrated life as a vocation. Many young people are afraid or hesitant to take a decisive step to respond to the Lord’s call. However, the Church continues to advocate for the renewal and revitalization of consecrated life and offer support and

encouragement. Pope John Paul II frequently encouraged young people to follow the Lord's loving invitation by reminding them of the words of Jesus, "do not be afraid".

The many challenges also present opportunities for renewal and creativity of consecrated life. We trust that the Holy Spirit will raise up in the Church individuals with fresh enthusiasm and motivation and groups with new gifts and charisms to follow the path of holiness and grace. As Salesians, besides living our consecrated life in fidelity to the charism of Don Bosco, we need to help young people to discern the Lord's call. We must do everything possible to help those whom God has called to persevere in their vocation. We also need to make our communities places of living consecrated life with joy and serenity.

Our communities must be open to newer forms of ministries to address contemporary needs of young people who are poor and need our assistance. We place ourselves under the guidance of the Spirit who renews and strengthens us in our vocation. We need to recognise and appreciate the uniqueness and diversity of our Salesian vocation and charism. Don Bosco knew how to discern the talents and gifts of his Salesians, many of who were his own pupils. He was able to make them collaborators in his mission for the young people, especially of teaching and forming them and ultimately leading them to God.

Our Constitutions tells us about the importance of accepting our confreres whom God has called. Living in community as brothers is one of the hallmarks of our vocation. We work in community as the Salesian mission is entrusted to the whole community. Don Bosco insisted on the Family Spirit that should become the badge of our identity. We live this spirit by living and working together, sharing our passion for God and his people, using our varied gifts at the service of the mission. When we do so, we certainly experience the joy of living and the desire for holiness. Vocations too flourish in such an environment.

We may not become famous or recognised for any outstanding achievements. But each one of us can discover our true identity, our vocation in our daily encounter with God, with Jesus in the Eucharist, and in the apostolate that we carry out in communities with humility, zeal and dedication.

CONCLUSION

In the feast of the Presentation and the day of Consecrated Life, we recall the encounter of Mary and Joseph with Simeon and Anna as they bring their little boy to be presented to God. That encounter is like a theophany and God blesses all of them; they receive a glimpse of God's salvation. We too are called to receive the grace of God and in turn become a blessing to those whom the Lord has entrusted to our pastoral care.

CONDOLENCES AND PRAYERS

Our sincere condolences and assurance of prayerful support to;

- ❖ Fr Pradeep Ekka at the sudden passing away of his elder brother Mr Manohar Ekka on 7 January 2025.

- ❖ Fr Damien Basumatry who lost his beloved father Mr. Khohendro Basumatary on 13 January 2025.
- ❖ Fr Clive Telles, Provincial INP and confreres at the unexpected passing away of Fr Chrysologus D’Cunha 06 January 2025.
- ❖ Fr. Don Bosco Lourdusamy, Provincial of Chennai Province at the loss of his beloved father Mr K.S Lourdusamy on 08 January 2025.
- ❖ Fr Joseph Pampackal and the confreres of Dimapur Province at the demise of Rev. Fr Kulthathunkal Joseph Sdb on 09 January 2025.
- ❖ Fr Joseph Pauria Provincial, INC and confreres at the demise of Fr. Abraham Panackachaly (PJ Abraham) on 29 January 2025.

NEWS AND EVENTS

1. Fr Benny P. Basil Back in the Province: We welcome back Fr. Benny Basil to the Province following his treatment in Kerala.

We extend our heartfelt wishes for his good health, a renewed spirit, and a complete recovery as he continues his recuperation at the provincial house. May he be blessed with strength and vitality in the days ahead.



2. Newly Ordained Priests: My Congratulations to the newly ordained priests—Fr. Jecky Sangma, Fr. Jonas Kujur, Fr. Philomon Puma, Fr. Birendra Dundung, and Fr. Kolombya Rabha. May God’s abundant blessings be upon them as they embark on their priestly life and ministry, and may their service be fruitful and filled with grace. We also extend our prayers and best wishes to Dn. Cherak C. Sangma and Dn. Jerbasius Xalxo, who will be ordained on the 8th and 9th of February, respectively. May God’s blessings guide and strengthen them as they prepare for this sacred calling.



3. Vocation camps: I am grateful to Fr. Marcus Lakra, the Vocation promoter, Fr. Bivan Mukhim, Vice Provincial and the brothers who helped in conducting the five vocation camps in different regions of our province in the past months of December 2024 and January 2025. I wish to thank also the parents, priests, brothers, sisters and the lay people who took the initiative to send the boys to the vocation camps and the boys who attended the camps and I wish those who are selected to Bosco Mount and Sashipur all the best in following their desire to be Salesians.

4. Faith Exposure Programme: Congratulations to His Grace Archbishop John Moolachira of Guwahati and the organizers for the successful and fruitful organisation of the Faith Exposure Programme held in Gojapara from the 6 to 12 January.

The event was beautifully crowned with the ordination of Fr. Nimmala Maria Das on the 12th of January 2025. Our heartiest congratulations, best wishes, and prayers to Fr. Nimmala Maria Das as he embarks on his priestly journey.



May his ministry be blessed with grace, wisdom, and abundant fruitfulness.

5. DBSEM Principals' Meet – 23 January 2025: The DBSEM Principals' Meet was held on 23 January 2025 at Mario Hall, Guwahati, bringing together

Don Bosco School Principals of our Province. Fr. Victor Tigga led the opening prayer, followed by a welcome from Fr. Alex Mathew. Fr. Sebastian Kuricheal, Provincial, in his opening address on emphasized continuous learning and collaborative



leadership. Fr. Jayaprakash stressed on staying updated on government policies. A key session on legal matters, led by Fr. Owen Chourappa SJ, provided insights into minority status certificates and rights. The meet also explored innovative teaching tools, with Rosetta Konwar presenting on *Metabook* and *Virtual Reality (VR)*, showcasing their potential to enhance learning experiences. An open session moderated by Fr. Nicodim Aind covered academic planning, NEP 2020, and Holistic Progress Cards.

Fr. Provincial concluded by urging principals to lead with integrity and dedication. The meet ended with a vote of thanks by Fr. Pradeep Ekka SDB and the hymn to Don Bosco, leaving participants inspired and united in their mission.

6. Congregation of Franciscan Handmaids of the Good Shepherd (FHGS) Sisters at Lemokona. I am pleased to inform all concerned about the arrival of the Congregation of Franciscan Handmaids of the Good Shepherd (FHGS) Sisters in Lemokona, under Gojapara Parish, on 20th January 2025. The sisters will collaborate with us in managing and running the sub-centre school at Lemokona and will also actively participate in the village apostolate there. We warmly welcome them and look forward to their valuable

contributions to the mission. May their presence bring blessings and strengthen our shared mission of service to the young and people of God.

7. Salesian Family Day Celebrated at DBPH, Guwahati: On January 23, 2025, the Salesian Family of the Guwahati region gathered at the Don Bosco Provincial House to celebrate Salesian Family Day, centered on the STRENNA 2025 theme: *“Anchored in hope, pilgrims with young people.”* The evening began with tea and fellowship, followed by a prayer service animated by junior sisters from Auxilium Provincial House. In my welcome address, I emphasized the importance of unity and studying the Strenna to understand Don Bosco’s mind and vision. Fr. Bivan Mukhim, SDB, Vice Provincial, presented the STRENNA 2025, offering insights on journeying with and accompanying the young people in faith and hope.



The event concluded with a vote of thanks by Fr. John Rabha, SDB, a concluding prayer led by Sr. Tessy FMA, and a fellowship dinner.

I extend my gratitude to Fr. Bivan Mukhim, SDB, for his meticulous planning and animation, and to the Provincial House community for their excellent arrangements, making the celebration meaningful and memorable.

8. Feast of St. John Bosco Celebrated at Provincial House: On 31 January 2025, the Feast of St. John Bosco was celebrated with due solemnity in Don Bosco Provincial House. The celebration brought together around 140 Salesian family members, clergy, and religious of Guwahati city. The celebration began with Prayer Service at 7:00 pm with a theme *“Hope: The Heartbeat of the Salesian Spirit,”* to honour and thank God for the gift of Don Bosco to the Church and the



young. The service featured scripture readings, hymns, a floral tribute, prayers of the faithful, and a reflection on Don Bosco's transformative encounter with Bartholomew Garelli. Archbishop Emeritus, priests, sisters, co-operators, and past pupils joined in paying tribute to the saint.

The celebration concluded with a cake-cutting ceremony and a festive dinner in the beautifully decorated lawn. Special thanks to the Provincial House community for their excellent arrangements.

UPCOMING EVENTS & INFORMATION

Budget Presentation: The annual budget presentations for communities will be held from February 3–7, 2025. Prepare your budget in consultation with all community members and ensure approval by the House Council, including signatures and the community seal.

New Priests day: On 12 February 2025, we will celebrate New Priests' Day 2025 at the province level. I warmly invite as many as possible to join in this celebration to thank God for the gift of our newly ordained priests.

Commission Heads' Meeting will be on 12 February 2025 in Don Bosco Provincial House, Guwahati.

Renewals of vows and Perpetual Profession: I would like to remind Rectors/Leaders of communities with clerics/brothers in initial formation to complete the scrutiny and admission in House Council for those due for renewal of vows or perpetual profession by mid-March 2025, along with the Period Assessment of Salesians in Initial Formation (PASIF). Submit the documents to the Provincial Office promptly. List of those due for renewal of vows or perpetual profession will be send to you by Vice Provincial.

150 Anniversary of First Salesian Missionary Expedition: This year as we commemorate the 150th anniversary of the first Salesian missionary expedition (1875-2025) with the theme "*Give Thanks, Rethink, Relaunch,*"the Salesian Mission Department has urged us to celebrate it fittingly at the Province level. I am attaching the Anniversary Programme Plan for our Province. The animation materials have been already provided by Fr. Amit Chama Lakra, our PDMA. I request each community to appoint a Local Delegate for Missionary Animation (LDMA)— preferably Parish Priests for parishes, Principals for schools/colleges, and Catechists for formation houses—and send the names to Fr. Amit at the earliest.

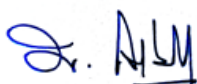


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RELAUNCH

General Chapter 29 (GC29) will be held from February 16 to April 12, 2025 in Turin, Italy. Fr. Joy Kachappilly, Fr. Nicodim Aind, and I will depart for Turin on February 13, 2025, to attend the Chapter. During my absence, Fr. Bivan Mukhim, SDB, Vice Provincial, will oversee the day-to-day running of our province.

Apostolic Assignments 2025-26: Due to General Chapter 29 (GC29), we are anticipating the apostolic assignments for 2025–26. It will take effect from 24th February 2025. Fr. Bivan Mukhim, SDB, Vice Provincial, and Fr. Economer will facilitate the smooth transition, ensuring proper handover of responsibilities and accounts to the incoming personnel.

Yours sincerely in Don Bosco,



Fr. Sebastian Mathew SDB
Provincial

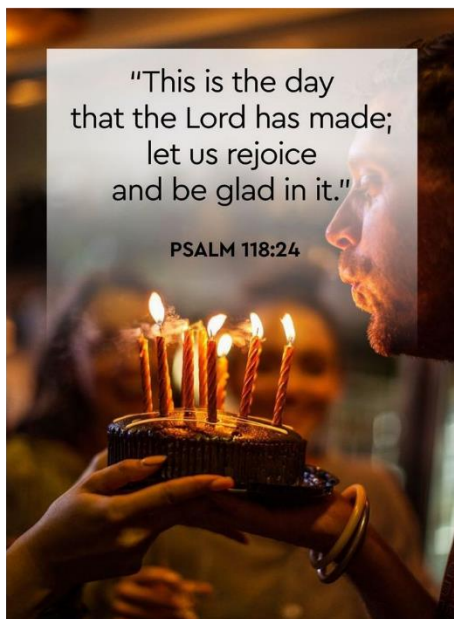
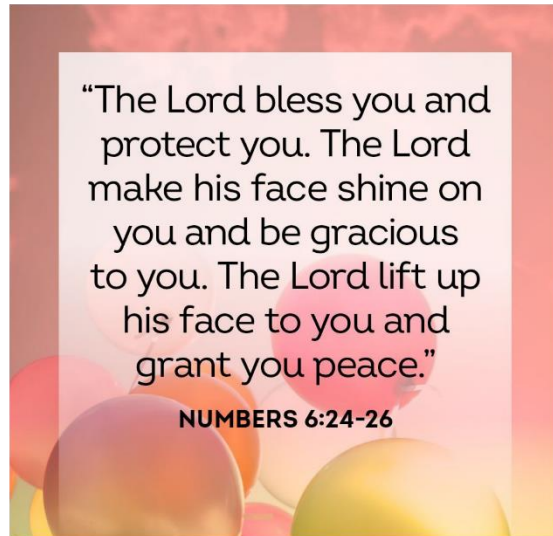


FEBRUARY 2025

DATE	DAY	PROVINCIAL	VICE PROVINCIAL	ECONOMER
1	Sat	Tangla	Guwahati	Tangla
2	Sun	Tangla	Guwahati - Snehalaya	Tangla
3	Mon	Budget	Budget	Budget
4	Tue	Budget	Budget	Budget
5	Wed	Budget	Budget	Budget
6	Thu	Budget	Budget	Budget
7	Fri	Budget	Budget	Budget
8	Sat	Ordination & Jubilee Shallang	Ordination Shallang	Ordination Shallang
9	Sun	Ordination: Mazbat	Ordination: Mazbat	Ordination: Mazbat
10	Mon	Guwahati	Guwahati	Guwahati
11	Tue	ASET Meeting	Guwahati	Guwahati
12	Wed	New Priests' Day & Commission Heads Meeting	New Priests' Day & Commission Heads Meeting	Guwahati
13	Thu	Departure to Turin For GC29	Guwahati	Guwahati
14	Fri	GC29 Turin	Guwahati	Guwahati
15	Sat	GC29 Turin	Mendal - Jorapara	Guwahati
16	Sun	GC29 Turin	Guwahati	Guwahati
17	Mon	GC29 Turin	Novitiate Zubza	Guwahati
18	Tue	GC29 Turin	Novitiate Zubza	Guwahati
19	Wed	GC29 Turin	Guwahati	Guwahati
20	Thu	GC29 Turin	Handing Over Visit	Handing Over Visit
21	Fri	GC29 Turin	Handing Over Visit	Handing Over Visit
22	Sat	GC29 Turin	Tri-monthly Recollection for Brothers	Handing Over Visit
23	Sun	GC29 Turin	Tri-monthly Recollection for Brothers, Jorapara	Guwahati
24	Mon	GC29 Turin	Bosco Mount, Rongkhon	Handing Over Visit
25	Tue	GC29 Turin	Handing Over Visit	Handing Over Visit
26	Wed	GC29 Turin	Handing Over Visit	Outside Visit
27	Thu	GC29 Turin	Mini SYM - DBI	Outside Visit
28	Fri	GC29 Turin	Mini SYM - DBI	Outside Visit



- 3 Fr. Cornelius Myrthong
- 3 Fr. Jonas Kujur
- 5 Fr. Raphael Cherukareth (CV)
- 6 Br. Benedict D. Sangma
- 7 Fr. Jogesh B. Sangma
- 8 Fr. Amit Tete
- 8 Fr. George William John
- 9 Fr. Sebastian
Edathumparambil
- 14 Fr. Martin R. Marak



- 14 Fr. Jecky G. Sangma
- 15 Fr. Nicodim Aind
- 16 Fr. Janvarius S. Sangma
- 18 Fr. Thomas Vattathara (VM)
- 19 Cl. Petrush Maukal
- 22 Cl. Jonathan Dung Dung
- 23 Fr. Anmol Soreng
- 23 Cl. Benedict Bipul Rabha
- 24 Fr. Saimy Joseph Ezhanikatt
- 25 Fr. Ethelbert Minj
- 27 Fr. John Mathias Marak
- 27 Cl. Yacub Lakra
- 28 Cl. Haisuilube Npenme



IN LOVING MEMORY - FEBRUARY

Dt	Name of the Confrere	Place	Year	Age	Province
4	P Giuseppe Fantin	Mestre	2019	86	ING
6	L Raphael Bara	Jorhat	1992	78	IND, INC, ING, INS
6	P Jose Maria Zubizarreta	Barcelona	2012	81	INC, ING, INS
7	P Joseph Pazhekadavan	Guwahati	2018	86	ING, INS, INM
8	L Isidorre Fioredda	Kolkata	1978	68	INC, ING, INN
8	P Chacko Thazhoor	Dar Es Salaam	2007	66	INM, ING, AFE
8	L Aloysius Induar	Bongaigaon	2020	76	ING, INS
10	P Ivan Giacomello	Shillong	1990	84	ING, INDIA, INC, IND, INS
12	P Anthony Abong Marak	Guwahati	2018	49	ING, INS
17	P Carmel Spitale	Shillong	2000	88	ING, INC, IND, INS
18	P Marianus Uguet	Kolkata	1989	91	INC, INDIA, ING, INN, INS
19	P Hemenegild Boscardin	Bassano	1966	60	INDIA, INC, ING, IND, INS
23	P Joseph Murickal	Senapati	1999	45	IND, ING
24	P Guido Colussi	Ranchi	1997	85	INN, INDIA, ING, INC
24	P Leo Heriot	Melbourne	2012	80	INC, ING, INS
24	P Mathew Narimattam	Dimapur	2018	81	IND, ING
25	P Joachim Kandulna	Dhulapadung	2004	45	ING, INC, IND
28	L Dominic Induar	Shillong	2020	73	INS, ING

Salesian Feasts/Commemorations	
1	Commemoration of all Deceased Salesian Confreres
7	Blessed Pius IX
9	Blessed Eusebia Palomino Yenes, FMA
11	Salesian Missionary Day
24	Commemoration of Mary Help of Christians
25	Saint Louis Versiglia, bishop, and Saint Callistus Caravario, priest, Salesian Protomartyrs
28	Commemoration of Don Bosco



150th ANNIVERSARY OF FIRST MISSIONARY EXPEDITION

Missionary Animation Plan for 2025 ING

Sl. No.	Events	For Whom	Month	Incharge
1	Session on Initial Proclamation Today /Salesian Missionary Vocation	Aspirants	February	PDMA
		Pre-Novices	March	PDMA
		Post Novices	April	PDMA
		Rectors and Parish Priests	May	PDMA
		Practical Trainees	June	PDMA
		Young Salesians		PDMA & Vice-Prov
2	Annual Retreat on Missionary Chrism	All the Salesian Confreres	July	Vice-Provincial
			October	
			December	
3	Session on Salesian Missionary Vocation	Post Novices	April	PDMA
4	Annual Salesian Mission Day	Garo Hills Region	September	Zonal Incharge
		BTR Region	October	Zonal Incharge
		Assam Plain	September	Zonal Incharge
		Kharbi-Anglong Region	October	Zonal Incharge
5	Session on Missionary Charism/Initial Proclamation Today	LDMA	March /August	PDMA/Vice-Provincial
6	Statistical Survey of the Missions	Province	June	PDMA
7	Compiles Books on Missionaries/ Saints- St. Artemide Zatti in various languages, Pictorial book on Don Bosco in V. Language	Province	April	Social Communication Sect

8	11 th of every month animated	Community	11 th	LDMA
9	Interaction with the Missionaries	Formees		PDMA
10	Assessment of initial Proclamation in all the settings	Rectors and Parish Priests Meeting	After GC	PDMA/ Provincial
11	Praying for different Community	Community	Everyday	LDMA
12	Praying for Mission during Holy Eucharist	Community	Every Thursday	Priest- President
13	Spiritual reading on Initial Proclamation Today	Community	Vespers time	LDMA
14	Praying the Missionary Prayer	Community	Vespers time	LDMA/ anyone
15	Missionary Course to Shillong	Jubilarians		Provincial & PDMA