

PROVINCIAL CIRCULAR

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

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Dear Confreres,
Greetings from Don Bosco Provincial House, Guwahati!

POPE LEO XIV

Ever since the white smoke rose from the chimney of the Sistine Chapel and the bells of St Peter's pealed on May 8 at the election of the 266th successor of Peter, we have been receiving much news and information about the new Pope- Pope Leo XIV. I am sure by now you know much about the new Pope- his background, his messages to the world and to the Church. We can be sure that Pope Leo will bring to the Church his rich and varied experience as a missionary in Peru, an Augustinian, who led the Order for twelve years and travelled widely, his experience of the episcopal ministry, and his service to the Curia. As he was a close collaborator of Pope Francis, we are sure he will take his predecessors vision forward in shepherding the universal church, in fostering synodality, promoting collegiality, dialogue and ecumenical relationship.



Leo PP. XIV
8 maggio 2025

Quoting St Ignatius of Antioch, Pope Leo said, the mission of the Pope is to preside in charity over the universal Church. Let us continue to pray for Pope Leo XIV as he shepherds the Church and each and every one of us.

On the election of the new Pope, Justice Aggrey Otsyula Muchelule, a Kenyan Judge, who is not a Catholic, wrote these inspiring words: "God

does not follow trends. He sets them. That true leadership is not always found in the obvious. That sometimes, the one who carries the mantle is not the one the world expects, but the one heaven approves. This is the mystery of divine succession, wrapped in silence, clothed in prayer and sealed in sacred deliberation.”

In his first Mass as Pope in the Sistine Chapel with the Cardinals, Pope Leo XIV said: God has called me by your election to succeed the Prince of the Apostles, and has entrusted this treasure to me so that, with his help, I may be its faithful administrator for the sake of the entire mystical Body of the Church. He said Christ’s mission is continued not so much through the magnificence of her structures or the grandeur of her buildings but rather through the holiness of her members. He described the Petrine ministry as both a cross and a blessing :“Through the ministry of Peter, you have called me to carry that cross and to be blessed with that mission, and I know I can rely on each and every one of you to walk with me as we continue as a Church, as a community of friends of Jesus, as believers, to announce the Good News, to announce the Gospel.”

In his homily at the inaugural Mass of his Papacy in St. Peter's Square on Sunday, May 18, Pope Leo XIV recalled Pope Francis and his final blessing on Easter Sunday, a day before he died. About his own election to continue the Petrine ministry, Pope Leo said: I was chosen, without any merit of my own, and now, with fear and trembling, I come to you as a brother, who desires to be the servant of your faith and your joy, walking with you on the path of God’s love, for he wants us all to be united in one family.

He recalled how Peter was able to carry out his task only because his own life was touched by the infinite and unconditional love of God, even in the hour of his failure and denial. Peter is entrusted with the task of “loving more” and giving his life for the flock. The ministry of Peter is distinguished precisely by this self-sacrificing love, because the Church of Rome presides in charity and its true authority is the charity of Christ.

DON BOSCO AND THE PAPACY

As we rejoice in the election of the new Pope, let us once again, following the tradition of Don Bosco, reaffirm our fidelity to the Pope, the Vicar of Christ and successor of Peter. Don Bosco’s thoughts expressed in his many writings and talks on papacy and the association of the Popes with Don Bosco and his successors and the Salesians and the Salesian Family can help us to strengthen this bond of love for and submission to the authority of the Pope.

It was typical of Don Bosco to be both Marian and papal in his style. After the Eucharist and Mary, the Pope was the object of his fervent and filial

love. He supported the saintly Pontiff Pius IX, during tragic times for the Church, defending his authority, rights and prestige. He held that the pivot of any Church history, around which everything else should revolve, was the Pope. He would ask: Isn't it essential that we should owe him all honour, glory and obedience, since he is the centre of unity, without which the Church is no longer the Church?" He considered the Church a huge family and wanted his new Congregation to follow a pedagogical style that fostered a family spirit which was spontaneous, simple and directed to foster sanctity. Don Bosco prayed that all nations recognise the Church, its Head and its bishops and follow its teaching as the only depository of revealed truth. He wrote: the Catholic Church founded on the authority of the Supreme Pontiff can be preserved and propagated only by the faith and reverence we show for that authority.

Don Bosco's varied activities and total dedication for the salvation of the young provide us with a practical and dynamic view of the Church. He transcended the Church structures and opened up new paths. He knew and faced many of the ecclesiastical problems of his day. His activity as a catechist and confessor, his daily work as an educator of the young and of the masses, his projects and all his theological, historical and didactic writings revealed the personality of a priest who was totally immersed in the matters that concerned the Church. All his thoughts and undertakings were directed towards the exaltation of the Church; he shared its joys and its triumphs and suffered with it when it encountered persecution.

He laboured tirelessly to ensure its contentment and success, to address its griefs and compensate for its losses by leading a great number of new members into its maternal embrace. He never missed an opportunity for giving good advice, hearing confessions, preaching, admonishing and joining in prayers. He considered all these things as of the utmost importance. The *Memorie Biografiche* testifies how his whole life was dedicated to providing for the needs of the Church.

He was not a mere traditionalist and was aware that not everything in the past was good but upheld the liberty of the Church as a priceless treasure that had been won with much suffering. Despite living in a period of the Church's history that was far from peaceful or glorious, he constantly showed his optimism and faith in the future. Neither the freemasons, nor the persistent malice of the forces of evil would prevail: He wrote: the Church has been attacked by sword and pen in every age, yet she has always triumphed. She has seen kingdoms, republics and empires crumble around her; she alone has survived, firm and immovable. Nineteen centuries have passed since her foundation and she is as vigorous as ever. Others will come after us and find her still flourishing. Directed by the hand

of God she will overcome all human trials and advance steadily until the end of time, collecting all her children into the one kingdom of the blessed.

DON BOSCO AND THE POPES

Not only did Don Bosco instil fidelity to the Pope. He and the Salesians at all times have been richly blessed by the support and appreciation of the Popes. Let me highlight some important instances to illustrate this. Don Bosco had his first audience with **Pope Pius IX** in 1854 and the Pope immediately understood the Saint and persuaded that his work was willed by God and very much needed in those times, encouraged him to set it up as a stable group. Don Bosco overcame many difficulties through his advice. He suggested that Don Bosco call his Congregation a 'Society' and said that vows were necessary but that they should be simple. He advised simplicity in manner of dress and in practices of piety and ordered Don Bosco to write his memoirs. Pope Pius IX gave many signs of his affection and also offered material support to Don Bosco. During his pontificate the Salesian Society and its Constitutions were approved, as also the Institute of the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians and the Pious Union of Salesian Cooperators. He reserved the role of protector of the Society to himself.

Don Bosco had his first audience with **Pope Leo XIII** in March 1878, a month after his election. The Pontiff agreed to become the first Salesian Cooperator. He always dealt warmly with the Saint. It was due to Leo XIII that in 1884 the Salesian Society was granted all the privileges which were usually granted only after many years of deserving work. These privileges, however, were absolutely necessary for Don Bosco's Congregation as it rapidly took shape. He erected the first Vicariate Apostolic entrusted to the Salesians, nominating John Cagliero bishop in 1883. In the first audience given to Don Rua (1888), he offered his belief that Don Bosco was a saint; he gave much advice to help consolidate the Society.

Pope Pius X gave evidence of his good will towards the Salesian Society not just as Pope, but also as priest, bishop and patriarch. He met with Don Bosco in Turin in 1875 when he was a Canon. He sat at table with the Saint, was enrolled amongst the Salesian Cooperators and left much edified. A few days after he became Pope, he sent Don Rua a letter with a blessing on the Salesian Society. On 23 July 1907 he signed the decree introducing the apostolic process for John Bosco, and on 10 February 1914, did the same for Dominic Savio. In 1903 he promoted Bishop Cagliero as Archbishop and in 1908 nominated him as Apostolic Delegate to Central America. Pius X was the first Salesian Cooperator to be elevated to the honour of the Altars. **Pope Benedict XV** in 1915 created Cagliero the first Salesian Cardinal.

Pope Pius XI as a young priest in 1883, visited Fr John Bosco and his Oratory, where he stayed for two days: he too sat at table with Don Bosco and left full of profound and pleasant memories. That contact he had had with the Saint was always something he spoke about. He promoted Don Bosco's Cause, and canonised him on Easter Sunday 1934, the closing of the Holy Year. He extended the feast to the universal Church. He is rightly called "Don Bosco's Pope". It was due to him that Dominic Savio's Cause overcame what appeared to be insuperable difficulties. He signed the decree of his heroic virtue. In 1936 he proclaimed the heroic virtue of Saint Mary Mazzarello and in 1938 beatified her. Other signs of special regard for the Salesian Society were the granting of the precious Indulgence sanctifying work (1922) and the elevation to the Cardinalate of Cardinal Hlond (1927).

Pope Pius XII approved the Congregation's decree on Seminaries and Universities of 3 May 1940, which formally erected the Pontifical Salesian Athenaeum (PAS). On 24 June, 1951 he canonised Saint Mary Mazzarello. He beatified (1950) and canonised (1954) Dominic Savio. He proclaimed the heroic virtue of Don Michael Rua (1953). He introduced the Cause for beatification of Ceferino Namuncurà (1956), and the Cause for beatification of Dorothy de Chopitea (1957).

Pope John XXIII recalled that as a boy he had read Don Bosco's Catholic readings, "first and most effective addition to his religious and social formation"; he also recalled that as a small child, he had learnt of Don Bosco's death from the Salesian Bulletin which always came into their home. He recalled too that the picture of Mary Help of Christians, taken from one of the Salesian Bulletins, hung from the wall near his bed. During his papacy he chose twelve Salesians to be bishops and Don Bosco's third Cardinal, Raul Henriquez Silva.

Pope Paul VI as a priest and later as Archbishop of Milan had great love for Don Bosco and was a great supporter of Salesian works on behalf of poor youth. In 1972 he beatified Michael Rua, the second successor of Don Bosco, and in 1976 declared Bishop Louis Versiglia and Fr. Callistus Caravario martyrs. He raised the status of the Salesian Pontifical Atheneo into a Pontifical University. His magisteral discourses during the special audiences held at the two General Chapters are part of the Salesian legacy.

All the important events of the Salesian Society are highlighted by the blessing and oftentimes by the presence of the Pope, as in the case of the centenary celebration Don Bosco's death where **Pope John Paul II** visited Becchi, Chieri and Valdocco, declaring: "You know well that the decisive years of my life were spent in a Salesian Parish, the Parish of St. Stanislaus Kostka in Krakow; I lived a time of conversion precisely in this Salesian Parish environment... and, coming here, in these places where Salesianity was born, I can relive the experience of my encounter with the Salesians,

with John Bosco”. **Pope Francis** in his autobiography, *Hope*, has frequently referred to the closeness of his family and himself to the Salesians during the formative years of his life.

During a time of great uproar and difficulty in Italy, when many were against the Pope and the Church in Rome, Don Bosco remained steadfast in his filial love and dedication to the Holy Father. In fact, he would teach his boys to say, “Viva il Papa.” (Long live the pope!) He did not foster love for one individual pope, but for the office of the Bishop of Rome. As sons of Don Bosco, let us today continue the fidelity of our Father and Founder to the pope by praying for him and by encouraging our young people to love the pope, and to look to him for guidance, especially in matters of faith and morals. With Don Bosco, we can still say, “The Pope’s word must be our norm in everything and at all times.”

MONTH OF THE SACRED HEART

As we enter the month of June which is traditionally dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, let us foster devotion to the Sacred Heart and pray the Lord to give us a heart of love and compassion like his. Pope Francis in his Encyclical *Dilexit Nos* urges us to realize that our relationship to the Person of Jesus Christ is one of friendship and adoration, drawn by the love represented in the image of his heart. We venerate that image, yet our worship is directed solely to the living Christ, in his divinity and his humanity, The living heart of Christ is part of his holy risen body, which is inseparable from the Son of God who assumed that body forever. We worship it because it is “the heart of the Person of the Word, to whom it is inseparably united”. Any act of love or worship of his heart is thus “really and truly given to Christ himself”, since it spontaneously refers back to him and is “a symbol and a tender image of the infinite love of Jesus Christ”.

Don Bosco’s own monument to the Sacred Heart is the Basilica in Rome where Generalate is now established.

His successor Blessed Michael Rua consecrated the Salesian Congregation to the Sacred Heart on 31 December 1899 and, on that occasion, sent all the houses an ‘instruction’ on this devotion. A few days before his death, Fr Rua asked Fr Francesco Cerruti to compose a prayer to the Sacred Heart for vocations. He approved the prayer and recited it and asked that a copy be



placed under his pillow: 'O Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, that you may send good and worthy workers to the Salesian Society and keep them faithful in it, we beg you, hear us!'

Many simple faithful people are able to love and honour Our Lord through the image of his Sacred Heart. The picture of the Sacred Heart adorns the families of our faithful making it like a visible mark of identity. Let us continue to foster devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus in our communities and among the people more especially during the month of June.

NEWS & EVENTS

NEW BOYS' HOSTEL INAUGURATED AT DBC, CHAPAGURI

A new milestone was marked at Don Bosco College, Chapaguri, with the blessing and inauguration of the newly constructed Boys' Hostel on Saturday, 10th May 2025. The solemn event, held at 3:30 pm on the college campus, was graced by Most Rev. Thomas Pulloppillil, D.D., Bishop of Bongaigaon, who blessed the building. I had the privilege of officially inaugurating the hostel by cutting the ribbon.



Dr (Fr) Abhilash VJ, Principal of the College, expressed heartfelt gratitude to the dignitaries and highlighted the importance of the hostel in offering a safe and conducive environment for students.

Also present were Rev. Fr. Jayaprakash Anthonimuttu SDB, Provincial Economer, Rev. Fr. Benny Alex, former Economer, and other dignitaries. I extend my sincere thanks to our benefactors and Fr. Economer for their generous support in making this project a reality.

TICON-2025 CONCLUDES SUCCESSFULLY AT DBI, GUWAHATI

The International Conference for School Teachers (TICON-2025) was held from May 8–10 at Don Bosco Institute, Kharghuli, Guwahati, bringing together educators from across the region to reflect on the theme “*Transformative Leadership in Education: Teachers to Lead Change.*”

I had the privilege of inaugurating the conference in the presence of Fr. Cletus Sebastian SDB, Executive Director, who encouraged participants to embrace innovation and a shared vision. Keynote speakers Dr. Debabrata Das and Fr. VM Thomas SDB, former Director of DBI, offered valuable insights on emotional intelligence, values-based pedagogy, and innovative education.



Over three days, the conference featured engaging panels, workshops, and case study presentations, equipping teachers with tools for inclusive and effective leadership. The event concluded on May 10 with certificate distribution and glowing feedback from participants. I extend my sincere

thanks to Fr. Cletus Sebastian and the DBI community for organizing this significant and enriching conference.

SYNERGY 2025: INTER-COLLEGE STUDENTS' EXCHANGE PROGRAMME AT DBC TURA

Don Bosco College, Tura, hosted the first-ever Inter-College Students' Exchange Programme titled *SYNERGY 2025* from 1st to 3rd May 2025, organized by the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC). Over 140 students from six colleges across Garo Hills participated in this enriching initiative aimed at self-discovery, peer learning, and holistic development.

Participating institutions included Tura Government College, Tura Christian College, Durama College, Miriam Russel Women's College, PASF-Abong Noga College, and the host Don Bosco College, Tura.



The event was inaugurated by Shri Vibhor Aggarwal, IAS, Deputy Commissioner of West Garo Hills, and concluded in the presence of Shri Rakkam A. Sangma, Minister of Education, and Shri Himalaya M. Shangpliang, Advisor to the Minister. Resource persons included Shri Beryl B. Sangma (former AGM, RBI) and Prof. Nikme Salse C. Momin (NEHU, Tura Campus).

Participants engaged in sessions on life skills, career guidance, debates, quizzes, role-plays, and cultural performances, with freedom to express themselves in English, Garo, or Hindi. Feedback was overwhelmingly positive, with calls for more such collaborative events.

SYNERGY 2025 laid the foundation for stronger inter-college bonds and future joint initiatives. A plan was adopted to expand participation, extend

the duration, and foster deeper collaboration among Garo Hills institutions in the years ahead.

I appreciate and thank Fr. Januarius S. Sangma and the staff of Don Bosco College, Tura, for their dedicated efforts and commendable initiative in organizing this landmark programme.

TRAINING ON EDUCATIONAL REFORMS HELD AT DBS, PANBAZAR

On 14th May 2025, the Assam Catholic Educational Trust (ACET) organized a training session at Don Bosco School, Panbazar, on the theme *“Changes in Education as Envisioned by the Assam State School Education Board (ASSEB)”*. Principals from various Don Bosco schools and educators from across the state participated.



Dr. Anupa Lahkar Goswami, Assistant Professor at Gauhati University, led the morning session. The afternoon session was addressed by Shri R. C. Jain, IAS (Retd.), Chairman of ASSEB, who outlined key reforms aligned with the National Education Policy (NEP). Emphasizing a shift from mark-based to efficiency-based education, he highlighted the urgent need to equip students with real-world skills and enhance employability.

I, along with ACET, extend heartfelt thanks to Shri R. C. Jain, Dr. Anupa Lahkar Goswami, and all participants for their valuable contributions to this transformative initiative.

GARO WOMEN'S CONVENTION OF DIPHU DIOCESE HELD AT SATGAON

The 8th Garo Women's Convention of the Diocese of Diphu, held in conjunction with the "Jubilee for Women," concluded on 18 May 2025 at Mary Help of Christians Church, Satgaon. Around 400 delegates from nine parishes participated in the three-day event, held under the theme: *"O woman, your faith is"*



great! Let it be done for you as you desire” (Mt 15:28).

The convention featured sessions on themes such as “Pilgrims of Hope,” “Mothers as Promoters of Education,” and “Women Empowerment,” led by resource persons including Fr. Charles Sangma, Fr. Daniel Sangma, Sr. Silsila Marak, and Mrs. Merina Marak. Daily Mass, Rosary, Adoration, and Gospel Sharing enriched the spiritual atmosphere.

A highlight was the Marian Procession on 17 May, which drew wide participation and deep devotion. The convention concluded with a festive Eucharist celebrated by Fr. Daniel Sangma and the ceremonial lowering of the Diphu Diocese A.Chik Women’s Association (DDAWA) flag.

FIVE SALESIANS MAKE PERPETUAL PROFESSION IN GUWAHATI

The Salesian Province of Guwahati celebrated with joy as five clerics—Cl. Lakra Yacub, Cl. Xalxo Sanjay, Cl. Langngaikhama Henry, Cl. Kullu Lebanus, and Cl. Kerketta Jeevan Chandra—made their Perpetual Profession on 24 May 2025 at St. Joseph’s Co-Cathedral, Panbazar.



I had the privilege of presiding over the solemn Eucharistic celebration, during which I highlighted the beauty of religious commitment and encouraged the brothers to model their lives after Mary and Don Bosco.

A felicitation followed in the Parish Hall, with performances by the Hubert D’Rosario Aspirants and DBI Youths. Fr. Joy Kachappilly extended words of welcome, and Fr. Jerbasius Xalxo led the felicitation of the newly professed.

In my message, I commended the brothers' perseverance and thanked their families and formators, entrusting their journey to Mary and Don Bosco. The day concluded with a joyful fellowship meal at the Provincial House.

My heartfelt thanks to Fr. Bivan R. Mukhim, Vice Provincial, for coordinating the event, Fr. Charles Deepen Lakra, Secretary and Rector of DBPH, and Fr. Vincent Xalxo, Parish Priest of the Co-Cathedral, for their hardwork and Sacrifice for the success of this event.

EIGHT ING NOVICES MAKE THEIR FIRST PROFESSION

On 24 May 2025, eight our novices made their First Profession, joyfully embracing and commencing their Salesian life. The solemn Holy Masses were celebrated simultaneously at Sunnyside, Upper Shillong, and Emmaus



Novitiate, Zubza, with four novices professing at each Novitiate.

At Zubza, the vows were received by Rev. Fr. Joseph Pampackal SDB, Provincial of Dimapur, who presided over the Eucharistic celebration. Fr. Jogesh B. Sangma and Fr. Nicodim Aind, along with other confreres,

represented our Province. At Sunnyside, Upper Shillong, Rev. Fr. John Zosiama SDB, Provincial of Shillong, presided over the Mass, with Fr. Sebastian Isorary present on behalf of our Province.

We thank the Novitiate communities for their tireless efforts in forming and nurturing these young men. May Mary Help of Christians guide and protect the newly professed as they continue their journey in the footsteps of Don Bosco.



TWENTY PRE-NOVICES BEGIN NOVITIATE AND TWENTY FIVE ASPIRANATS BEGIN THEIR PRE-NOVITIATE

Twenty Pre-novices from our Province (ING) have begun their novitiate for the year 2025-2026 at two Novitiate houses — Emmaus Novitiate, Zubza, and St. Dominic Savio Novitiate, Sunnyside, Shillong.

On 25th May, ten of our Pre-novices were initiated at Emmaus, alongside eight from the Province of Dimapur (IND), in a ceremony led by Rev. Fr. Deli Kapani SDB, Vice Provincial of Dimapur, in the presence of Rev. Fr. V.A. Thomas SDB, Novice Master, and the Emmaus community in attendance.

On 29th May, another ten Pre-novices from our Province were initiated at Sunnyside, Shillong during a solemn Eucharistic celebration presided over by Rev. Fr. John Zosiama SDB, Provincial of Shillong. Among the 35 novices initiated, 10 belong to the Guwahati Province.

ING NOVICES & PRE-NOVICES 2025-26



sunnyside



Zubza



Dotma

We joyfully welcome 25 new aspirants to the Pre-novitiate at Dotma under the leadership of Rev. Fr Mackley Gomes, the new Director of Pre-novices. Our heartfelt thanks to Rev. Fr Joe Almeida for his three years of dedicated service, forming pre-novices with great love and commitment. May God bless him in his new mission.

Even as I congratulate them, I wish them God's choicest blessings as they begin their intensive preparation to embrace the Salesian way of life and enter our congregation.

WORKSHOPS ON ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY HELD AT SNEHALAYA

Snehalaya's child rights and development initiative, conducted two key workshops to enhance its organisational effectiveness and future sustainability.

The first workshop on Organisational Development was held from 24-26 February 2025, focusing on long-term planning and effective management.

A second workshop, held from 17–19 May 2025, centered on self-sustainability and strategic planning. Expert facilitators from ChildAid Network — Dr. Lukose Jacob and Drakhyia Ranjan Gogoi — led the sessions, offering valuable insights and engaging Board Members in strategic exercises.

I commend Snehalaya, under the leadership of Fr. Lukose Cheruvalel, for this forward-looking initiative. May these workshops mark meaningful progress in the journey toward a stronger, self-sustaining future.

APOSTOLIC ASSIGNMENTS 2025-26

I am happy to share the latest Apostolic Assignments for 2025–2026, which come into effect from 1st June 2025. I kindly request the confreres concerned to move to their new place of apostolate at the earliest convenience. I thank them for their readiness and spirit of obedience in joyfully accepting new apostolate.

Sl.no	Names of the Confreres	Communities and Assignments
01	Fr. Simplicius Kerketta	Parish Priest incharge, Rongjeng
02	Bro. Sunil Kerketta	Teacher & Warden, DBC, Diphu
03	Fr. Amit Tete	Snehalaya
04	Fr. Sachin Kujur	DBSTI - Tezpur
05	Fr. Peter Pazhayamkottil (PA)	APP, Kumarikata
06	Fr. George Plathottam	Bosco Reachout, Guwahati

UPCOMING EVENTS

REGIONAL MEETINGS

- ❖ **ASSAM PLAINS REGIONAL MEETING** on 14 June at Hubert D’Rosario Missionary Aspirantate, Sirajuli.
- ❖ **BTR REGIONAL MEETING** on 21 June at Don Bosco College, Chapaguri.
- ❖ **GARO HILLS REGIONAL MEETING** on 28 June at Don Bosco Centre for Learning.

❖ ANNUAL RETREATS 2025

Salesian Province of Mary Help of Christians

ANNUAL RETREAT 2025

DATE	PLACE	PREACHER
★ 11 Jul - 17 Jul 2025	Siloam	Fr Jose Varickasseril SDB
★ 27 Jul - 02 Aug 2025	Siloam	Fr Biji Thomas SDB
★ 28 Sep - 04 Oct 2025 <small>(Mostly for Brothers doing PT/ College/ University Studies)</small>	Jorapara	Fr P. Suresh Innocent SDB
★ 08 Dec - 14 Dec 2025	Bethel	Fr Ian Siqueiredo SDB

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SUMMER TIME YOUTH MINISTRY

SUMMER TIME YOUTH MINISTRY (STYM)

COMING SOON

An exciting opportunity for the young people of our centres to be animated, inspired, and empowered by the Salesians!
This Youth Animation program is more than just a gathering—it's a spiritual encounter, a joyful celebration, and a transformative journey guided by the Salesian spirit of reason, religion, and loving kindness.

What to Expect ?
Inspiring sessions by Salesians
Fun-filled group activities
Music, games & creativity
Faith sharing & reflection

Discovering your unique call and mission. Let this be a moment to rekindle your dreams, build collaborations, and grow in faith as part of the vibrant Salesian Youth Movement.

Sl No	DATES	GROUP 1	GROUP 2	GROUP 3	GROUP 4	GROUP 5
1.	01-03 July 2025	Orientation of Young Salesians at DBI, Kharghuli				
2.	05-09 July 2025	BOKO	TANGLA	SATGAON/ SOJONG	GOJAPARA	AMGURI
3.	12-16 July 2025	DAMRA	DIMAKUCHI	BAITHALANGSO	MENDAL	KOKRAJHAR
4.	19-23 July 2025	RONGJENG	KUMARIKATTA	AMKACHI	RONGKHON	DOTMA
5.	26-30 July 2025	SHALLANG	DOOMNI	UMSWAI	GAROBADHA	RAMFALBIL
6.	31 July 2025	Evaluation and Conclusion at DBI, Kharghuli				

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CONDOLENCES TO:

- ❖ Fr Zachary Varickasseril and Fr Jose Varickasseril at the sad demise their brother Mr Sony Varickasseril (77), on 19 May 2025.
- ❖ Fr SK Sebastian who lost his uncle on 16 May 2025.
- ❖ Provincial and confreres of Delhi Province (INN) at the passing away of Bro. Justin Lakra on 22 May 2025.

CONCLUSION

To conclude, let me wish everyone a happy and holy month of June, dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. May His boundless love and mercy guide our lives and missions. We especially entrust to His care all those in the initiation stage of formation, particularly our novices and pre-novices, that they may grow in faith, joy, and fidelity to their vocation.

Yours sincerely in Don Bosco,

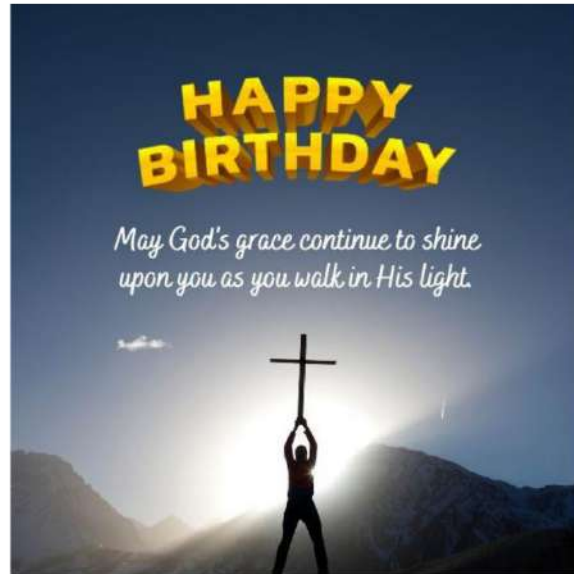


Fr. Sebastian Mathew SDB
Provincial





- 1 Cl. Marcus Kurbah
- 2 Fr. Ranjit Kulkant Xalxo
- 3 Fr. Naresh Jojowar
- 4 Fr. Vivek Lakra
- 4 Cl. Henry Langngaihkhama
- 5 Fr. Jayaprakash
Anthonimuthu
- 5 Fr. Robert Basumatary
- 11 Br. Philip Amsong
- 12 Br. Paul Makri



- 14 Fr. Birendra Dung Dung
- 15 Fr. Thomas John
Koitharaputhenpura
- 16 Fr. Xavier Tete
- 19 Cl. William Orea
- 25 Fr. Roland Aloysius Halge
- 28 Fr. Thadeus Kujur
- 30 Fr. Prasad Kalaparthu



IN LOVING MEMORY - JUNE

Dt	Name of the Confrere	Place	Year	Age	Province
1	P Anthony Poothara	Mirza	1989	50	ING
2	P Dominic Farina	Raliang	1936	52	ING, INDIA, INC, INS
6	P James Oreglia	Argentina	1996	80	INM, INT, ING, INB
6	P Herman Laarhuis	Shillong	2008	95	ING, INC, INS
7	P Jose Thiruthanathy	Dotma	2019	69	ING, INS
8	P Jaime Troncho Vives	Spain	1985	58	INM, ING, INB
11	P Lawrence Buri	Argentina	1961	55	INC, ING, INM
11	P Bartholomew Varga	Ranchi	1988	82	INC, INN, ING
13	L Eligius Khain	Tura	2010	78	ING, INC, INS
16	P John Mazzetti	Italy	1949	62	INDIA, INC, ING
16	P Thomas Mattam	Shillong	1986	57	ING, INC, INM, INS
17	P Cyriac Kochupurackal	Guwahati	2006	63	ING, INS
18	P Felix Matta	Raliang	1963	52	ING, INC, INN, INS
18	P Thomas Kolacheril	Pannur	1994	62	INM, ING
18	P Benjamin Toppo	Kohima	2001	54	IND, ING
18	P Anthony Thekkel	Aluva	2015	48	ING, INS
19	P Peter Schiavon	Shillong	2016	90	INS, ING, INC
20	E Stephen Ferrando	Italy	1978	83	ING, INC, INS
22	L Ignatius Toppo	Guwahati	2007	64	ING, INS
23	P Vittorio Mauri	Bologna	1978	76	INDIA, INC, ING, INT, INS
23	P Mario Porcu	Guwahati	2016	98	ING, INS
24	L Dennis Cavanagh	Shillong	1944	27	INC, ING, MYM, INS
24	L Philip Neri De Souza	Panjim	2015	55	INP, INB, ING
25	P Charles Niznansky	USA	1984	64	INC, ING
26	P Henry Fantin	Shillong	1997	74	ING, INC, INS
26	L Athanasius Guria	Shillong	1999	63	ING, INC, IND, INS
30	P John Topno	Guwahati	2009	92	ING, INDIA, INC

Salesian Feasts/Commemorations

8	Blessed Istvan Sándor, <i>mar tyr</i>
11	Salesian Missionary Day (monthly commemoration)
12	Blessed Francis Keşy, lay person, and 4 companions, <i>mar tyr</i> s
23	Saint Joseph Cafasso, priest
24	Commemoration of Mary Help of Christians
30	Commemoration of Don Bosco

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DATE	DAY	PROVINCIAL	VICE PROVINCIAL	ECONOMER
1	Sun	Meeting Salesian Cooperators	Guwahati >Dotma	Guwahati
2	Mon	Meeting with CMC Provincial	Dotma: Initiation of Pre-novices	Guwahati
3	Tue	Monthly Recollection	Ramfalbil	Monthly Recollection
4	Wed	Guwahati	Guwahati, Kharghuli	Guwahati
5	Thu	Guwahati	Guwahati	Guwahati
6	Fri	Guwahati	Boko	Guwahati
7	Sat	Principals' Meeting	Guwahati	Principal's Meeting
8	Sun	Kumarikata Visitation	Guwahati	Kumarikata Visitation
9	Mon	Kumarikata Visitation	Guwahati	Kumarikata Visitation
10	Tue	Azara > Sashipur Visitation	ADBUI - Azara	Sashipur Visitation
11	Wed	Dimakuchi Visitation	Guwahati	Dimakuchi Visitation
12	Thu	Dimakuchi Visitation	Guwahati	Dimakuchi Visitation
13	Fri	Bhooteachang Visitation	Sirajuli	Bhooteachang Visitation
14	Sat	Sirajuli: Regional Meeting	Sirajuli: Regional Meeting	Regional Meeting
15	Sun	Guwahati	DBSTI Tezpur	Guwahati
16	Mon	Doomni Visitation	Umran	Doomni Visitation
17	Tue	Doomni Visitation	Guwahati	Doomni Visitation
18	Wed	Barpeta Visitation	Guwahati	Barpeta Visitation
19	Thu	Barpeta > Amguri Visitation	Kumarikata	Barpeta > Amguri Visitation
20	Fri	Chapaguri GB Meeting	Sashipur - Chapaguri	Chapaguri GB Meeting
21	Sat	Chapaguri: Regional Meeting	Chapaguri: Regional Meeting	Chapaguri: Regional
22	Sun	Chapel Blessing: Simliguri	Barpeta Road	Guwahati
23	Mon	Boko Visitation	Guwahati	Boko Visitation
24	Tue	Boko Visitation	Guwahati	Boko Visitation
25	Wed	Mendal Visitation	Guwahati	Mendal Visitation
26	Thu	Mendal Visitation	Guwahati	Mendal Visitation
27	Fri	Rongkhon Visitation	Mendal	Rongkhon Visitation
28	Sat	DBCL: Regional Meeting	DBCL: Regional Meeting	DBCL: Regional Meeting
29	Sun	Guwahati	BM, Rongkhon	Guwahati
30	Mon	Guwahati Council Meeting	Council Meeting	Council Meeting

I am attaching the list of documents to be kept ready for the **Canonical Visitation**. I kindly request all **Rectors and Community Leaders** to ensure that **all required documents are in order and available** during my visit to your respective communities;

Province of Mary Help of Christians, Guwahati
REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CANONICAL VISITATION 2025-26

	DOCUMENTS
1.	Tentative Timetable of Canonical Visitation
2.	Staff – Teaching, Non-teaching & Staff Appointment letters ...Files
3.	House Timetable: Monthly calendar & Annual Plann
4.	Plans: Monthly, Yearly, Dates for Council and Assembly, Day of the Community, Lectio Divina, etc.
5.	Copy of SEPP and EPP - Visitation Reports
6.	File of Provincial Circulars and Communications, File of Obedience Letters
7.	House Chronicles, Minutes of House Council, House Assembly;
8.	Brief report - Present situation of the community, Problems and needs, and future plans
9.	Implementation of the Provincial Chapter, & Previous Visitations
10.	Relationship with Bishop, Collaborators, Civil Authorities, Neighbourhood, etc. Any contracts?
11.	Land and Vehicles: Land Documents, Vehicles, Registration/Insurance status
12.	Bank Accounts, Account Books: Cash Ledger, Audited Accounts - 2years, Annual Budget - FDs Society Registration Certificates/Renewal, FCRA Renewal, 12 A,10 B certificates
13.	Salary Registers of: Teaching &Non - teaching Staff, Domestic, Catechist, Sisters etc. Pay scale & Benefits.
14.	On-going projects, outstanding debts/liabilities if any
SCHOOL / COLLEGE	
15.	Data sheets up to date: Staff, Students,
16.	Fee structure, free students list, concessions; Pay scale of the employs PF, ESI 'Gratuity
17.	Minutes of Managing Committee/GB Meetings - Staff meetings
18.	Child Protection Policy & other policies Past Pupils association, Scouts and guides, Other cocurricular activity reports
PARISH -HOSTEL	
19.	Data: Total Catholics Families & faithful, Community wise & Village wise Parish Registers – Baptism, Confirmation, Marriage, Death Parish collections, Annual/Varshik collection registers
20.	Number of Baptisms, Confirmations and others in the year.
21.	Parish Pastoral Plan, Possibilities in the Parish Boarders - Timetable of the boarding Fee structure - concessions....
22.	Mimutes of Parish Council meetings Pious associations in the Parish, Youth, Women, Men, Altar Boys
23.	Religious Collaborators - Contracts/Agreements - Data of Vocations from the Parish: Salesians; Salesian Family; others (Novices, Candidate, Seminarians, Sisters)