

# THE SALESIAN PROVINCIAL



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

5<sup>th</sup> May, 2020

My dear confreres,

Cordial greetings from Valdocco!

A very happy feast of St Dominic Savio, in whom Don Bosco found a very good material to make something beautiful for the Lord! Here in Valdocco, we celebrate our Lauds and Holy Eucharist daily in the Chapel of St Francis de Sales, where the place where Dominic Savio, as one of the inmates of the Oratory had his ecstasy. The place is marked and kept well, probably to invite everyone especially the youth to love and get absorbed in the love of the Lord. I pray especially for our apostolic boys, the hostel boys and the boys in the aspirantate. May St Dominic Savio be their model and guide.

In the month of May, we also celebrate the feast of St Mary Mazzarello (13<sup>th</sup> May) and Mother Mary, Help of Christians (24<sup>th</sup> May). Many of us made our religious profession on 24<sup>th</sup> May and this year too, 13 ING novices will make their first profession on this day at Sunnyside and Dhajea and many other clerics will either make their perpetual vows or renew them.

Every year, the Province gives opportunity to our clerics to make the Spiritual retreat together at DBI, Guwahati and then make the perpetual vows or renewal of vows in the most appropriate state of mind and conscience. The Covid-19 pandemic however has denied us this happy tradition this year which however has opened for us another window of opportunity to organize such a beautiful programme in different parts of the Province where the CALLED will come forward in faith, hope and charity to say YES to God in the manner and style of our Blessed Mother who said a clear FIAT to God in the Annunciation.

Through this note, I request all the clerics who will make the perpetual profession and the renewal of vows, to prepare themselves well for the great day. Let us shun the habit of taking such opportunities and preparations, given to us by God lightly. The greater the focus we give to our spiritual life and preparation, the greater will be our inner peace, serenity and the lasting effectiveness of our mission and apostolate.

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Kindly go through the list below to let yourselves know about the clerics who are taking the bold step, particularly the way we will celebrate the great day of PROFESSION on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> May. I request the Rectors and Leaders to inform the clerics about the events as clearly as possible and help them to participate in them well. I am mentioning the names of confreres whom I am delegating to receive the profession in the name of the Rector Major. I thank each one of them for their good will and availability.

## RENEWAL OF VOWS :

		Surname – Name	Community	Delegate
1.	S	<b>Basumatary</b> Sebastian	Dotma	Fr Damian Basumatary
2.	S	<b>Tigga</b> Arpan	Barpeta Road	Fr Damian Basumatary
3.	S	<b>Basumatary</b> Sujit	Tapesia, ADBU	Fr Stephen Mavelly
4.	S	<b>Rabha</b> Kolombiya	Tapesia, ADBU	Fr Stephen Mavelly
5.	S	<b>Jacob</b> Jeremiah (INN)	Tapesia, ADBU	Fr Stephen Mavelly
6.	S	<b>Dung Dung</b> Birendra	Tura, DBJC	Fr Joseph Teron
7.	S	<b>Minj</b> Benedict	Tura, DBJC	Fr Joseph Teron
8.	S	<b>Sangma</b> Anthony A. ( <i>Senior</i> )	Tura, DBJC	Fr Joseph Teron
9.	S	<b>Sangma</b> Cherak	Tura, DBJC	Fr Joseph Teron
10.	S	<b>Shirantha</b> Madushan Perera (LKC)	Tura, DBJC	Fr Joseph Teron
11.	S	<b>Ekka</b> Sunit	Tura, DBS	Fr Joseph Teron
12.	S	<b>Kujur</b> Jonas	Tura, DBS	Fr Joseph Teron
13.	S	<b>Kujur</b> Markus	Tura, DBS	Fr Joseph Teron
14.	S	<b>Lakra</b> Bipin Kumar	Tura, Rongkhon, BM	Fr Joseph Teron
15.	S	<b>Sangma</b> Jecky	Tura, Holy Cross Parish	Fr Joseph Teron
16.	S	<b>Sangma</b> Chebath	Garobadha	Fr Joseph Teron
17.	S	<b>Ekka</b> Francis	Tangla	Fr Marcus Lakra
18.	S	<b>Npenme</b> Haisuilube	Sirajuli	Fr Marcus Lakra
19.	S	<b>Rabha</b> John Chandra	Tezpur, DBSTI	Fr Marcus Lakra
20.	S	<b>Kujur</b> Amit	Dimakuchi	Fr Marcus Lakra
21.	S	<b>Ekka</b> Godfrey	Umpanai – Amkachi	Fr Benny Alex
22.	S	<b>Rongpeit</b> Kesop	Umswai	Fr Benny Alex

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## PERPETUAL PROFESSIONS :

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1.	S	<b>Kujur</b> Sachin	Tura, DBJC	Fr Joseph Teron
2.	S	<b>Mardi</b> Dominic	Tura, DBJC	Fr Joseph Teron
3.	S	<b>Minj</b> Francis Xavier	Tura, DBJC	Fr Joseph Teron
4.	S	<b>Puma</b> Philemon	Tura, DBJC	Fr Joseph Teron
5.	S	<b>Kurbah</b> Marcus	Tura, Rongkhon, BM	Fr Joseph Teron
6.	S	<b>Mawa</b> Albert Tron (LKC)	Tapesia, ADBU	Fr Stephen Mavely

## VENUES FOR PERPETUAL PROFESSION AND RENEWAL OF VOWS :

1. BTAD Region : Dotma Parish
2. Tezpur Region : Tangla Parish
3. Tura Region : Bosco Mount
4. Karbi Anglong : Umswai Parish
5. Guwahati Metro : ADBU Tapesia

## PREPARATIONS FOR THE VOWS :

1. The usual **Spiritual retreat** at DBI, Guwahati, in view of the Perpetual Profession and renewal of the vows will not take place this year due to the after-effects of Covid-19. Hence, the two clerics in Tura, namely, Clerics Sachin Kujur and Dominic Mardi, DBJC, Tura who will make the Perpetual profession but had not made their spiritual retreat, will make their Retreat (from 18<sup>th</sup> evening to 23<sup>rd</sup> evening) at Don Bosco BEd College, Tura under Fr Bivan Rodrigues Mukhim, Rector, Don Bosco College Tura. I request the community to make the necessary arrangements and thank them for their acceptance.

Cl Mawa Albert Tron (LKC), ADBU Tapesia, will make a personal or guided retreat (from 18<sup>th</sup> evening to 23<sup>rd</sup> evening), either in Khetri or in the ADBU campus, as will be arranged by Fr Stephen Mavely, Rector, before the perpetual vows on 24<sup>th</sup> May.

Clerics Philemon Puma, Francis Xavier and Marcus Kurbah who finished their retreat at DBRC Bangalore will join the two clerics at BEd college on 23<sup>rd</sup> (Saturday) morning to make a full day recollection before the final profession on 24<sup>th</sup> May in the morning Mass at Bosco Mount.

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In this way, the clerics are given the ideal and the best opportunity to prepare themselves well and make a worthy offering of themselves to God in perpetual profession. We accompany them with our brotherly prayers and wish them all the best.

2. The clerics who will renew the vows will make a full day recollection on 23<sup>rd</sup> (Saturday) May.

In Tura, the recollection will be at BEd college and will start at 9.00 am, together with the two clerics who will already be making their retreat. Fr Bivan Mukhim, Rector will animate the recollection, organise other devotions, such as the Divine Mercy, Adoration Service, etc., and will arrange the confessors. They will renew their vows in the evening during the Eucharistic celebration at Bosco Mount, Rongkhon, to be presided over by Fr Joseph Teron, Vice Provincial.

3. At Tapesia, the clerics will start the recollection at 9.00 am on 23<sup>rd</sup> (Saturday) May, and renew the vows during the Eucharistic celebration in the evening. Fr Mavely is delegated to receive the vows. The perpetual profession of Cl Mawa Albert Tron (LKC) will be on 24<sup>th</sup> May (Sunday) morning.
4. At Dotma, Tangla and Umswai, the renewal of the vows will take place on 24<sup>th</sup> May (Sunday) during the Parish Mass.

On 23<sup>rd</sup> May, the clerics from BTAD, Tezpur and Karbi Anglong regions will assemble at Dotma, Tangla and Umswai respectively and will make a full day recollection, starting at 9.00 am. At Dotma, Fr Thomas Lakra, at Tangla, Fr Marcus Lakra and at Umswai, Fr Tomey Anikuzhikattil will animate the recollection and will organize other devotions, such as personal adoration, Divine Mercy, etc. They are requested to make arrangements for confessors and organize one hour adoration in the evening. On the following day, they will renew their vows during the Sunday Eucharistic celebration. The confreres who have been delegated by the Provincial will receive their vows.

5. It is important that each cleric writes the formula of profession in his own handwriting correctly and ahead of time. The name of the Delegate must also be written and pronounced correctly. Our formula of profession is so rich and meaningful, both for the candidate and the faithful, that it is very important for the cleric to understand and practise it well much in advance.

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6. The parishes and the institutions are requested to prepare themselves well for this important event and make the celebration, solemn and devout. Kindly make sure to ask the Vice Provincial or the Secretary for the documents to be signed and also the booklet containing the Liturgy of the day.
7. The Rectors could discuss with the cleric(s) about the family members who might want to attend the programme. Normally we do not invite parents for the renewals. It is advisable that the family members are not inconvenienced to attend the programme during these pandemic times. But if some parents still express the desire to come, the cleric(s) will make the necessary arrangements in clear understanding with their respective Rectors and communities.
8. The Province will arrange for the retreat of clerics at a convenient time during the course of the year.

Assuring you of my daily remembrance and wishing you a very happy feast day,

With much love and prayers,

Yours affectionately in Don Bosco,

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



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