

PROVINCIAL CIRCULAR

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

JS – 51/2021

24 May 2021

My Dear Confreres,

Greetings from the Provincial House, Guwahati!

I wish everyone of you a very Happy Feast of our Blessed Mother Mary, the Help of Christians, as we celebrate her feast today, 24th May. Don Bosco was a devotee of Mary. Mary is present with us today, as much as she was present with Don Bosco. Let us trust and be devout to her like Don Bosco and witness miracles in our lives and in our mission. Like her, let us do everything in humble obedience to God's Word and only for God's glory. She is our mother, guide, protector and intercessor, especially during these challenging times of the pandemic.

Mary helps every human being, no matter what culture and religion they belong to. History however showed us that it was Christians who called on her especially in times of crises through prayer and devotion, and she did help them tangibly. That is why, she indeed is the Help of everyone, especially of Christians.

I convey my special prayers and greetings to those of you, who celebrate the anniversary of profession on 24th May. I often re-visit my days in the novitiate and my sentiments just before the first profession. Often I thought also of my final vows. In the same way, all of you could do the same. It does good to examine and see, whether or not, we still have that joy and enthusiasm that we had then, when we began our religious journey.



APPOINTMENT OF THE VICE PROVINCIAL AND THE COUNCILLORS

Taking into consideration the results of the consultation that was done to discern the animators of the Province and after evaluating the huge contribution of the Vice Provincial and other Councillors in the animation and governance of the Province in the past three years, I am happy to extend the service of authority of **Rev. Fr Joseph Teron Langne** as the Vice Provincial and **Fr Sebastian Kuricheal, Fr Charles Ch Sangma and Fr Marcus Lakra** as the Councillors for the second term.



I appreciate them for their availability, loyalty, hard work, team spirit and creative initiatives in animation and governance. We hope to move ahead in the same style of leadership.

In a very special way, I express my sincere love and gratitude to **Fr Damian Basumatary** for his tremendous contribution to the Province as a Councillor. As he ends his third term, I have invited **Fr Francis Basumatary** to take his place. Fr Francis is a confrere of few words, but I have observed that he has done much in evangelisation, catechesis, vocation promotion, solidarity and initiatives for the poor.

We welcome him wholeheartedly and wish that his stint as a Councillor be an adventurous and fulfilling one.



I am very grateful to Fr Jayaprakash Anthonimuthu (BRO, Guwahati), Fr Francis Basumatary (Bengtol), Fr Hubert Ch Marak (Rongjeng), Fr John Parankimalil (DBI, Guwahati), Fr Peter Pazhayamkottil (Kokrajhar) and Fr Charles Ch Sangma (Mendal), who completed their first term as Rectors and have agreed to be the Rectors (animators) for the second term. I wish them all the best for their ministry.

I am very grateful to Fr Anugrah Tete (Barpeta Road), Fr Ignatius K Sangma (DBS, Tura) and Fr Lucas Ch Marak (Sojong) for their animation of the communities as Rectors. I thank Fr Thomas Anikuzhikattil (Umswai) and Fr Thadeus Kujur (Snehalaya, Guwahati) for being the Rectors for two terms and once again accepting the same role in other communities today (Snehalaya, Guwahati and Barpeta Road respectively). I wish them also all the best in their ministry.

The new Rectors of the Province are Fr Benjamin Daimary (DBS Tura), Fr Siby John Vattaparayil (Sojong) and Fr Jose Joseph Perunneparampil (Umswai). I wish them joy and fulfilment in their ministry.

I wish to remind the Rectors/Leaders that every confrere in the community has lots of potentiality and good will. A lot of community health and sickness depend on the way the leaders lead others in the religious and spiritual realm. As we lead, we need to walk the talk in small and big events. The leader is someone who knows the way, shows the way and walks the way.

APOSTOLIC ASSIGNMENTS 2021: “HERE I AM, LORD. I HAVE COME TO DO THY WILL”

The 24th of May reminds us about the fiat **(YES)** of Mary and our own too. On this auspicious day, I am happy to publish the apostolic assignments for this year. I have

done it prayerfully and with the involvement of the Provincial Council. I am grateful to each and everyone of you for your spirit of obedience. Some of you did complete two years term. Some of you could not finish the second or the first terms. Despite that, you humbly accepted the appointments, because we felt, your services were needed elsewhere. There were a few who asked me for a change and I did examine your request and if found feasible, I have conceded to it. A few more transfers will take place in the coming months.

I have listed the entire communities of the Province in the list below, with the names of those joining the communities on transfer in colour and in bold letters.

01. BAITHALANGSO (2016)	
P Condpan Anil Jerome	Inc, Adm & Dir
P Mushahary Benny Venantius	Prin & YS
02. BARPETA ROAD (1936)	
C-1975	
P Kujur Thadeus	Rt & PP
P Mudakkampuram George	Prin (CBSE)
P Tigga Victor	VR, Prin, Adm & YS
03. BENGTOLE (1967)	
C-1992	
P Basumatary Francis	Rt & PP
P Kuttikadan Paul	VR & APP
P Narzary Justin	Prin, APP, Adm & YS
P Soreng Anmol	Asst PP
04. BOKO (1993)	
C-20	
P Kachappilly Joy Joseph	Rt & PP
P Ekka Pradeep	VR, Prin, Adm, APP & YS
L Kerketta Sunil Prakash	VP & Wd
P Puma Joachim	APP & BEd Studies
S Kullu Lebanus	PT 2
05. BONGAIGAON (2014)	
P Kattakayam Alex Mathew	Inc, Adm & Prin
P Rabha Paul	VP, Wd & YS
S Basumatary Sebastian	Student, BEd 1
S Kujur Rasal	Student, BA 1
S Barjo Marius	Student, BA 1
06. DAMRA (1946)	
C-1992	
P Karottupuram Augustine	Rt & PP
P Lakra Francis Xavier	VR, VP & Prin (Colzani)
L Sangma Benedict	Prin (Assamese), YS & Adm

07. DIMAKUCHI (1984)		C-2005
P Edathumparambil Sebastian		Rt, Adm & PP
P Beck Xavier		Prin, APP & YS
P Tete Anugrah		APP, VR & I/c SCC
S Dung Dung Jonathan		PT & Student
08. DIPHU (2014)		
P Vettickathadam Cyriac		Inc, Dir & Adm
P Panna Cornelius		Asst Dir
P Parackal Johnson		Prin & YS
S Tirkey Amrit		Student, BA 1
S Ekka Santrius		Student, BA 1
09. DOOMNI (1972)		
P Chinthamalla Bhaskar Raj		Inc, PP & YS
P Myrthong Cornelius		VP, Adm & APP
P Bhengra Louis Martin		Prin & APP
10. DOTMA (1986)		C-2006
P Lakra Thomas		Rt, PP & Adm
P Cheruvalel Lukose		VR, Director (Prenovices)
P Edasserithottathil Augustine		APP & Confessor
P Islary Sebirence		Prin, APP & YS
P Robert Faustin		Adm & Dean
P Jojowar Naresh		Asst PP, VP & Warden
S Tigga Arpan		PT 3
S Sangma Jeniberth		PT 2
11. GAROBADHA (1978)		C- 2016
P Sangma Denis Toju		Rt & PP
P Chenginiyaden Thomas (CL)		APP & Confessor
P Lakra Punit Kumar		APP & Vice Principal
P Sangma Albert D.		VR, APP, Prin, Adm & YS
S Kharkongor Godwin Sapphireson		PT 1
12. GOJAPARA (1998)		
P Marak Lucas Ch		Inc & PP
P Basumatary Robert		APP & Warden
P Kailash Arvind Cyprian		Prin, Adm, APP & YS
13. GUWAHATI – Azara (2002)		C-2006
P Nellanatt Joseph		Rt & Pro-VC
P Pathinanchil John (INK)		VR & Registrar
P Punnoolikunnel Thomas		Confessor
P Antony Antony Dhason		Adm, Wd, YS & Stdnt (MSc)

S Varghese Jittin Mathew (INB)	MTech 2
S Jyrwa Firstbornson (INS)	BTech 4
S Uwora Moses Paul (AFW)	MCA
14. GUWAHATI – Bosco Reach Out (2003)	C-2003
P Anthonimuthu Jayaprakash	Rt & Dir
P Cherukareth Raphael	VR & Asst Dir
P Basumatary Damian	Asso Dir & Adm
P Sangma Jimmy T.	Deputy Dir
15. GUWAHATI – Don Bosco (1922)	C-1926
P Xalxo Vincent	Rt, PP & Adm
P Kuricheal Sebastian	VR & Prin
P Paulianmung Joseph	VP, APP & YS
16. GUWAHATI – Don Bosco Institute (2004)	C-2005
P Parankimalil John	Rt & Dir
P Chittattukalam Kuriala	Consultant & Counsellor
P Marak Pojit D	VR, Joint Dir, Adm & YS
P Thelekkatt Joseph	Counsellor & Spiritual Director
17. GUWAHATI – Maligaon (1968)	C-1969
P Minj Ethelbert	Rt, PP & YS
L Kerketta Raphael	Faculty
L Mani Joby	Dir & Adm
P Tete Amit	VR, APP, VP DB Tech & Stdnt (PhD)
18. GUWAHATI – Provincial House	C-1992
P Tharsis Maria Arul Anthuvan	Rt & Secy
P Chittapanatt George	VR & Spiritual Guide
P Tirkey John Paul	Adm & Student PhD
P Sangma Januarius S	Provincial
P Teron Langne Joseph	Vice Provincial
P Basil Benny Plathottathil	Economer
19. GUWAHATI – Snehalya (2004)	C-2006
P Anikuzhikattil (Tomey) Thomas	Rt & Dir
P Koitharaputhenpura Thomas John	VR & Adm
P Kunnathukuzhy Sebastian	
P Marak Martin R	Asst Dir & YS
20. HAFLONG (1974)	C-2016
P Marngar Emmanuel	Rt, Prin & Adm
L Indwar Benjamin Rosant	VP, YS & Warden
P Kunnappillil Thomas	VR & PP

21. KOKRAJHAR (1991)	C-2002
P Pazhayamkottil Peter	Rt & PP
P Dung Dung Pascal	APP (Amguri)
P Gari Ignatius	APP & VP (Amguri)
P John George William	VP, Adm & Stdnt (PhD)
P Sangma Ignatius K	Prin, VR, APP & YS
22. KUMARIKATTA (1977)	C-2005
P Hemrom Aloysius	Rt & PP
P Minj Kerobin	Prin, Adm, YS & APP
P Tharakunnel Pius	VR, APP & Prin (Sashipur)
P Xaxa Ajay	VP (Sashipur)
23. MENDAL (1968)	C-2006
P Sangma Charles Ch	Rt & PP
P Dhanwar Albinus	APP & VP
P Marak Bartholomew	VR, Prin, Adm, YS & APP
P Chellanthara John	APP & Dir VTC
24. RAMFALBIL (2016)	
P D'Souza Edward	Inc, Adm & APP (Dotma)
P Minj Zacharias	Prin & YS
L Sutong Firstjoy Felix	Warden & Student (BEd)
25. RONGJENG (1971)	C-1982
P Marak Hubert Ch	Rt & PP
P Marak John Mathias	Prin, APP & YS
P Molsom Hubert Uttam	VR, VP, Adm & Asst PP
26. SHALLANG (1999)	
P Marzo Alfred	Rt & PP
P Sangma Albert Tigidi	Prin, APP & YS
P Mardi Barnabas	VR, APP & Adm
P Chinnaparaj Justin Arul	Asst PP & VP
27. SIRAJULI (2011)	C- 2011
P Ishorary Sebastian	Rt
P Kalariparampil Francis	VR, Prin & YS
L Tete Angelus	Adm
P Songthiang Klisterwel	Dean, Counsellor & Stdnt (MA)
S Kujur Patrick (BMA)	PT 3
S Leriia Phikow Paul (IND)	PT 2
S Surya Sidhant John (INH)	PT 1
28. SOJONG (1966)	C-1988
P Vattaparayil Siby John	Rector, PP & YS

P Momin Gabriel Gabil	VR (Sojong), PP, Adm & Prin (Satgaon)
P Tete Xavier	Prin, APP, Wd & Adm (Sojong)
P Puthenpurackal Joseph	APP & Teacher
P Thyрниang Albert	APP & YS (Satgaon)
29. TANGLA (1951)	C-1970
P Lakra Marcus	Rt, PP, Adm & YS
P Tirkey Jeremias	APP & Wd
P Xalxo Ranjeet	VR, Prin & APP
L Kindo Michael	Warden & i/c VTC Bhooteachang
S Ekka Francis	BEd Student & PT
S Ngouning John	PT 1
30. TAPESIA – Don Bosco University (2008)	C-2016
P Mavely Stephen	Rt & VC
P Noronha Shajan (INK)	Superintendent Hostels, YS & Studies
P Kanattu Abraham	VR, Adm, Inc Brothers & Dir CDSI
S Jeremiah Jacob (INN)	MSW 2
S Rabha Vincent	MSW 2
S Sangma Sanjosh	MSW 2
S Synrem Reniel Banshanskhem (INS)	MSW 2
S Ekka Godfrey	MA 2
S Minj Paul (Jr)	MA 2
S Momin Nithindro	MA 2
S Npenme Haisuilube	MA 1
S Kurbah Marcus	MSc 1
S Soren Dominic	MA 1
31. TEZPUR (2005)	
P Pattamkulam Cletus Sebastian	Inc, Dir, Adm & YS
P Malieckal Francis Fernandez	Asst Dir
32. TURA – Don Bosco College (1993)	C-2002
P Mukhim Bivan Rodrigues	Rt, Prin, PhD Studies & YS
P Arimboor Louis	Adm
P Varickasseril Zacharias	VR & Prin (BEd)
P Vadakkekara Abhilash	VP
S Gamage Chathuska Sasipriya (LKC)	BA 1
S Stanislas Anthony Thiyonislal (LKC)	BA 1
S Sivanathan Hilman Christias (LKC)	BA 1
33. TURA - Don Bosco Jr College (2016)	
P Cheeramben Francis	Inc
P Sangma Jogesh B.	Prin, Adm & YS

P Kujur Francis Xavier	VP, Wd & Stdnt (MA)
S Perera Shirantha Madushan (LKC)	BA 3
S Bara Prabhat	BA 2
S Ekka Sanjay	BA 2
S Kerketta Jeevan Chandra	BA 2
S Langngaihkama Henry	BA 2
S Minj Manish	BA 2
S Xalxo Sanjay	BA 2
S Lakra Yacub	BA 1
S Maukal Petrush	BA 1
S Minj Rohit	BA 1
34. TURA - Don Bosco School	C-1969
P Daimari Benjamin	Rt, VP & Dir (Youth Centre)
P Sangma Threnius N.	VR, Prin & YS
L Ekka Nirmal	VP, Adm & Warden
S Ekka Sunit	PT 2 & BA 2
35. TURA - Holy Cross Parish (1985) / (2016)	
P Lakra Amit Chama	Inc, PP & Adm
P Kariyil Saju	Prin, YS & APP
P Kerketta Simplicius	APP, Wd & I/c Chidekgre
36. TURA - Rongkhon - Bosco Mount	C-1985
P Hembrom Francis	Rt
P Sangma Daniel S.	Dean & YS
P Moshahary Kishor	Catechist & Stdnt (MA)
P Toppo Jonas	VR & Adm
P Halge Roland	Confessor
L Makri Paul	Vice Dean & I/c of Music & Games
S Sangma Peter Canisius	MA 1 (NEHU)
L Lating Bajanai Kupa	PT 2
37. UMPANAI (AMKACHI) (1999)	
P Syiemlieh Quirinus	Inc, PP & Adm
P Joseph Dennis Solomon	Prin, APP & YS
38. UMSWAI (1977)	C-1998
P Perunneparampil Jose Joseph	Rt, PP & Adm
P Aind Nicodim	Prin, YS & APP
P Lakra Narendra	Asst PP & Student (PhD)

Soon after this notification, I request any responsible confrere in the community to announce the change and facilitate the movement to the next assignment, latest by the

second week of June. I request everyone to do the **HANDING OVER**, with norms laid out for it. The format for handing over is available in the office of Fr Economer. On taking charge, let us avoid any quick and sudden changes of policies and traditions, and if changes are made later, let them be made after much reflection/study and after adequate discussion and consultation in the community/House Council without fail.

CLERICS FOR THEOLOGY: 2021

Sl. No.	Name	Theological College
1	S Basumatary Sujit	SHTC Shillong
2	S Rabha Kolombiya	SHTC Shillong
3	S Dungdung Birendra	SHTC Shillong
4	S Minj Francis Xavier	SHTC Shillong
5	S Puma Philemon	SHTC Shillong
6	S Sangma Cherak M	SHTC Shillong
7	S Kujur Jonas	SHTC Shillong
8	S Sangma Jecky	SHTC Shillong
9	S Sangma Chebath M	SHTC Shillong
10	S Xalxo Jerbasius	KJC Bangalore
11	S Toppo Anand	KJC Bangalore

CLERICS/BROTHERS FOR STUDIES: 2021

Sl. No.	Name	College / University
1	S Kujur Amit	BEd – Dimapur
2	S Phangcho Monsing	BEd – Dimapur
3	S Sten Richardson	BEd – Dimapur
4	S Npenme Haisuilube	Tapesia MA English
5	S Soren Dominic	Tapesia MA English
6	S Kurbah Marcus	Tapesia MSc Chemistry
7	S Barjo Marius	DBC Bongaigaon : BA
8	S Kujur Rasal	DBC Bongaigaon : BA
9	S Ekka Santrius	DBC Diphu : BA
10	S Tirkey Amrit	DBC Diphu : BA
11	S Minj Rohit	DBC Tura : BA
12	S Lakra Yacub	DBC Tura : BA
13	S Maukal Petrush	DBC Tura : BA

CLERICS/BROTHERS FOR PHILOSOPHICAL STUDIES: 2021

Sl. No.	Name	Philosophate
1	S Basumatary Jicky	Dimapur
2	S Borgoyary Silbison	Dimapur
3	S Kongadi Ashish	Dimapur
4	S Kujur Umesh	Dimapur
5	S Lugun Themus	Dimapur
6	S Minj Aseet	Dimapur

7	S Sangma Henry A.	Dimapur
8	S Soren Sunit	Dimapur
9	S Topno Victor Lucas	Dimapur
10	S Champramary Alex	Nashik
11	S Chyme Arkystar M.	Nashik
12	S Kujur Rajib	Nashik
13	S Marak Nestore Lathin R.	Nashik
14	S Sangma Khairus N.	Nashik
15	S Beck Alphar	Sonada
16	S Hereh Essak	Sonada
17	S Khardewsaw Johnystar	Sonada
18	L Kerketta Athanasius	Warrangal
19	L Mark Peter	Warrangal
20	L Topno Sanjit	Warrangal

CLERICS FOR PRACTICAL TRAINING IN INH & INS: 2021

Sl. No.	Name	Community 2021
1	S Topno Wilson	Warangal PT2 (S Surya, Sirajuli, has come in his place)
2	S Baglari Phabian	Sunnyside PT2 (We have 9 novices in Sunnyside)

NOVICES 2021: SUNNYSIDE, UPPER SHILLONG

Sl. No.	Name
1	Alexander Dodrai
2	Bishal Tigga
3	Hardy A Sangma
4	Hritik Roshan
5	Rakhesh N Kujur
6	Ishan Julius Saw
7	Salgra Momin
8	Sani R Marak
9	Samuel Kungneihthanga

NOVICES 2021: DHAJEA, DARJEELING

Sl. No.	Name
1	Joe Jimmy R Marak
2	Ashok Tirkey
3	Banshanlang Nongsiej
4	William Orea

NOVICES 2021 : ZUBZA, KOHIMA

Sl. No.	Name
1	Chugan R Marak
2	Ebranius Xalxo
3	Philip Amsong

CONVOCATION OF THE PROVINCIAL CHAPTER 2022 – THE THEME, THE MODERATOR AND PRE-CAPITULAR COMMISSION

Fr Stefano Martoglio, Vicar of the Rector Major, in a letter, dated Rome, 05 April 2021 (Prot. no. 21/0112), addressed to the Provincials and their Councils has invited the Provinces to convoke the Provincial Chapter 2022. Therefore, in accordance with the art. 172 of our *Constitutions*, I convoke the 21st Provincial Chapter of the Province of Mary Help of Christians, Guwahati, India. Tentatively, the Provincial Chapter is fixed for the month of February 2022; kindly do keep this in mind.

The theme of the Chapter is: **The “Implementation of GC 28” (in reference) tied to the “post-chapter reflection” with particular attention to “the action programme for the six-year period”**. The Chapter also will draw up the Organic Provincial Plan (OPP) and the Province’s Educative and Pastoral Plan and its Formative Plan.

In the last Provincial Council meeting, 15th May 2021, we have nominated the Moderator and the Pre-capitular commission members. I am happy to announce their names in this Circular.

MODERATOR: BR JOBY MANI

PRE-CAPITULAR MEMBERS:

Garo Hills region	: Fr Bivan Rodrigues Mukhim and Fr Jogesh B Sangma
Bodoland region	: Fr Thomas Lakra and Fr Alex Mathew Kattakayam
Assam Plains region	: Fr Marcus Lakra and Fr Aloysius Hemrom
Karbi Anglong region	: Fr Nicodim Aind and Br Benjamin Rosant Indwar
Kamrup region	: Fr Joy Joseph Kachappilly and Fr Pojit D Sangma.

Fr Maria Anthuvan Tharsis, Province Secretary, is appointed to assist the Moderator as his Secretary for the Chapter. I thank Br Joby and his team for accepting this great responsibility and assure them of our cooperation. I invite everyone to pray for the success of this important canonical exercise. Let it be a moment of conversion and an inspiration to live our life in greater fidelity and effectiveness.

May I also request all the communities to take up the Post-Chapter Reflection for your spiritual reading. It is important that we as a community and as individuals spend time with this document, with particular attention given to implementation of the various aspects of the Six-Year Plan.

PERPETUAL PROFESSION “WITH THE LORD AND THE YOUNG FOREVER”

On 6th May 2021, five (5) clerics - three (3) at Don Bosco Junior College Tura and two (2) in the Provincial House committed themselves perpetually to the Lord. Cl. Sangma Chebath M, Cl. Kujur Jonas and Cl. Dung Dung Birendra made their perpetual profession during the solemn Eucharistic celebration in Tura, presided over by Fr

Charles Ch Sangma. The final vows of Cl. Uwora Moses Paul (AFW) and Cl. Jeremiah Jacob (INN) were received by me in the Provincial House during the Eucharistic celebration.

On 23rd May 2021, Cl. Tudu Somesh made his perpetual profession at Salesian Monastery, Ratisbonne, Jerusalem; and on 24th May 2021, Cl. Lakra Rajib committed himself perpetually at Sacred Heart Theological College, Shillong.

We congratulate the clerics for the great step that they have taken. We are grateful to their parents, whom we remembered fondly during the celebration. We welcome them to the Congregation and assure them of our love, help and support.

RETREAT AND RENEWAL OF THE VOWS

Responding positively to Covid-19 situation, the Province conducted an online spiritual retreat for Clerics/Brothers who were due to renew their vows. Twenty-seven (27) Clerics/Brothers attended the retreat, preached by Fr Thadeus Kujur and made the renewal of their vows in their own respective communities. I delegated the Rectors/Leaders to receive the vows. I thank Fr Vice Provincial and Fr Thadeus Kujur for making all the necessary arrangements; and we congratulate the Clerics/Brothers for the bold step that they have taken.

FIRST PROFESSIONS AT DHAJEA AND ZUBZA AND VESTITION AT SUNNYSIDE

With a feeling of humble gratitude to God, we warmly welcome eight (8) newly professed Salesians to the Congregation. Four ING novices at Dhajea and five at Zubza made their first religious profession on 24th May 2021. Our eleven (11) novices of Sunnyside, Upper Shillong will don their religious habit on 24th May and will make their first profession on 24th June 2021. We congratulate and welcome each one of them to the congregation and assure them of our love, support and prayers.

I REPEAT

I repeat again and make a fervent appeal to everyone in all the communities to become aware of the second/third wave of Covid-19. I do not want to frighten you, instead I want you to be optimistic and hopeful and face Covid squarely. While it is clear that God is in control and that He will make all things new, it is also essential to actualize our faith by doing all in our power to end the ugly virus, especially prevent its spread.

Hence let us follow all protocols as exactly as possible. We need to understand that it is not enough, not to be affected by it but it is important that we do not become the carriers.

Let us intensify our prayers. I would suggest longer adorations in the communities.

Everyone of us, unless we have some health issues, must take the vaccine as early as possible. Kindly avoid going out of the communities during the lockdown days. If on an emergency, someone needs to go out, let him take care of himself and others especially on return to the community.

Plan your time well and let us not give in to simply resting. Do something creative. Do some physical work too, in the limited space that you have. We can read, we can write. We can plan ahead. We can make notes and encourage teachers to make good notes and circulate among the students, etc.

This is the best time to think of the poor and the needy. It is the time to think about our students, who at times may be depressed, having problems at home in all areas, boredom, bad habits due to no organised activity, no socialisation with friends as in the school, etc. As we have been doing, we need to be on a look out to help the needy and let us organise the teachers to keep in touch with the students and encourage them in whatever way possible.

We may even need to do some relief work. This time round, the lockdown measures seem to be better organised but there may be some needy people who might need our assistance still.

CONCLUSION

In the last two days, we are celebrating three very important events – the Pentecost, the feast of Mary Help of Christians and the Anniversary of our profession/Renewals/First Profession. The Holy Spirit is a gift that the Father and the Son give to us as our Advocate and Source of all knowledge and wisdom. The apostles received the Holy Spirit and acted by its power in a way that all marvelled at their transformation. Mary became the Mother of God by the power of the Holy Spirit and at every stage of her life, she was guided by thoughts and actions which cannot but come from the Holy Spirit. Our life is centred on God and that of the Holy Spirit. The more we are open to the Holy Spirit and the more we are close to Jesus and Mary and live a life of fidelity, the power of the Spirit will shine in our lives. Amen.

May God bless you!

Yours affectionately in the Lord,



Fr Januarius S Sangma, SDB
Provincial

