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My dear Sisters, Novices, Postulants, Candidates and Visitors:

Happy Feast of our Blessed Mother for the 8th and 12th of December!

Inspired by the Holy Spirit, Father Bishop founded our little congregation after the name of our **Blessed Mother Mary Immaculate**. On these special days of 8 and 12, we gratefully remember our beloved Father and count the manifold blessings we keep receiving through his prayers. We continue to experience his vibrant presence among us as we grow and increase in number and holiness.



Closing of our Diamond Jubilee Celebration

We have been richly blessed by *Abba* during this Diamond Jubilee Year of the Foundation of our Congregation. Throughout this year, we have had meaningful spiritual celebrations to thank and praise the Blessed Trinity for the precious gift of our beloved Father Founder and for the showers of blessings we have received in abundance. We are renewed also by the retreats on the teachings of our Father Founder, guided by our own sisters.

How wonderful to recall that every day of the year we had a community representing us before the Blessed Sacrament, channeling the grace of God to flow on to our entire world and particularly on each one of us! Here at the Motherhouse our turn for the chain prayer is from 22 to 29 November. My dear Sisters, be assured that each one of you and your intentions will be remembered and surrendered to our merciful Jesus. The year will be closed officially on 12 December 2009 during our Morning Worship at our Motherhouse.

Historic Mission Congress

India's first ever Mission Congress was held from 14 to 18 October 2009 at Mumbai on the theme "**Let Your Light Shine**". 1200 delegates, including 107 bishops, hundreds of priests, sisters, and lay leaders from the 160 dioceses of India attended it. At the inauguration Archbishop Pedro Lopez Quintana, Apostolic Nuncio to India said, "**The Church's mission is to spread hope continuously. This is a special mission. The Church works not to assert power or dominion but to seek only to place ourselves at the service of humanity, especially the poor.**"

Sr. Caroline Pothanamala, Provincial Superior of Bangalore as my delegate, our Srs. Mabel Anthinatte, Christina Sheela Selvaraj, and Lily Alka Xess, representatives from the dioceses of Tura, Krishnagar and archdiocese of Guwahati were privileged to attend this unique event of our Church in India.

Advent – The Joyful Journey to Christmas

This year we begin our joyful journey to Christmas on 29 of November. The word "*Advent*" is from the Latin *adventus*, meaning "the coming" of Jesus at his birth on earth. The four weeks of Advent prepare us to celebrate the mystery of the Incarnation: **God became human to bring us out of the darkness into his eternal light**. During this season, the liturgy stresses not only penance, but also hope, light, joy and surrender. I wish all of you, dear Sisters, a joyful and reflective journey during the grace-filled weeks of Advent!

Spiritual Retreat of our Formees

United in Prayer we shall support our formees who are in intense preparation as they make their spiritual retreat to enter the next stage of their religious formation.

Formation Group	Place & Dates of Retreat	Animated by
Final Profession Group of Sisters in India (9)	27 Nov. – 5 Dec. Motherhouse, Krishnagar	Sr. Lourdes Chellamkott
Second Year Novices in India (11)	27 Nov. – 5 Dec. Motherhouse, Krishnagar	Sr. Teresina Gonsalves
Second Year Novices in Tanzania (3)	3 – 10 Dec. Novitiate, Miyuji	Sr. Jean Chemplany
Canonical Novices in India (24)	Completed their retreat of 14-22 Oct., Novitiate, Krishnagar	Sr. Teresina Gonsalves
Canonical Novices in Tanzania (5)	23 – 28 Nov., at Miyuji	Sr. Magdalene Gomes
Postulants in India (17)	27 Nov. – 5 Dec. Motherhouse, Krishnagar	Srs. Jane Nadackal, Rosebel Chakkummootil, Lalita Parmar
Postulant in Tanzania (one)	Joins with the 5 Canonical Novices for the retreat - 23 – 28 Nov., at Miyuji	Sr. Magdalene Gomes
Candidates in India (22)	16 – 24 Nov., Cathedral Shrine	Srs. Lucy Joseph, Rosebel Chakkummootil, Lalita Parmar
Candidates in Tanzania (5)	16 – 21 Nov., at Miyuji	Sr. Miniann Chittuparambil

May our dear Mother help us to remain in the loving embrace of Jesus always to bear fruits of the Holy Spirit in our very lives.

Affectionately yours
in our Immaculate Mother,

Sr. Lisette Thuruthimattam
Superior General

Enclosure: My Programme for the Year 2010