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# "I am a piece of twisted iron, I entered the religious life to get twisted straight"

- St. Aloysius Gonzaga



## மனதின் குரல்

இறை இயேசுவில் அன்புள்ள அன்னையாகளே, மூத்த சகோதரிகளே, இளையோா்களே, உருவாக்கத் தளங்களில் பயிற்சி பெறுபவா்களே, உங்கள் அனைவரையும் இம்மாத செய்தி மலா் வழி சந்திப்பதில் உளம் மகிழ்கின்றேன். தாயாம் நம் கொன்சாகா சபை, தனது 139 - ஆவது அங்கீகார நாளை ஜூலை திங்கள் 18 - ஆம் நாள் கொண்டாடி மகிழ்கின்றது. இந்நாளின் சிறப்பான வாழ்த்துகளை, செப ஆசீரை உங்கள் ஒவ்வொருவருக்கும் வாஞ்சையோடு வழங்குவதில் உளம் பூரிக்கின்றேன்.



அங்கீகாரம் என்பதே நம் சபை சகோதரிகள் புனித பிரான்சிஸ்குவின் மூன்றாம் சபை ஒழுங்குகளை அனுசரிப்பதற்கு கிடைத்த ஒரு மாபெரும் வாய்ப்பு, அதிலும் துறவற அர்ப்பண வாழ்விற்குக் கிடைத்த ஒரு வெகுமதி.

இத்தருணத்தில் நம் கொன்சாகா சபையின் வரலாற்றுப் பதிவை, சற்று திருப்பிப் பார்க்க அழைக்கப்படுகிறோம். மேலும் நம்மவர்க்கு நமது 250 ஆண்டு நீடித்தப் பயணத்தில் சபைச் சட்டங்களும் அதனைத் தெளிவுப்படுத்தும் வழிநூலும் எவ்வளவு முக்கியம் நிறைந்தது என்பதையும், இவற்றை நமக்கு வழங்கிய உலகளாவிய திருச்சபையின் சட்டங்களும், இவை எல்லாவற்றிற்கும் அடிநாதமாய் விளங்கும் திருவிவிலியம் ஆகியவைகள் எவ்வளவு அத்தியாவசியமானது என்பதையும் நாம் உணர்ந்து கொள்ள வேண்டுமென இச்செய்தி மலரை எழுதுகிறேன்.

1775 ஆம் ஆண்டு இத்தாலி நாட்டின், மெசினா நகரை வாழ்விடமாகக் கொண்டிருந்த அருட்தந்தை மைக்கேல் அன்சல்தோ அவர்களால் (இன்று இறை ஊழியர்) நம் சபை புனித லூயிஸ் தே கொன்சாகா மடம் என்ற பெயரில் தொடங்கப்பட்டது. ஏழை, எளியவர்களுக்காக, ஆதரவற்ற பெணக்களுக்காக, கணவனால் கைவிடப்பட்டவர்களுக்காக, கணவனை இழந்த இளம் விதவைகளுக்காக, தாய், தந்தை இழந்த பெண் குழந்தைகளுக்காக, தொடங்கப்பட்ட இம்மடத்தில் தந்தையோடு இணைந்து ஆர்வமாய் பணி செய்ய அதிகமான பெண்கள் முன்வந்தனா் என்பதை நம் வரலாறு நமக்கு மெய்ப்பிக்கின்றது. அனைவரும் சோந்து ஒரே இலக்கோடு, ஒருமித்த கருத்தோடு, இயேசுவுக்காய் வாழ முற்படுகையில் ஒரு துறவற அடையாளம் தேவைப்பட்டது. எனவே, பேரருட்தந்தை லெகோதே அவர்களின் அரிய, பெரிய முயற்சியால், 1858 ஆம் ஆண்டு அக்டோபர் 4 ஆம் நாள் துறவற சபை என்ற நிலையை அடைந்தோம். இந்நன்னாளிலிருந்தே பிரான்சிஸ்குவின் மூன்றாம் சபை கடைபிடிக்க பேரருட்தந்தை லைகோதே அவர்களால் சகோதரிகள் பயிற்றுவிக்கப்பட்டனர். ஒழுங்குகளை தந்தையைத் தொடா்ந்து நமது கொன்சாகா சபை சகோதரிகள் பிரான்சிஸ்குவின் மூன்றாம் சபை ஒழுங்குகளை முறையாகக் கடைபிடிக்க வேண்டுமென ஆா்வமுடன் செயலாற்றியவா் பேரருட்தந்தை லிஜியோன் அடிகளாா். இவரின் விடாமுயற்சியாலும், ஆண்டகைகள் மேதகு போனான், மேதகு லௌனான் ஆகியோரின் ஆசீர்வாதமிக்க வழிகாட்டுதலாலும், செப ஆலோசனைகளாலும் திருத்தந்தை 13 ஆம் சிங்கராயா அவாகளால் 1886 ஜூலை திங்கள் 18 ஆம் நாள் நம் சபை திரு அவையால் அங்கீகரிக்கப்பட்டு திருச்சபையால் பகிரங்கமாக ஏற்றுக் கொள்ளப்பட்ட ஒரு சபையாக இம்மண்ணில் நிலைத்து வேரூன்றி வளர்ச்சியை நோக்கி நடைபயின்றது. இந்த சிறப்பான நிலை நம் சபைக்கும், நமக்கும் கடவுள் அருளிய ஒர் உன்னத நிலை. நம் கொன்சாகா சபைக்கு திருச்சபை வரலாற்றில் கிடைக்கப்பட்ட பெருமை. இதைத் தொடர்ந்து 100 ஆண்டுகளுக்குப்பின் 1996, அக்டோபர் 4 ஆம் நாள் திருத்தந்தை இரண்டாம் யோவான் பவுல் அவா்களால் நம் கொன்சாகா சபை திருத்தந்தையின் நேரடி ஆளுகைக்குட்பட்டதாய் உயா்த்தப்பட்டது. இது இறைவனால் வழங்கப்பட்ட இன்னொரு மணி மகுடம் என்றால் அது மிகையாகாது.

ஆனால், இந்தப் பெருமைகள் நமக்கு உணர்த்துகின்ற கடமைகள் சில உண்டு. அதை கொன்சாகா சபையிலுள்ள ஒவ்வொரு சகோதரியும் நினைவில் வைக்கவேண்டும்.

- 1. பிரான்சிஸ்குவின் மூன்றாம் சபைக்குரிய ஒழுங்குகளை கட்டாயம் பின்பற்ற நமக்கு கடமை உண்டு.
- 2. நமது புனித அலோஷியஸ் கொன்சாகா சபைக்குரிய ஒழுங்குகள், சட்டங்களை, அதற்கான வழிமுறைகளை உள்ளது உள்ளபடியே பின்பற்ற கடமை உண்டு.
- 3. காலச்சூழலுக்கேற்ப, மக்களின் தேவைக்கேற்ப, சபை, மாநிலம், வட்டாரப் பேரவைகள் தரும், தீா்மானங்களைக் கடைபிடிக்க கடமை உண்டு.

ஒழுங்குகளை கடைப்பிடிக்க வேண்டும் என்று நம் ஒவ்வொருவருக்கும் வழங்கப்பட்டிருக்கும் அழைப்பு, நம் சபைக்கான புனிதர்களை நம் நினைவுக்கு அழைத்து வருகிறது.

நம் பாதுகாவலா் புனித அலோஷியஸ் கொன்சாகா இளைஞனாய் இருந்தாலும், தான் சோ்ந்த இயேசு சபை ஒழுங்குகளை மிகவே பிரமாணிக்கத்துடன் பின்பற்றினாா். ஒழுங்குகளுக்குப் பணிவதை, இயேசுவுக்கும், இறைத் தந்தைக்கும் பணிவதாகவேக் கருதி நோ்மையாய், உண்மையாய் செயல்பட்டாா்.

நம் தந்தை பிரான்சிஸ் அசிசி, சபை ஒழுங்குகளை தான் முழுமையாய்க் கடைபிடித்து முன்மாதிரி காட்டி, சபையின் உறுப்பினா் அனைவரையும் ஒழுங்குகளைக் கடைப்பிடிப்பவராய் மாற்றினாா். ஒழுங்குகள் கடைப்பிடிப்பதற்கு அதிகமாக உள்ளன என்று சகோதரா்கள் முறையிட்ட போது, ஒழுங்குகளை கடைபிடிக்க இயலாதவா்கள் சபையிலிருந்து சென்று விடுங்கள் என்று பதில் அளித்துள்ளாா்.

நமது சபையின் நிறுவுநா் இறைஊழியா் மைக்கேல் அன்சால்தோ அவரது பிள்ளைகளாகிய நாம் ஒழுங்குகளைக் கட்டாயம் கடைபிடிக்க வேண்டுமென்பதை நமக்கு பின்வருமாறு வலியுறுத்தி கூறியுள்ளாா்.

#### அதாவது

"சபையின் சட்ட ஒழுங்குகளை கண்ணின் மணியென காத்து வாருங்கள், அப்படி கடைபிடித்தும் விண்ணகத் தந்தை உங்களை வான்வீட்டில் ஏற்றுக் கொள்ளத் தயங்குவாராகில் நானே வந்து உங்களுக்காகப் பரிந்து பேசுவேன்" என்பதாகும்.

இவ்வாறு ஒழுங்குகளை கடைபிடிப்பதில் நம் சபை புனிதா்கள் மட்டுமல்ல, இவா்களுக்கு வழிகாட்டியாயிருந்த நம் தலைவன் இயேசு, அவரது வளா்ப்புப் பெற்றோா் புனித யோசேப்பு, புனித மாியாள் போன்றோரும் அடங்குவா்.

யோசேப்பின் வாழ்வில் அவர் அன்னை மரியாளை அழைத்துக்கொண்டு, மக்கள் தொகை கணக்கிடப்பட வேண்டுமென்ற அரச கட்டளையை நிறைவேற்ற தம், தம் பெயரைப் பதிவு செய்ய யூதேயாவிலுள்ள பெத்லகேம் என்ற தாவீதின் ஊருக்குச் சென்றனர். (லூக்: O2 / 1–3).

மோசேவின் சட்டப்படி தூய்மைச் சடங்கை நிறைவேற்ற வேண்டிய நாள் வந்த போது குழந்தையை ஆண்டவாக்கு அாப்பணிக்க அவா்கள் எருசலேமுக்கு கொண்டு சென்றாா்கள். (லூக் : 2/22–24).

இயேசு ஆண்டவர் சட்டங்களை கடைப்பிடிப்பதில் மிகக் கவனமாயும், விவேகமாயும் செயல்பட்டுள்ளார். மத் 22/21: சீசருக்கு உரியவற்றை சீசருக்கும், கடவுளுக்கு உரியவற்றை கடவுளுக்கும் கொடுங்கள் என்றார்.

நம்மை அழைத்த ஆண்டவர், அவரை சிக்கென பற்றிக்கொண்ட நம் பாதுகாவலர், புனித அலோஷியஸ் கொன்சாகா, நம் தந்தை பிரான்சிஸ் அசிசி, நம் நிறுவுநர் இறை ஊழியர் மைக்கேல் அன்சால்தோ, இவர்களின் பாதையில் நெறி தவறாது, பிரமாணிக்கத்துடன் நடந்து கொண்ட நம் முன்னோர்கள், மூத்த அன்னையர்கள், சபை ஒழுங்குகளையும் அப்பழுக்கின்றி கடைப்பிடிப்பதை தங்கள் வாழ்வின் மேல்வரிச்சட்டமாய் கொண்டு நேர்மையாய், உண்மையாய் தாங்கள் ஏற்றுக்கொண்ட வார்த்தைப்பாடுகளுக்கேற்ப வாழ்ந்தனர். இறைப்பற்று, சபைப்பற்று, ஒழுங்குகள் மீது பற்று, நம் நிறுவுநரின் உள்ளுயிர் மீது பற்று, உள்ளுயிர் சுட்டிக்காட்டிய இலக்கு மக்கள் மீது பற்று என வாழ்ந்து வந்ததால் தான் 250 ஆண்டுகளாக நமது கொன்சாகா சபை தன் இருத்தலால், சகோதரிகளின் தன்னலமில்லா வாழ்வால், தியாகமிக்க செயல்பாடுகளால் அன்புப்பணியால் இயேசுவுக்குச் சான்று பகர்ந்து வருகின்றது.

நம் நிறுவுநா் தந்தையின் விருப்பப்படி சபையின் ஒழுங்குகளை கண்ணின் மணியெனக் காத்து கடைபிடிப்போம், அவரின் பரிந்து பேசுதலால் ஆசீா்வதிப்பாராக.

ஒழுங்கு தந்த நம் தந்தை பிரான்சிஸ் அசிசி 1224 ஆம் ஆண்டு செப்டம்பா 14 திருச்சிலுவை மகிமை நாளன்று, லாவொனா மலையில் முழந்தாள் படியிட்டு, இயேசுவை நோக்கி அவரது உன்னத துன்பங்களில், பாடுகளில் தானும் பங்கேற்க விரும்புவதை செபத்தின் வழி வேண்டினாா். அவரது உன்னதமான செபம் கேட்கப்பட்டு ஐந்து காய வரம் பெற்றாா். கிறிஸ்துவின் மீது பிரான்சிஸ் அசிசிக்கு இருந்த உச்சக்கட்ட அன்பின் வெளிப்பாடே ஐந்து காயங்கள். இதனை இயேசுவின் பாடுகளோடு ஒப்பிட்டு பாா்க்கையில் தன் துன்பங்கள், பாடுகள் ஒன்றுமில்லை என்பதை பதிவு செய்து, தான் இயேசுவின் பாடுகளை விரும்பி ஏற்றுக்கொண்டதை நமக்கு வெறிப்படுத்தியுள்ளாா். இதை பவுலடியாா் கொாி : 6/4 இல் நாங்கள் கடவுளின் பணியாளா்கள் என்பதை எங்கள் நடத்தையால் காட்டுகிறோம். வேதனை, இடா், நெருக்கடி ஆகியவற்றை மிகுந்த மன உறுதியோடு தாங்கி வருகிறோம் என்று கூறி நாமும் இயேசுவுக்காய் துன்பங்களைத் தாங்கிக்கொள்ள அழைப்பு விடுக்கின்றாா்.

பிலி. 1: 29 இல் கூறியுள்ளவாறு அவருக்காகத் துன்பங்களை ஏற்பதற்கும் நீங்கள் அருள் பெற்றுள்ளீர்கள் என்பதை மனதில் இருத்தியவர்களாய் துன்பங்களை ஏற்பதற்கு துணிவைப் பெற்றிட ஆவியானவரை வேண்டுவோம்.

தோழமையில், நம் தந்தை பிரான்சிஸ் அசிசியின் நம் நிறுவுநா் இறை ஊழியா் மைக்கேல் அன்சால்தோவின் வழியில், அவா் வாழ்ந்து சென்றப்பாதையின் அடிச்சுவட்டில் தடம் பதித்து, அதில் நம் சிந்தை இருத்தி, நெஞ்சமதில் அன்பை ஏற்றி, நம் முன்னோாின் மூத்தோாின் ஆசிப்பெற்றவா்களாய் நம் இலக்கு மக்கள் வாழ்வு பெறுவதற்காய், நம் சுயநலம் களைவோம், பிறா் நலம் ஏற்போம், தியாகத்தோடு துன்பங்கள் ஏற்போம், இயேசுவின் பாிசுத்த அன்புக்குச் சான்று பகா்வோம்.

ஜ<sup>6</sup>லை 26 நம் அன்னைமரியின் பெற்றோர் புனித சுவக்கின், அன்னாள் திருவிழா. இந்நன்னாளில் முதியோர்க்கு முகமலர்ச்சியோடு வாழ்த்துக் கூறுவோம். நம் குழுமங்களில் பல்வேறு வாழ்வனுபவங்களை பெற்று, சபையின் வளர்ச்சியில் தங்களது பங்களிப்பை முழுமையாய் வழங்கி இந்நாட்களில் ஓய்ந்திருக்கும் முதிய வயதுடைய நம் அன்னையர்களை நன்றியோடு நினைப்போம். அவர்களின் அளப்பரிய செயல்களை நினைத்துப்பார்த்து பெருமைப்படுத்துவோம். மூத்தோர் இறைவனின் ஆசீர்வாதம் என்பதை உணர்ந்து, நம் சொல், செயல், சிந்தனையால் அவர்களைக் காயப்படுத்தாமல் அவர்களை அன்போடு அரவணைத்து அவர்கள் தம் முதிர்ச்சிமிக்க வழிகாட்டுதலையும், ஆலோசனைகளையும் பெற்று துறவற வாழ்விற்குப் பெருமை சேர்ப்போம்.

#### வாம்த்துக்கள்

 ஆகஸ்ட் 15ஆம் நாள் நமது மேனாள் சபைத்தலைவி மதர். ஆ. மேரி ஸ்டெல்லா அவர்கள் தங்களின் பெயர் கொண்ட நாம விழாவை சிறப்பிக்கிறார்கள்.

- ஆகஸ்ட் 22ஆம் நாள் சலோம் மாநிலத் தலைவி சகோ. இமல்டா குளோதின் குயினி அவர்கள் தனது நாம விழாவை சிறப்பிக்கிறார்கள்.
- \* ஆகஸ்ட் 25ஆம் நாள் மைய ஆலோசகா் சகோ. ஞானமேரி பாப்பாத்தி தங்களது பிறந்தநாளை மகிழ்வாய் நினைவு கூறுகிறாா்கள்.

இவர்களுக்காக இறையருள் வேண்டி சிறப்பாய் செபிப்போம். உடல், உள்ள, ஆன்ம நலம் பெற்றிட, அவரவர் பணி சிறக்க இறைநோக்கி கரம் கூப்பி மன்றாடுவோம். உங்களை மனதார வாழ்த்துகின்றேன். இறை ஆசீர் உங்களில் என்றும் தங்கட்டும்.

#### அறிவிப்புகள்:

- \* கல்விப்பணியின் ஆழம் அறிவோம்:
  - செப்டம்பா மாதத்தில் கல்விப்பணி ஆற்றும் சகோதாகளுக்கு ஒரு நாள் கூடுகை நடைபெறும். அதில் பங்கேற்று, இன்றையக் காலக்கட்டத்தின் கல்விப்பணிக்கான ஆழம் அறிவோம். விவேகமுடன், அறிவுத் தெளிவுடன் செயல்பட ஆற்றல் பெறுவோம்.
    - செப்டம்பர் 12: சுயநிதிப் பள்ளிகளில் பணியாற்றும் அனைத்து சகோதரிகள். நிதி உதவி
       பெறும் பள்ளிகளில் அரசு நிதி உதவி பெறாமல் பணியாற்றும் சகோதரிகள்
    - செப்டம்பர் 13: கல்விப்பணி ஒருங்கிணைப்பாளர்கள் பணிக்குழு உறுப்பினர்கள், தலைமை ஆசிரியைகள், பள்ளி முதல்வர்கள், தாளாளர்கள், அலுவலகப் பணியாளர்கள் (அரசு நிதி உதவி பெறும் பள்ளிகளில் பணி புரிவோர்)
    - செப்டம்பர் 14: அரசு நிதி உதவி பெறும் ஆசிரிய சகோதரிகள் (நமது பள்ளிகள் மற்றும் மறை மாவட்டப் பள்ளிகள்)
    - 🗜 செப்படம்பா் 21: உயா் கல்வி நிறுவனங்களில் பணிபுரியும் அனைத்து சகோதரிகள்
- செப்டம்பர் 29 ஆம் நாள் நம் சபை நிறுவுநர் இறை ஊழியர் மைக்கேல் அன்சால்தோவின் பிறந்த நாள். பிறந்த நாளின் பகிர்வை ஒருவர் மற்றவரோடு பகிர்ந்து கொள்வோம். இந்நாளில் சிறப்பு திருப்பலி நிறைவேற்றுவோம்.
- ஆதரவற்றோர், இளம் விதவைகள், கணவனால் கைவிடப்பட்டோர், தாய் தந்தையிழந்த சிறுமிகள், என எல்லோரையும் ஒவ்வொரு குழுமங்களிலும் ஒருங்கிணைத்து நிறுவுநரின் பிறந்த நாள் விழாவை பொருளுள்ள விதத்தில் கொண்டாடி மகிழ்வோம்.
- 🜞 இறை ஊழியா் மைக்கேல் அன்சல்தோ அருளாளா் நிலைக்கு உயா்த்தப்பட சிறப்பு செபத்தை தினமும் செபிப்போம்.
- \* நிறுவுநா் தந்தையை நோக்கி செபிக்கையில், அவரது பாிந்துரையில் புதுமைகள், அற்புதங்கள் நடந்தால், அவைகளை எழுதி தாயில்ல முகவாிக்குச் சான்றுடன் அனுப்பி வைக்க உாியவாகளை ஊக்குவிப்போம்.
- \* நமது நவத்துறவகத்தில் நான்கு பேர் முதலாமாண்டு நவத்துறவியராய் தங்னைை விருப்பமாய் இணைத்துக் கொண்டனர். இவர்களை மனதார வாழ்த்துவோம். இவர்கள் தாங்கள் பெற்றுக்கொண்ட அழைத்தலில் நிலைக்க, சபையைப்பற்றி, சபையின் இலக்குப்பற்றி ஆழமாய் புரிந்து கொண்டு வாழ ஒவ்வொருவருக்காகவும் செபிப்போம்.
- கொன்சாகா பவுண்டேஷன் செய்தி ஓவ்வொரு குழுமமும் மேற்படிப்புக்குச் செல்லும் இளம் பெண் ஒருவரை (பெற்றோர் இல்லாத / ஒருவர் மட்டும் உள்ள / மிகவும் பின் தங்கிய நிலையில் உள்ள) அடையாளப்படுத்தி, அவர்களது குடும்பம், கல்வித் தொடர்பான விபரங்களுடன் கூடிய விண்ணப்பத்தினை, இல்லத் தலைவியின் பரிந்துரைக் கடிதத்துடன் ஆகஸ்ட் 15 — ஆம் தேதிக்குள் தலைமையகத்திற்கு அனுப்புவோம்.

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#### The voice of the heart......

#### Dear Loving Mother, Sisters, and Formees in Christ Jesus,

Greetings of love and peace!

I am truly happy to connect with you through this newsletter. With hearts full of joy and gratitude, we celebrate the 139th Aggregation Day of our beloved Mother Gonzaga on the 18th of July.

It is a joyful occasion to extend my warm wishes and prayerful blessings to each of you.

"Aggregation" is a significant moment in the life of our Congregation. It marks the commitment of our sisters to live according to the rules and spirit of the Third Order of St. Francis of Assisi. It is also a beautiful recognition and affirmation of our dedicated consecrated life.

On this special day, I invite you all to recall the rich history of our Congregation and renew your commitment to our vocation. Let us reflect on the deep significance of our Constitution, the Regulations, and the Code of Canon Law, which guide our lives and mission. Above all, may the Holy Bible remain the foundation of our journey, as we joyfully continue walking in faith over these 250 blessed years.

Our Congregation was founded in the year 1775 by Rev. Fr. Michael Ansaldo, originally from Messina, Italy, under the name "St. Louis de Gonzaga Madam." Historical records show that many women joined Fr. Ansaldo in his mission to serve the poor, the abandoned, the helpless women, deserted wives, young widows, and orphaned children. Inspired by his example, these devoted women came forward with one heart and one vision to serve the marginalized.

This dedicated group, united by a shared purpose, needed an identity. Through the efforts and commitment of Rev. Fr. Lehodey, the group was formally recognized as a Religious Congregation on October 4, 1858. From that time, the sisters were guided to live according to the rules and spirit of the Third Order of St. Francis of Assisi.

Continuing the mission of Rev. Fr. Lehodey, Rev. Fr. Legion played a vital role in helping the sisters adhere faithfully to the rules and way of life. Through his tireless service and dedication, and with the prayerful support and guidance of Most Rev. Bishop Bonan and Most Rev. Bishop Lownan, our Congregation was officially aggregated as a Religious Congregation on 18th July 1886 by Pope Leo XIII—a moment of great grace and blessing.

After a century of faithful service, our Congregation reached another historic milestone. On October 4, 1996, we were elevated to the status of a Papal Congregation by Pope John Paul II. This recognition was yet another crown of grace bestowed upon us by God the Almighty.

All this pride and honour remind us of our sacred responsibilities, and invite us to renew our commitment with deeper faith and dedication:

- 1. To heed the call of the Catholic Church by faithfully following the Rules and Regulations of the Third Order of St. Francis of Assisi.
- 2. To remain true to the spirit and guidance of our own Congregation, St. Aloysius Gonzaga, by observing its Constitutions and Regulations with love and fidelity.
- 3. The call of our Congregation, Province, and Region is expressed through specific resolutions aimed at responding to the needs of the people in accordance with the demands of the time and current circumstances.

The Invitation to Follow the Rules: A Reminder of the Saints of Our Congregation

The call to follow the rules of our Congregation is not merely a matter of discipline—it is a sacred invitation that reminds each of us of the example set by the saints and holy figures associated with our spiritual family.

- \* St. Aloysius Gonzaga, our Patron, though very young, faithfully followed the rules of the Jesuit Order. His life shows us that obedience to the rules is ultimately obedience to Jesus and God the Father, carried out with sincerity and truthfulness.
- \* St. Francis of Assisi, our spiritual Father, was a true role model in living by the rules and guiding others to do the same. When some of the brothers complained about the number of rules, he firmly responded that anyone unwilling to follow them should leave the order. His clarity reminds us that a religious life without discipline cannot flourish.

\* Servant of God Michael Ansaldo, the founder of our Congregation, urged his spiritual children to observe the rules strictly. His words are deeply moving:

"Observe the rules of your convent very faithfully. However, if Heavenly Father hesitates to accept you, I myself will come and intercede for you"

This promise reflects the importance he placed on faithful observance of the rule as a path to holiness.

Not only the saints of our Congregation, but St. Joseph, the protector and guardian of the Holy Family, and Mother Mary, our heavenly Mother, lived lives of obedience and deep fidelity to God's will. Their example continues to inspire us to live with discipline, humility, and devotion.

- \* St. Joseph, in obedience to civil authority, took Mother Mary to fulfill the king's decree during the time of the census. He journeyed to Judea, to Bethlehem, to register their names (cf. Luke 2:1–3).
- \* According to the Law of Moses, Mary and Joseph brought the Child Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord and offer the prescribed sacrifice (cf. Luke 2:22–24).
- \* Even Jesus, our Lord and Master, was prudent and faithful in observing the law. As He taught in Matthew 22:21, "Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's."

The God who called us, and the saints and holy people who walked before us, have shown us the way. Our Patron, St. Aloysius Gonzaga, clung firmly to Jesus, Our Father, St. Francis of Assisi, our Founder, Servant of God Michael Ansaldo, our ancestors, foremothers, and elderly sisters also walked this path faithfully. They lived out the charism of our Congregation with truthfulness, sincerity, and deep commitment to their vows. Because of their unwavering attachment to God, dedication to the Congregation, fidelity to the rules, and love for the people in our mission fields, our Congregation has stood as a powerful witness to God's grace for the past 250 years. Its very existence is a testimony to lives lived in holiness, obedience, and selfless service.

According to the desire of our founder let us keep our rules and regulations as the apple of our eyes. Because of his petition God will bless each one of us.

St. Francis of Assisi, a humble servant one who gave rules for us to live, fervently prayed to God for the grace to share in the passion, sufferings, and pain of Christ. In divine mercy, God granted St. Francis this grace, and he received the stigmata—the visible wounds of Christ on his own body on September 14, 1224 at the Mount La Verna. His prayer was not born of despair, but of deep love—a desire to be united with Jesus in His redemptive suffering. For St. Francis, the stigmata was not merely a miracle; it was the seal of his love for Christ, a visible expression of his longing to imitate Jesus fully, even in suffering.

This mystery echoes the words of St. Paul in 2 Corinthians 6:4: "But as servants of God, we commend ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities..." St. Paul, too, calls us to endure all things for the sake of Christ and to find meaning and grace in the midst of trials. In Philippians 1:29, he reminds us: "For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe in him, but also to suffer for him."

Thus, let us become living witnesses to the pure love of Christ — by standing in solidarity with the marginalized, by walking in the footsteps of our Father, St. Francis of Assisi, and by honoring the legacy of our founder, Servant of God Michael Ansaldo.

Let us carry this mission in our hearts and minds each day. May our hearts be filled with divine love, and may we receive the blessings and wisdom of our foremothers, who walked this path before us with faith and courage. Let us cast aside all selfishness, so that we may give life, hope, and dignity to those we are called to serve.

As we celebrate the feast of the parents of Our Mother Mary on July 26, let us greet our senior citizens with warmth and love on this special day. Let us remember with deep gratitude our senior sisters — those who have dedicated their entire lives to the growth and development of our Congregation, and who now rest in peace.

Let us honour them for their faithful service and tireless work for the good of society. Let us always remember that the elderly are a blessing from God. May we never humiliate them through our words or

actions, but instead, embrace them with love, respect, and sincere concern. Let us receive their mature guidance and wise counsel, and be inspired to lead a meaningful and committed religious life. Let us cast aside all selfishness, so that we may bring life, hope, and dignity to those we are called to serve.

#### Special Wishes...

- ▶ August 15, our Former Superior General Mother A. Mary Stella celebrates her feast day.
- August 22, Sr. Emelda Glodin Quini, the Provincial of Shalom Province celebrates her feast day.
- August 25, Sr. Gnana Mary Pappathi, General Councillor celebrates her birthday.

Let us pray for them in a special way that the Almighty God bless them with good health, heart and mind and bless their ministries. May the God of love and wisdom, bless each one of you and bless you joy and happiness.

#### **Announcements**

#### \* Seminar on the Depth of the Education Ministry

A one-day seminar will be held for sisters involved in the education ministry. Let us actively participate in this important event to deepen our understanding of the ministry of education. May this opportunity empower us with knowledge, energy, and a renewed sense of mission.

#### **Schedule:**

- September 12: Sisters working in self-financed schools and those working in aided schools without a government salary.
- September 13: Education coordinators, commission members, headmistresses, correspondents, and office assistants (only from aided schools).
- September 14: Teaching sisters serving in aided schools (both congregation and diocesan).
- September 21: All sisters working in Higher Education Institutions.

# \* Celebration of the Birth Anniversary of Our Founder – Servant of God Michael Ansaldo (September 29)

Let us commemorate the birth anniversary of our beloved Founder, Servant of God Michael Ansaldo, in a spirit of love and gratitude. A special Mass shall be offered on this auspicious day. Let us make the celebration meaningful by inviting: Young widows, Women separated from their husbands, Children who have lost their parents. Let this occasion be a moment of comfort, hope, and joy for them.

#### Daily Prayer for the Beatification Process

Let us faithfully pray every day for the beatification process of our Founder, Servant of God Michael Ansaldo. Encourage the faithful to seek his intercession. If anyone receives any miracles or blessings through his intercession, kindly motivate them to document and send their testimonies with proper witness verification to the Generalate.

#### **Welcoming New Novices**

With joy, we welcome four young postulants who have wholeheartedly joined the novitiate. Let us greet them with love and pray that they come to know the spirit and mission of our Congregation deeply and remain steadfast in their sacred calling.

#### **Gonzaga Foundation Scholarship**

Each community is encouraged to identify a deserving girl (orphan, semi-orphan, or from an economically disadvantaged background) who is pursuing higher education. Please send the application, along with a recommendation letter from the local superior, to the Generalate by August 15, 2025. Once again, I greet you all in the name of our Founder Servant of God Michael Ansaldo. Let us imbibe the charism of founder as our own, and keep the rules of our Congregation as the apple of our eye and follow it. Let us keep the words of our founder Servant of God Michael Ansaldo in our heart and mind.

Gonzaga Daughter in Fellowship with Francis of Assisi

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Mother M. Thressa Gnanamani, FSAG

# **Superior General's Engagement July to September - 2025**

		july to september 2025	
MONTH	DATE	PROGRAMME	PLACE
July	04 05 06-08 09-10 11 12 13 16 18 19-20 21 23-24	Archbishop Emeritus Meet Anpiyam Building Opening TNBC/TNLBC -Meet St. Joseph's School Community, St. Aloysius Illam & St. Joseph's College -Short Visit Lease Registration Theologians Meet Laying Foundation Stone Ansal Administrative Block Blessing Congregation Day Celebration Administrative Team & Commission Members' Meet Team Meet Meeting with Theology Mates	Madurai Trichy Poondy  Pagalpatti Suramangalam Campus Trichy Vakkampatti Generalate Generalate Generalate Generalate Generalate Generalate Generalate Generalate
	28-29	Gonzaga College Community Hostel School - Short Visit	Kathampallam
August	02-03 5 6, 7 8, 9 10, 11 12, 13 14 15, 16 17, 18 19, 20 21, 22 23, 24 25, 26 27 28 29, 30 31	Canonical Visit Canonical Visit Canonical Visit	Pillar-Madurai Ahmedabad Dungurpur Pahadiya Mehsana Dediyapada Bhopal Bhopal Kiraoli Jhajjar Gauspur Meja-Kodhar Dudhi Patna Kurji Basauni West Bengal
September	01-02 03 04-05 06 07 12 13 14 20 21 29	Canonical visit  Travel Evening Visiting  Canonical Visit North Superiors - Meet Travel Sisters working in self - financed schools - Meet Education coordinators, commission members,H.M, and Office Assistants (only aided schools) - Meet Teaching Sisters working in aided schools (Both congregation and dioceses) - Meet Silver Jubilarians 2001batch - Meet Sisters working in Hr Edu Institutions - Meet Founder's Birthday Celebration	Ahmedpur Evening visit to the Bishop of Asansol Kolkata to Ahmadabad Rev. Fr. Premal SJ Provincial Linch (Regional House) Linch (Regional House) Linch -Chennai Generalate Generalate Generalate Generalate Generalate Generalate Generalate

#### Generalate

#### On April 01-02 Visitation to Michael Ansaldo Provincialate

On April 1, 2025, a significant meeting took place at the Provincialate, graced by the presence of the newly elected Superior General, Rev. Mother M. Thressa Gnanamani, accompanied by Rev. Sr. S. Gnanamary Pappathi, General Councillor, Rev. Sr. A. Pauline Sagaya Rani, General Procurator, and the dedicated provincial team.

The session began with the Superior General meticulously inspecting and verifying the records, registers, and accounts of the Michael Ansaldo Province. Following this, she convened a strategic discussion with the provincial team and her council members.

Drawing from her recent visitation to various convents within the province, Rev. Mother Thressa identified the pressing need to address the deteriorating physical conditions of most convents. With a visionary outlook, the focus has now shifted towards the development and expansion of educational institutions over the coming three years. This initiative aims to harness institutional support, thereby ensuring the province's self-sufficiency and securing resources for the much-needed renovation of the convents.

This strategic direction marks a hopeful chapter in the province's journey towards sustainable growth and revitalization.

#### On April 03-04 Visitation to St. Aloysious Provincialate

The St. Aloysius Provincialate was honored by the visit of the newly elected Superior General, Rev. Mother M. Thressa Gnanamani. Accompanying her were Rev. Sr. S. Gnanamary Pappathi, General Councillor and Rev. Sr. A. Pauline Sagaya Rani, General Procurator.

The visit commenced with the Superior General's careful inspection and verification of the province's records, registers, and accounts, demonstrating her commitment to transparency and accountability. This was followed by a strategic consultation with the provincial team and council members.

With a visionary and hopeful spirit, she outlined a renewed focus on the development and expansion of educational institutions over the next three years. This forward-thinking initiative aims to leverage institutional support to secure the province's self-sufficiency, thereby generating the necessary resources to renovate and restore the convents.

This strategic direction heralds a promising new chapter in the province's ongoing journey toward sustainable growth and revitalization, reaffirming the community's commitment to fostering both spiritual and educational excellence.

#### On April 08 Visitation to Shalom Provincialate

The Shalom Provincialate was privileged to welcome the newly elected Superior General, Rev. Mother M. Thressa Gnanamani, along with Rev. Sr. A. Pauline Sagaya Rani, General Procurator, on her recent visit.

The visit began with Rev. Mother's careful review and verification of the province's records, registers, and accounts, exemplifying her strong commitment to transparency and accountability. This was followed by an engaging strategic consultation with the provincial team and council members.

With inspiring vision and hope, Rev. Mother shared a renewed focus on the growth and expansion of our educational institutions over the next three years. This forward-thinking plan aims to strengthen the province's self-sufficiency through institutional support, creating the resources necessary to renovate and restore our convents and to contribute meaningfully to the Generalate.

This strategic initiative marks a new and hopeful chapter in the province's journey towards sustainable growth and renewal, reaffirming our community's dedication to both spiritual vitality and educational excellence.

#### On April 10 A Joyous Inauguration of renovated hall at Vakkampatti

Today was a day of immense joy and gratitude as we witnessed the inauguration of the newly renovated building—a space envisioned to serve and uplift through the mission of evangelization. It was a



blessing to be part of this significant occasion, accompanied by my dedicated team and the local community, who will be the primary beneficiaries of this centre.



The newly completed hall was solemnly blessed by the Provincial of the Madurai Jesuits and formally inaugurated by the Superior General, adding a profound spiritual and symbolic significance to the event.

The Provincial, as the main celebrant, shared a moving reflection on the Word of God, highlighting the importance of this Evangelical Centre in Vakkampatti as a place of hope, learning, and transformation. His words offered deep inspiration and affirmed

the mission we share.

We also give heartfelt thanks to Sr. D. Rani, whose steadfast commitment and tireless work have been the backbone of the evangelical efforts in this region. Her vision and perseverance have truly brought this dream to fruition.

May this centre continue to be a source of light, faith, and renewal for generations to come.

# On April 13 Selection of Novices at Tindivanam

The novices selection took place 13th April 2025. After deep prayer rand reflection, the novices were called one by one by the Superior General and team, to know about their willingness to continue their religious life. Around 5.45 p.m. the mistress of novice



asked to give a detailed report on each novice. And she was able to provide an accurate and comprehensive updates. The Superior General, emphasised no dowry should be collected to any novice this year. Only five members are allowed from each family. The attendees were including three Provincials and their team members, priests from TNBCLC, Jesuits and others from the surroundings.

#### On April 20 Easter celebration at Generalate

The celebration of Easter this year was a profoundly joyful and spiritually enriching occasion, marked by the coming together of all those who journey with us in mission and fellowship. It was a moment of deep gratitude and communion, as we gathered to commemorate the resurrection of Christ—a symbol of hope, renewal, and divine love.

We were blessed to be joined by a vibrant and diverse gathering: our devoted coworkers, the children from the cottage, cherished members of the surrounding community, and all those who share in our work and vision. Their presence brought warmth and depth to the celebration, making it truly special.

The highlight of the occasion was the Eucharistic celebration, offered as an expression of thanksgiving. It served as a sacred moment to acknowledge the grace that surrounds us and to offer heartfelt appreciation for the support, cooperation, and goodwill extended to us throughout the year. This collective act of worship and gratitude reminded us of the strength we find in unity and the beauty of shared purpose.

As we reflected on the meaning of Easter, we were inspired anew to continue our mission with love, humility, and faith—uplifted by the spirit of community and the enduring bonds that connect us all.



#### On May 02 - 05 Meeting on Cannon law at UISG - Rome

The meeting was conducted in the Rome Nearly 250 Major Superiors participated in the meeting to understand and implement the canon law in all our religious congregation in day today's life .. the important points that were highted during the meeting is as follows.

#### 1. Absence

Definition: Permission by the major superior (with council's consent) for a member to reside outside the religious house.

#### Types:

- · Lengthy Absence: Granted for a just cause.
- · Unlawful Absence (6+ months): Withdrawal without permission; warnings required; case sent to supreme moderator.
- · Illegitimate Absence (12 months): Grounds for dismissal; confirmed by the Holy See or diocesan bishop.

#### 2. Exclaustration

Definition: Temporary permission to live outside the institute. Types:

- · Voluntary: Granted by supreme moderator (max. 5 years).
- · Imposed: Ordered by Holy See for serious reasons short of dismissal.

#### Juridic Effects:

- · Exempt from obligations incompatible with secular life.
- · Under superior's and local bishop's authority.
- · No voting rights; institute provides vocational support.

#### 3. Dismissal

Definition: Permanent separation ending vows and associated rights/duties.

#### Types:

#### A. Automatic (Ipso Facto):

- o For notorious defection from faith, attempted marriage, or 12-month illegitimate absence.
- o Superior declares the fact; must be confirmed and recorded.

#### · B. Mandatory Dismissal (Canon 695):

- o For grave canonical crimes (e.g., under canons 1395–1398).
- o Requires investigation, defense, decree, and 30-day recourse (suspensive).

#### · C. Discretionary Dismissal:

- o For repeated, grave, public, and imputable misconduct.
- o Involves written warnings, chance to amend, council review, and Holy See confirmation.

#### Juridic Effects of Dismissal:

- · Vows and obligations cease.
- · Clerics need bishop's approval to exercise ministry.
- · No compensation; institute must act with fairness and charity.

#### 4. Canon Law Regarding Property

Covers ownership, administration, and alienation of ecclesiastical goods, ensuring stewardship aligns with Church mission and legal norms.





#### From 21st-30th April. Visit of Mother General to Italy

On 21st April, Mother General arrived in Padova, where she was received with heartfelt warmth by our European sisters. Her arrival was marked by a spirit of unity and joy. Together, we had the grace-filled opportunity to participate in the funeral Mass of His Holiness, Pope Francis. This solemn occasion offered us a profound moment of reflection on the life and pontificate of our beloved Holy Father, who championed the values of mercy, joy, and fraternity throughout his ministry.



A significant moment of the visit was our meeting with the Superior, who offered deep and inspiring reflections. She encouraged each of us to faithfully implement the decisions of the General Chapter. As members of a Trinitarian community, she reminded us that our religious journey mirrors the Paschal Mystery — encompassing birth, life, passion, death, and resurrection. By embracing these daily spiritual experiences, we are gradually being transformed into a true Trinitarian community.









In keeping with the 31st General Chapter directives, every sister is called to contribute meaningfully to both our contemplative and apostolic missions. To mark the Jubilee Year, the General Team has proposed 250 small-scale projects, aimed at strengthening the Gonzaga Foundation and reaching out to the most vulnerable. Given our congregation's financial limitations in supporting higher education, each community has been entrusted with the adoption of one student, supporting their academic journey through the generosity of benefactors.







One of the spiritual highlights of this visit was our pilgrimage, a deeply moving and grace-filled experience. With our Congregation and Jubilee banners held high, we commenced the pilgrimage from the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls. We participated in the Holy Eucharist, prayed the Rosary, and continued our sacred journey to the Basilica of St. John Lateran, the Basilica of St. Mary Major, the

tomb of Pope Francis, and finally entered through the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica. Mother General extended her heartfelt gratitude to all, especially to those who meticulously organized this memorable pilgrimage.

Mother General also visited several benefactors, rectors, and bishops, expressing appreciation for their unwavering support of our sisters and mission. She presented an overview of our congregation's ongoing apostolic efforts — including support for underprivileged students pursuing higher education, women's empowerment programs, skills training for self-employment, educational support through tuitions, initiatives for persons with disabilities, and medical aid for the needy.

In a spirit of communion and celebration, Mother General warmly invited the benefactors and bishops to India to participate in the upcoming Jubilee festivities. Her visit to the communities was marked by encouragement and spiritual renewal, as she affirmed and inspired the ongoing mission work of our sisters.



#### UISG Meeting - May 2025 at UISG - Rome

"Embracing Vulnerability, Cultivating Hope: Women Religious on the Synodal Path"

The International Union of Superiors General (UISG) held its annual meeting in May 2025 in Rome, drawing together over 750 Superiors General from around the world. This gathering of leaders of women's religious congregations—participating both in person and online—was a significant moment of shared reflection, discernment, and global solidarity.

#### Theme:

"Embracing Vulnerability, Cultivating Hope" reflected the spirit of the meeting,



encouraging women religious to lead with courage, compassion, and resilience in today's world.

#### **Objectives:**

- · To deepen the understanding and practice of synodality in religious life.
- · To strengthen global networks of collaboration among women religious.
- · To discern new paths of mission in continuity with the vision of Pope Francis, whose legacy of inclusivity and listening continues to guide the Church.

#### **Key Highlights:**

#### · Global Participation:

Superiors General representing over 80 countries and countless charisms came together in a spirit of communion and mutual support.

#### · Tribute to Pope Francis:

A special segment was dedicated to honoring the life and legacy of Pope Francis, whose teachings on synodality, care for creation, and the dignity of the marginalized continue to inspire women religious across the world.

#### · Keynote Reflections and Panels:

Sessions focused on:

- o The prophetic role of women religious in the post-synodal Church
- o Ecological justice and integral ecology
- o Safeguarding and healing
- o Intercultural and intergenerational leadership

#### · Workshops and Dialogue Circles:

Participants engaged in rich sharing of experiences, challenges, and innovations in ministry, particularly in areas of:

- o Education and formation
- o Digital mission and evangelization
- o Care for vulnerable populations

#### · Synodal Reflections:

Emphasis was placed on the contribution of women religious to a more participatory, inclusive, and discerning Church—echoing the synodal spirit initiated during Pope Francis' pontificate.

#### **Resolutions and Commitments:**

- · Increased inter-congregational cooperation on global issues of justice, peace, and sustainability.
- · Expanded leadership formation programs for younger and emerging congregations.
- · Greater focus on mental health support, intercultural dialogue, and digital engagement in mission work.

#### **Conclusion:**

The UISG Meeting of May 2025 was both a moment of deep gratitude and forward-looking commitment. As the Church journeys beyond the papacy of Pope Francis, women religious remain inspired by his legacy and determined to carry forward the Gospel mission with courage, creativity, and compassion. Rooted in faith and global sisterhood, UISG continues to be a beacon of hope and transformation for our world.

#### On 11 May 2025 Visit of Our Mother General to Prien - Germany

The Prien community joyfully welcomed our Mother General, Sr. Theresa Gnanamani, to our convent in the beautiful town of Prien. That evening, we hosted a few supportive families—Barbara Daumiller—Aadi, the Stoy family, Frau Jutta Schmid, and Rosi Hell—who were warmly received and honored with shawls by the sisters in gratitude for their continued support.

After dinner, the sisters shared key messages from the 31st General Assembly, inviting reflection on the theme "In the footsteps of Assisi, in the mission of Michael Ansaldo." Communities were

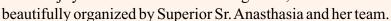




encouraged to collaborate in preparations for the upcoming 250th Jubilee of the Congregation. The Mother General also extended her heartfelt thanks and blessings to the sisters serving in Europe.

On 12 May, in celebration of Rev. Fr. Ivan's 85th birthday, the Mother General led a morning adoration, followed by a Holy Mass celebrated by Fr. Ivan at Maria Himmelfahrt Church. Our Superior General conveyed the Congregation's gratitude and best wishes to him, honoring his role as the founder of our mission in Europe. His inspiring life continues to strengthen and uplift us.

After Mass, a birthday cake was shared, and the sisters personally wished Fr. Ivan well. We then enjoyed a festive lunch together,



Later that day, our Superior General left for Munich and continued to Rome. The visit left our sisters renewed and grateful.



#### On May 16 First vows Celebration at Tindivanam



A Day of Joy and Grace: First Profession of Our Second-Year Novices

The atmosphere was filled with deep joy and spiritual fervour as our second-year novices reached a profound milestone in their religious journey—the day of their First Profession. It was a moment of sacred commitment and celebration, one that will be cherished in the life of our congregation.

The solemn Eucharistic celebration was presided over by Rev. Fr. Kulandai Samy, Vicar General of the Archdiocese of

Pondicherry and Cuddalore. The sacred liturgy, enriched by the presence of thirteen concelebrating priests, brought an air of reverence and spiritual depth to the occasion. Family members, friends, and well-wishers gathered with hearts full of gratitude to witness this blessed event.

During the ceremony, four novices made their First Profession in the hands of Mother M. Thressa Gnanamani, committing themselves wholeheartedly to the service of God and the mission of our congregation. The radiant expressions on their faces reflected the peace and joy of responding to God's call with courage and love.

Following the Mass, a felicitation program was held in honour of the newly professed sisters. Words of encouragement, songs of joy, and gestures of love filled the hall, culminating in a grand festive meal that brought together all attendees in a spirit of communion and thanksgiving.

In a special and heartfelt gesture, our Superior General took time in the afternoon to meet personally with each family of the newly professed sisters. With warmth and gratitude, she offered them light refreshments and a



small token gift as a symbol of appreciation for the invaluable offering they have made in entrusting their daughters to the service of the Lord. Her words of thanks deeply touched the hearts of the parents, affirming their role in nurturing a vocation and their place in the larger mission of the Church.

Truly, the day was a blessed one—marked by faith, fellowship, and the joyful witness of young lives dedicated to God.

#### On May 17 Golden Jubilee Celebration at Generalate

The Jubilee celebrations commenced with a graceful cultural evening presented by the tertians and sisters, setting a tone of reverence and joy. The presence and warm felicitations of the Superior General and her team added beauty and meaning to the occasion.



Today, we rejoiced as eight of our dear sisters celebrated their Golden Jubilee, marking 50 years of faithful and selfless service in the Lord's vineyard and within our congregation. It was a sacred moment of profound gratitude, honouring their unwavering commitment and love.



The Eucharistic celebration, presided over by Rev. Fr. J. Philomindoss, Procurator, was deeply moving. His homily beautifully reflected on the grace of religious vocation and the privilege of serving the Lord.

Following the Eucharist, a heartfelt felicitation was offered by the Superior General and her team, the provincials of the three provinces, and sisters from various communities. The presence of the jubilarians' families and relatives added warmth and joy to the celebration.

A festive lunch brought everyone together in joyful fellowship. Later, we had the opportunity to personally thank the families for the precious gift of these sisters to our congregation. Thoughtfully prepared snacks were shared with guests as a token of love for their journey home.

The day was truly a grace-filled celebration of love, gratitude, and faithful service.

#### On May 18 Perpetual profession at Generalate

The day unfolded in an atmosphere of sacred joy and deep gratitude, beginning with a serene adoration service led by the Superior General and her team. This time of prayer and contemplation drew all present into the presence of the Lord, setting a deeply spiritual tone for the unfolding



celebrations. The community then gathered around the altar for a solemn Eucharistic Celebration, presided over by His Grace, Archbishop Francis Kalist, and concelebrated by several priests. In a deeply moving homily, the archbishop broke open the Word of God, inviting the faithful to reflect on the beauty of being chosen to share in the life and mission of Christ. His words stirred hearts and inspired a renewed sense of commitment among the congregation.

A special felicitation ceremony followed, dedicated to honouring the sisters who had just made their Perpetual Profession. Each sister was lovingly acknowledged for her generous and lifelong "yes" to Christ. As a gesture of appreciation and blessing, they were presented with meaningful gifts, symbolizing the congregation's joy and gratitude for their total self-gift to God. The ceremony was marked by simplicity, reverence, and heartfelt emotion.



The spirit of celebration continued with a festive lunch, where sisters, their families, and members of the wider community shared in joyful fellowship. In the afternoon, a warm and intimate gathering was held with the parents and relatives of the newly perpetually professed sisters. During this special moment, the congregation expressed profound gratitude to the families for offering the precious gift of their daughters to the service of the Lord and the Church.

As a token of love and appreciation, refreshments and small commemorative gifts were offered to the families, honouring their support, faith, and sacrifice. The entire day was a radiant witness to the beauty of vocation, the strength of family, and the deep joy that flows from a life surrendered to God. It will remain etched in the hearts of all who participated, as a celebration of faith, fidelity, and the grace of divine calling.

#### On May 20 – 23 Election and Chapter of the Michael Ansaldo Province



The 10th Provincial Chapter of the Michael Ansaldo Province was held from May 20–23, 2025, with Rev. Mother M. Thressa Gnanamani, Superior General, presiding and Rev. Fr. Dr. Selvaraj Arulnathan SJ moderating. Sixteen members participated.

The Chapter opened on May 20 with a recollection session and the official convocation. The theme was "Empowered by Christ, Liberating the Poor." Reports on the province's activities, finances, and challenges from May

2022 to April 2025 were presented by Sr. Pauline Sagaya Rani and Sr. Ezhilarasi. Elections followed, appointing Sr. Ezhilarasi as Notary and Srs. Mathi Margaret and G. Gracy as Scrutinizers.On May 21, the new provincial leadership was elected:

- 1. Rev.Sr. A. Rajeswari–Provincial
- 2. Rev.Sr. S. Mathi Margaret Vice Provincial
- 3. Rev. Sr. R. Ezhilarasi, First Councilor
- 4. Rev. Sr. G. Gracy, -Second Councilor
- 5. Rev Sr. L. Jeya mary Third Councilor

Formation and education reports followed, with discussions.

May 22nd featured reports on Evangelization and Social Work, group discussions, and evaluations. On the final day, May 23rd, plans and resolutions for the next three years were formulated. The outgoing team symbolically handed over duties during adoration. The chapter concluded with Benediction and the Congregation Anthem.



#### On May 24-27 10th Provincial Election and Chapter of St. Aloysius Province

The election of the new Provincial and Council for St. Aloysius Province was carried out in a prayerful and dignified atmosphere, reflecting the unity, commitment, and mission of the congregation.

The proceedings commenced at 5:30 p.m. with the symbolic lighting of the ceremonial lamp by Mother M. Thressa Gnanamanai, Superior General, accompanied by Rev. Sr. Pasala Mariamma, Assistant Superior General, and Rev. Sr. Jebamalai Mary, General Councillor and Provincial. This sacred ritual, invoking the guidance of the Holy Spirit, marked the solemn beginning of the election process.

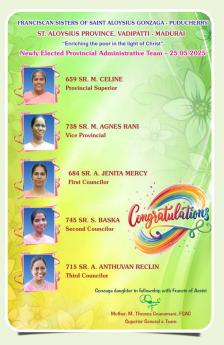


Following this, the Provincial and Procurator presented their reports, providing a comprehensive overview of the Province's spiritual, pastoral, and financial journey in recent years. In preparation for the election, members of the assembly gathered on May 21, 2025, for a time of Eucharistic Adoration, followed by the Holy Spirit Mass at 7:00 a.m., celebrated by Rev. Fr. Jerome Vicar General This spiritual gathering set a contemplative and grace-filled tone for the days ahead.

The election was then held, resulting in the selection of the new

- 1. Rev.Sr. Celine Provincial
- 2. Rev.Sr. Agnes Rani Vice Provincial
- 3. Rev. Jenita Mercy First Councilor
- 4. Rev. Sr. Baska Second Councilor
- 5. RevSr. Anthuvan Recline Third Councilor

On this occasion, a new logo reflecting the Province's theme for the next three years was also inaugurated—symbolizing renewal, hope, and a forward-looking vision. The session was moderated by Rev. Fr. Selva, S.J., and was followed by a three-day Provincial Chapter from May 25 to 27. These days were dedicated to meaningful dialogue, the formulation of resolutions, and the drafting of a renewed Vision Statement to guide the Province in the years to come. All sessions were held in the presence of the Superior General, the Assistant Superior General, the General Councillor, and the Moderator, ensuring that a spirit of unity, discernment, and fidelity to the congregation's mission remained central to every deliberation. In her address, Mother Thressa Gnanamanai emphasized the urgent need to foster vocations, underlining their vital role in sustaining the mission and service of the congregation.



#### On May 28-June 01 10th Provincial Election and Chapter of Shalom Province

The 10th Provincial Chapter of Shalom Province was held from 28th to 31st May 2025.

Thirty-seven delegates and four ex-officio members solemnly marched to the meeting hall, carrying



the Chapter logo, the emblem of the province, and the portraits of St. Francis of Assisi-the patron saint of the province-and the Servant of God Michael Ansaldo. At 6:25 p.m., our Superior General, Mother M. Thressa Gnanamani, formally inaugurated the 10th Provincial Chapter.

The election of the Provincial Administrators for the next three years took place after the Holy Spirit Mass on 29th May 2025. The election process was presided over by our Superior General and moderated by Canonist Fr. Baskal Raj.

The following sisters were elected as the new Provincial Administration:

- 1. Rev. Sr. Emelda Glodin Quini Provincial
- 2. Rev. Sr. Francisca Vice Provincial
- 3. Rev. Sr. Celine Rose Mary First Councilor
- 4. Rev. Sr. Dhava Selvi Second Councilor
- 5. Rev. Sr. Mary Dayana Third Councilor

The second part of the Chapter was held on 30th and 31st May 2025. The proposals prepared and submitted by the Preparatory Committee were presented to the assembly and put to a vote. As a result, several resolutions were adopted to guide the province in the spirit of the 31st General Chapter for the next three years.

The Chapter concluded with the newly elected administrative team being warmly congratulated and greeted by all the members.

# FRANCISCAN SISTERS OF SAINT ALOYSIUS GONZAGA - PUDUCHERRY SHALOM PROVINCE - TINDIVANAM "In the fullness of Christ, in the spirit of our Founder" Newly Elected Provincial Administrative Team – 29.05.2025 651. SR. S. EMELDA GLODIN QUINI Provincial Superior 620. SR. S. FRANCISCA Vice Provincial 781. SR. L. DHAVA SELVI Second Councilor 811. SR. S. MARY DAYANA Third Councilor Mother M. Throses Gransmuth, F2AG Superior General & Team.

#### On June 10th Fee Fixation Meet for Michael Ansaldo Province



A special fee fixation meeting was convened for the schools operating under the jurisdiction of the Michael Ansaldo Province. Provincial Superior and her team, Correspondent and principals of various school participated. This meeting was necessitated by a unique situation: while state governments across various provinces have implemented structured guidelines for fee regulation in self-financed schools, the Government of Andhra Pradesh has not yet issued any such mandate.

In light of this regulatory vacuum, Mother Superior General, demonstrating foresight and leadership, recognized an opportunity to bring uniformity and structure to the schools within the province. Under her guidance, a comprehensive review and discussion of the fee structure were undertaken.

The Superior General, together with her administrative team, carefully considered various factors including operational costs, staff welfare, infrastructure maintenance, and the socioeconomic background of the student population. The goal was to arrive at a balanced fee structure that upholds the values of justice, accessibility, and sustainability—hallmarks of our Catholic educational mission.

Following in-depth deliberations, a revised fee structure was formally finalized. This structure will serve as a benchmark for all self-managed institutions under the Michael Ansaldo Province, ensuring that they continue to deliver quality education in a financially responsible and ethically sound manner. This decision reflects not only prudent governance but also a deep commitment to the long-term vision of the Province: to nurture minds, serve communities, and remain faithful to the spirit of our founding charism.

#### On 14 & 15 June 2025 Administrative Team Meet at Generalate

A Grace-filled Beginning: Welcoming the New Provincials' Leadership Team with hearts uplifted in gratitude and reverence, the congregation joyously ushered in a new chapter in its spiritual and missionary journey with the ceremonial welcome by the Superior General, Rev. Mother M. Thressa Gnanamani, and her esteemed General Council Team.

#### A Solemn Procession of Light and Grace

The day commenced in an atmosphere of sacred solemnity and celebration. Each member of the new leadership team was warmly welcomed with a bouquet of fresh flowers, the traditional sandalwood

paste and kumkum adorning their foreheads — a sacred sign of blessing and consecration. A congratulatory badge was gently pinned upon their chest, symbolizing the honour and responsibility of the new mission entrusted to them.

Leading the procession with a lighted candle, Rev. Mother Superior General moved with calm dignity, followed by the general team new elected Provincials and teams — each bearing a candle of their own. It was a procession rich with symbolism: a journey of light, unity, and shared purpose. Together, they walked down a red-carpeted path with serene pride and joy, making their way to Christ the King Hall.

#### A Welcoming Embrace of Unity and Joy

The Christ the King Hall stood magnificently adorned, exuding both beauty and symbolism. Round tables, set for each province, were adorned with their respective Province logos — highlighting the rich diversity and unity of our mission. The warmth of the occasion was amplified by the heartfelt words of welcome extended by the Secretary General. Followed was a gracious felicitation ceremony, marking the beginning of a new era of service. Joyous applause filled the hall as the new team was



honoured and blessed in the presence of sisters from across provinces.

#### Leadership Rooted in Scripture and Spirit

One of the most anticipated moments of the day was the powerful and deeply spiritual address delivered by Rev. Mother M. Thressa Gnanamani, Superior General. Her message focused on the divine call to leadership — tracing the journey from Moses' courageous leadership to the transformational servant leadership of Jesus Christ. She eloquently wove biblical wisdom with contemporary challenges, offering a spiritual roadmap for today's ecclesial leaders. Her words echoed a call to lead with humility, discernment, and unwavering faith.

#### Holy Eucharist: Centering the Mission on Christ

At the heart of the day's celebrations was the Holy Eucharist, solemnly presided over by Rev. Fr. Rosario, Parish Priest of Immaculate Conception Church. In his moving homily, he spoke of the pressing issue of "Lack of Commitment" in our times, and the need for personal renewal and deeper discipleship. The Eucharistic celebration brought everyone into profound communion — with Christ and with one another — anchoring the mission in divine grace.

#### Dialogue, Sharing, and Fellowship

A festive lunch followed, filled with warmth, laughter, and sisterly exchange. In the afternoon, the second session unfolded with openness and collaboration. General Team shared their ministerial experiences, challenges, and future expectations. The Provincials and Team listened with attentiveness and empathy, fostering a space for mutual trust, clarity, and vision-setting.

#### An Evening of Praise and Celebration

As the sun set, all gathered once more for a moment of stillness and thanksgiving in Eucharistic Adoration. With hearts bowed in prayer, the assembly offered praise and gratitude for the gift of new leadership and the sacred responsibility bestowed upon them.

A festive grand supper brought the community together in joyous fellowship. The evening culminated in a vibrant cultural celebration, filled with song, dance, and blessings. Sisters joyfully expressed their love and support for the new team. Each General councillor who accompanied the election process offered a heartfelt message of felicitation, while Mother Superior General honoured each new Provincial & team member with a shawl and a commemorative gift — symbols of appreciation and shared responsibility.

#### Day Two: Discernment, Dialogue, and Direction

On the morning of June 15, the community gathered once more in adoration, surrendering the day to God's providence. This was followed by a solemn Eucharistic Celebration, offered by Rev. Fr. Peter Rajendran, invoking divine guidance for the discernments ahead.

After a nourishing breakfast, the assembly entered into a crucial session centered around the topic of transfers and the criteria guiding them. With clarity, wisdom, and compassion, Rev. Mother Superior General explained the pastoral rationale behind transfers — rooted in



mission, necessity, and personal growth. She emphasized the importance of discernment, openness, and a Christ-centered spirit of obedience.

Following this, province-wise meetings were held, where the General Team engaged in meaningful dialogues with each Provincial Council. These sessions were rich in listening, understanding, and strategizing ways to carry forward the shared mission with harmony and purpose.

#### Conclusion: A Heartfelt Benediction

As the two-day gathering drew to a close, a resounding vote of gratitude was delivered by Rev. Sr. Celine, Councillor of the Shalom Province. She offered sincere thanks to the Superior General, the Council Team, the celebrants, organizers, and every sister whose contribution made the event a spiritual milestone.

This sacred assembly was not merely an administrative gathering—it was a celebration of faith, unity, and renewed purpose. With hearts filled with gratitude and minds focused on mission, the new leadership team sets forth, guided by the Spirit, to lead in love, service, and fidelity.

#### On 21 June St. Aloysius Gonzaga at Generalate



A Grace-Filled Celebration in Honor of St. Aloysius Gonzaga

The day began with a solemn and spirit-filled prayer service, graciously conducted by Rev. Sr. Pappathi, centered around the cherished symbols associated with our revered patron, St. Aloysius Gonzaga. These sacred symbols served as a powerful reminder of the saint's deep devotion, humility, and commitment to God, setting a reverent tone for the day's festivities.

As the morning progressed, we gathered

joyfully for breakfast, during which we celebrated the feast of our adopted girl, Glady Aloysia, with great enthusiasm and affection. The celebration was marked by a vibrant and touching prayer dance presented by Glady herself, embodying her gratitude and spiritual joy. Her graceful performance served as a beautiful offering to God and a heartfelt expression of devotion.

Following the cultural program, the priests began their liturgical preparations. Clad in vestments, they processed with great reverence towards the altar of the Lord, accompanied by a spirit of solemnity and prayerful silence.

The Holy Eucharist was the high point of the day, presided over by His Grace Archbishop Francis Kalist, who was joined by 13 concelebrating priests. The presence of so many clergy members heightened the solemnity and grandeur of the occasion. Religious sisters from various congregations also graced the celebration with their presence, adding to the sense of unity and spiritual communion.

During his homily, Archbishop Kalist delivered a powerful and thought-provoking



reflection, inviting all present to "go to the roots" — a call to return to the foundational values of our faith, to embrace simplicity, and to deepen our relationship with Christ, just as St. Aloysius did in his short yet profoundly holy life.

The liturgical celebration was followed by a felicitation ceremony honoring our Superior General, who was recognized for her exemplary leadership, dedication, and unwavering commitment to the mission of our congregation.

The day concluded with a grand festive lunch, a time of joyful fellowship, heartfelt conversations, and shared gratitude. The entire celebration was a harmonious blend of spiritual depth, cultural expression, and communal joy, truly befitting the legacy of St. Aloysius Gonzaga.

#### **Visitation to Shalom Province**

#### A Heartfelt Word of Gratitude

With deep gratitude and joy, I share a few reflections from my recent visitation to Shalom Province, a journey that was both spiritually enriching and personally transformative. I wish to extend my sincere thanks to Rev. Sr. Emelda Glodin Quini, Provincial Superior, and Rev. Sr. Pauline, Procurator General, for their gracious accompaniment and fraternal support throughout my journey.

Over the course of this visitation, I had the sacred privilege of visiting 38 convents spread across the province. In each community, I was welcomed with warmth and openness, and I was blessed to witness the vibrant and faithful lives of our sisters.

In their faces, I saw radiant joy, quiet strength, and a deep sense of purpose. Through conversations, I heard stories of hope, commitment, and resilience. Above all, in their daily lives and ministries, I saw the Gospel fully alive—manifested in their tireless dedication, silent sacrifices, and loving service to others.

Many of our sisters continue to serve joyfully, even while facing personal illness, limited resources, and the challenges of demanding ministries. Their unwavering faith and contagious enthusiasm are powerful testimonies to the strength of their vocation and the depth of their love for Christ and His people.

I was particularly moved by their compassionate care for the voiceless and marginalized, especially the loving attention given to children in cottage homes, as well as their outreach to the poor, the sick, and those most in need. Their work brings light, dignity, and hope to places that the world often forgets. This visitation was not merely an official duty—it was a profound spiritual experience. I return not only informed but deeply transformed, inspired by the witness of our sisters and renewed in my commitment to support their mission with greater solidarity and love.

The smiles, stories, silent endurance, and deep trust in God that I encountered will remain etched in my heart as a lasting source of encouragement.

#### **Visitation to Shalom Province**



Agarakotallam



Cuddalore



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Karanur



Katpadi



Krishnakupam



Madurantakam St.Joseph's Convent



Mugaiyur



Navalur



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# On 30th June A Day of Grace and Joy with His Eminence Cardinal Anthony Poola Poola at Generalate

The day was marked by immense joy and spiritual richness as we had the honor of welcoming His Eminence Cardinal Anthony Poola to our Generalate. His presence among us was a true blessing, filling our hearts with gratitude and renewed purpose.

Upon his arrival, Cardinal Poola visited our chapel, where he offered a heartfelt prayer for the entire congregation. It was a profoundly moving moment, as he entrusted each of us, our mission, and our future to the loving care



of the Lord. The chapel was filled with a deep sense of peace and divine presence during this special time of intercession.



Following this sacred moment, His Eminence spent time in warm and fraternal conversation with us. He shared his inspiring pastoral vision and encouraged us in our commitment to the mission of the Church. His words carried wisdom, hope, and a gentle strength that touched each of us deeply.

We were also privileged to share a joyful and simple lunch with him, allowing for further fellowship and connection. Later, we had the honor of accompanying him back to the bishop's residence, from where we had originally received him.

It was a day to be remembered—graced with prayer, fraternity, and the uplifting presence of a true shepherd. We remain ever grateful for Cardinal Poola's visit and the spiritual encouragement he left with us.



# Spiritual Journey

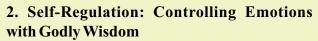
#### On March 2-4, 2025

Emotional Intelligence from a Christian Perspective Classes for the Tertians | I conducted a three-day session on Emotional Intelligence in Christian Perspectives for the tertians. Nine participants attended the program. The sessions explored the foundational components of emotional intelligence through the lens of Scripture and the life of Jesus Christ. The key themes were discussed

#### 1. Emotional Self-Awareness: Knowing Our Emotions as Christ Did

- \* Jesus Wept (John 11:35) Jesus wept.
- \* In the Garden of Gethsemane (Matthew 26:38)

   My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. & Self-awareness enables us to recognize our emotions without being controlled by them. Like Jesus, we are called to surrender our emotions to God in prayer and trust.



- \* Righteous Anger (Ephesians 4:26) In your anger do not sin...
- \* Jesus Cleansing the Temple (Matthew 21:13) Demonstrating righteous anger without sin.
- \* Gentle Response (Proverbs 15:1)—A gentle answer turns away wrath....
- \* Jesus and the Woman Caught in Adultery (John 8:3–11) Responding with compassion and wisdom. Emotional maturity in Christ means choosing not to react impulsively but to respond with patience, gentleness, and godly discernment.

#### 3. Motivation: Drawing Strength from God's Purpose

- \* Jesus' Surrender to the Father's Will (Luke 22:42) Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done.
- \* Paul's Determination and Perseverance (Philippians 4:13)—I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. True motivation stems from aligning our will with God's purpose, rather than being driven by emotions or fear.

#### 4. Empathy: Feeling with Others, as Christ Did

- \* Jesus' Compassion for the Crowds (Matthew 9:36; John 13:14–15) Understanding and caring for others needs.
- \* Speaking the Truth in Love (Ephesians 4:15) Balancing truth with compassion.

  Empathy is at the heart of Jesus' ministry. He listened, felt, and acted with deep compassion.

#### 5. Social Skills: Building Relationships in the Manner of Christ

- \* Jesus Washing the Disciples' Feet (John 13:14–15) Leadership through service.
- \* Correcting and Encouraging in Love (Ephesians 4:15)—Building communities grounded in truth and charity. Christ-like social intelligence fosters healthy, humble, and life-giving relationships.

#### Conclusion: Cultivating Emotional Intelligence in Christ

To grow in emotional intelligence as Christians, we are invited to:

- \* Be self-aware and bring our emotions honestly before God in prayer.
- \* Regulate our responses with wisdom and grace.
- \* Stay motivated by God's call, not by shifting emotions.
- \* Cultivate empathy by entering into the joys and sorrows of others.
- \* Build relationships rooted in love, humility, and service.

At the conclusion of the sessions, the tertians were divided into three groups. Each group creatively showcased their learning through exhibitions that reflected the themes discussed over the three days.



# Formation Desk

**1st May 2025 A Moment of Grace:** Blessing and Inauguration of St. Louis Convent, Ulagankathan With hearts filled with gratitude and joy, the Province witnessed a historic and grace-filled event on 1st May 2025—the blessing and inauguration of St. Louis Convent, Ulagankathan.

The sacred blessing was solemnly officiated by His Grace, Most Rev. Dr. Francis Kalist, Archbishop of Pondicherry and Cuddalore, invoking divine grace upon the convent, its mission, and all who will serve within its walls.



The inauguration was joyfully carried out by Rev. Mother. G. Rajamani, Former Mother General, whose inspiring leadership continues to shape the spiritual legacy of the Congregation. Her presence brought depth and meaning to the occasion, linking past vision with future promise.

The commemorative plaque was unveiled with reverence by Rev. Sr. Pasala Mariamma, Assistant Superior General, whose participation reflected the solidarity and blessing of the General Administration.

This significant day shall remain a cherished milestone in the history of the Province, symbolizing a renewed commitment to the charism of our Congregation and the mission of Christ. May St. Louis Convent be a radiant dwelling of faith, service, and love for generations to come.



# 9 May 2025 A Cherished Visit to the Animation Center – Third Theatre Folk Dance Course Animation Center - Edaiyarpalaiyam



As part of their final phase of formation, the Tertian were given the Third Theatre folk dance course at the Animation Center. This unique and expressive module, organized by the Superior General and moderated by Mr. Benjamin, offered the sisters a meaningful opportunity to explore cultural identity, movement, and artistic expression as part of their holistic formation.

On 9th May 2025, the course was graced by a special visit from the Assistant Superior

General, who also oversees formation. Her presence brought much joy and encouragement to the students. She spent time observing the session, engaging with the participants, and offering thoughtful words of affirmation, appreciating the creativity and commitment shown by the group.

Her visit was a touching reminder of the leadership's close accompaniment in the journey toward final profession. It also reinforced the importance of integrating cultural and artistic dimensions into formation—deepening self-awareness, community connection, and the spirit of mission.

# 13, May 2025. Preparation for First Profession of Second year novices Novices - Tindivanam

As Assistant Superior General in charge of formation, I had the honor of leading the specialized course designed to prepare the second-year novices for their First Profession ceremony.

This course focused exclusively on equipping the novices with the necessary understanding, discipline, and spiritual readiness to make their vows with full awareness and commitment. Together with the Novice Mistress, we guided the novices through practical training sessions that included the significance of the vows, the ceremonial procedures, and the spiritual meaning behind the commitment.

The novices actively participated in all aspects of the preparation, demonstrating sincere dedication to this important step in their religious journey.

We are grateful for the opportunity to accompany them on this path and look forward to witnessing their First Profession.



On the 11th of May, 2025, I was deeply honoured and profoundly moved to meet with our venerable elderly sisters Sugantham who have reached the remarkable milestone of their Golden jubilee—fifty years of devoted religious life within our congregation. Encountering these extraordinary sisters,



whose lives have been dedicated to unwavering faith, selfless service, and spiritual steadfastness, was an experience filled with reverence and inspiration. Their journey, marked by half a century of commitment and perseverance, stands as a luminous beacon of devotion and grace that has enriched our community beyond measure. To be in their presence, to witness the wisdom etched by time and the serenity born of a lifetime of spiritual discipline, was a privilege that stirred my heart deeply. This encounter not only celebrated their enduring legacy but also renewed my own appreciation for the profound sacrifices and steadfast love that have sustained our congregation through the years.

### Education Desk

# ECHOES OF EDUCATIONAL MISSION TET COACHING PROGRAMME FOR SISTERS

In alignment with her vision for the holistic empowerment of our sisters, our Superior General spearheaded and successfully organized a 10-day intensive TET (Teacher Eligibility Test) coaching programme from May 6 to May 15, 2025, at Alaigal Media, Trichy. A total of 23 sisters from three



Provinces participated in this enriching initiative. The sessions were conducted by Mr. Issac Newton, a seasoned and dedicated educator, who focused on deepening subject knowledge, refining exam strategies, and improving time management skills. The Education Coordinator ensured smooth execution through consistent support, motivational presence, and effective coordination with both the resource person and participants.

#### Highlights and Outcomes

- \* All participants exhibited significant academic growth and improved time management.
- \* The sisters felt well-prepared, confident, and motivated to face the TET exam. Feedback Summary
- Notable enhancement in subject clarity and exam readiness.
- \* Personalized mentoring sessions boosted individual morale.
- \* Participants expressed heartfelt gratitude for the visionary leadership of our Superior General, the tireless commitment of the Education Coordinator, and the teaching excellence of Mr. Newton.

#### **Conclusion:**

This initiative stands as a testament to the empowering leadership of our Mother General.



With stronger academic foundations and renewed self-assurance, our sisters are now better equipped to serve as qualified, value-based educators in society.

#### **Board Examination Results 2024–2025**

With hearts filled with gratitude and pride, we are pleased to share the Board Examination Results for Classes X, XI, and XII of the academic year 2024–2025, from our Tamil and English medium schools and Junior Colleges across Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and Andhra Pradesh. Our students have once again brought glory to our institutions through their excellent performance. Their success reflects their hard work and perseverance, the dedicated guidance of our teachers, and the unwavering support from our management.

#### **Key Highlights:**

- \* Overall Pass Percentage: 95%
- \* High achievers: Many students scored above 90%; 19 students secured centum in core subjects.
- \* Notable success among rural and underprivileged students, indicating the inclusive and impactful reach of our educational mission. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to all our students and express deep appreciation to our correspondents, headmistresses, principals, teachers, sisters, parents, and staff who stood beside them with encouragement and care. May this achievement propel us forward in our mission to form young minds in knowledge, character, and Christian values.

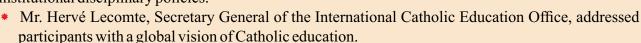
#### **CBCI-ONLINE MEETING SUMMARY**

On 30th June 2025 at 4:00 PM, I attended an online meeting organized by the CBCI Office for Education and Culture, presided over by Archbishop Most Rev. Elias Gonsalves, Chairperson of the CBCI Office for Education and Culture. The meeting gathered National and Regional Secretaries of the Catholic Church in India.

#### **Key Highlights:**

- \* Advocate Romy Chacko gave an impactful presentation on the protection of minority educational institutions, emphasizing constitutional rights under Article 30(1), including:
  - o The right to admit students
  - o The right to appoint staff
  - o The right to take disciplinary action
  - o The right to fix fees

He also clarified queries related to TDS (Tax Deducted at Source) and institutional disciplinary policies.



- \* Fr. Maria Charles, SDB, and Mr. Aditya Gupta, CEO of the India Didactics Association, shared updates on the upcoming National Symposium for Catholic Educators 2025 scheduled to be held in New Delhi.
- \* Participants exchanged insights on regional activities. I had the privilege of sharing our congregation & contributions, especially our active role in TANCEAN and state-level educational meetings.

# Evangelization Desk

'Proclaiming the Gospel is our sacred responsibility.'

Proclaiming the Good News is not merely a task, but a sacred mission entrusted to each one of us as faithful messengers of Christ's love and salvation. Embracing this divine calling, the Holy Week Prayer Mass was devoutly celebrated at Emmaus, the diocesan home for the elderly, as a part of our continuous commitment to evangelization.

This spiritually enriching celebration was prayerfully led by Rev. Sr. Jebamali, General Councillor, along with the dedicated presence of Ar. Flora and Sr. Anistha. Their efforts were beautifully supported by the talented students of Geethalayam Musical Institute, whose melodious contributions elevated the atmosphere with grace and solemnity.



The entire event unfolded in a spirit of unity, reverence, and joy, as all present joined together to honor the passion and resurrection of Christ. The heartfelt prayers, soul-stirring hymns, and the profound sense of community made the celebration truly grand and memorable.

His Excellency, Bishop Francis, expressed deep joy and appreciation for the selfless dedication of the sisters. He commended their tireless service rendered to the elderly priests and residents of Emmaus, recognizing it as a true embodiment of the Gospel message. Their compassion and unwavering commitment were acknowledged as vital expressions of evangelization in action—living witnesses to the love of Christ among His people.

#### Sharing in the Passion of Christ-A Call to Live with Love, Sacrifice, and Hope

On the evening of April 11, 2025, a deeply spiritual and grace-filled Full Moon Prayer Service was conducted at the Evangelization Centre in Vakkampatty. The prayer was led by Br. Stephen, who guided the gathered faithful through a powerful experience of worship, reflection, and intercession.

In his prayer and preaching, Br. Stephen highlighted the glory of Mother Mary, emphasizing her unwavering faith and her unique participation in the Passion of Christ. Mary's "yes" and her silent endurance at the



foot of the Cross were presented as profound examples for all Christians—especially in times of suffering and trial.

Approximately 60 lay faithful from nearby villages—Yesu Palayam, Michaelpatty, and Vakkampatty—gathered to take part in the prayer service. The presence of the faithful created a beautiful sense of unity and devotion. Religious sisters from other congregations also attended, adding to the spiritual depth and communal atmosphere of the gathering. Their presence served as a witness to the universality of the Church and the shared mission of evangelization.

#### Catechetical Teaching and Marriage Preparation



During this period, individuals and couples from different Christian backgrounds approached us with a genuine desire to know more about the Catholic faith and to enter into sacramental marriage in the Church. This became a providential moment to teach catechism in a structured and pastoral manner. We thank God for the grace to serve in this humble but powerful mission of teaching and accompaniment. The days spent from May 2 to May 10 were a clear reminder that every soul is precious, and every effort made to

bring someone closer to Christ bears eternal value. Prepared Chandru and Sruthi for marriage and took catechism. During that time, the following was done:

- · Share the Catholic faith with gentleness and clarity
- · Foster ecumenical dialogue where possible
- · Strengthen families through sacramental formation
- · Build communities rooted in the Eucharist and prayer

#### Feast of St. Aloysius Gonzaga with Evangelizers Feast of St. Aloysius Gonzaga Celebrated with Grandeur

The feast of our patron, St. Aloysius Gonzaga, was celebrated in a grand and prayerful manner. Thirty evangelizers, who were formed through our Evangelization Center, participated in a one-day retreat and solemnly renewed their vows during the Eucharistic celebration.

The Holy Mass was concelebrated by Fr. Bernardshaw, V.F. of the Panchampatty Vicariate, along with the Holy Cross Fathers, adding spiritual depth and solemnity to the occasion. A grand dinner was served to all



attendees, fostering fellowship and joy among the faithful. The entire celebration was prayerfully and efficiently organized under the leadership of our Superior, Sr. D. Rani.

# Social work, Social action & Health Care Desk

#### MASSS Meeting - Gunadala - A.P

Following a meeting with the Provincial Administrative Team, the Superior General, Rev. Mother M. Thressa Gnanamani, held a session with the MASSS leadership to address current issues. Present were the General Councillor, General Procurator, five Area Coordinators, three Cluster Coordinators, MASSS Directress Sr. F. Arockia Mary, and the Provincial Team.

The Superior General requested the audit report for Gunadala, Machilipatnam, Chinnapuri, and Sulanagar. The report, prepared by Sr. Arockia Mary and team, revealed an outstanding loan amount of ₹21,08,900. Limited MASSS activity and the suspension of the Orphan Fund in Motakondur,

Manginipudi, and Mylavaram were cited as reasons for decreased income.

It was decided to recover all pending loans and suspend the MASSS loan program for six months, after which the situation would be reviewed. Although halting the savings scheme was suggested, Cluster Coordinators requested its continuation, accepting responsibility. The Superior General firmly stated that the Congregation would not be liable for any issues arising from the savings program.



#### A Heartfelt Expression of Gratitude

With profound appreciation, I extend my sincere thanks to all the generous souls who have stepped beyond their comfort zones to stand in solidarity with the suffering and the needy. Your compassion is a powerful witness to the love and mercy we are all called to embody. I offer special thanks to the Community Sisters of Catronova and Rome, whose willingness to assist the poor—even from their own modest resources—speaks volumes of their selfless hearts. Your generosity is not only deeply moving but also an enduring act of faith and love.

Please be assured that your kindness will never be forgotten. You will be continually remembered in our prayers and held in the highest esteem.

With heartfelt gratitude,

Rev. Sr. Pauline Sahaya Rani, FSAG Procurator General

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# Shalom Province- Tindivanam

On June 23, 2025 International Widow's Day. Eluchi Maiyam (Steps Trust) Pullichappalam. "A strong woman looks a challenge dead in the eye and gives it a wink." – Gina Carey.

Ezhuchi Maiyam (Step Trust) in Pullichappalam marked International Widows Day with a moving celebration honoring the resilience and dignity of widowed women. The event began with a warm welcome by Sr. S. Mary Dayana, followed by a traditional Nathaswaram procession. Sr. Ranjitha delivered the welcome address, highlighting the importance of recognizing and uplifting widows in society.



Guest speaker Mrs. Mathu Mathi shared valuable insights on government welfare schemes and led engaging activities that brought joy to participants. A powerful message from Sr. Violet encouraged the women to embrace life with purpose and hope. A vibrant Parai dance by Sr. Arockia Mary added cultural pride and energy to the celebration. The event concluded with thanks, gift distribution, and a shared meal.

Widows left feeling empowered, seen, and supported—a day not just of remembrance, but of renewal and hope.

#### On 27th June 2025 Jubilee Celebration at Shalom Provincialate

"Rejoice in the Lord always." – Philippians 4:4

With hearts full of joy and gratitude, we celebrated the Silver and Golden Jubilees of our dear sisters at the Provincialate in a grand and meaningful way.



The day began with a traditional welcome using sandalwood paste and kumkum tilak for our jubilarians and esteemed guests, including Fr. Philomin Doss, Procurator of the Pondicherry-Cuddalore Diocese, and our new Parish Priest, Fr. Michael John, along with other priests.

The Eucharistic celebration was the spiritual highlight of the day, with a moving introduction on the lives and service of the jubilarians, accompanied by prayers of thanksgiving and intercession.

A vibrant cultural program followed in Francis Hall, beautifully decorated with jubilarian photos. The jubilarians were felicitated with flower bouquets and special gifts, and were warmly thanked for their ministry and dedication. Appreciation was also extended to their families for their presence and support.

The day concluded with blessings, songs, cake cutting, and a joyful festive meal shared in fellowship and love.

# "Golden Glory for St. Joseph's School at the Indo-Nepal International Silambam Championship $-2025\,$ "

A Golden Moment for St. Joseph's Matric.Hr.Sec. School, Maduranthakam.

We are proud to celebrate the outstanding achievement of our 12th standard students, who have won the Gold Medal at the Indo-Nepal Silambam International Championship – Border Year 2025.

This victory is the result of months of dedication, discipline, and perseverance,





guided by the unwavering support of our Silambam instructors. It reflects not only individual excellence but also the nurturing environment our school provides.

This achievement is a powerful reminder that with the right guidance and determination, even students from humble backgrounds can shine on international stages. May this success inspire every St. Joseph's student to dream big and strive fearlessly.

## St. Aloysius Province

#### **Celebrating Faith and Excellence**

Winners Honoured at the Diocese-Level Catechism Examination. It was a moment of great joy and pride as the students of St. Joseph's Girls Higher Secondary School, Suramangalam, were honoured for their outstanding performance in the Diocese-Level Catechism Examination.



The prize distribution ceremony was held at the Cathedral Church following the solemn Eucharistic celebration, in the august presence of Most Rev. Dr. Singaroyan, Bishop Emeritus, whose encouraging words and apostolic blessings deeply moved the gathering.

The Correspondent and Headmistress of the school extended their heartfelt congratulations to the winners, lauding their commitment to spiritual learning and excellence. The Headmistress also commended the devoted efforts of the teachers who diligently prepared the students for the examination and contributed to this remarkable success.

Such achievements not only bring honour to the institution but also reaffirm the vital role of catechetical formation in nurturing young minds in faith, values, and service.

May the light of Christ continue to guide our children in the path of truth and knowledge.

On June 21 st St. Aloysius Feast The Feast of St. Aloysius was celebrated with reverence and joy on our school campus on June 21st. The day commenced with the decoration of St. Aloysius' statue, beautifully adorned with flowers and illuminated with lights. A solemn lamp-lighting ceremony marked the beginning of the celebration, setting a spiritual tone for the day.

The prayer service was led by the teachers of the St. Aloysius Group, with the participation of all teaching and non-teaching staff, the students of Class X, the St. Aloysius Group Leader Selvi S. Mohana Priya of Class IX, and the Sports and Yoga students.



The program began with an opening prayer, followed by a soulful prayer song, the placing of intentions, and the reading of the Litany. Teachers presented the Life History of St. Aloysius in English, and his noble, spiritual, and religious virtues were shared in Tamil, touching the hearts of all present. The celebration concluded on a joyful note with brunch served to all attendees. The day was truly a graceful and uplifting tribute to St. Aloysius and ended in a spirit of unity and gratitude.

On June 21 st International Yoga Day was celebrated with great zeal and appreciation for the timeless practice of yoga. Recognized as a profound gift of ancient Indian wisdom, yoga plays a vital role in nurturing both physical health and mental clarity. Its regular practice encourages mindfulness, inner peace, and a deeper connection between the mind, body, and spirit—fostering holistic well-being.

To promote a sense of wellness among students, a special yoga session was conducted. Skilled instructors guided the students through a series of asanas including Surya Namaskar, Bhastrika, Bhujangasana, Sasankasana, Trikonasana, and the Butterfly Pose. Each posture was demonstrated with clarity and performed with enthusiasm by the students, who embraced the experience with open hearts and minds.



The atmosphere was filled with positivity and tranquility as students felt relaxed, recharged, and more connected to themselves. The event not only introduced them to the physical benefits of yoga but also highlighted its role in cultivating mental calmness and emotional resilience.

It was truly a remarkable and enriching experience—one that left a lasting impression on all who participated.

### Michael Ansaldo Province, Gunadala

#### On 1st April Superior General Visit

The meeting took place on 1 st April 2025, in the provincialate. The newly elected Superior General, Rev. Mother M. Thressa Gnanamani, Rev. Sr. S. Pappathi, General Councillor, Rev. Sr. A. Pauline Sagaya Rani, General Procurator, and the provincial team were present at the meeting. First, the Mother Superior General inspected and verified the Michael Ansaldo Province's Records, registers, and accounts. Subsequently, she met the provincial team along with her team members. The earlier brief visitation of the Superior General to all places in the province led her to a strategic discussion with the team. Given the subpar physical condition of most convents, the focus shifted towards developing schools over the next three years. This approach aims to leverage institutional support will make the province self-sufficient, and for the renovation of convents.

#### MEETING WITH THE DIRECTOR AND STAFF OF THE MASSS:

Following the meeting with the provincial administrative team about the province, the Superior General had a meeting with the MASSS members regarding their issues. The members were, The Superior General, Rev. Mother M. Thressa Gnanamani, Rev. Sr. S. Gnanamary Pappathi, General Councillor, Rev. Sr. A. Pauline Sagaya Rani, General Procurator, five Area Co-ordinators, three Cluster Co-ordinators of MASSS, the MASSS directress Sr. Arockia Mary, and the provincial team. The superior General asked to submit the audit report of the MASSS, specifically for Gunadala, Machilipatnam, Chinnapuri, and Sulanagar. The report stated: In MASSS, a loan of rupees 21,08900 (twenty-one lakh eight thousand nine hundred) is outstanding. This information was documented and provided by Sr. F. Arockia Mary, the MASSS Directress, along with four Area Coordinators and Cluster Coordinators, to the General Superior. Sr. Papathi entered this data into the computer. Due to limited MASSS activity and the blocking of the Orphan Fund to Motakondur, Manginipudi, and Mylavaram, there was a decrease in income.

This was the explanation given by its members for the malfunctioning of MASSS. A decision was made to recover all MASSS loans from the borrowers and to suspend this mission for six months. Afterwards, there would be reconsideration about granting new loans. While the suggestion was made to halt the savings, the cluster coordinators requested that it not be stopped, promising to take responsibility for the savings. With a firm statement, Mother Superior General told the coordinators that "the congregation will not take responsibility for it when issues arise from savings." With this, the meeting ended.

#### On May 25 Thanksgiving Mass

A grand thanksgiving Eucharist celebration took place at the Michael Ansaldo Provincialate, Gunadala, for our Sisters Sr. Nirmala, Sr. Prasanthi, and Sr. Bhagya, who committed themselves to God through our Congregation by taking their perpetual profession. The new and old Provincial Team members, all the chapter delegates, and the provincialate community sisters attended the celebration. At 11:30 a.m., a mass was presided over by Rev. Fr. Muvvala Prasad, the Vicar General of the Vijayawada Diocese. Following that, there was a fellowship meal for everyone. After lunch, a beautiful and brief felicitation program was presented to the final professed sisters. The sisters offered gifts in various forms and expressed their joy and happiness. Finally, Sr. Bhagya expressed gratitude on behalf of her companions to all the sisters, and the celebration concluded.

### St. Aloysius Gonzaga Region - North India

# On June 21, 2025 – Kazipur Feast of St. Aloysius Gonzaga

We celebrated the feast of our beloved patron, St. Aloysius Gonzaga, with heartfelt reverence and joy. The day began with a solemn prayer service led by our sisters, fostering quiet reflection and invoking the saint's intercession. A festive Holy Mass followed, celebrated by Rev. Fr. Joseph Ravi, enriched with a spiritual introduction and soul-stirring hymns, uniting parishioners in prayer and thanksgiving.



The celebration continued with a joyful community meal, where we gratefully welcomed two new candidates whose presence brought renewed hope and vitality. Together, sisters and aspirants shared in the joy of the day, symbolized by the cutting of a celebratory cake.

More than a festivity, the day was a renewal of our commitment to the virtues of St. Aloysius—purity, humility, and unwavering dedication to God. May his example continue to inspire us and his intercession guide us on our journey of faith and service.

#### On 25 March – 3May 2025 the 40-Day Formators' Course

The 40-day course was a deeply enriching experience that strengthened my role as a formator,



integrating spiritual depth with psychological and practical tools. Key sessions included AMR Therapy by Rev. Fr. Joy Pulikunnel (SJ), Basic Counselling and REBT by Sr. Veronica (Bethany), and a spiritually profound Holy Week Retreat led by Rev. Fr. Pius (SJ) using the Visual Bible.

The program fostered growth through personal reflection, group sharing, scripturebased prayer, discernment, and community life at Shanti Sadan, Prayagraj 17 Religious Sisters actively participated with the theme

Training for Formators and Personnel in Helping Ministries .I remain deeply grateful to God, our Superior General Rev. Mother M. Thressa Gnanamani, and Regional Superior Rev.Sr. Nirmala for giving us this formative opportunity.

Orientation Programme – Northern Region (May–June 2025)

• First Session: Held on 10th May at the Regional House, Linch, and led by Fr. Malar, Advocate of the Diocese of Gandhinagar. The morning session focused on early Christian life and its relevance today. In the afternoon, Fr. Malar explained the Preamble of the Indian Constitution, concluding with an oath-taking ceremony to affirm the sisters' roles as educators and leaders.



· Second Session: Conducted on 5th June in Patna, under the guidance of Rev. Fr. A. Sebastian. He shared ten principles for joyful and positive religious living, emphasizing meditation, selfconfidence, and trust in God.

#### On 11–16 May 2025 Spiritual Retreat Summary

Group 1 undertook a six-day spiritual retreat in the peaceful setting of St. Aloysius Gonzaga Regional

House, led by Rev. Fr. Isaac D'Souza. Each day focused on a distinct theme:

- · Day 1: Religious Perspective of Life (John 1:4)—Call to holiness and joy.
- Day 2: Discipleship Staying rooted in Christ amidst modern distractions.
- · Day 3: Religious Life in the Digital Age Embracing digital evangelization while upholding Gospel values.
- · Day 4: Community Life Fostering love, sacrifice, and unity.
- · Day 5: Forgiveness Deep personal healing through God's mercy and Reconciliation.
- · Day 6: Mother Mary Drawing spiritual strength through Marian devotion.

The retreat concluded with a solemn Eucharist, vote of thanks, and joyful fellowship. It was a gracefilled experience that renewed the 14 Sisters' spiritual zeal and commitment to their mis



#### On 6-11 June 2025

At Mary our ,other Shrine AT Makoma -Patna 10 of our sisters made their six-days retreat was a grace-filled journey of spiritual renewal, reflection, and community bonding. Rev. Sr. discipline, apostolic zeal, and total surrender.

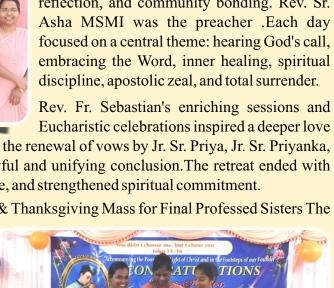
for Scripture and mission. A special moment was the renewal of vows by Jr. Sr. Priya, Jr. Sr. Priyanka, and perpetually professed sisters, marking a joyful and unifying conclusion. The retreat ended with hearts full of gratitude, a renewed sense of purpose, and strengthened spiritual commitment.

On 22 June 2025 Feast of St. Aloysius Gonzaga & Thanksgiving Mass for Final Professed Sisters The

feast of St. Aloysius Gonzaga was joyfully celebrated with a thanksgiving Mass honoring the newly final professed sisters. Priests from Mandali, Mehsana, and Kalol, along with sisters and faithful, gathered in prayer and fellowship. Sr. Mary Matha welcomed all, and Sr. Nirmala, Regional Superior, honored the sisters with garlands and light. Highlights included an entrance dance, Kumba Aarathi, and a homily by Fr. Francis Macwan SJ on commitment and care. Sr. Rebeakkal, Sr. Siriya Pushpam, and Sr. Stephi expressed



gratitude during the celebrations, which ended with cake, a group photo, and a joyful banquet.



### St. Aloysius Province - Myanmar

On 26, April 2025, the Sisters of St. Aloysius Gonzaga in Myanmar held a solemn and heartfelt commemoration in honour of the departed soul of His Holiness Pope Francis. The tribute took place at the historic Immaculate Conception Church, where the Sisters graciously offered the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass for the eternal repose of the beloved Pontiff.



In a gesture of charity and community, the Sisters also extended warm hospitality to the faithful parishioners by providing refreshing cold drinks and freshly baked bread, symbolizing the spirit of unity and service that Pope Francis so ardently embodied throughout his papacy.

The sacred liturgy was marked by deep reverence, reflective prayer, and a profound sense of gratitude for the life and legacy of a Shepherd who tirelessly championed mercy, compassion, and peace. The gathering served not only as a memorial but as a testament to the enduring impact of Pope Francis's spiritual leadership on the global Church and, in a special way, on the hearts of the faithful in Myanmar.

From May 13 to 24, 2025, the Junior Sisters participated in a series of formative courses and their Annual Retreat held at the Formation House. This spiritually enriching period provided them with an opportunity to deepen their vocation, renew their commitment, and grow in unity as a community.





Following the conclusion of the courses and retreat, the Junior Sisters, accompanied by Sr. Alice Mary, Vice President; Sr. Magdalena Lian, Second Provincial Councillor; and Sr. Elizabeth Htwe, Provincial Procurator, undertook a charitable mission to Sagaing. There, they extended their compassion and solidarity to the victims of the recent

earthquake. The Sisters brought with them essential food items and other edible supplies, which they humbly offered to those who were facing severe hardship in the aftermath of the disaster. Beyond the material assistance, the Sisters provided a comforting presence, offering words of consolation, prayers, and emotional support to the refugees. Their visit served not only to meet physical needs but also to uplift spirits, bearing witness to the love and mercy at the heart of their religious calling.

#### Solemn Celebration of the Feast of St. Aloysius Gonzaga Provincialate – 21st June 2025

On the 21st of June 2025, the Provincialate was graced with the solemn and joyful celebration of the Feast of St. Aloysius Gonzaga, the patron saint of youth, purity, and dedication. The day stood as a beautiful testament to unity, devotion, and the enduring spirit of St. Aloysius, who continues to inspire young hearts toward holiness and service.

All the Sisters of the Provincialate, along with the Formators and Formees, and the children from Sacred Heart Orphanage, came together in a spirit of unity and celebration to honor the saint known for his purity, humility, and deep devotion to God.

The Holy Eucharist was solemnly concelebrated by:

- · Rev. Fr. Thomas Tun,
- · Rev. Fr. Peter Myo Aung,
- · Rev. Fr. Peter Hla Shwe, and
- · Rev. Fr. John Paul.

Their presence and spiritual leadership added depth and reverence to the celebration.

It was a day marked by prayer, joy, and fellowship—a meaningful occasion that inspired all present to reflect on the virtues of St. Aloysius and to grow in their own journey of faith and service.







Message From Gonzaga College of Arts And Science For Women - Kathanpallam

#### **On 23rd June 2025**

The Management Development Programme (MDP) on the Role and Responsibilities of Non-Teaching Staff was held on 23rd June 2025 at 2:30 p.m. in the college auditorium. Aimed at orienting and empowering non-teaching staff, the session focused on enhancing institutional efficiency through professional development.

The event commenced with a prayer song, followed by the ceremonial lighting of the lamp by dignitaries including Rev. Mother C. Noel Rani, FSAG (Secretary), Rev. Dr. E. Glitta Sumanagali, FSAG (Principal), Rev. Sr. Santhana Mari, FSAG (Office Superintendent), Mr. Leo (Non-Teaching

Coordinator), Mr. Subramani (Bus Operator), Mr. Murugesan (Bus Guide), and Ms. Amirdha (Junior Assistant), who also delivered the welcome address.

Rev. Mother C. Noel Rani highlighted the vital role of non-teaching staff in institutional functioning, stressing the need for professionalism, teamwork, and commitment. The keynote address by Rev. Dr. E. Glitta Sumanagali acknowledged the dedication of the support staff and encouraged continuous learning, institutional loyalty, and a student-friendly approach.



Rev. Sr. Santhana Mari led the core session on "Dynamics of the Role", covering ethical conduct, key responsibilities, and the importance of punctuality, communication, and collaboration. Dr. A. John Dayana, IQAC Coordinator, commended the staff's contribution to institutional quality.

Non-teaching staff expressed appreciation for the initiative and welcomed the revised reporting time of 9:20 a.m., which eased commuting challenges. Rev. Sr. P. Anthoniammal, FSAG, delivered the vote of thanks. The programme concluded with the National Anthem, reinforcing unity and a shared spirit of service.

#### 25th June 2025 THE DAY ONE

The first day of the academic year 2025–2026 was held on 25th June 2025 at Gonzaga College. The programme commenced at 9:30 a.m. with a prayerful Invocation, followed by the Lightingof the Lamp by Rev. Mother C. Noel Rani, Rev. Dr. E. Glitta Sumangali, Rev. Dr. A. JohnDayana, Mr. Anna Andrews, PRO and Ms. R. Swetha, symbolizing the dawn of knowledge and

enlightenment.

Ms. P. Annuncia extended a warm Welcome Address to the gathering. The event proceeded with a formal Staff Introduction, where faculty members were introduced to the students, fostering familiarity and connection. Blessings were then offered by Rev. Mother C. Noel Rani, FSAG, who encouraged all to embrace the academic year with faith and determination. The Keynote Address was delivered by Rev. Dr. E. Glitta Sumangali, FSAG, Principal, who outlined the college's



mission, values and vision for the year ahead. Greetings were also shared by Rev. Dr. A. John Dayana, FSAG, Vice Principal, reaffirming the leadership's commitment to student development and institutional excellence. The programme concluded with a heartfelt Vote of Thanks proposed by Ms.Sowbarnika, followed by the National Anthem, marking a respectful and patriotic end to the gathering. The day one was served as an inspiring and purposeful beginning to the new academicyear, reinforcing the values of unity, learning, and service.



**2nd July 2025** FRESHERS' INDUCTION PROGRAMME Gonzaga College Holds Inspiring Inauguration Ceremony for Freshers at 10:00 a.m. in the College Quadrangle. The event set a gracious and motivational tone for the academic year ahead.

The ceremony began with a solemn Invocation by the Department of Mathematics, followed by the ceremonial lighting of the lamp by dignitaries, faculty, students, and parents—symbolizing new beginnings.

Rev. Sr. A. S. Lourdhumary, Superior of St. Aloysius Illam, graced the event as a special guest. Ms. R. Deepika (III B.Sc. Chemistry) extended a warm Welcome Address, followed by an energetic Welcome Dance by students of Commerce and BBA.

In her Inaugural Address, Rev. Mother C. Noel Rani, FSAG, emphasized the institution's core values and mission, while Rev. Dr. E. Glitta Sumangali, FSAG, delivered a compelling Keynote Address on academic excellence and parental involvement.

An Expressive Dance by the Department of Computer Science added artistic flair, delighting the

audience. Rev. Dr. A. John Dayana, FSAG, Vice Principal, encouraged students to begin their journey with confidence and enthusiasm.

The Principal introduced department heads, followed by the faculty introductions, helping students connect with their mentors. Ms. M. Nalini (III B.Sc. Chemistry) proposed the Vote of Thanks, acknowledging everyone's contributions.

The ceremony concluded with the National Anthem, marking the end of a memorable and well-organized event.



3rd July 2025 Gonzaga College joyfully celebrated the Feast Day of its patron, St. Aloysius Gonzaga,



at 10:30 a.m. in the college quadrangle with deep devotion and spiritual fervor.

The celebration began with a solemn Holy Eucharist, featuring a procession of students symbolizing faith and devotion. Dignitaries were welcomed with Kumba Aarathi by the Department of Costume Design and Fashion. Students led the Introduction, Scripture Readings, and Prayer of the Faithful, setting a reverent tone.

Rev. Mother C. Noel Rani, FSAG, Secretary, conveyed Feast Day wishes and invoked the

saint's blessings, while honoring Rev. Fr. S. Jesudass, Parish Priest of Kathampallam, for his continued spiritual support. Principal Rev. Dr. E. Glitta Sumangali, FSAG, also shared Feast Day greetings, encouraging all to emulate St. Aloysius's virtues.



Rev. Fr. Jesudass blessed the college community, followed by a joyful Cake Cutting Ceremony by the Department of Computer Science. The department also delivered the Vote of Thanks. The celebration concluded with the National Anthem and a fellowship feast for all staff members, marking a joyful end to the occasion.

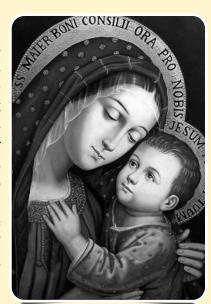
## Soulful reflections on our founder's sacred journey

"Guided by Grace: Michael Ansaldo's Journey Under the Mantle of Good Counsel and the Light of Saint Aloysius Gonzaga"

In the tender gaze of Our Lady of Good Counsel, Michael Ansaldo found the wellspring of his vocation and the compass of his spiritual life. To Mary, he turned not only in moments of discernment, but in the quiet daily rhythm of surrender. She was not distant or abstract; she was the Seat of Wisdom, the Mother whose counsel steadied his steps and whose intercession illumined his path.

#### **Our Lady of Good Counsel**

In the silence of prayer before her image, Ansaldo entrusted everything his vocation, his purity, his very self. Her gaze, both tender and resolute, stirred in him a courage not born of self-confidence but of filial trust. She was the gentle yet firm hand leading him deeper into the mystery of the Cross, the silent partner in his journey of self-offering. Mary, the Mother of God, became for Ansaldo not only the Queen of Heaven but the spiritual heart of his mission on earth. Through her, he learned to listen with the heart, to follow the still, small voice of God even amid noise and uncertainty. In her maternal embrace, he discovered the strength to love radically, serve selflessly, and suffer willingly. With each "Yes" whispered in imitation of hers, Ansaldo grew in the art of surrender a surrender not of weakness, but of luminous, trusting love.



Standing beside this maternal guide was Saint Aloysius Gonzaga,

Ansaldo's kindred soul and spiritual brother. In Aloysius, he found a blazing model of youthful chastity and holy abandon a mirror in which he saw not only the call to purity but the call to heroic sacrifice. The saint's silent heroism, his austere mortification, and his luminous devotion to Christ pierced Ansaldo's spirit like fire. He did not see Aloysius as a distant, unapproachable icon, but as a companion on the narrow road, a mentor in holiness, a guide in the difficult art of dying to self.



#### St. Aloysius Gonzaga

Like Aloysius, Ansaldo longed to pour out the wine of his youth at the feet of the Crucified. He too wished to renounce everything prestige, comfort, and ambition for the joy of being wholly possessed by God. Aloysius's life, marked by radical detachment and burning love, awakened in Ansaldo a hunger for total consecration. His early death, contracted through his service to plague victims, became a prophetic foreshadowing of the very path Ansaldo would walk in Palermo one of sacrificial tenderness and merciful presence among the poor and sick.

This love found expression in the sacred corridors of the Hospital of San Bartolomeo, where Ansaldo's priesthood became a Eucharist of compassion. Among the abandoned and suffering, he found the living presence of Christ crucified, hidden in the faces of the forgotten. Each trembling hand he held, each prayer whispered over a wounded soul, was an act of sacrificial love. His ministry was not transactional, but

transformational a bridge between heaven and earth, where theology became mercy, and doctrine became embrace.





Albero dei Poveri-Palermo, Sicily

Hospitalof San Bartolomeo-Palermo, Sicily

#### (Hospice/Shelter of the Poor)

Even in the midst of rigorous study, Ansaldo could not confine his love for God to the classroom. He moved between lecture halls and hospital wards with equal reverence, allowing the suffering Christ to teach him what no book could. He did not simply recite prayers he breathed them into the silence of human pain, offering his heart as an altar of intercession.

Later, as assistant to the rector of the Jesuit Museum in Palermo, Ansaldo served with humility and devotion. Every artifact, every historical fragment, became a pathway to grace a chance to enkindle wonder and deepen faith. In this seemingly modest role, he found yet another expression of his interior consecration: to reveal the beauty of the Church's memory and awaken hearts to the mystery of Christ.

#### Jesuit Museum in Palermo

In Michael Ansaldo, contemplation and action, intellect and mercy, were not divided they were one seamless garment of love. He bore witness to a profound truth: that wisdom without love is sterile, and that study kindled by charity becomes a healing fire.

Through his deep devotion to Our Lady of Good Counsel, he learned the wisdom of surrender. Through his burning love for Saint Aloysius Gonzaga, he embraced the purity of sacrifice. These two heavenly patrons one

maternal, one fraternal lit the path of his consecrated life.



And in their gentle yet piercing light, Michael Ansaldo became a radiant flame of divine love, burning quietly in the service of the poor, the broken-hearted, and the forgotten. His life, hidden yet luminous, speaks still: that the truest counsel comes from Heaven, and the deepest joy is found in total self-gift.

OLady of Good Counsel, guide my heart.

Saint Aloysius, light my way.

Like Michael Ansaldo, may I be a loving missionary serving the poor, the orphaned, and the widowed with grace, compassion, and unwavering love.

Amen



Rev. Sr. Shailaja, FSAG Rome

### 2024 - 2025 EXAM RESULTS

S. No	NAME OF THE SCHOOL	Total No of Students Appeared	Total No of Students Passed	Pass Percentage	I Mark	II Mark	III Mark	Centum	Catholic Students Appeared	Catholic Students Passed
	UNDER GENERALATE									
1	St. Joseph HSS, Pagalpatty X	50	50	100	470	463	461	2		
	XI	46	44	96	498	483	483			
	XII	46	46	100	533	531	26			
2	Gonzaga MHSS, Kathanpallam X	59	59	100	483	478	477	2	12	12
	XI	52	51	98	559	542	538	1	18	17
	XII	47	47	100	558	545	541	4	6	6
3	Ansaldo MHSS, Chetpet X	15	15	100	479	452	423		3	3
	XI	16	16	100	486	474	464		10	10
	XII	20	20	100	552	551	527	1	6	6
	SHALOM PROVINCE									
	St. Aloysius GHSS, Vettavalam X	68	65	96	469	531	511		12	12
	XI	83	81	98	561	547	540	3	22	21
	XII	65	64	98	552	443	435		14	14
2	St. Joseph HSS, Ulagankathan X	66	59	88	494	456	440	1		
	XI	61	60	98	511	466	443			
	XII	61	57	94	488	487	484			
3	St. Joseph HSS, Mugaiyur X	42	41	98	463	458	454		11	11
	XI	68	68	100	547	506	491		15	15
	XII	56	56	100	569	540	531	1	18	18
4	St. Mathias HSS, Uppalam X	18	16	89	393	366	358		8	8
	XI	23	19	83	536	418	383		4	4
	XII	27	25	93	514	463	450		6	6
5	St. Joseph MHSS, Mathuranthagam X	36	36	100	485	443	435	1	3	3
	XI	37	37	100	485	475	467		4	4
	XII	40	40	100	546	537	528		2	2
	St. Joseph HS, Oulgarate X	13	10	77	396	324	259		6	6
-	Sacred Heart HS X	10	5	50	303	270	250		2	1
	St. Francis Assisi HS, Kurusukuppam X	15	14	93	431	385	381		2	1
	Infant Jesus HS , Puducherry X	8	7	88	401	399	369		4	3
	St. Agustine HS, Thangalkarai X	6	6	100	402	396	38		1	1
-	Care Council HS, Pandiyankulam X	7	7	100	488	436	433		2	2
	St. Anne's HS, Thensiruvallur X	39	38	97	448	445	425		2	2
	Ansaldo HS, Seenivasa Nagar X	16	16	100	420	397	377		1	1
_	St. Joseph MHS, Mugaiyur X	28	28	100	479	470	466		13	13
	Punitha Fathima MHS, Thirupoondi X	20	20	100	494	490	483		1	1
	Annai Vailankanni MHS, Vettaikarniruppu X	30	30	100	478	397	377		1	1
	ST. ALOYSIUS PROVINCE	466	4.40	0.5	402	472	470		0	0
1	St. Joseph GHSS, Suramangalam X	466	442	95	483	473	470 520		9	8
	XI	454	421	93	553	549	539		7	7
	XII Ct Michaella MHSS Verbarrada V	490	469	96	583	566	561		12	12
2	St. Michael's MHSS, Vazhapady X	29	27	98	480	473	470		1	1
	XI	41	41	100	586	525	474	1	4	4
2	St. Jacob MIIS Suramangalam V	39	39	100	578	564 492	556	3	4	4
	St. Joseph MHS, Suramangalam X St. Michael's MHS, Thumbal X	75	75	100	494		488	3	3	3
4		17	17	100	479	475	469			
1	MICHAEL ANSALDO PROVINCE	2.4	22	00	502	561	525			
	Little Flower E/M High School - Nagari X	34	33	98	583	561 524	535		2	1
	Little Flower E/M High School - Mylavaram X	13 37	12 27	98 73	551 430	412	511 390		5	3
2	Little Flower Junior College - Mylavaram XI	2.1								

### **Feast Day of Our Sisters**



S.No.	Ad.No	Name	Date
1	986	Sr. J. Carmel Steffi Graff	16
2	251	Sr. P. Alexia Mary	17
3	730	Sr. B. Jaculine	25
4	699	Sr. M. Santhana Mari	26
5	799	Sr. S. Anna Pooranam	26
6	1064	Sr. M. Santhana Nanthini	26
7	846	Sr. G. Abiya Marthal	29
8	972	Sr. A. Enigo Rani	31



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	1	1023	Sr. L. Alphonsa	01
	2	351	Sr. R. Susanna	11
	3	467	Mother A. Mary Stella	15
	4	488	Sr. M. Maria Stella	15
	5	573	Sr. S. M. Stella	15
	6	574	Sr. J. Victoria	15
	7	612	Sr. D. Leela Kalai Selvi	15
	8	636	Sr.S. Manjula Rani	15
	9	695	Sr. Arul K. S. Motcha Rakkini	15
	10	714	Sr. E. Glitta Sumangali	15
	11	718	Sr. A. Santha Maria	15
	12	757	Sr. A. Mary Jansi	15
	13	850	Sr. J. Arul Jayanthi	15
	14	863	Sr. S. Magimai Rani	15
	15	888	Sr. A. Maria Roselin	15
	16	889	Sr. A. Maria Sangeetha	15
	17	919	Sr. A. Mary Stella	15
	18	920	Sr. A. Mary Stella	15
	19	967	Sr. Udumala Chinna Raja @ Udumala Ma	ria Jyothi 15
	20	976	Sr. D. Magimai Jancy Mariyal	15
	21	979	Sr. R. Mary Matha @ Lashmamma	15
I	22	1036	Sr. Sr. M. Mary Gayathri	15

Sr. S. Maria Belsiya

Sr. S. Sangeetha Mary

Sr. S. Emelda Glodin Quini

Sr. A. Chella Regina Mary

Sr. R. Rosy @ Rosy Mary

Sr. A. Leema @ Leema Rose





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29	892	Sr. Praveena Rosy	22
30	962	Sr. T. Roseline Sheela	22
S.No.	Ad.No	Name	Date
1	332	Sr. I. Velanganni	08
2	767	Sr. V. Arockia Vimalarsi	08
3	800	Sr. D. Arockiya Mary	08
4	820	Sr. V. Arockiya Selvi	08
5	938	Sr. V. Punitha Mary	08
6	943	Sr. I. Arogya Mary Utukuri	08
7	1000	Sr. A. Arockia Leena	08
8	387	Sr. Michael Flora	29
9	992	Sr. A. Nancy Daisy Jerome	30

#### **NECROLOGY**

To all the beloved sisters who mourn their dearest souls,

No words can mend the quiet ache left by such loss, but may you feel the warmth of love that surrounds you still. In every memory, in every silent prayer, may their light remain—a gentle presence guiding you forward. Your sorrow is seen, your strength honored, and your hearts held close in collective compassion.

Mrs. Reetha – Sister -in-law of Rev. Sr. Marthammal

Mr. Antony - Nephew of Rev. Sr. I. Vellanganni

Mr. Kulandai Raj -Father of Rev. Sr. Valankani

Mr. Baskar - Brother -in-law of Rev. Sr. Michael Flora

Rev. Sr. Daniel - Aunt of Rev. Sr. M. Stella

Mr. Kashmire – Father of Rev. Sr. K. Antoniammal & Brother of – Rev. Sr. Kulandai Theresa (Germany)

Mrs. Jeyamary – Sister-in-law of Rev. Sr. Annammal

Rev. Sr. Muraiyammal – Sister of Rev. Sr. Maria Vijaya

Mr.Rajarathinam – Brother of Rev. Sr. Agnes

Mrs. Lourdu Mary – Aunt of Rev. Sr. Pauline Sagaya Rani (Procurator General)

Mrs. Jeeva Mary – Younger Sister of Mother . G. Rajamani

Mrs. Saleth Mary- Mother of Rev. Sr. Francisca (Vice – Provincial- Shalom)

Mr. Peter – Elder brother of Rev. Sr. Mary Joice

Mr. Mohandas-Maternal Uncle of Rev. Sr. Shalini Shailaja (Secretary General)

Mr. Paldoss - Maternal Uncle of Rev. Richard Subha

Mr. Susai Das – Elder broter of Rev. Sr. Annamal

Mr. Magimai Dass- Uncle of Rev. Sr. Joyce Rubina Shanthi

Mr. Antony – Father of Rev. Sr. Francisca (Vice – Provincial - Shalom)

Mrs. Leema Rose - Sister - in - law of Rev. Sr. Josepheen & Rev. Sr. Leela Kalai SelvI (Isarel)

Mr. Savarimuthu – Father of Rev. Sr. Emelda Glodin Quini (Provincial – Shalom)

Mr. Lenin-Uncle of Rev. Sr. Joice Shanthi





