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**By failing to plan, you are planning to fail - Benjamin Franklin**

Dear Confreres,

We are at the threshold of another year. Taking stock of our achievements and challenges of the past year, we have spent the entire first week of June in planning for the coming academic year, 2017-18. This process is essential because we have a goal of reaching out to the poorest of the poor in our Province. And a goal without a plan is just a wish.

Our constitutions reflect this same thought, when they remind us in art. 31 that, ‘we educated and evangelize according to a plan for the total well being of man, especially the young.’ Let us remember that planning is a process of thinking about and organizing activities required to achieve a desired goal. It involves defining a goal, creating and executing a plan and finally evaluating the whole process. Many a time when we evaluate and plan our life and mission, we tend to compare ourselves and our activities with that of others. Evaluation and planning is not about comparisons, rather, it is about true introspection and setting targets for ourselves in order to stretch our dreams beyond the existential boundaries.

Often it may happen that planning is considered a waste of time and a futile activity. However we can never underestimate the power of planning. It is the first step towards achieving progress and growth at the personal, the community and the province level. As we start this new academic year, let us take heed of the wise, who remind us: ‘tomorrow belongs to those who prepare and plan for it today.’

After clearly stating that our mission is for poor and abandoned young people in articles 1, 2 and 3 of our Regulations, Articles 4 -10 speak of the pastoral plan. (I would like to invite you to read the articles 4-10 of our Regulations as you read this circular in the community). We are called at the provincial and local level to draw up an Educative and Pastoral Plan (EPP). These articles invite all the members of the community, along with the young people and collaborators to draw up plans for the coming year. The SEPP of the Province is being sent to the communities. Kindly draw up your plans keeping in mind the plan of the Province for this year. I exhort all the confreres in their communities to take active part in this process of planning.

God himself planned the immensely beautiful creation and made human beings in His own image. We read in the letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians, *'He chose us that we may be holy and blameless before him'* (Eph 1,4). After the fall, God was deeply engaged in the plan to save the world and sought the collaboration of various persons in achieving this divine plan. Mother Mary was one of the greatest collaborators in this divine plan. Like her, let us in all faith and humility seek the good and salvation of the young entrusted to our care.

### **Congratulations and Thanks**

#### **Summer Formation Programme and Renewal of Vows**

We congratulate our confreres in temporary profession who renewed their vows this year on 22 May, 2017. Through the renewal of their religious vows our confreres expressed their deep desire to follow the Lord ever more closely in the way of Don Bosco. Our best wishes for these young Salesians as they continue to deepen their divine call and grow spiritually. I take this opportunity also to thank the communities of Provincial House and BIRDY, for hosting the Summer Formation Course for our Salesians in practical training and college studies. A big thank-you also to Fr Yeruva Joji, the Vice Provincial for meticulously planning and executing the summer formation programme.

#### **First Professions**

Fourteen new novices entered the Novitiate on 23 May, 2017. On 24 May 2017, 11 novices made their First Profession at the Sacred Heart Novitiate, Manoharabad. We congratulate them wholeheartedly and welcome them into our province as professed members. I take this occasion to thank Fr Kannadipara Matthew, the Novice Master and the staff of the Novitiate community for their dedication and commitment in preparing

our novices for the Salesian life. I thank also Fr Vatti Rayappa and the pre-novitiate community for forming and accompanying the young men who have joined the novitiate.

### **Perpetual Professions**

Four of our clerics Kakumanu Praveen, Pale Justin, Salibindla Praveen and Thumma Pradeep Kumar, offered themselves to the Lord in perpetuity making their final commitment on 24 May 2016 at Don Bosco Shrine, Hyderabad with great solemnity and fervour. Our hearty congratulations to them for this significant moment in their religious life. While we thank the parents of these clerics, we also accompany them as they continue their journey towards greater sanctity in the Salesian apostolate.

### **Good results**

My hearty congratulations to all our confreres and staff working in various Educational Institutions for the wonderful results that they have secured in the previous academic year. I thank you for your dedication, hard work and commitment. I wish you all the best as you launch into another year with more dreams and aspirations.

### **Standstill Utopias - Fr Jose Maliekal**

I would like to extend a word of appreciation also to Dr. Fr Jose Maliekal, who has successfully published his doctoral thesis: *Standstill Utopias: Dalits Encountering Christianity*. This book explores the socio-political and religious life-world of the marginalized of Konaseema and their predicament in the attempt to promote dignity and freedom vis-a-vis the domination and destruction. This scholarly and well documented research speaks volumes about the interest of Fr Maliekal, his intellectual acumen and at the same time his engagement with the marginalized people.

### **New Rector of Don Bosco Academy Nalgonda - Other Assignments**

Rev. Fr Angel Artime Fernandez has appointed Fr Vatti Balashowry as the new Rector of Don Bosco Academy Nalgonda. We wish Fr Balashowry our constant support and prayers as he takes up this new responsibility.

### **The following are the other changes in the communities:**

Fr Gopu Peter	Administrator - Don Bosco, Motinagar.
Fr Bobba Joji	Vice Rector/Administrator/Dean of Studies at St. Anthony's Industrial Institute, Kadapa.

Fr Talari Sanjay                      Manager ITI - Guntur.  
Fr Thathireddy Michael              Vice Rector/Administrator/Manager at Don Bosco, Kurnool.

We wish all these confreres, God's abundant blessings and the graces to shoulder their new responsibilities.

### **Commission / Sector / Centre Heads**

I thank the outgoing heads of various commissions, sectors and centres for all their valuable service. They played a stellar role in the animation of the province. I would like to thank also the confreres who have accepted to head the various commissions, sectors and centres this year.

Fr Androth Jose	Finance and Development
Fr Banda Suresh	Schools
Fr Chinnabathuni Louis	Charismatic Team
Fr Emprayil Mathew	History of the Province
Fr Gangarapu Anil	Salesian Cooperators
Fr Garlapati Michael Kishore	Formation
Fr Koonananickal Jose	Groups and Movements / BIRDY
Fr Lingampally Ashok	Social Communications / Pravahini
Fr Madanu Rayappa	Justice and Peace
Fr Maniyangattuthazhe Joseph	Evangelization and Catechesis
Fr Marneni Mariadas	Technical Schools
Fr Mattukoyya Mariadas	Vocation Guidance
Fr Nagothu Papaiah	Catechetical Centre
Fr Pasala Bhaskar	Education and Culture
Fr Pitchaimuthu Aruldas	BSK / <i>Disha</i>
Fr Salibindla Balashowry	Youth at Risk
Fr Tharakan John	OOTA
Fr Thota Mariadas	Parishes
Fr Valiyakattel Benny	Higher Education
Fr Vattigunta Ignatius	PARA
Fr Yeruva Joji	Youth Pastoral /Sal. Family/DB.Tech

### **Coordinators of Tri-monthly Recollections**

One of the priorities that we have chosen to work on this year is our life of prayer. We can encourage and enrich each other through the Tri-monthly Recollections in our respective regions. Here is the list of the coordinators of Tri-monthly recollections for 2017-18.

Hyderabad Region	Fr Pentareddy Jayapaul
Vijayawada Region	Fr Thota Mariadas
Guntur Region	Fr Nagothu Papaiah
Warangal Region	Fr Garlapati Kishore
Rayalaseema Region	Fr Nali Anthaiah
Vizag Region	Fr Madanu Rayappa

### **Annual Meetings at the Provincial House**

I would like to thank and congratulate each one of you dear confreres for your active participation and contribution during the annual evaluation and planning of our life and mission from 2 - 6 June, 2017 at Don Bosco Provincial House, Hyderabad. We had the presentation of the strategic evaluation of our Province by Mr Conrad Saldanha and we have chosen four priorities for this year: 1. God centred life, 2. Communion in communities, 3. Standardization of our institutions, 4. Self-sustainability. I thank the vice provincial Fr Yeruva Joji and the communities of the provincial house and BIRDY for their untiring efforts in organizing these fruitful and meaningful meetings. Please find the priorities of the province with concrete lines of action in the annexure.

### **Starting of Bosco Scouts and Guides in our Schools**

In some of our discussions last year, we have expressed the desire to revive Scouts and Guides in our schools. Let us commence the process of reviving / introducing Scouts and Guides in our schools this year. This will help to nurture discipline, values and leadership qualities in our students. Hopefully we will be able to participate in the XIII **Boscoree** which will be organized by the Mumbai Province in Nashik from 30 December 2018 to 3 January 2019.

### **DBNJ Vijayawada to look after Deepa Nivas**

Most Rev. Thelagathoti Joseph Raja Rao, the Bishop of Vijayawada, has requested us Salesians to render our services at Deepa Nivas - a centre for street involved children. This centre is located at Carmel Nagar, Gunadala. Don Bosco Navajeevan, Vijayawada

will extend its support and services to run this centre from June 2017. We thank the bishop of Vijayawada for placing his confidence and trust in us for running this centre.

### **VDB Centenary Year**

On 21 May 2017, the VDBs in India celebrated the centenary of their Institute at Don Bosco Provincial House in Bangalore. We rejoice and congratulate them on this important mile stone in the history of the institute. We assure them our prayers, that the Lord may inspire many more young women to follow this unique, singular and significant call of being leaven in the world.

The Secular Institute of the **Volunteers of Don Bosco (VDB)** was founded by Blessed Philip Rinaldi on 20 May 1917, under the name “*Zelatrici di Maria Ausiliatrice*” (Scouts of Mary Help of Christians). In 1959 the association adopted the name *Volunteers of DB*. In 1971, the Association was recognized as a Secular Institute of diocesan right and on 5 August 1978 it was accorded the status of a Secular Institute of pontifical right. Today the Institute has around 1400 members, spread across 50 countries in the world. In India, the VDBs are 25 years old and at present there are nine professed members. The VDBs are Salesian women and their distinguishing characteristic is their consecrated lay state. They do not live in religious communities. Their call is to live in the world with the full profession of the evangelical counsels, to be a true leaven in the world, animating and transforming the secular reality.

### **New Provincial of FMA Bangalore Province**

We congratulate Rev. Sr. **Celine Jacob FMA**, who was installed as the Provincial of Bangalore FMA Province on 31 May 2017. We wish her all the best as she begins to shoulder this great responsibility towards her sisters and the Salesian World in general. We also thank Sr Crescentia D’Almeida the outgoing provincial for her dedicated service. I thank her especially for the wonderful collaboration and motherly understanding.

### **New FMA Province of Tiruchy and New FMA Provincials of Chennai and Trichy**

On 10 June 2017, in the presence of Rev. Sr Yvonne Reungoat, the Mother General of the Salesian Sisters, the new FMA Province of Trichy (INT) was canonically erected under the patronage of ‘Our Lady of Snow.’ We rejoice with our Salesian Sisters for this sign of growth and in a special manner congratulate Sr Magnificat Soosai for this historic moment. We also thank her for her service of authority as the Provincial of Chennai Province.

We congratulate Sr Margaret Amalanathan, the First Provincial of the FMA province of Trichy and Sr Maria Nirmala Lazar, the new provincial of the FMA province of INM. They were installed on 10 and 12 June respectively. We wish them all the very best and also our constant fraternal support.

### Conclusion

The month of June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The heart has always been seen as the centre or essence of a person. Devotion to the Sacred Heart is one of the most widely practiced and well-known devotions, taking Jesus' physical heart as the representation of his divine love for humanity. The devotion emphasizes especially the unmitigated and long-suffering love of the heart of Christ towards humanity. It is an eternal ocean of love and compassion. This heart of Jesus, is the masterpiece of the Holy Spirit, which began to beat in the virginal womb of Mary and was pierced by the lance on the cross, thus becoming for all, the inexhaustible source of eternal life. That Heart is now the pledge of hope for every human being.

Let us entrust ourselves to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and pray that we may be truly committed to our call and become more and more bearers of God's love for the young.

Yours Affectionately,



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Provincial

