



### **Convocation of the INM Provincial Chapter 2019**

Dear Confreres,

Greetings and Prayerful wishes from the Citadel!

Through this Circular, on the Solemnity of the Birthday of St. John the Baptist, **I convoke the Provincial Chapter of the Salesian Province of Chennai (INM PC 2019), according to the norms of article 172 of our Salesian Constitutions.**

I invite all of you dear confreres, individually and as communities, to reflect together with our young people, collaborators and the Salesian Family members on the Theme, **“WHAT KIND OF SALESIANS FOR THE YOUTH OF TODAY?** and to participate actively in all the Pre-Chapter discussions.

#### **Tasks of the Provincial Chapter**

"The Provincial Chapter", declares art.170 of the Constitutions, *"is the fraternal gathering in which the local communities strengthen their sense of belonging to the Provincial Community, through their common concern for its general problems. It is also the representative assembly of all the confreres and local communities"*.

The tasks of the Provincial Chapter are indicated in Art.170 of the Constitutions and Art.169 of the General Regulations.

Today, the Provincial Chapter is convoked primarily and specifically for the preparation of the GC28. In consequence INM PC 2019 will have the following tasks:

1. Primarily and principally it will study the theme of the GC28: "What kind of Salesians for the youth of today?"
2. It will also study the Juridical Topics of GC28, since Rector Major and the General Council have established that, besides studying the capitular theme, GC28 will also deal with topics of juridical character referring to the Constitutions and General Regulations, the life of the Province and of local Communities.
3. It will elect the Delegates to the General Chapter and their substitutes (Const. 171, 5).
4. In addition to fulfilling the above mentioned primary requirements, the Chapter will take up the following topics that are needed for the Province as provided for by Const. 171,

#### **Sub-Themes:**

- a) The Verification of INM PC 2015
- b) Approval of the following Directories:
  1. Formation
  2. Higher Education
  3. Social

## **Moderator and the Preparatory Commission Members**

With the consent of the Provincial Council, as per the Regulations No 168, I have appointed Fr. Don Bosco as the Moderator of the Provincial Chapter PC 2019. I thank him for shouldering this tedious responsibility. We assure him of our collaboration and from now on he will be in touch with you on matters concerning the Chapter.

I have also set up the Preparatory Commission with the following confreres:

1. Fr. Jeffrey Gladstone
2. Fr. John Britto Savarinathan
3. Fr. John Rosario
4. Fr. Bellarmine Fernando
5. Fr. Thaddeus Gregory
6. Fr. Edwin Vasanthan

I thank them for their generosity and availability. Together with the Moderator and the Preparatory Commission members, the co-opted members will also assist them in their task. Please find below the entire INM PC 2019 Pre-Chapter Team:

### **INM PROVINCIAL CHAPTER 2019**

#### **Preparatory Commission Members and Co-opted Members for each Theme**

<b>Theme:</b>	<b>HEAD OF THE COMMISSION</b>	<b>COMMISSION MEMBERS</b>
<b>GC 28: WHAT KIND OF SALESIANS FOR THE YOUTH OF TODAY?</b>	Fr. Jeffrey Gladstone	Fr. Edwin George Fr. John Christy Fr. Kirubakaran Rathinasamy Fr. Michaelraj Lazar Fr. Paul Raj Amalraj
<b>Juridical Aspects</b>	Fr. John Rosario	Fr. Santhosam John Fr. Xavier Packiam Fr. Parthibanraj Soosai Fr. Alphonse Philip Fr. Y.L. Irudayaraj Fr. Johnson Bashyam
<b>Verification of PC 2016</b>	Fr. John Britto Savarinathan	Fr. Antonyraj Chinnappan Fr. Arul Valan Bro. Anandaraj Savarinathan Fr. Praveen Peter Fr. Selvanathan Benjamin
<b>Formation Directory</b>	Fr. Bellarmine Fernando	Fr. Pathiaraj Rayappan Fr. Bosco Augustine Fr. Tharsius Arokiasamy Fr. Robert Abraham Fr. Joseph Leo

<b>Higher Education Directory</b>	Fr. Thaddeus Gregory	Fr. Maria Arokiaraj Fr. Maria Antonyraj Fr. John Alexander Fr. Siluvai Muthu Bro. Arunraj Selladurai
<b>Social Directory</b>	Fr. Edwin Vasanthan	Fr. Vinoth Amala Fr. Sebastian Vanathaiyan Fr. Arul Valan Fr. Vincent Mariapragasam Fr. Bosco Francis

### **Place and the Dates of Provincial Chapter 2019**

The Pre-Capitular meeting will take place on **05.01.2019 at the Citadel Provincial House and the Provincial Chapter will take place from 11.01.2019 to 15.01.2019 at the Citadel, Provincial House. The Provincial Community Day will be on the 16.01.2019 in SIGA.**

### **Grouping of Communities for the Election of Community Delegates for INM PC 2019 (Cf. Reg.163)**

The Moderator Fr. Don Bosco will communicate to you in due time the grouping of communities numerically with regard to the election of the Delegates for the INM PC 2019. The INM PC 2019 Prayer will also be sent to your communities soon. Kindly ensure that this prayer is said as a community every day during the LAUDS.

### **CONCLUSION**

As I conclude the letter of Convocation of the PC 2019, I wish to invite you to pray to the Holy Spirit, to guide us through the period of preparation to a meaningful celebration of the Provincial Chapter. As our Rector Major says it leads us: *a) to give priority to the poorest and most needy teenagers and youngsters, who are voiceless and at risk, looking for our affective and effective presence and accompaniment in our Salesian mission b) to continue to form ourselves and above all to accompany the formation of young Salesians of today and tomorrow to be another Don Bosco to today's youth and c) to work in collaboration with the lay people in the mission in order to free ourselves from mere administrative roles and to be more free for the accompaniment of the young that gives greater visibility to the consecrated life as Salesians.*

Today, the 24<sup>th</sup> of the month, we remember Mary, our Blessed Mother. May She, as the Help of Christians, who accompanied Don Bosco in all his endeavors continue to assist us and intercede for us as we prepare ourselves to discern together, "**WHAT KIND OF SALESIANS FOR THE YOUTH OF TODAY?**" during our INM Provincial Chapter PC 2019.

Yours affectionately,

**Fr. K.M. Jose SDB**  
Provincial

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Place: Chennai - 600010