

6th May 2019

Dear Sisters,

I hope that every one of you is fully alert and alive in the midst of the stressful situation prevailing in our country these days. Let me extend my sincere gratitude to you for your generosity in sharing your time, energy, Love and Compassion with all our brothers and sisters who have been affected as a result of the Easter Sunday tragedy. I know it is a continuous journey for them to get back to their normal life. Your presence among them is a great strength and support.

By now you may all be aware of our decision to cancel the 150th Jubilee celebration that was scheduled at Province level on 18th May due to prevailing situation of the country.

I also wish to inform you that we have requested Sr. Ellen Kelly not to pay her visit to Sri-Lanka, due to the unstable security in our country at this moment as it is not advisable to gather in large groups. Anyhow she is ready to come to meet us before our Province Chapter. Therefore, you need not send your responses to the form we sent you regarding your participation.

In connection with the Sesquicentennial Jubilee Celebration, we request you to celebrate uniting with the whole Province in thanking God for every good thing that God has worked through us in Sri Lanka and Pakistan and also, **as we step into a New Era of our lives as Good Shepherds to search in a deeper level where we need an Individual and Communal Transformation in the way Forward.**

Therefore, we request you to organize a **Eucharistic Celebration in your Community on 18th morning to celebrate our Jubilee in a meaningful manner.** If you wish, the communities with small numbers could invite your cluster community members for this celebration. Your Mission Partners living closer to your communities could also be invited for this celebration.

I am sending you a **Special Prayer Service** prepared by the Jubilee Preparatory Committee, to be used as a community during previous day evening prayer. A few guide lines to be used for this prayer service is also attached.

"Express your gratitude to God with whom we are united by Eternal Bonds! Tell it over and over to future generations; carry it with you to your missions! Speak about it among yourselves in far off lands!

May this memory be your consolation, your hope, and so you will always be filled with thankfulness. We are the children of miracles!" St. M. Euphrasia

With much Love and prayers,

Affectionately,



Sr. Francine Muthugala
Province Leader