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Cheers to new horizons

One single stroke of the clock on the midnight of 31 December, will change the year to a whole new one. When we close the last chapter of the year, we look back into the moments and think of the memories it has created, persons we interacted with, the tasks we accomplished, the promises we fulfilled, etc... Each moment of our lives is a grace from God Almighty. It is by the power of His mercy and blessings that we were able to lead a fruitful life in spite of the pandemic.

A new year arrives with a new chapter, a new hope, and a new beginning. 2022 is a marvelous gift from the Lord. It offers us countless new possibilities, endless opportunities, and boundless new memories. But a new beginning can truly start when we keep our eyes forward and manifest positive changes in our lives. So, as 2022 starts, let us spread messages of positive vibes and happiness all around.



Pope Francis in his new year's message proposes, "an innovative reading that responds to the needs of current and future times." This summon of the Vicar of Christ challenges us towards a new vision, personal growth, and radical change. The proposed themes for the 10th General Chapter (2023) which we have just received namely, "I have seen the Lord!" (Jn 20:18), **The beauty of the encounter, the joy of a mandate** invites us to continue in a mature reflection in order to evolve a new expression in our persons, communities, and ministries so that we can proclaim with the women of the resurrection that we too have seen the Lord.

Dear Sisters, the Disciples India wishes each one of you a grace-filled and meaningful New Year, in which we open our hearts, our decisions, and our lives more fully to the Lord. May Mary our Mother, sure Hope and Refuge under whose patronage we begin the New Year lead us on.

Wishing you a happy and healthy 2022. God's grace will continue to be with you in the New Year. May it be filled with new adventures.



A New Year Prayer



We Pray...

For healing...prepare us for surprises.

For strength...prepare us for surprises.

For vision...prepare us for surprises.

For transformation...prepare us for surprises.

For messengers and messages...prepare us for...

For community...prepare us for surprises.

For acceptance - of ourselves and others...prepare us for surprises.

For Truth-seeking...prepare us for surprises.

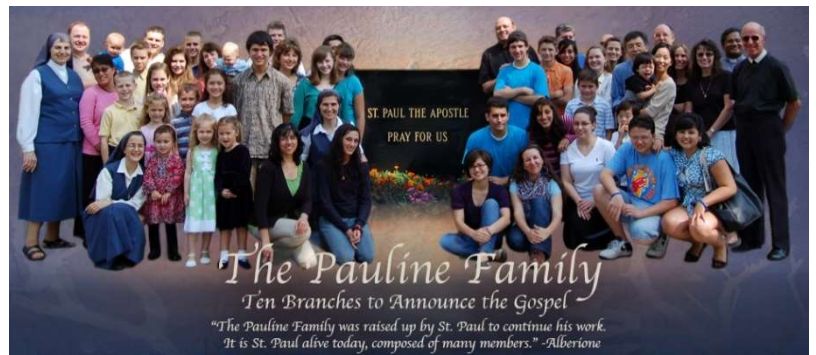
For support...prepare us for surprises.

For Common Ground...prepare us for surprises.

Walk beside us, O Divine Master,
as we question and welcome,
as we challenge and invite,
as we discover and understand,
as we see, touch, taste, smell, and listen for the Newness awaiting us in 2022.

Our visit to Society of St. Paul (Bangalore)

We the pre-postulants from Bangalore eagerly waited for 26 December, for our visit to the Society of St Paul, the first of the Pauline Institute founded by Blessed James Alberione. Sr M. Anima Kujur our mistress and Sr M. Sinta Pravidakunnel our local bursar accompanied us. On our arrival there, Fr. Sajith the superior of the community, and Fr. Anish who is in charge of the candidates welcomed us joyfully and offered



us tea and snacks. After which Fr. Sajith took us around the place and explained the activities carried out by the members of the community. We were greatly delighted to see everything and appreciated their ministry. The superior was very generous in offering us with a sumptuous meal as well.

During meal, we met all the community members namely - 6 priests, 5 junior brothers, and 5 candidates and introduced ourselves. After the lunch Fr. Arogya Swamy the parish priest and Fr. Anish took us to St. Paul's Church, the parish run by the Society of St Paul members and there we spent some time in prayer bringing all the Pauline members before the Lord and interceding for the needs of our province and the Congregation.

As we have learned in our classes that all the Pauline Institutes have one mission and we are a family, we could witness this in reality the day we visited the Society of St. Paul. This visit was indeed a beautiful experience and we really felt at home, welcomed and loved by our brothers and priests. We thank God and our sisters for this exposure visit to the Society of St Paul.

Pre – Postulants, Bangalore

My Apostolic Experience (Chennai - St. Mary's)



I was very enthusiastic when the Provincial Superior Sr M. Celine Cunha asked me to go to Chennai – St Mary's to help out in the Liturgical Centre as an apostolic experience. On 15 November, along with Sr Ramya Mary Alexander, I travelled to Chennai and reached St. Mary's community. I was ready and open to learn all that this experience would offer me.

Since, I was very new to the place and the work the sisters were very kind and patient towards me. Daily, they guided me gently in everything I was supposed to do there. I was truly happy to take turns for the Eucharistic Adoration and spend my time with the Divine Master. I was quite overwhelmed to see that so many people continue to frequent our Liturgical Centre to purchase Religious Articles. The people came there not only to purchase religious articles but also to share their problems, worries and anxieties in hope that we might intercede for them and their families to the Lord. In St Mary's Tuesdays are very special days as we have our Liturgical Centre beside the St. Anthony's shrine and it is a very busy day for us too. I was deeply impressed by the faith of the pilgrims who come here to seek God's blessings from all walks of life and from all religious faiths.

I had the privilege of visiting our communities at Santhome and Vianney Home. On 26 November, I had an opportunity to participate in the solemn Eucharistic celebration of our founder Bl. James Alberione's 50th Death Anniversary at Divine Mercy Church, Anna Nagar where the Society of St Paul have their presence. I enjoyed and cherished each moment of this celebration. On 8 December, I also had the joy of witnessing the Blessing and Dedication of the Annai Velankanni shrine in Besant Nagar. I felt blessed to be a part of it. On 17 December, I participated in the parish Christmas celebrations which intensified my longing to celebrate Christ's birth. I am happy to have had this experience and appreciate the dedication of our sisters in serving the pilgrims week after week at St Mary's.



I thank God Almighty, for protecting me and the community sisters from all the dangers and giving us good health of mind and body. In a special way, I would like to thank our dear Sister Provincial Celine Cunha for giving me this opportunity and St Mary's community for the wonderful apostolic experience.

Maria Catherine, Pre – Postulant





- 02. Sr M. Angeline Dotti
- 02. Sr M. Victoria Gaurea
- 02. Sr M. Cinzia Gonsalves
- 04. Sr M. Rophina Marwein
- 08. Sr M. Princia Bavighar
- 13. Sr M. Estella D'Souza
- 17. Sr M. Roshni Minz
- 18. Sr M. Rebeka Solomon
- 19. Sr M. Apostolina Mezhukanal
- 20. Sr M. Jyothi Correia
- 21. Sr M. Ferdinanda D'Silva
- 21. Sr M. Anita D' Souza (Nurse)
- 21. Sr M. Anjela Samad
- 25. Sr M. Shanthi Lewis

Heavenly Birthday

Sr M. Nesa Kanikaswamy

05.01.2020

Bangalore



IMPORTANT DAYS IN JANUARY

- 01 - January (Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God)
- 02 - Epiphany of the Lord
- 04 - Louis Braille Day (Man who created Braille Script for blind)
- 09 - Baptism of the Lord
- 12 - Pontifical approval of PDDM (1948)
- 15 - Army Day in India
- 18- Christian Unity Octave (18-25)
- 22 - Day of Prayer for Unborn
- 24 - Death anniversary of Bl. Timothy Giaccardo
- 25 - Feast of Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle
- 26 - Republic Day of India
- 30 - Martyr's Day in India (Mahatma Gandhiji's Death Anniversary)

Prayer intentions of the Holy Father for JANUARY 2022

For true human fraternity

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.



Let the Lord guide us to do great things in 2022. Embrace the New Year with an open heart and a spirit of Commitment.

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