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To **All the Major Superiors of Religious of India**

## **IMPORTANT COMMUNICATION: ASSEMBLY 2020**

(Venue: Christ University-Dharmaram College, Bangalore \* Dates: May 02-06, 2020)

Dear Friends,

Most of you know the dates of the 2020 Assembly of Major Superiors through MAGNET Magazine. Here is my first official letter about it, inviting you to register.

The Assembly will be held in Christ University-Dharmaram College, Bangalore, which hosted our 2015 Assembly. We had such a good experience there—ease of travel, excellent hall, accommodation for all at the venue, good food, warm and efficient hospitality, pleasant weather—that we decided to choose the same venue again. When we approached the Superior General of the CMI Fathers and the Dharmaram College authorities, they were more than willing to host us. In fact, both in 2015 and now, our dealings with them have been extremely smooth and heart-warming.

Dates: Saturday, May 02<sup>nd</sup>, 09.00 a.m. to Wednesday, May 06<sup>th</sup>, 01.00 pm.

The 2020 Assembly lasts 4 ½ days this time (instead of the usual 3 ½) since one day will be devoted to Sectional Assemblies (of Sisters, Brothers and Priests). There will also be one session for meeting regionwise.

### As for the registration, please note:

- (1) The *Registration Form* is enclosed herewith. You will notice that we have individually filled in most of the relevant information about you and your Congregation; this will spare you time and trouble. You need to fill in only a few details. We are sending you this letter both by email and in hard copy, to make sure that every Major Superior gets it, in one form or the other—or both. If you get the printed invitation, but not the email, send an email with your CRI Code, and we shall send you the soft copy.  
The Registration Form is also uploaded on our website ([www.crinational.org](http://www.crinational.org)). So, in case you lose or misplace this letter, you can download it from there, and send your registration.
- (2) *Substitutes:* In case you are unable to come, please send a substitute, as follows: In the case of a Superior General, the substitute must be a member of the General Council, preferably the Assistant General; in the case of a provincial, the substitute must be a member of the provincial council, preferably the vice-provincial.
- (3) The Registration Form includes also an invitation to send a *contribution for a one-page ad in MAGNET*, which is our common venture (and, you will be happy to know, much appreciated and rated highly by experts). This is not an essential part of your registration, of course. It is an invitation to support OUR national publication, if you think it worthwhile. [Recently, an experienced editor said in public that he considers MAGNET the best Catholic Magazine not only in India, but in the whole of Asia.]
- (4) Please send the form filled in even if you are not attending. This helps us keep your information updated in our records, so that we can send correct and up-to-date information to the Nuncio and to the Vatican.
- (5) Why not NEFT: Please send your payment by DD or multi-city cheque. If you send it by NEFT, and don't follow it up with an email giving us the details of payment, we will not be able to identify your payment.

I am sending you this communication four months in advance, since you will have to make your plans, book tickets, etc. More details (topics and speakers, detailed time-table, modes of reaching the venue, etc.) will be communicated to you later.

Airport to fly to: Bangalore (now called Kempegowda Airport)

Railway station to alight in: Bangalore City, or Cantonment, or Yeshwantpur (depending on the train).

Bus: Some buses go right in front of Christ University. Others to the main bus terminals of Bangalore.

Finding your venue will not be a problem, since it is well known, and located in the heart of the city. Besides, with smart phones and Google Maps, finding a venue is child's play today.

Please plan on reaching the venue either on May 01<sup>st</sup>, in the evening, or early morning of May 02<sup>nd</sup>.

May all of us celebrate the Day of Consecrated Life (February 02) in a meaningful way, wherever we are.

Fraternally in Jesus,

**Fr Joe Mannath SDB**  
National Secretary, CRI