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Dear Sisters and Brothers,

When I look at the impact of the media today and the way they have influenced our opinions, I realize that they have become very vulnerable. The convictions that shape our identity have been gradually changing at the whim of the socially accepted. Today we are unable or find it very difficult to maintain our own values and opinions, because we are swayed by the values and opinions conveyed to us by the media and social networks.



We are told through our current worldview that we have to do what is socially acceptable or politically acceptable, instead of being true to who we are, and who God made us to be.

Now the media has come a long way in being able to communicate events in a matter of seconds, which is great! But what I want us to reflect on and be clear about is to make sure that the influence of worldly factors does not affect the essence of who we are as human being,

and who God, in His infinite wisdom, made us to be.

If we take the positive side of the media, we will realize that they serve to evangelize and reach unimaginable places. Even in the midst of this health crisis we are living, they have served to keep alive the message of the word of God. There have been many testimonies of people who have been converted thanks to the preaching of a priest or a hopeful message shared by a lay person or member of our church in their social networks. However, we are also aware that the media often transmit information to us in such a convincing way that we are led to think that what they are saying is absolutely true, which is not always necessarily genuine.

As baptized in the Holy Spirit, we have received the gift of wisdom. If we remain faithful, we will be able to discern from the many perspectives in the world what is good from evil, right from wrong, and just from unjust. Therefore, let us all pray to God for serenity in our lives and to remain steadfast and faithful in our faith.

S. James Dunstan I.V.Dei
Director General

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Dear benefactors,

I am pleased to communicate with you through the letter of the month of July 2021. As always, remembering with immense gratitude and appreciation your unconditional support in our special needs.

On this occasion, I would like to present to you our request for financial assistance for the upkeep of our Formation House for the Major Seminarians in Ampitiya, Kandy (Kandy Diocese). At present, ten major seminarians are receiving their formation under the guidance of two priests and three more candidates are awaiting to enter our house.

The Formation House for the Major Seminarians is located in a hilly area and during the rainy season, landslides occur. Maintenance has been done according to our ability. At present, we feel the urgency of building a solid retaining wall close to the main gate to prevent mud and water from the mountains to the premise.

The estimated cost for the construction of the retaining wall is 2,500.00\$ CAD.

We continue to be united in prayer and thank you once again for your continued support.

Yours Devotedly in Our Lord and Blessed Mother Mary,

Fr A.R. Lloyd Shanthikumar, I.V.Dei
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