



ARCHDIOCESAIN DECREE

(*Can 312*)

The community of the Sisters of Mary Immaculate, drawn from the Archdiocese of Colombo, is established as a Public Pious Association by this DECREE of Canonical erection of the said Pious Association.

The scope and end in view of this Pious Association is to promote a life of prayer in community, modelled on the regular religious life of established Religious Congregations in the Church. The apostolate of this Pious Association is the Christian education of children and youth in the Archdiocese of Colombo. The Founder of the said Association is Most Rev. Dr. Oswald Gomis, the Archbishop of Colombo.

After a period of lived experience of the members of the said Association, it is the desire of the Founder, to elevate the Association to the status of Diocesan Religious Congregation in the Archdiocese of Colombo. The Text of the Statutes of the said Association is hereby approved for a period of five years and experimentum.

May God bless this Association and Mary Immaculate guide the members in their desire to love God and be of service to their fellow brothers and sisters, especially in the field of education.

Anything to the contrary notwithstanding.

Given at the Archdiocesan Office,
Archbishop's House, Colombo 8, Sri Lanka.

on this Easter Sunday, the 11th day of April in the year of our Lord 2004.

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Archdiocesan Chancellor

*** Oswald Gomis**
Archbishop of Colombo

