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Vigilance during Advent

“Being so distracted that one does not notice God’s presence in daily life is a warning sign that one is not being vigilant enough” - Pope Francis

Vigilance during Advent is key, because Jesus “warns us: there is the danger of not realizing His coming and being unprepared for His visit.” Advent is a time for us to understand that God is always doing something new for us. It is all about watching and waiting. The word ‘advent’ comes from the Latin *adventus*, which means ‘coming’ or ‘arrival’. We are called during this holy time to wait with anticipation knowing the joys of what is to come with the arrival of Christ. This is the time we come together to celebrate this joy with our loved ones. During these days, we practice the discipline of opening our hearts to the presence of Christ in our midst; we wait for a glimpse of the truth that He is with us; we long to experience the joy of His presence and the wonder of the love of our God, who became flesh and dwelt amongst us and whose Spirit is with us, encouraging us to join in the living of God’s Kingdom now.



“God is hidden in our life,” “He is concealed in the most common and most ordinary situations in our life. “The watchful spirit of Advent with the attitude common in the “days of Noah,” when people went about their daily activities without paying attention to God’s voice in their lives. “People in the time of Noah ate and drank and ‘did not know until the flood came and swept them all away, as we all know. “They were absorbed in their own things and did not realize that the flood was about to come. “The truth is that God is present “in our daily work, in a chance encounter, in the face of someone in need. “Even when we face days that seem Gray and monotonous, it is right there that we find the Lord, who calls to us, speaks to us and inspires our actions. “During Advent, “Let us be shaken out of our torpor and let us awaken from slumber! “To help the process, let each one of us ask ourselves, “Am I aware of what I am doing? Am I alert? Am I awake?””

Doing this, we will be ready not only to celebrate Christmas, but our souls will be ready when Christ comes again at the end of the world. Dear sisters, our task during the Advent season is to imitate Mary by pondering the Word of God and allowing it to resonate within our hearts and pour into our lives. We look for practical ways to observe the holiness of the season in our everyday lives. We are invited to gather, encounter, recall, reflect, share, connect and consider how we will live differently because of what we have experienced. By being together with our stories, our questions, our open hearts, and minds, we can form a community that lifts, honors and learns from each other as we are sent out with anticipation and joy this Advent season.

TPS Seminar & Exposure Programme – May 2023

We, the temporarily professed sisters of Bangalore Province gathered at the Provincialate to attend the seminar on Evangelization and Mission from 17th – 19th May 2023 by Rev. Fr. Anil Joel Prasad. It was a great opportunity for us to meet each other and cherish our moments of sharing.

The sessions were very practical and we gained new knowledge about the recent trends in mission such as Christless Christianity, Cross less discipleship and so on. We were made aware of the blessings and challenges of being a religious and learnt to magnify the blessings rather than the sorrows of life and to be effective and fruitful in mission through the transformational leadership of Jesus Christ as Jesus saw the things which others had not seen, Jesus said the things others had not said, Jesus felt the things which others had not felt, Jesus did the things which others had not done, etc. We were enthused to perceive the things in an extraordinary way specially for good community living. We are deepened with the conviction of “*Consulting God before consulting others, to refine ourselves in order to define ourselves.*” As pruning is essential for the plant, in the same way, gentle reminders and an encouraging push is also important to shape our lives.



We thank Sr. Anthony Mary for her thought-provoking inspirations about religious life and reminding us that union with God is the ultimate goal of religious life. We are grateful to Srs. Luviza and Ruby for their timely guidance and accompaniment. They were full-time resource persons who out of their wisdom and knowledge helped us to face the challenges and to be effective in our communities and in our mission.

After the seminar, village exposure program was arranged from 20th to 29th May 2023 to the below mentioned places under the guidance of the following personnel:

- *Gulbarga Diocese Mission (Rev. Fr. Vincent Pereira):*
Srs. Celena Jayakumar, Eliza Nallabai, Nirmala Mary (Bhanu) Panchada, Shwetha Bandi
- *Bijapur Jesuit Mission (Rev. Fr. Teyol Machado SJ):*
Srs. Akshatha Rayappa, Aruna Gongati, Delphina Mary Lourduswamy, Soniya Penugonda
- *Siruguppa (Sr. Lourdu Jeevappa JMJ):*
Srs. Jhansi Sagili, Judith George, Jyothi Repu, Manasa Naripogu, Mary Prasanna Pudota, Mary Sravya Gogulamudi, Saritha Neerugattu, Sonia Fernandes
- *Bangalore (Sr. Philomena John JMJ):*
Srs. Pavithra Gurram & Simy Mariya Arackal

In Gulbarga, we had a session at ORBIT introducing us to programs such as WEP, EI, MI, Childline, SL, skill development, etc. We visited the SHGs in the local area and Talmadgi, DMHP Camp, family visits at Humanabad and EI, field visits at Itga, Udbal, Jalasanghi, Sevasangama, Mother Theresa Trust, etc. We had a sharing session at Kripalaya – Bishop’s House.



In Bijapur, we stayed at Navachetana – Girl’s hostel and had our spiritual duties & meals in the Jesuit facility. We visited places like anganwadis, schools, SHG groups in the Lambani, Tandas, surrounding slums, etc.

We stayed 2 by 2 in the selected four villages around Siruguppa - Bandral camp, Deshnoor, Halekote and Kudhral. In the mornings, we visited the houses, in the afternoons since it was very hot being summer, we did our personal works, in the evenings we gathered the school children and engaged in tuitions and games. For Catholic children and youth, we had catechism classes. Evening 6.30pm to 8.30pm, we assembled the Catholic families in the Church to pray the Rosary, read the Holy Bible, teach Hymns and conduct the Way of the Cross, etc.



We shared God's love to nearly 80 non-Christian houses. We visited every family, heeded to their problems and prayed for their needs by using Word of God. Though there were only 2 Catholic families, their faith was strong and they had great reverence for the consecrated people.

Each family welcomed us with joy, though they were poor, they were generous in giving and sharing their love with us. People were very simple, accepted us joyfully and actively participated in singing, leading the prayers and cleaning the Church, etc. Life in the villages is very tough since there is no transport, no toilet facilities and some of the villages are far from the main road. But, we enjoyed this opportunity in spite of challenges and learned from the people how to adjust with the things we have and to be happy.



We were happy to know about the Charity Promotion Movement [CPM] in St. Stanislaus Campus, Bangalore which has wider and inclusive vision to reach out to many in need. We visited a slum called 'cement line' and enquired about the living conditions of the slum dwellers. Though they were poor, they were satisfied with their minimum. We gave preference to the children who were poor and weak in their studies. We were disheartened to see children who were unable to get their basic education. CPM gathered such children and joined them for community school. Not only their education but as a whole, we took care to give them moral classes, on good manners, classes on God, conducted games, etc. We made them to be aware that we are God's children and unique. The appreciable work of CPM was making rosaries and umbrellas, providing provisions/ books/ bags/ uniforms, special needs like building the houses/ medical help, women empowerment programmes to be strong leaders to govern their families, etc. We had a deep joy within us seeing the women being empowered to stand on their feet by placing their total dependency on God.



We taught some action songs and they learnt enthusiastically. We were privileged to take classes for children on the topic '*How can I be a good son or daughter and a good student?*'. We prayed for various intentions while we visited the people in the slums. It was a joy to live with them, to work with them and to know their daily challenges of life. This exposure created in us an attitude of gratitude for the blessings we received and brought everyone in prayer.

We thank God for having given this unique chance to be with the people and to bring transformation in their lives. It was a joy filled, challenging experience to stay in the villages and share the Good News to the poor by Evangelization. But, we were happy to share our God - experience to the people

and children as our founder Rev. Fr. Mathias Wolff said, ‘One who has been touched by God, by His mercy and compassion starts moving in the direction of the others.’

We extend our million thanks for supporting us by praying and arranging skillfully the exposure programme to make it a fruitful one.

- *Temporarily Professed Sisters*

Celebration of Season of Creation Bangalore province

The theme for this year's Season of Creation was *“Let Justice and Peace Flow.”* Through prayer, practical advocacy, and sustainable actions, this 2023 Season of Creation could renew our ecumenical unity and care for our common home.

The prophet Amos cries out, “But let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!” (Amos 5: 24), and so we are called to join the river of justice and peace, to take up climate and ecological justice, and to speak out with and for communities most impacted by climate injustice and the loss.



**Let Justice
and Peace Flow**
Season of Creation 2023

A Mighty River
Amos 5: 24

“Season of creation is a time of grace that church in ecumenical dialogue, offers to humanity, to renew its relationship with the creation, through conversation & commitment together. It is a time of prayer, contemplation & increasingly for action. It is celebrated as an annual event to raise awareness about the importance of a healthy and green environment in human lives.

Community level

As part of creation a good number of communities took the initiative to keep the campus clean & green. In a collective effort driven by the spirit of environmental consciousness and community unity, most of the communities in Bangalore embarked on an inspiring journey, spanning from 1st September to 4th October 2023. This month-long initiative aimed to foster a stronger sense of environmental stewardship among its community while fostering a sense of unity and sociability.

The various activities and events organized throughout this month underscored the community's commitment to preserving and nurturing the environment which includes planting of saplings, putting up vegetable garden, cleaning the surrounding campus and putting up awareness programmes on the topic caring for our common home. Given below are some of the major activities/celebrations.

Community Day

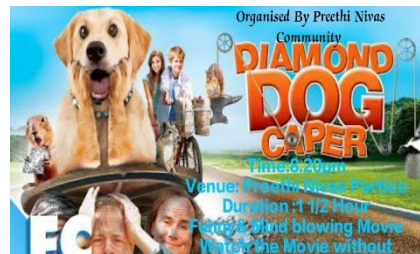


Sisters used the season of creation to track one’s own personal habits and evaluate individual eco-friendly practices. A bit of daily digging and planting, watering, and seeing new shoots, was an enormously rewarding experience – helping us to become keenly aware of our connectedness with the earth. All of us felt closer to the Creator through these created things. It was a time to be one with nature and reflect its impact on our lives. We were inspired and motivated to Restore, Renew and Repair the broken world and the creation of God.

Celebrating the Beauty of Creation: A Month-Long Environmental Journey

Weekly Activities:

- **Prayer service** based on the theme.
- **Documentary screenings.** Thought-provoking films shed light on various aspects of our environment, leaving us with a deeper appreciation for the wonders of the natural world and inspiring discussions on sustainable living.
- **Community gardening** was a thrilling experience. Tending to the earth, planting and nurturing life reaffirmed our commitment to preserving the environment.



- **Quotes on the Board - environmental templates:** The community notice board was adorned with inspirational quotes related to the environment. These quotes served as daily reminders of our shared responsibility to protect and cherish our planet.



- **Rosary in the campus:** Holy Rosary was prayed around the campus bringing the intentions of the world to the feet of our dear Mother on the Nativity of Blessed Virgin Mary.

- **Pyramid Valley & Art of Living:** community outing helped the sisters to explore the beauty of our local environment through outings. These excursions provided opportunities to witness the wonders of creation.



- **Garden Party:** Highlight of the month was the lively Sunday Garden Party. Community came together to celebrate their hard work in the community garden. There was a delicious organic meal and a palpable sense of community spirit.

The entire month was a resounding success, fostering a deep sense of environmental consciousness among its community. The month's activities not only educated but also inspired individuals to make sustainable choices in their daily lives. The community garden flourished, serving as a visible symbol of the collective commitment to preserving nature.

Celebration in Educational institutions

Celebration of the Season of creation campaign was started in collaboration with neighboring communities in some parts of Andhra Pradesh to address environmental issues like wastage of food, deforestation, increasing global warming and various pollutions. Students raised slogans and placards to motivate and to bring in public awareness to conserve the environment and mitigate climate change. The major take-home for the students from this activity was the realization that each one of us is responsible for conserving the environment. Also discouraged people & villagers not to use plastic & advised them to keep the surroundings clean.

School gardens allow kids to comprehend the importance of nature and the environment. Kids also do lots of activities such as planting trees in their school gardens. The different activities such as thought provoking and meaningful prayer service on elements of nature, beauty of nature and benefits of nature. Go green, breathe clean.



Celebration in Health care facilities

Awareness programme on the topic plastic free zone



Health education to all the patients & attenders based on saving trees, not to pollute the water, say no to the plastic.



Promise made by holding the lighted candles and reciting the pledge of Laudato si.



Dear sisters, as the month-long celebration draws to a close, we reflect on the incredible journey we've undertaken together. We have not only celebrated the beauty of creation but have also strengthened our bonds as a community. Our prayer services, documentary nights, gardening efforts, role play, awareness march, drawing competitions, Role plays, we shared messages, during the assemblies. and artistic expressions have deepened our connection to the environment and instilled a sense of responsibility within each member. We are grateful for the opportunity to come together as a community, to learn, and to be inspired by the splendor of God's creation. The knowledge gained during this month will undoubtedly guide us in our continued efforts to protect and preserve our environment. As October begins, the spirit of environmental awareness ignited during this month will continue to burn brightly in the hearts of all community members, driving them to be better stewards of our precious planet.

- Sr. Thresiamma Kudiyruppil

Home Coming Experience of Silver Stars

LET ME WRAP MYSELF WITH GOD'S LOVE:

My God wraps me with love.
My Father loves me and protects me.
My Mother expects nothing from me and loves me tenderly.
My Brother walks with me and talks with me.
My Sister cares for me, takes care of me.
My friend thinks of me and encourages me.
I belong to my big Family of JMJ and it takes cares of me.



MY GOD'S GIFT:

My God's love is always a free gift

A surprise, big or small

Sun, Moon, Sky, Earth, Ocean, Mountains, Flowers, Fruits, Animals, Air

All these might even be free gift of God for me

God's wisdom is manifested through the works of man

Who works for me

Doctors, Nurses, Police, Lawyers, Farmers, Engineers, Educationist, Scientists

Who works day and night for me

All these are almighty and free gifts of God for me and only for me



MY GRATITUDE:

I am grateful to God Almighty

He is faithful till the end

Grateful people are richest ones

Grateful people are happiest ones

Grateful people are healthiest ones

Grateful people are simplest ones

Grateful people are honest ones

Grateful people are more loyal ones

We, the five Silver Stars experienced the embracing love of God by celebrating the milestone in the journey of our vision. We were seventeen silver stars at Divyodaya, JMJ Spirituality Centre, Sirumalai for two months course. It helped us to live life 'here and now' and to ask the following questions to ourselves:

What have I done for Christ?

What will I do for Christ?

If not I – Who? If not now – When?.....

If only for me – Who am I? ---- Talmud

When I grow, the people around me grow. So, let me turn my -
Loneliness into Solitude,
Hostility into Hospitality,
Illusion into Prayer.

Every river has its origin; even a great mighty river begins with a small, tiny stream. So, let me begin with a tiny step. Living one day at a time. Let me begin with one step and God comes nine steps forward.



- *Silver Brides 2023*

My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirits rejoice in the Lord God my Savior who has done great things in my life

We, ten of our batch sisters, had a very warm welcome by Sr. Mukta Xess the provincial superior and community sisters of Hyderabad Provincialate. Sr. Lalitha conducted a prayerful walk experience of our 50 years of religious life. 50 numbers were pasted on the floor and we had to walk through the numbers counting from pre-novitiate, novitiate, period of temporary profession, 25years and 50years. This experience helped us to recall and go through the ups and downs of our lives, pondering on the courage,

strength and companionship of our Lord throughout our life journey. It was very much enriching and we are ever grateful to God Almighty.

One day, we were invited to St. Theresa's convent, Sanathnagar and JMJ Shanthi Nilayam. We had a warm welcome from our sisters followed by Holy Mass, small cultural program and felicitation. We visited Gajwel, Miyapur and had the privilege to visit the St. Jude's Shrine, Vikkarabad.



We had 5 days seminar walking together in communion, participation and mission by Rev. Fr. Ravishekar SJ on life perspectives, universal substance strengthening the past, open to attitude towards life. Consecrated life is a divine action includes church, mission, charism & community. We had 8 days of retreat by Fr. Chandanam Swamy SJ to deepen our union with God in graceful years of 50 Consecrated lives in the vision of our founder Rev. Fr. Mathias Wolff SJ to live the present with passion for mission and embrace the future with hope.

On 22nd June 2023, we had a get together with the nearby communities and had a meaningful prayer service and cultural program. On 23rd June, we had the climax of our jubilee celebration with a solemn Holy Mass followed by felicitation and fellowship meal.



We give a big thanks to Sr. Mukta, Council and community sisters for the systematic arrangement of our program and comfortable stay in Hyderabad. We also thank Sr. Anthony Mary & Council for arranging the jubilee celebration and their love, concern and appreciation.

- **Golden Jubilarians 2023**

Tertianship Program – 2023

Amy Collette says, “Gratitude is a powerful catalyst for happiness. It’s the spark that lights a fire of joy in your soul.” We the tertians take this chance to verbalize our gratitude for all the benevolent graces we have received through the Almighty God.



We come to articulate our heart throbbing gratitude to our dear Sr. Anthony Mary Dasari and council for offering us this ample opportunity to attend these two months of tertianship program in Divyodaya, JMJ Spirituality center, Sirumalai.



On 23rd April 2023, the Ice breaking session commenced by Sr. Anthony Mary Dasari the Provincial Superior at 9.00am. She conducted a very engrossing, rising and stimulating session which freshened and slackened off our muscles. It was unique and innovative which enthused us to be active and alert for the tertianship program.

Vows & Community Life: *“Act justly... love tenderly... walk humbly with your God.”* {Micah :6:8}

Through this class, we were reminded of our call to think about our first love that is love for Jesus.

Loving God - chastity,

God is our only master - obedience

God is only treasure - poverty.

By living up to these vows, we can live in the community with love, care & extra outburst of energy and willingness to go extra mile in our mission. Sr. Anthony Mary gave us an opportunity to enact on vows and community life according to the present scenario which made us to put up our talents.

Gift of Fidelity & Joy of Perseverance: *“What you are is not important but what you can become.”*

Jesus is the model and icon of our fidelity. He remains faithful and urges us to be authentic at any cost. Listening to the lifestyles of the Biblical personalities and various saints, helped us to gaze at the Lord and transform our lives by encountering Him personally.

Inner Childhood: *“I love and accept myself as I am.”*

Inner childhood was a self-discovery of one’s own life. Every childhood is wonderful and we are created in the image and likeness of God. Our self-quality was like God in nature, which is true self. In the course of time due to some circumstances like survival of oneself, we become false self.



Through various therapies and drawing exercises, we came to know that our childhood has good and not so good incidents. This was the time to see the good incidents and cherish, at the same time to think of unpleasant incidents and accept as they were. We realized that we all are made good and called to create new society.

Gospel of St. John: We profited from this tutorial as -

- We witnessed to the precious call to God’s mission that we have received.
- We nurtured and augmented to have interest and aspiration to read the Word of God, it facilitated us to memorize.
- To be different and to be something new.

We experienced the preference that was given to each and every one by the resource person.

Ignatian Spirituality: *“Gaze the world with new eyes.”*

At the commencement of Ignatian Spirituality, we learned and were inspired by the life of St. Ignatius of Loyola and his spiritual exercises, which were his experience with God.

We were mostly touched by the formula A...I...R which means -

- A - Awareness
- I - Identify
- R - Respond

- This formula helped us to overcome the problems of daily life through various case studies.
- We studied to discern between both good and better, by this, we came to an understanding that the joy which comes from the evil stays for a shorter time and the joy which comes from God stays longer.
- The rubrics of discernment supported us to identify more about the process of discernment.
- The communal discernment benefited us to live a better community life.

Church Documents: *“Refuse nothing, desire nothing and accept all that God sends”* (St. Francis De Sales)

We were very happy to learn about the Church Documents and the spirit and aim of the second Vatican council; they were:

- ✓ Return to the Bible
- ✓ Christ as the core of our lives
- ✓ Renewal of the entire Church.

Through the unifying process, we came to know about ‘*Totum Amoris Est*’ meaning everything pertains to love. ‘*Desiderao desideravi*’ gave a comprehensive idea to renew our liturgy to worship in assembly and to celebrate the paschal mystery meaningfully. The topic on *synodality* enabled us to reflect and journey together, to listen to the voice of the spirit and to listen to one another.

Psychosexual Integration: “*When blame ends growth begins.*” (John Powell)

From this session, we learned to accept our sexuality, to handle and balance our lives. We got positive insights, to appreciate and celebrate it. It is a gift from God and a driving force which enables us to become a mature person.



We were enlightened not to devalue others but respect each person. Philosopher Socrates says, “*An unexamined life is not worth living*”. We learned to be responsible for all our actions. We understood that sexuality is an energy which enables us to become an integrated person.

Prophetic Role of Religious Life and its Challenges: “*Hunger of the belly can be satisfied but the hunger for love can never be satisfied.*”

The Prophet is the one who speaks in advance, who predicts events to come true. During the five days session, we were inspired and learnt that Prophet is the one who speaks before sees and speaks & acts on behalf of God. We were drawn to a thought that - *if every prophet had an experience of God, then what about my experience of God?*



Social Analysis: “*Don’t be a part of the problem but be a part of the solution.*”

Fr. Jerry Rosario put us on fire by challenging us to be a visionary for the Church through our Congregation. He left an insight in us to build a new society and new creation with values of justice, freedom and love. His exemplary lifestyle made us think about our commitment to the Lord because he walked the talk. God made everything good, Jesus made it better and we are called to make it as best.



We are indebted to all the sisters & others who made a way for us directly or indirectly to renew and to relish our stay in Divyodaya, JMJ Spirituality center, Sirumalai during our tertianship program. We enjoyed our stay and experienced the depth of God’s knowledge and love through the loving care of all the sisters and through various topics dwelt with.

- **JMJ Tertians Batch 2023**

Know us by our ability and not by our disability

Deut. - 31:8 The Lord Himself will go before you and He will be with you.

I owe my heartfelt thanks to the Almighty Father, who is the author of my life who gives His grace to fulfill His plan on Earth. And I now extend my continuous thanks to Sr. Anthony Mary and Council, for granting me a wonderful opportunity to have this special course for the visually impaired. The experience I am having is deeply unsettling, but it’s very valuable to me.



Some describe seeing complete darkness, like being in a cave. Some people see sparks or experience vivid visual hallucinations that may take the form of recognizable shapes, random shapes, and colors, or flashes of light. My life as a student that too for blind has changed my view of thinking pattern. I firmly believe that nothing is impossible with the Lord, He does wonders with His creation in unknown time. On the first day of my college, I had multiple questions rolling in my mind by seeing my own classmates who were leading their life being as blind and low vision as normal as I do each day.



It's a great opportunity to be with them and learn the activities such as English Braille, Kannada Braille, nemath (Maths) Braille, abacus, Taylor frame, orientation and mobility, etc. to lead their way of life in a systematic manner. At the beginning, it was a bit difficult to go along but as the days passed, I totally gave myself to all the challenges with determination and courage.

This course provided me a handful of opportunity to grow and to value everyone whether the person is disable or not. I have a mindset now, that is unlike anything I have ever achieved before. I continue to grow in this way of thinking and learning each time I interact with my classmates and professors. I have learned to build my ideas and thoughts around a system of interactive engagements as we go on different visits such as ayiush, JSS, etc. for the greater awareness of 21 disabilities that has been introduced in 2016 RPWP Act Rights of persons with disability and following guidelines to treat the disables: -

- Blind people must be treated normally—inclusion and dignity are paramount.
- Efforts to help blind people can both help and hinder them.
- Ask first before offering help and be precise with instructions.
- Look at blind people and speak to them directly, using normal language.
- Leaving a blind person without announcing it is unkind and embarrassing.
- Ask how and at what pace a blind person would like to be guided.
- Make sure the person you are guiding is safe, but stay relaxed, and remember not to pull, but to walk with him/her holding your arm.
- Being blind is a constant challenge.
- Rehabilitation training is crucial.

Even before I said I need to live, I was indeed taken up by these steps to be available to the people around and to be outgoing person. I am very proud to say that I have got this opportunity to discover myself anew and am very grateful to the congregation as a whole.

- *Sr. Amulya Kala*

The Experience of Ahmednagar, Pune Mission

We can all agree, based on our daily experiences, that life is a journey. The more significant thing is where we go rather than where we are from. If so, how can I make this trip worthwhile and productive? The reason for this is that, like a tiny wave in the ocean, I finally understood the meaning of my life's journey. That realization would give my life's path more meaning.

My life journey has two main goals: to become my real self and to become one with God. My hope for tomorrow and my strength for today came from the power of prayer. It gave my life a new lease on life and permanently altered the way I lived. There would be no uncertainty, worry, or anxiety



when I trusted in the effectiveness of prayer because God was always with me. When I felt that I was complying with God's will, I started incorporating prayer into my daily life.

My faith became the focal point of the time I spent at the Pune mission. I used to listen to the stories spoken about Mother Mary every day and think about how patient and accepting she was. I could feel our beloved Mother's intervention in the middle of chaos. I started saying more rosaries and prayed more. Despite my difficulty with language, I visited a few houses in that region. Despite my language barrier, I was astounded by the response I received. They gave me a warm welcome and accepted me.

Though these people of *Pimple Gaon* have Eucharistic celebrations twice a month, their faith reminded me of who I am as a living sign of Christ and God's love. Through the translation of Sr. Celena Jayakumar, I listened to their lives, sharing their joys and naming their regrets. I know that I helped them attain peace with themselves and God. I am an ordinary human being, but the amount of love and respect bid me not to break down in my loneliness.

Despite having the impulse to step outside of my comfort zone, I did it out of love for Mary, our heavenly Mother. Perhaps, I should remain at the mission station. Mamma Mary made my relationship with Jesus deeper. Even though we only went to Holy Mass on Sundays, we used the opportunity to watch YouTube Mass to reflect on the day. It gave me more insight into the effectiveness of fasting and prayer. Looking back, that was the most spiritually uplifting period of my life. Prayer stops issues from happening rather than just solving them.



We had to take care of the cattle, which included dogs, cats and goats, while spending our time in Pune. They served as my celestial guardians. The land is large and open. I did a lot of work, including cleaning, cooking, watering the garden and petting the goats. It was a moment of delight, joy and sorrow, but it was also a period of perplexity due to my language barrier, as I didn't know how to act, react or feel. Despite all of that, I encountered many cultures and individuals in different ways.

I sincerely thank Sr. Anthony Mary and the council for sending me to Ahmednagar, Pune for a short stay. Swami Vivekananda held the view that everyone has the potential to be divine and that it is our mission in life to realize that divinity via both an internal and external journey. When more people choose one of the two pathways, society will change and our personal life stories will become more important. God is their solace, support and direction; as such, the end result is inevitable for those who strive hard.

- *Sr. Sleeva Rani Kommareddy*

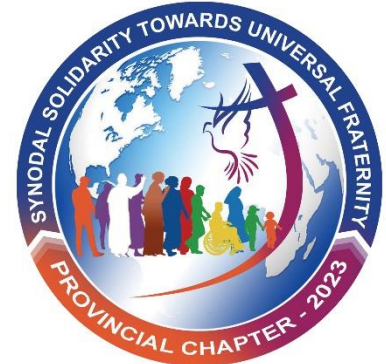
What did Fr. Wolff say about our Chapter Theme – ‘Synodal Solidarity Towards Universal Fraternity’?

One day I received a voice message on my WhatsApp. I am grateful to the sender for evoking these thoughts in me. In a feeble voice, the message reads as follows: *Anitha, for so many days I wanted to tell you one thing, see, our chapter theme is ‘Synodal Solidarity Towards Universal Fraternity’, very big words, with very big and beautiful explanations. But I feel that in our Founder's words, it means ‘carry the four corners of the world’. What do you think about it? If you feel it is correct, then you write a reflection on that.* This message, indeed, led me to a further reflection on what would Fr. Wolff say about our chapter theme if he were to give us an inaugural address for this Chapter, did he say anything about it already in his writings, and what he might have said about it two hundred years ago.

Simplicity is the parent of wisdom. Fr. Wolff's words are simple yet full of wisdom and forever relevant, and it is this fact that underlines the WhatsApp voice message that I received. He is a visionary. His thoughts and words are ever relevant because they result:

From his deep intimacy with the Lord,
From his fervent meditation on the Word of God, and
From his constant contemplation of the presence of God.

Around two hundred years ago Fr. Wolff expressed the same thought of 'Synodal Solidarity Towards Universal Fraternity' in a simple statement and exhorted the members of the congregation he founded by saying "*Indeed I say: 'ready for anything' for one who calls herself a true sister of JMJ, must, as it were, carry the world in her heart.*" (SBL Pg. 51). In my reflection, I realize that this exhortation of Fr. Wolff highlights two central elements of an apostolic religious congregation like ours, namely, Community and Mission.



Community – In his exhortation, the first half '*one who calls herself a true sister of JMJ*' refers to the central element of community/communion. Fr. Wolff emphasizes that one must belong to the community of JMJ, one must work or serve in the name of the community, and one must live in, by, for, with, and because of the community. What is essential in this regard is the '*inner freedom of heart*'. The first article of our Constitutions speaks of this attitude as one of the important characteristics of a sister of JMJ. Fr. Wolff explains that "it is a good thing to avoid every attachment and everything that could hinder us from being really free. For to be really free we must not attach ourselves to anything, not to some good or other, not to a specific work, not even to a human being whoever that might be. We must love everything and everyone for God, in God, and to serve God." (SBL. Pg. 47). Therefore, a true sister of JMJ is the one who is marked with this attitude of the '*inner freedom of heart*'. The first half of our Chapter theme '*Synodal Solidarity*' is similar to this aspect of community/communion. Synodal solidarity calls for walking along or living together, with and for each other. Therefore, let us not be blown away by complex terms and complicated explanations but understand the depth of the meaning expressed in the simple words of Fr. Wolff who says that to go on a mission into the world one must first truly belong to the community of JMJ. Fr. Wolff explains synodal solidarity by saying that "we deal respectfully with each other because we are jointly devoted to the work which God asks of us." (SBL Pg. 20). Finally, the simple words of Fr. Wolff explain the synodal solidarity both within our community and with the world outside as follows: "We do not choose our path on our own, but together we form a community of sisters who are sent to places where people need our help." (SBL. Pg. 14). From these words of Fr. Wolff let us examine - Do I possess this attitude of '*inner freedom of heart*'? Am I ready for anything (mission)? Do I walk or live along with and for my community? Would Fr. Wolff count on me as a true sister of JMJ? If I can truly answer these questions then I can practice the synodal solidarity in my community, ministry, and the world.

Mission – In his exhortation, the second half '*must, as it were, carry the world in her heart*' refers to the central element of the mission. The second half of our Chapter theme '*Universal Fraternity*' is identical or similar to this aspect of the mission. Fr. Wolff clearly, firmly, and in simple words explains that "As sisters of JMJ we belong to the large movement of active religious who, impassioned for God, devote themselves to all who have been pushed to the margins of society." (SBL. Pg. 12). This is the call for universal fraternity, bringing together to the equal dignity of all those who are pushed to the margins, downtrodden, persecuted, suffering, and mistreated in various ways. This call for universal fraternity, in the words of Fr. Wolff '*carry the world in her heart*' has no boundaries, no discrimination, no preferences, and no fixations but is open to all those in need. Seeing God in everything and everyone, the sisters of JMJ are called to live together (synodality), to serve those in need both in and outside the community (solidarity), without any discrimination, according to the need, and anywhere in the world (universal), considering and raising everyone to the dignity of being the children of God (fraternity). Let us examine –

Does my presence in my ministry promote universal fraternity? Am I ready for any work, anywhere, with any group of people? What is my motivation behind my work, self-comfort or the service to the other and God? What is my attitude and disposition towards those whom I serve; do I consider them as the children of God? Does my human identity based on my caste, language, colour, etc. influence my ministry? If I can truly be aware of these questions, I can then truly carry the world in my heart and work towards the universal fraternity.

Therefore, in the words of Fr. Wolff, our chapter theme ‘synodal solidarity towards universal fraternity’ is expressed as ‘a true sister of JMJ must carry the world in her heart’, and he emphasizes the two sides of a coin i.e. community and mission. In my reflection, following the WhatsApp message from Sr. Annet Palatty, I realized that synodal solidarity can be manifested in my belongingness to the community and this genuine belongingness with an inner freedom of heart will lead me as a true sister of JMJ towards working for the universal fraternity by being ready to carry the whole world in my heart and ready to work anywhere and for anyone without discrimination and preferences. Thus, the first step is to introspect about my belongingness to the community where I live and faithful obedience to the task I am given, only then I am eligible as a true sister of JMJ to work for the universal fraternity. Therefore, I pray that the Lord may bestow us with the necessary grace to be a true JMJ sister, who is capable of carrying the whole world in her heart.

- *Sr. Anitha Kondaveti*

Blessed Encounter: A Joyful moment receiving the blessing from Pope Francis via WhatsApp

In life, there are moments that bring an overwhelming sense of joy, fulfilment and spiritual contentment. For me, the most remarkable of these moments occurred when I had the extraordinary opportunity to speak just with Pope Francis and receive his blessings through a WhatsApp video call. This incredible experience took place through the unwavering support of my dear companion, Sr. Jyothi Kota, whose involvement in the Synodal meeting led to a life-altering connection. Here is the story of how a lifelong dream became a reality.

For as long as I can remember, I cherished a deep desire to see Pope Francis in person and receive his blessing. I often wondered, *"When will I reach Vatican City? Will I have the chance to see the Pope? Will he still be alive by then?"*



These thoughts filled my mind many times and the image of Vatican City and the Pope remained a distant yet cherished dream.

My aspirations came closer to reality when my companion, Sr. Jyothi attended the Synodal meeting as a volunteer. Her participation was a source of immense pride and hope for me, but it was her post-meeting photos, where she was captured with Pope Francis, that ignited a spark within my heart. Seeing Jyothi beside the Pope filled me with both joy and envy, but it also fueled my desire to connect with His Holiness.

Driven by this newfound determination, I confided in Jyothi about my dream of not just seeing the Pope but getting blessing from him via WhatsApp. This was an unfearing wish, and yet, Jyothi with her untiring support, made the impossible seem possible. Her resourcefulness and determination led to an opportunity to initiate a conversation with Pope Francis via the WhatsApp.

The day of the video call arrived, and I was consumed by excitement and nervousness. As the screen connected, there he was, Pope Francis, a figure of immense spiritual significance and global admiration. His gentle smile and compassionate eyes instantly put me to unimaginable look with shock.

The blessing he bestowed upon me was not a mere ritual; it was a profound spiritual connection that touched my very soul. It felt as if he had glimpsed into my heart. Receiving Pope Francis's blessing via WhatsApp was more than just a memorable event; it was a transformative experience that brought profound joy and clarity to my life. His words of wisdom and the warmth of his blessings provided me with the strength and faith to overcome the obstacles that lay ahead.



Jyothi's staunch support and friendship were equally significant. Her dedication to helping me find solace in my faith deepened our bond and made this experience even more special.

My encounter with Pope Francis through a WhatsApp call remains etched in my heart as a testament to the power of faith, friendship, and determination. It is a reminder that even the most extraordinary dreams can become a reality with the right support and firm belief. This experience has not only enriched my spiritual journey but has also deepened my appreciation for the incredible moments life has to offer.

← Vatican News 🔍
 Pope Francis spent Tuesday morning at the Synod General Assembly, extending his blessing upon many of those present and several who were not.



In the spirit of sharing this blessed moment, I've sent the photos of this extraordinary experience to my general councillor, provincial, superior and to my beloved community sisters. The joy I felt on that day and the continued happiness I derive from those screenshots, are indeed a grace-filled blessing that I cherish every day. As I reflect upon this grace-filled moment, I find myself hopeful for the future.

“Being blessed by Pope Francis Via WhatsApp video call was an extraordinary moment. The media team’s thoughtful gesture of sharing our encounter on Vatican News, Instagram and Facebook has made it even more special by writing the caption - ‘Pope Francis spent Tuesday (17/10/2023) morning at the Synod General Assembly, extending his blessing upon many of those present and several who were not.’ Grateful for this beautiful memory! “My heart overflows with gratitude.”

- Sr. Lilly ED

God Surprises Every Moment in Rome

God surprises; in the morning, noon, afternoon and in the evening
 God surprises; through aeroplane, escalators, immigration and car
 God surprises; with pizza, pasta, cheese and tin meat
 So, its so wonderful to be in Rome the eternal city

God is so good, through father, mother, siblings and friends
 God is so good, through General, Provincial, superior and members
 God is so good, through professors, classmates, Indians and strangers
 So, its so lovely to be in Rome the eternal city



God is so wonderful, in cold, in rain, in sun and in dark
God is so wonderful, in flower, fruit, plants and tree
God is so wonderful, in white, brown and dark
So, its so lovely to be in Rome the eternal city

May I be God's surprise to the others
May I be a Good JMJ sister and be available
May I be a wonderful gift of God to everyone
May I be a blessing to my family, in society,
in India and in Rome the eternal City

- *Sr. Anitha Michael*

In the footstep of Jesus...

On 31st October 2023, the 167th Heavenly Birthday celebration of our beloved Founder Rev. Fr. Mathias Wolff SJ in JMJ Provincialate, Bangalore was marked by an extraordinary celebration in the evening. The special guests invited for our celebration made the event more grant, joyful and realistic to the PC chapter theme of 2023: "*Synodal Solidarity Towards Universal Fraternity*"

5 of the Transgender persons from the locality were the special invitees for the celebration. They were welcomed in an Indian traditional manner with an *aarathi* and *tilak* on their forehead as a sign of blessing, greeting and auspiciousness. At first, they were little hesitant to merge with us but as they experienced our free association with them, in a short time, they began interacting freely with us.



The unfolding of a beautiful program conducted by the Provincial team with the support of Preethi Nivas and JMJ Communities was indeed superb and heart touching. Sr. Luviza Miranda, the MC conducted the program in different languages as the invitees were from different native background. We could see a

Holistic approach even in conducting the program. Exciting games were conducted and prizes were given to the winners. In gratitude, our invitees performed a stupendous program of Classical dances. Interacting with them, we learnt that they were familiar with God and the Word of God. All of them have good educational qualifications. They are knowledgeable, skillful and cultured. The Provincial team opened up opportunities for the guests to host any kind of interaction like prayer, motivational sessions and celebration in future. Sr. Martha Thirumalreddy the Administrator of JMJ hospital, Nagavara offered health care facilities to them whenever they require.



Each were given special gift, we enjoyed and cherished a tea party with our special guests. At the end, we packed yummy biriyani for them for dinner as it was their expressed favorite food.

One of the leaders of the special invitees delivered the vote of thanks. They told about the special joy and inclusiveness experienced during our interaction and celebration with them. They expressed that while others look at them with stigma we have recognized their worth and quality as human beings. The special program was concluded with a prayer.

- *Sr. Joyamma Chanikuzhy*

Joyous Encounter

“There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work. Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good”.
(1 Corinthians 12:4 - 7)

This is the process of Synod that took place in the path along with which the people of God walk together. The meaning of Synodality in the Church and in the Magisterium of Pope Francis is, the Synodality is not a decision-making process but a fundamental feature of the Church’s identity, in which, the Church deposes all its members to have co-responsibility in the bonds of fraternal love. *Lumen Gentium* says the importance of the laity in the life of the church. They are called to participate in its government. The idea of Pope Francis is, synod is a visible form of communion in which, all baptized can participate and contribute to the life and mission of the Church.



I am indeed glad and privileged for this rare opportunity to assist as a volunteer in the Synod on Synodality (Walking together) which was held at Pope Paul VI Hall, in Vatican City from 4th to 29th October 2023 in Rome. The representatives of the synod were the Successor of Peter, His Holiness Pope Francis, Cardinals, Bishops, Priests, Consecrated men and women, Theologians, Experts and laity from different continents. I would like to express my experience as follows. First and foremost, the

- Idea of Inclusiveness of all as people of God was inspiring.
- Innovative arrangements for synod were indomitable.
- Incredible sharing’s about the realities of the Church was impactful.
- Interactions with the different cultures and languages of the participants were insightful.
- Input sessions that I could attend and assist in, ignited me to have broader understanding of Communion, Participation and Mission.
- Involvement of the members in the group discussions of the Synod was invigorating.
- Importance of each Individual and their openness was ineffable.

Assisting them technically and materially was a learning for me, their simplicity was to be admired and their approach was praiseworthy. They were always with a beautiful smile on their faces and with never tiring vigor to do something good for the Church, enthused me to render my services wholeheartedly.

The Gospel of Luke 1:39-56 speaks about the visitation of Mary to Elizabeth. The meeting of these two holy women was a joyful and unique event in the Bible, and the child in her womb leaped for joy. So too my heart also throbbed into joy and happiness at the very gracious moment of meeting His Holiness Pope Francis in person for the first time in my life, and I felt like *The Chosen* one to receive his Apostolic blessings, especially on my Birthday. Therefore, I acclaim...



Thanks to Almighty God for the thrilled moments with the Pope Francis
Heart busted out with unlimited happiness
Excited to share the feelings of Joy by capturing photos with Papa.

Chosen to have a glance at the cheerful charm of Papa at the closer view.
Hypnotized by his harmonious sweet smile
Overwhelmed by his conversation and gesture of love and kindness
Spellbound by his simplicity and commitment to the Church
Energized by his holy touch and apostolic blessings.
Never ending memories captured for life, with our Indian traditional greeting of *Namaste*

Treasuring all these sweet memories in my heart which will remain in the annals of my life, I wholeheartedly thank our Superior General Sr. Innamma and her Council who availed me this great chance, to participate as a volunteer at the synod. I do owe a big thanks to Sr. Anthony Mary and Council for their constant support and encouragement. I extend my sincere thanks to my community members for their generous help in my absence. Now, I conclude with the Bible verse “I thank Him who has given me strength for this, Christ Jesus our Lord, because He judged me faithful by appointing me to His service. (1Timothy 1:12)

- *Sr. Jyothi Kota*

Treasuring The Treasure

‘Life is all about peace of mind and peace of mind is all about never mind.’

Jn 13: 35 – By this everyone will know that you are my disciple if you have love for one another.

The seminar commenced with a prayer by Sr. Inigo Joaquim SSA the resource person to become aware of our breath, which is the greatest gift of God that should be celebrated for life. The first gift we ever received from God is our breath and we need to consciously realize to regard it as a sacred gift. We are identified as the disciples of Christ by ‘LOVE’ for one another. It’s that love which guides, governs and directs us and it becomes a pointer to the future. We should become signboards as God calls us to act justly, love tenderly and walk humbly with God. (Micah 6:8)



“Everything that needs to be said has already been said but since no one was listening and practicing everything must be said again.” – Andre Gide

Every action of our life is connected to the Word of God that adds magnanimous glory to our life. That is why we need to read the Word of God in our daily life. Henceforth, Is 54: 2 says “Enlarge the space of your tent”, the two new contexts have changed our life effectively that is Covid-19 and Synodal Solidarity. As we walk on the new road with these two new contexts our life should be different.

As JMJ’s we need to look beyond and walk an extra mile to enlarge our horizon to include everyone and everything in the universe as we dwell on the theme of the chapter “Synodal Solidarity Towards Universal Fraternity”. The newness of religious life loses its credibility by our negligence towards the inspirations of the Holy Spirit and thus our religious life if ignored, gradually turns to become like antique violin which was the only thing unsold among auctioned things. Just like the violin needs to be cleansed, polished, tuned well and played rhythmically which helps it to be sold, so also our spiritual life needs timely cleansing and polishing over our character, behaviour and ways of dealing with others. This can be done when we put love in everything we do and carry the four corners of the world in our hearts and in our lives, our talk by refining it and our walk by being gentle and tender.

We are all called with a purpose, every moment God protects us to make the purpose fulfilled through us. Let us tune ourselves to the music of God’s love. So that we are able to listen to his voice speaking to us through different people and occasions. Let us not keep our conscious anesthetized to the cry of the world. If Jesus had used only his head none of us would have been chosen, to be his instruments but he chose to use his heart of love to choose the imperfect ones to make them perfect. He calls each one of us today to be responsible to inspire others and be the people of God.

We are called to value our vocation and realize that many are called but few are chosen (Mt 22:14). God chose those whom He wanted (Mt 3:13). Our vocation is not co-incidental or accidental but providential. The Lord set His heart on us and chose us because He loved us, He brought us out with His mighty hands and redeemed us (Deut7:8). He has chosen, He has transplanted us into the family of JMJ where we need to count our blessings and make ourselves contented and aim to become noble persons. If we ignore to listen to God's Spirit, religious life can create hardness of heart and numbness of conscious. Therefore, God calls us to lead a life that is pleasing to him. (Col 1:10)

In weaknesses and failures, we need to acknowledge our own limitations. Today's world of temptation leads us to fall short of the grace of God. The danger that can predict is individualism, unforgiving attitude, judgmental ways of dealing with others. The danger of individual attitude and worldliness is the cancer and leprosy in today's Society. In today's world of challenge, we need to present ourselves as the image of merciful, loving, compassionate, non-judging and unpunishable God and our mission is to make the Biblical God visible to the world. God in reality does not have a fixed figure but the concept of God differs depending on our context. We need to have the re-image of God by de-coding our mind from seeing Him as a legalistic, punishing, fearful and exact God, to God of mercy, kindness, tenderness, compassionate and God of infinite love.

Jesus in New Testament proclaims to us a different image of God as He presents God as a compassionate God who is sensitive, generous and always 'sees'. We see a compassionate God in the parable of good Samaritan, prodigal son, workers in the vineyard. "The biblical justice looks into the heart rather than mind." Our founder Fr. Mathias Wolff SJ heard Gods cry and saw the situation and contemplated over a tender and compassionate love of God in a tangible way and responded in their context creatively and with new courage. But we are making ourselves blind as we close our conscious from seeing the existing realities. We are therefore called to have a spiritual practice of looking at our '*Suffering as Challenges*'. Challenges don't come to destroy us, they come to help us and to discern our hidden potentials. The criteria in our communities and the system of animation in the communities should be lived as synodality calls us to listen, to have dialogue, to discern, to make decision that should be the practice of our life. We need to move in our mission with a positive thought, tender word and compassionate touch for these can help us to grow and to fall. It doesn't matter how others see us but how God sees us. Therefore, it is important to adjust with people instead of moving away or being troubled within. Our nature is to send a blessing and be a blessing. "Positive thinking sees the invisible, feels the intangible and achieves the impossible." Duet: 30:19 ...I set before you life and death blessing and curse....choose life....

We as religious are called to choose life and give life by sending the positive energy and treat everyone as you would like them to treat you - Mt: 7: 12...calls us with a golden rule. We are called to lift up everyone by our positive energy because our journey is too short and to reach the destination each of us needs to have a guiding star. (Mt: 2:11 – The star they had seen in the east went ahead of them and stopped over the place where the child was.) Individuality and superficiality is taking control over our religious life, thus we fail to be God's image to others and forget that God has called all of us to be *the temple of God (1 Cor 3:16)*. *Wherever God has put us, whatever difficulties we face it is part of God's plan for us. Our ministry is primarily a ministry of presence for people as they are in need of compassionate presence. Our presence must bring others healing and hope and conversion of hearts. Each of us are called to be a GURU to others and a guru's presence makes the place an ashram, for GURU means GU- guha (cave)of God in our hearts where 'Antharayami' dwells and that helps us to treat others as God's rupa-RU (image of God). "It is no use of walking anywhere to preach unless our walking is our preaching."* - St. Francis Assisi.

Technology and media seem to have affected the life of religious congregation very seriously today. These have also done adverse effects on the quality of community life, prayer and spirituality. The rational behind demise in our religious congregation are

- ❖ Lack of purpose, motivation, enthusiasm and creativity

- ❖ Family attachments
- ❖ Over conscious about health
- ❖ Self-pity and self-glory
- ❖ Craving for power and many more

Serious issues in the consecrated religious life were addressed such as addiction to food, money, unhealthy relationships, deep seated irresponsibility, disinterestedness in life, pronounced narcissism, psychosomatic health problems. All these issues are a terrible counter witness. “If we don’t change now, we never will.”-Arch Bishop Oscar Romero.

Three categories of people stand out in a consecrated religious life today.

- ❖ 20% of them move on their own. They are the people with self-responsibility, they are led by their conscious of God’s presence within them.
- ❖ 60% of them are movable. they can be easily helped through seminars, retreats and various courses. They are open for a change.
- ❖ 20% of them are immovable. Such people require psychological help. We can only entrust them to the divine providence.

God who has called us is a faithful God. “God in His infinite goodness, has taken you out of this world or, rather, has pulled you out of the world because He foresaw all the things that might have happened to you. For that reason, you cannot thank Him enough for all the things He has done to and for you.” (SBL pg. 58) Rev Fr. Mathias Wolff SJ. We are therefore entitled and are responsible in ‘Treasuring the Treasure’ in and for our life. God is our treasure and as we are chosen to be with Him can only treasure Him, by giving ourselves more and more in prayer, through which alone we will draw the strength to face and win over the challenges and involve ourselves more lovingly in our ministries and be more affable in our communities to make the places wherever we bloom into a reflection of paradise where God dwells.



- **Srs. Lavanya Bellamkonda, Agnes Anitha Xavier, Margaret Gothi & Neelavathi Levaku**



Congratulations!

Hearty Congratulations to the management of St. Philomena’s Hospital, Bangalore for obtaining permission to conduct geriatric course from 15th November 2023 onwards. Wish you all the best!

A Tribute to our Deceased Sisters

Sr. Fathima Katakam

'The gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.' - Romans 6:23

Sr. Fathima hails from Jagayagundala, Warangal (Dt.), Andhra Pradesh, the second child born to the pious parents Mr. Chinnappa Reddy and Mrs. Rajamma on 17th December 1931. Among the 8 children born to the couple, 3 were girls and 5 were boys. She grew up in piety, in the happy family and imbibed the values fostered by her God fearing and simple parents. She followed the footsteps of her aunt Sr. Immaculate Thumma and embraced this way of life in the Congregation of JMJ.



Her personality was an embodiment of rich silence and innovation. She was always ready to render her selfless service and was devoted to her work. She is appreciated for her commitment to the mission and generosity towards the poor and the needy. She is ever remembered as an exemplary missionary and an esteemed model in the Congregation which inspired two of her nieces Srs. Lilly Pushpa Katakam and Swarnalatha Katakam to join the Congregation. She worked like a giant, ever strong and never weary. She was calm, quiet and spent her time in equipping the spiritual knowledge and kept herself abreast with the current affairs by reading newspapers and various books. Her motto in life was to accept the will of God and to contribute her might to build up the Congregation and safeguard the heritage of the Congregation. Wherever she was placed, she gave her best and her life was a message of joy to all the people.

As tall as her stature, she endured trials and tribulations with a broad smile. She rendered her services at Kurnool, Kadapa, Nellore, Guntur, Dargamitta, Sivadi, Sirsi, Ongole and Porumamilla as a teacher, superior and supervisor of the construction work. She constructed the lives of the people with her inspirational life, deeply rooted in the love of the Lord always yearning to spend time in the presence of the Lord. She was an inspiring soul, promoting many vocations, true to her commitment and faithful to her religious life. She served the Lord for long 70 years as a trustworthy JMJ Sister.

Sr. Fathima Katakam went to her eternal abode suddenly and serenely on 04th September 2023 at 12.30pm at Our Lady of Fathima Convent, Porumamilla due to age related illness.

May her noble soul rest in peace!



*In
Loving
Memory*

In Loving memory



Bangalore: -

Sr. Fathima Katakam 04.09.2023

Guntur: -

Sr. Apollonia Reddimasi 15.06.2023

Sr. Mary Jacob Arakkal 21.06.2023

Sr. Leo Moongamakkal 30.09.2023

Sr. Hyacinth Thekkanath 20.10.2023

Hyderabad: -

Sr. Ligorio Vellamattam 15.10.2023

Family Members: -

Mother of Sr. Mary Esther Rani 21.05.2023

Uncle of Sr. Velangani Mary Govindu 24.05.2023

Aunt of Srs. Elizabeth Rani Koligila & Jayaseela K. 29.05.2023

Mother of Sr. Stella Abraham 18.06.2023

Brother-in-law of Sr. Arogya Mary Mallavarapu 12.08.2023

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Father of Sr. Shobha Rani Polishetti 12.11.2023

Aunt of Sr. Sujatha Erragamreddy 17.11.2023

We extend our heartfelt condolences and sympathetic wishes to our dear sisters and their family members.
May the Lord give them comfort and consolation.

**Eternal rest grant unto the departed O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.**

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