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Pope Francis, you surprised us!

“*Habemus Papam*” on 13 March 2013 to “*Vere, Franciscus mortus est*” on 21 April 2025! What an incredible synodal journey it has been! The beloved disciple writes at the end of the fourth Gospel: “But there are also many other things that Jesus did; if every one of them were written down, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written” (Jn 21:25). After penning down a profound theological account of the incarnated Word of God, John the Evangelist realized that words can never be enough to describe his experience of his Lord and Master. To a certain extent we can say the same about Pope Francis, who adorned the office of the Vicar of Christ for the last twelve years.

Tributes are pouring in from all over the world. Francis is hailed as a champion of the poor and the marginalized, radical reformer, proponent of universal fraternity and ecology, channel of God’s mercy, embodiment of joy and hope, and so on. It is impossible to capture the extremely versatile personality of Pope Francis who has touched the lives of millions of people all over the world, moving beyond all human-made boundaries. Francis allowed himself to be guided by the Holy Spirit, and became an epitome of *Aggiornamento*, renewal and updating in the Church.



Francis will be remembered as the Pope who kept on surprising the world with his gentle yet revolutionary words and gestures. Innumerable memorable moments flash before our eyes as we recall Francis’ illustrious papacy.

During the papal conclave, Cardinal Bergoglio surprised the other cardinals when he gave a spin to Revelation 3:20 and said that Jesus is knocking not from outside, but from inside. Jesus is inside our hearts, inside our Church. He wants to come out. He wants us to take him to the far ends of the world, to the dark corners of the earth. From that moment he has been promoting outgoing theology and the spirituality of reaching out.

The newly elected Pope surprised the cheering multitude gathered in St. Peter’s square in his very first public appearance, when he reversed the roles and asked them to pray for him before delivering the papal blessing to them.

The next surprise was the choice of the name. In spite of being the first Jesuit Pope, Bergoglio surprised the world by choosing the name and legacy of St. Francis of Assisi, instead of that of St. Ignatius or St. Francis Xavier.

Francis surprised the Vatican officials when he declined to live in the papal apartments in the apostolic palace and decided to reside in the *Domus Sanctae Marthae*.

Pope Francis strongly insisted on the mercy of God, which is visible from his papal motto: *Miserando atque eligendo*. To the first question in his first interview, “Who is Jorge Mario Bergoglio?” the Holy Father surprised the journalist with his deep humility. Francis answered: “I am a sinner. This the most accurate definition. It is not a figure of speech, a literary genre. I am a sinner.”

Being merciful is being non-judgmental (cf. Lk 6:36-37). Francis surprised the media personnel when he stated: “If a person is gay and seeks God and has good will, who am I to judge?”



Francis’ surprise phone calls to the people on the margins such as widows, rape victims, priests from Gaza brought healing and comfort to them in their suffering and hardships.

Francis surprised the whole world when during his first Maundy Thursday celebration as the Pope, he visited a prison in Rome and washed and kissed the feet of the prisoners.

The Pope kept surprising us with his prophetic symbolic actions such as kissing and embracing Vinicio Riva, a man severely disfigured because of a genetic disorder and kneeling and kissing the feet of South Sudan's previously warring leaders.

Francis’ first apostolic exhortation and the manifesto of his papacy, *Evangelium Gaudium* (2013) was a rude surprise to the capitalist system as Francis said a strong no to an economy of exclusion, to the new idolatry of money, to a financial system which rules rather than serves, and to the inequality which spawns violence. He surprised the traditionalists when he wrote: “I prefer a Church which is bruised, hurting and dirty because it has been out on the streets, rather than a Church which is unhealthy from being confined and from clinging to its own security.”



The first non-European Pope’s choice of apostolic visits also came as a big surprise. In his first apostolic travel, Francis visited the tiny Italian island of Lampedusa, where he prayed for illegal migrants who drowned trying to reach Europe. In 2016, when Europe was facing a huge migration crisis and when xenophobia was escalating, Pope Francis flew to the Greek island of Lesbos and returned to Rome with three families of asylum-seeking Syrian Muslims. In the face of rising Islamophobia, Francis’ visits to several Muslim countries like Turkey, Egypt, Iraq, United Arab Emirates, Morocco, Kazakhstan, and Indonesia revealed his deep concern for interreligious harmony and universal fraternity.

Along with the Grand Imam of Al-Azhar, Ahmad Al-Tayyeb, Francis drafted the unprecedented Abu Dhabi document on “Human Fraternity” in Feb 2019 and showed the way for world peace and living together.

The unforgettable picture of the lonely white dot on the grey background of St. Peter’s square giving Urbi et Orbi blessing when the entire world was struggling with the deadly Covid-19 Pandemic was like an ointment for the ailing world.

Pope Francis kept on shaking and surprising the Church establishment through his revolutionary reforms in the Curia and the Vatican bank, and appointments of women in key positions to make the Church more synodal, participative, transparent, and merciful.



In his last days too Francis kept surprising us. After a prolonged 38-day stay in the hospital, Pope Francis was discharged on 23 March. Doctors who treated Francis at Gemelli hospital had prescribed a regimen of complete rest. But Pope Francis surprised the Jubilee pilgrims visiting Rome on Palm Sunday through his appearance on Vatican balcony.

This peoples’ Pope could never be restricted to solitary confinement. On Maundy Thursday, he made a visit to the Regina Coeli jail in Rome and spent half an hour meeting prisoners. On Easter Sunday, he gave his final blessing the Urbi et Orbi. Then, to everyone’s surprise, he was driven around in an open-top

popemobile to meet crowds. It is no surprise that his frail body could not bear the exhaustion and after celebrating the festival of resurrection with his beloved people, on Easter Monday he was taken by the Lord to celebrate the heavenly festival.



There is no end to the surprises Pope Francis has for all of us. According to his spiritual testament, dated 29 June 2022, breaking from the tradition of the Popes being buried in St. Peter's Basilica, Pope Francis described his wish to be buried at the Basilica of St. Mary Major. The synodal Pope, who would always visit this Marian Basilica and pray at the beginning and end of every Apostolic Journey, expressed his desire to end his earthly journey precisely in this ancient Marian sanctuary.

The immense, profound, and striking corpus of literature of Pope Francis and his prophetic symbolic actions have surprised us and turned our consumerist, polarized, merciless, conflict-torn world upside down. He is a beacon of light showing us the way towards joy and hope, mercy and forgiveness, peace and reconciliation, harmony and fraternity. Let us thank the Lord for giving us his light of the Gospel through the person of Pope.



Embracing the Call: Insights and Inspirations from the Seminar on Religious Life in the 21st Century

We, the temporarily professed sisters of the Bangalore province, are filled with immense gratitude as we reflect on the enriching and transformative experience of the two-day seminar on “The Relevance of Religious Life and Its Challenges in the 21st century held at JMJ Provincialate, Bangalore on 21st & 22nd February 2025. We were deeply inspired by the esteemed resource person, Rev. Sr. Lilly Grace FSAG, whose wisdom and life experiences brought the seminar to life. Through her thought-provoking presentations, she not only shared her knowledge but also left us with valuable insights for our journey as religious sisters.



The seminar began with a lively and dynamic group discussion on key questions that challenged us to reflect: *“How happy are we about our religious life? What challenges do we face in community life today? Why is religious life still relevant in today’s world?”* These discussions laid the foundation for the deeper insights we would gain throughout the seminar.



Sr. Lilly Grace guided us through a comprehensive exploration of the moral and ethical principles of religious life, emphasizing the primary sources of Christian morality. We were encouraged to reflect on the importance of spiritual fulfilment, self-discipline, and practices that foster mental well-being. These practices promote not only personal growth but also the well-being of the community.

The seminar also focused on the significance of community life and the power of social support. Sr. Lilly Grace highlighted the importance of communal activities such as worship, fellowship, festivals, celebrations, volunteering, and charity work that strengthen the bonds within religious communities. It was an opportunity to explore how these elements contribute to the collective strength of our vocation.

In today’s fast-paced, technology-driven world, the relevance of religious life continues to be of utmost importance. The seminar helped us reflect on the role of religious life in contemporary society and the challenges it faces. Here are some key points that resonated with us:

1. **Moral and Ethical Guidance:** Religious teachings provide a firm foundation for moral values, promoting honesty, compassion, and justice. These principles help individuals make ethical decisions, fostering social harmony and a sense of purpose.
2. **Sense of Community and Belonging:** Religious institutions create a sense of unity and provide emotional and spiritual support, especially during difficult times. They strengthen bonds between individuals and offer a shared sense of belonging.
3. **Inner Peace and Spiritual Growth:** Religious practices such as prayer, meditation, and rituals provide solace and help reduce stress. They foster mindfulness, promoting inner peace and spiritual growth in the process.
4. **Social Welfare and Humanitarian Work:** Religious organizations play a vital role in society through their contributions to charity, education, and healthcare. These works benefit the underprivileged and foster a culture of generosity and compassion.

However, religious life also faces challenges such as secularism, declining religious adherence, intolerance, conflicts, modernization, and issues surrounding gender and social equality. Despite these obstacles, religious men and women continue to be a crucial part of society, offering guidance, social unity, and personal peace. Sr. Lilly Grace beautifully illuminated how, even amidst these challenges, religious life remains a source of strength and inspiration.



In a world filled with uncertainty, broken families, and moral confusion, Sr. Lilly Grace reminded us of the timeless model of religious life - Jesus, Mary, and Joseph - a perfect example to inspire and guide us. Their example shows us how to lead a life of faith, holiness, and trust in God, even when the path ahead is unclear. This model deeply rooted in us the profound joy and privilege of belonging to this Congregation.

With this newfound understanding, we feel a renewed sense of commitment and purpose as we continue on our journey in consecrated life. We are deeply grateful to Sr. Thresiamma Kudiyruppil the provincial superior and her council for giving us this extraordinary opportunity to grow in our vocation, and we are excited to move forward, offering ourselves as models of dedication and commitment in our service to God and others. This seminar has left an indelible mark on our hearts, and we are eager to embrace the challenges and joys of religious life with clarity, passion, and steady faith.

- *Temporarily Professed Sisters, Bangalore Province*

A Graced Journey: Embracing 25 Years of Faith

“The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy.” (Psalm 126:3)

With hearts full of gratitude, we, the 13 silver jubilarians, stand at a sacred milestone—25 years of consecrated life. This jubilee is more than a celebration of time; it is a testament to God’s unfailing love, faithfulness, and grace. As we reflect on this journey, we recognize His guiding hand in every step, strengthening us through challenges and blessing us abundantly. To prepare spiritually, we were privileged to undergo two months of renewal—one month of enriching seminars and another of a transformative retreat—allowing us to pause, give thanks, and step forward with renewed commitment.



This program was meticulously planned by Bangalore Province under the guidance of Sr. Thresiamma and her Council, who ensured our journey was spiritually enriching and personally fulfilling. Their care and dedication made this time of grace truly transformative, for which we remain deeply grateful.



The seminar phase led us into deeper self-awareness and spiritual growth. The Inward Journal Course encouraged reflection on our faith and mission, while Mid-Life Transitions helped us embrace change with wisdom, exploring five dynamics—awareness, acceptance, analysis, action, and being alive. Discernment of Spirit strengthened our ability to recognize God’s voice amid life’s many distractions. Sessions on Digital Well-Being and Healthy Living highlighted the importance of balance, mindfulness, and a holistic lifestyle. We also engaged in a Psycho-Emotional Healing Workshop, learning tools like Emotional Freedom Techniques (EFT), Laughter Yoga, and Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT) to cultivate resilience and inner healing.

Following this, our 30-day retreat became a profound encounter with God in silence, prayer, and reflection. It refreshed our souls, deepened our vocation, and strengthened our faith. Each day was an experience of grace—being Refreshed, Enlightened, Transformed, Revived, Experiencing God, in Absolute surrender, and Towering in His grace (R-E-T-R-E-A-T). Through His Word, we found renewal and clarity, embracing His call with greater joy and commitment.

As we conclude this sacred journey, our hearts overflow with gratitude—to God, to our Mother General and Council, our Provincial and their Councils, and all who made this renewal possible. With renewed faith, we step forward, praying that Christ’s light may shine through us as we embrace the years ahead with joy, trust, and unwavering devotion.



- *Silver brides 2025*

Science Day Celebrations – A Resounding Success

I am pleased to share that O.L.F. Primary School recently celebrated Science Day on 24th February 2025, and the event was a resounding success. The celebration was graced by esteemed guests including our Mandal Educational Officers Sri Kasaiah and Sri Bala Ankireddi, our Convent Superior Sr. Maria Manikyam Pudota, In-charge High School H.M Sr. Vijaya Rani, High School H.M Tr. Arogya Rani, Primary School H.M Sr. Mary Jecintha, and several complex resource persons.

The event beautifully showcased the dedication, creativity, and enthusiasm of our students and staff, bringing science to life through interactive and engaging activities. The celebrations commenced at 10:00 AM with a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the entrance. Our Headmistress delivered an inspiring inaugural speech and announced that the best three exhibits from junior and senior categories would be selected for awards.



Students from Kindergarten to 5th Standard actively participated, presenting a wide range of interactive experiments, models, and demonstrations. Topics included Farming, Irrigation Methods, Solar System, and Say No to Plastics, among others. The event aimed to spark curiosity and promote innovative thinking, while also emphasizing the relevance of science in our everyday lives. Our panel of judges visited each exhibit, thoroughly impressed by the students' ingenuity, presentation skills, and passion for science. The event was a true testament to the talent and commitment of our young learners.



We extend our heartfelt gratitude to God Almighty, our Superior Sr. Manikyam, our dedicated teachers, supportive parents, and enthusiastic students for making this event a memorable one. We eagerly look forward to organizing more enriching events in the future, continuing to foster a love for learning and scientific exploration among our students.



- Sr. Mary Jecintha Cheemalapenta

He called; we followed: celebrating the Diamond path

13 March 2025 will forever shine in our hearts as a day of gratitude and grace, a day of jubilation where 4 Diamond, 4 Golden and 14 Silver Jubilarians gathered in joyful thanksgiving at the JMJ Provincialate, Bangalore. For us, the 22 jubilarians, it was not just a celebration, it was a grace filled homecoming, a moment of intense reflection and a tribute to the faithfulness of our God.



As Diamond Jubilarians, we lift our hearts in deep gratitude to the Almighty, who lovingly planted us in His vineyard many decades ago. Though we were fragile seedlings, full of human frailty, He nurtured us with patience, compassion and immeasurable grace. Today, we bow before Him - our hands folded, our knees bent, our spirits overflowing with thanks.

When we look back, we remember the innocence and unknowing courage that stirred in our young hearts. We had no idea where the path would lead, no knowledge of the language or culture of the new land, no training or understanding of religious life. Yet, the gentle whisper of the Lord's call gave us the strength to leave our beloved families and step into the unknown.



We did not choose this congregation; rather, it was the Lord who mysteriously led us here. Many of us recall how that journey began, perhaps with a chance encounter at a railway station, traveling with a sister returning from her holidays, and arriving together at St. Joseph's Convent in Guntur. There were 19 of us, full of hope and wonder, ready to begin our formation. Today, only 4 of us remain to celebrate this, Diamond Jubilee. The rest have taken different paths: some to eternal rest, some called to different vocations and others guided by God in ways beyond our understanding.

Through the years, we were formed and transformed by prayer, service, trials and triumphs. We learned to live the religious life through commitment and community, in joy and in surrender. We served with dedication, lived with sincerity and loved with fidelity. We embraced each moment, whether light or shadow, as a divine design crafted by the loving hands of God.

As we celebrate 60 years of religious life, our hearts echo one prayer: *'May we remain faithful to the Lord until He calls us home to share in His eternal glory.'*



We are deeply grateful to our beloved Congregation for the countless opportunities to follow the Divine Master. To every sister who walked beside us in the past, present and future, we thank you for your love, concern and your companionship on this blessed journey. With hearts filled with joy, we proclaim: *All glory to God, who began this good work in us and has been faithful through every season of our lives.*

- Diamond Jubilarians 2025

My life in the Society of JMJ...

“Commit your way to the Lord; trust in Him, and He will act” (Ps 37.5)

These life-giving words have been a guiding light on my journey of faith. In 1975, after the tragic loss of my beloved mother who was struck by a thunderbolt on 12th May, I entrusted my life to the Lord, even as I left behind my ailing father. Amid this sorrow, God’s faithfulness led me into the loving arms of the Society of Jesus Mary Joseph. It was His steadfast love that drew me to embrace religious life with commitment and deep devotion.

Now, as I look back on 50 golden years in this sacred calling, my heart echoes the words of St. Paul: *“Your grace is sufficient for me.”* And I ask, in awe and gratitude, *“Lord, You have done so much for me, will my life ever be enough to thank You?”*



Throughout these years, I’ve had the grace to serve in various roles: as an accountant, social worker, formator, community animator, legal advisor and director of Self-Help Groups. Each experience shaped me, molding me into a leader rooted in integrity, truth, forgiveness and compassion. I am especially grateful to God and my society for the many opportunities to grow - spiritually, intellectually and emotionally - through higher studies both in India and abroad. These have strengthened my commitment to live and serve in the footsteps of Jesus, my Master and Savior.



One of the most humbling and powerful missions God entrusted to me was to be an instrument of peace and unity in my native village, Parumanchala, in Kurnool District. This village, home to over 300 Catholic families, holds a Church built more than 85 years ago. Sadly, it had been locked down for three years following an incident involving an attack on a priest. As a result, the faithful were denied the Sacraments and the sacred Host remained untouched for all those years.

When I learned of this painful division, I sought the guidance and permission of my Provincial Council. With a heart full of prayer and hope, I initiated dialogue, holding numerous meetings with both groups and engaging with bishops from Andhra Pradesh and Telangana. I’m deeply grateful to these shepherds who recognized the gravity of the situation.

What followed was a time of intense prayer and fasting, calling on the Holy Spirit to heal wounded hearts. Slowly, a spirit of reconciliation emerged. Village leaders stepped forward with open hearts. We organized a three-day prayer convention, and it became a holy ground of forgiveness and new beginnings. The two divided groups embraced peace and together, they requested the celebration of the Holy Mass.

By the grace of God, Rev. Johannes Gorantla, OCD, Bishop of Kurnool joyfully accepted to offer the Eucharist. It was also the perfect occasion for me to celebrate my 50 year Jubilee of religious life in my very own village.

On that unforgettable day, nearly 2,000 people, including 40 priests and numerous religious sisters, gathered in joyful unity. My heart overflowed with thanksgiving. The Church, once closed in pain, was now filled with praise, light and love. The people were once again united - in heart, in mind and in the House of the Lord.



To God be the glory! He has truly done wonders in my life and in my village. I continue to pray: *“Let peace and joy prevail among all people, and may my remaining days be a hymn of gratitude to You, Lord.”*

- Sr. Theresa Madhavaram (Golden Jubilarian – 2025)

Like Andrew, Let Me Lead One - Walking with the Called in a Digital Age

As I look back on my first year as Province Vocation Coordinator, my heart overflows with a blend of emotions - joy, weariness, hope, frustration, fulfilment and moments of deep questioning. It's been a year of walking closely with God, yes, but also with young, searching hearts, and with all the unseen realities that surround the blessed mystery of a vocation.

Often, I think of Andrew that first disciple who, after encountering Jesus, didn't keep the joy to himself. He ran to his brother Peter and said, "*We have found the Messiah.*" He didn't have a master plan or a theological discourse, just a heart on fire and the courage to share it. In many ways, this has been my calling too: to be like Andrew, reaching out to young people and saying, "*Come and see.*"

There is such deep joy when I meet a young girl who expresses, with wonder in her eyes, a desire to follow Christ radically. Their freshness, their innocent longing for something more, uplifts me. In a world buzzing with endless notifications, curated realities, and artificial connections, it is a powerful thing to witness someone choosing silence, prayer and this way of life. These moments make the countless train rides, late-night conversations and the quiet tears worth it. But the path, as always, is not straight.

Sometimes, the obstacle is the family - anxious parents, clinging to dreams that don't include convent walls. Other times, the parents are the ones gently encouraging, while the daughter is torn between the thrilling promises of the world and the still, small voice of God. Helping someone discern isn't about faith; it's about accompaniment - slow, prayerful and often without visible results. That's hard. It takes patience, surrender, and a readiness to face rejection without letting it harden your heart.

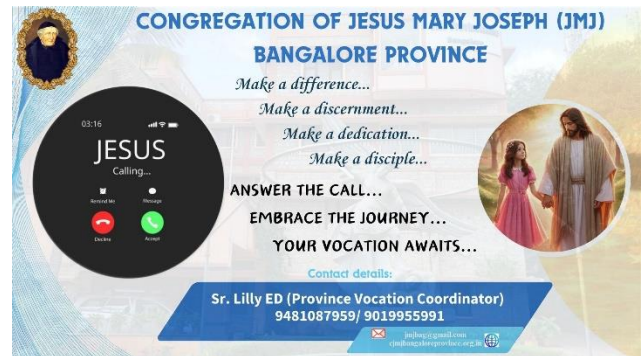
Over the past year, I've walked through many corners of our country like Kerala, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Jharkhand, Bihar, Goa. Each place is its own world, full of rich culture, unique challenges and the same eternal question: *What is God asking of me?* Sometimes, I plant seeds and walk away wondering if anything will grow. Other times, I see a quiet 'yes' bloom into a beautiful, unexpected vocation.

Being a vocation promoter in today's techno-distracted world is like sowing seeds on a digital, noisy field. But I've learned something crucial - it's not about success. It's about faithfulness. Faithfulness in offering the invitation of Christ, in walking beside the uncertain, and in trusting that God will bring the harvest - in His time, not mine.

I am not here to fill convents. I am here to be a sower, a signpost, a sister... and sometimes just a silent witness to God's mysterious work in someone's soul.

As I move forward, I carry with me the faces, stories, doubts and dreams I've encountered. They are written into the pages of my own journey with Christ. And like Andrew, I continue to say: *Come and see.* The joy is real. The struggles are many. But the One who calls is faithful and He is still calling, even in the most unexpected places.

With renewed hope, I walk on trusting that the God who once called fishermen through the whisper of a friend... is still calling young hearts today, however in the static of a scrolling world.



- **Sr. Lilly Elavathingal**

International meet of formators and superiors at Bangalore

The day began with a solemn Eucharistic celebration invoking the guidance of the Holy Spirit upon the gathering. The Superior General Sr. Mary Karickakunnel in her inaugural address, emphasized the importance of synodal journeying, co-responsibility and leadership rooted in Gospel values. She reflected on the legacy of the Congregation and its prophetic mission in today's complex world. Special emphasis was placed on forming mission-oriented communities, strengthening the JMJ identity and being more visible, impactful in the peripheries of society. The plan included setting up training hubs, enhancing digital presence and nurturing collaboration with the laity and other religious bodies.



Empowerment of Leaders: Leadership was recognized as a shared vocation, not a role of power but of service. The need for continuous formation programs was stressed, covering areas such as emotional intelligence, collaborative leadership, safeguarding and mission sustainability. Special attention was given to young sisters and local superiors, equipping them through mentoring, theological grounding and contextual pastoral skills. A proposal to create inter-provincial leadership workshops annually was unanimously supported.

Safeguarding and JPIC (Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation): The committee revisited safeguarding protocols, reaffirming the JMJ commitment to the protection of children and vulnerable adults. They also discussed enhancing the visibility and effectiveness of JPIC committees in local communities by linking them to practical outreach programs.

Synodal Way and Collaboration: The spirit of listening, dialogue and discernment was practiced throughout the sessions, echoing Pope Francis' call to a synodal Church. Proposals were made to strengthen partnerships with dioceses, NGOs and lay collaborators for mission effectiveness.

The meeting concluded with a deep sense of unity, direction and hope. The members affirmed their commitment to walk together with courage and compassion in the footsteps of the JMJ founding spirit. A final blessing was given by Sr. Mary K., entrusting the five-year journey to the guidance of the Holy Spirit and the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary.



Congratulations to everyone at OLF hospital, Porumamilla for this outstanding success!

First laparoscopic nephrectomy successfully performed at OLF hospital Porumamilla - a milestone. Special appreciation goes to the entire medical and nursing team for their tireless efforts and commitment and for bringing advanced surgical care to rural communities.



A Tribute to our Deceased Sisters

Sr. Florence Venattuparambil

An Angel came & took her by the hand & whispered to her, 'Your place is ready in Heaven.'

Sr. Florence hails from Pariyaram, Chalakkudy taluk in Thrissur district, Kerala - to the pious parents Mr. Devassy and Mrs. Mariam on 21st March 1938. Among the 7 children born to the couple, 5 were girls and 2 were boys. She was the fifth child among the siblings. Her journey of faith began in the warmth of her loving home, where her parents first introduced her to the Christian faith. From an early age, she embraced the Eucharistic services and spiritual activities with a heart full of devotion, and it was her mother who first sowed the seed of a religious vocation in her.



Sr. Florence was a loving gentle soul with a heart full of compassion, great sense of humor, always ready to serve with kindness and care. A woman of responsibility, hardwork and hospitality, she welcomed everyone with open arms, extending her warmth to all. Her commitment to her religious vocation was evident in every aspect of her life, and her love for the poor and neglected was a hallmark of her character. Known for her melodious singing, she had the gift of bringing joy and light to all around her, much like a nightingale filling the air with sweet songs. She has been a channel of grace, always witnessing to the love and vision of Christ as passed down by our beloved Founder Rev. Fr. Mathias Wolff SJ. Whether sharing her spiritual wisdom or keeping abreast with the latest news, she has always sought to grow and equip herself to serve better. Her commitment to daily prayers and spiritual practices was constant, an anchor in her life. She rendered her services at Guntur, Repalle, Nagarjuna Sagar, Dargamitta, Ongole, Chellanam, Athani as a teacher, headmistress, procurator, incharge of hostel, choir leader and actively involved in pastoral, social, catechetical and vocational activities. Her life was like a fragrant flower, offering kindness, love, and affection to all those around her. Even in her later years at JMJ Nilayam - Bangalore, she maintained her modesty, cheerfulness, and a spirit of joyful service. She always upheld the values of punctuality and orderliness. She served the Lord for long 60 years as a trustworthy JMJ Sister.

Sr. Florence Venattuparambil went to her eternal abode on 19th February 2025 due to massive heart attack at 08.28am at JMJ Nilayam, Bangalore in the presence of our sisters.

May her noble soul rest in peace!



**Pope Francis: A Shepherd who touched our hearts and
now watches over us from Heaven**

It's not every day that someone comes into the world and leaves such a deep imprint on the hearts of so many. For us and for millions around the globe that person was Pope Francis. Though most of us never met him personally, it often felt as though he was speaking directly to each one of us. His words, his actions and even his quiet presence carried a kind of grace that gave us hope and strength.

From the moment he stepped onto the balcony of St. Peter's Basilica in 2013, something was different. Pope Francis didn't lead with grandeur; he led with humility. When he bowed and asked the world to pray for him, we saw not just a new pope, but a true servant of God. He was a shepherd in the truest sense, close to his people, unafraid to walk among them and always attentive to their needs.

What inspired us most was his deep love for the poor, the forgotten and those on the edges of society. He didn't just talk about mercy, he lived it. He reminded us that faith must be lived out through compassion, kindness and presence. He made each of us reflect on how we could love more, serve more, and judge less.

Pope Francis challenged us to care for the earth and for one another. His message was never just for Catholics, it was for humanity. Whether he was addressing the climate crisis, calling for peace, or standing in solidarity with migrants, he reminded us of our shared responsibility to protect the most vulnerable.

When he passed away, we felt a collective sense of loss as if a light in the world had dimmed. And yet, even in our sorrow, we found peace in knowing that he is now with God, continuing his mission from above. We believe Pope Francis is now a powerful intercessor in heaven, praying for us with the same gentleness and love he showed while here on earth. His legacy is one that continues to shape our lives. He reminded us that the Church is not a fortress, but a home for all. That holiness is found in everyday acts of love. That leadership is about listening, serving, and lifting others up. Though his voice is now silent, his message rings louder than ever. And we carry it with us, not just as memory, but as a call to live more like Christ. Pope Francis touched our hearts deeply and we will continue to walk the path he showed us with humility, courage and love.



In Loving memory



Bangalore: -

Sr. Florence Venattuparambil 19.02.2025

Hyderabad: -

Sr. Fatima Mary Kommareddy 10.01.2025

Sr. Augustine Peters 12.01.2025

Family Members: -

Mother of Sr. Ragini Mary Anthonappa 08.12.2024

Brother-in-law of Sr. Sandhya Pyreddy 15.12.2024

Cousin brother of Sr. Arputha Mary Kambala 15.12.2024

Sister-in-law of Sr. Annie Sigi 30.12.2024

Sister of Sr. Theresa Madhavaram 04.01.2025

Aunt of Sr. Anthony Mary Dasari 05.02.2025

Brother of Sr. Velangani Mary Govindu 09.02.2025

Aunt of Sr. Shiji George Vadakeorath 16.02.2025

Brother-in-law of Sr. Parimala Michaelappa 17.02.2025

Sister-in-law of Sr. Gracy Edasseril 24.02.2025

Aunt of Sr. Shiji Philip Puliyanmackkal 14.03.2025

Aunt of Sr. Mary Esther Rani Joseph 14.03.2025

Mother of Sr. Mariam Jincy Moojali 27.03.2025

Brother of Sr. Joyamma Chanikuzhy 30.03.2025

Sister of Sr. Martha Thirumalreddy 22.04.2025

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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