

Initiation Ceremony to Tertianship

"If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross and follow me" (Mark 8:34) As Jesus was preparing his disciples for the mission, He took them to the mountain and prayed with them and sent them two by two. Likewise, Sr. MarySujita,ourTertian Directress has been preparing us spiritually to enter intoTertianship in order to have the Abba experience in our lives and to develop an intimate relationship with Jesus.It was a day of silence when we felt the spirit moving deep within us, leading us to prepare ourselvesforthe final YES.



On December 1st we, Srs. Mary Selvi, Lourde, Swarnalata, Premalata and Triveni from Visitation Province and Sister Mary Prima from Assumption Province formally entered into Tertianship. The prayer service began at 6:15 pm lead by Sr. Mary Sujita.We felt grateful to God for this day where we were called into intimate silence to experience the loving presence of God, also reminded of abundant blessings of Him in our lives. On this special day we cherished the preciousness of our vocation, and also felt Jesus enfolding us with his tender hands.

It was a day of recounting God's companionship and faithfulness during the past years of formation and His assurance for the future. The prayer service was very meaningful and inspiring. We, the Tertians participated in leading the prayers prepared by Sr.Mary Sujita. We were deeply moved during prayer as we sang the song, "Will you come and follow me" (The Summons). The following lines also are equally inspiring. "In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show, Thus I'll move, live and grow in you and you in me". We have submitted our lives to God with total trust and we feel the full confidence that He will take care of us now and always.

At the end of the prayer service each Tertian was assigned with a Senior Sister, who is the wisdom figure to help us in our spiritual journey. Each Sister in the community came forward and blessed us. It was a delightful experience for all the Sisters in Visitation Province Bangalore to witness the initiation ceremony held for the first time in the Provincial House. In the previous years it used to be held in the Assumption Province Patna, this year the Covid-19 pandemic kept us within the walls of Provincial House

The day ended with a delicious dinner around our convent portico. We thanked God and our dear loving Sisters who made this day an unforgettable one. Definitely, for us it was a fresh beginning in our spiritual journey.

Virtual Province Gathering

The exciting days for all the Sisters in the Visitation Province were November 28th and 29th as we had the first virtual province gathering in the history of the province.

Under the able guidance of Sr. M. Chetana the provincial superior and the councilors, we were able to meet the Sisters virtually and share the joy of living together as a family. This province gathering was organized to share the gist of the general conference held from oct.1st to 21st. There were 2 major topics of today- 'Fratelli Tutti' and National Education Policy discussed. Fr.Joseph Royan, the Redemptorist, shared his reflections from various angles on Fratelli Tutti.



Fr.Rohan De Almeida, an eminent educationist threw light upon the various nuances of National Education Policy.

On 28th November we began with prayer lead by Sr. M. Kripa. Sr. M. Sreeja, the Assistant General greeted us and conveyed her best wishes. After which Fr. Joseph Royan, enlightened us with a few reflections on Fratelli Tutti The encyclical calls for more human fraternity and solidarity.

Sr. M. Manisha, the Education Coordinator presented the report of the ministry of the education in a nutshell. She congratulated all the school management who during this pandemic plunged into virtual classrooms effectively. On the next day at the outset Sr. M. Kristin, the Superior General, addressed us and appreciated us for all that we are doing for the cause of JPIC and for the congregation. Then Sr. M. Chetana presented the PPT on general conference. Sr. Sreeja clarified our doubts, and she also appreciated us for being a liberating presence among the people. She asked us to have a long range vision for the mission.

After the short break we had sharing from every community based on the questions given by Sr. M. Chetana. We were glad to hear how every community has gone green during pandemic by doing various activities. After the final remarks Sr. M. Chetana concluded the gathering with the hymn to Mary.