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**Fondly remembered on their 1<sup>st</sup> Death Anniversary:**  
**Srs. Suchita, Jessy and Regis...**

*“Those we love don't go away,*

*they walk beside us every day.*

*Unseen, unheard, but always near,*

*still loved, still missed, and very dear.”*



## NEWS FROM COMMUNITIES

MARIA BHAWAN CONVENT, MAURANIPUR



“If life were predictable it would cease to be life and be without flavour”.



Silver Jubilee of Sr. Maria Rose was celebrated on 1<sup>st</sup> May. It was a long-awaited day for all of us. The presence of her elder sister and two nieces brought life and joy to the celebration. Since our parish priest was out of station, Fr. Kapil from Madha concelebrated the Mass with his assistant, in the well decorated church. The melodious choir under the able guidance of Sr. Sujata helped us to raise our hearts and minds to the Lord. Everyone enjoyed the sumptuous lunch which was served after the Mass. Our sisters from Jhansi, added joy to the occasion. Celebrations came to an end with an organized recreation.



We started the traditional practice of May devotion reciting the Rosary specially praying for world peace, end of war between Ukraine and Russia and for the

well-being of all. Sr. Elsy, our provincial paid us a short visit. On 6th May a few of us participated in the memorial Mass on the occasion of the first death anniversary of Srs. Jessy and Regis in SFC.

We celebrated the Nurses' Day on 12th May with a Mass, tea party for our coworkers and dinner for both the communities and for our parish priest. Sr. Julita went for a picnic to Dehradun along with the school teachers. Fr. David took extra care and brought her back healthy, active and energetic.

We had the first rain of the year on 23<sup>rd</sup> May which brought down the temperature, giving us respite from the scorching heat. Sr. Sushmita returned after attending a five weeks renewal program in Tanmay Sadhana Centre, Lonavala. Sr. Sujata gave company to Sr. Renata as the other two members went on home leave. We concluded the May devotion on 31st May with a special Rosary, after which “kheer” was served to all. We celebrated the birthday of the Church – the feast of Pentecost – after 9 days of special prayers and Novena.

On 12th June that we all of us with our coworkers and our parish priest went for an outing to Kanpur Blue World Water Park. All of us enjoyed the trip and our senior most (Sr. Julita) enjoyed the most in the water.

We had our three days' recollection under the able guidance of Fr. Lourde Samy. We were challenged to be aware of our behaviour patterns. On 22nd we were shocked to hear about the

sudden demise of Mr. Bharat Vepari, our auditor. We prayed for the repose of his soul and for the bereaved family members.

On all the Fridays of June, special Holy Hour was conducted and prayed for the safety and security of all of us in His Sacred Heart. On the feast day of Sacred Heart, we joined the online 'National Thanksgiving' prayer service from the tomb of St. Devasahayam Pillai.

Sr. Elsy, our provincial came for an official visit, and we enjoyed her company. Sr. Gladys left for SFC on 30th June for her first-year final exams.

*"Life is best for those who are enjoying it; Difficult for those who are comparing it;*

*Worst for those who are criticizing it.*

*Your attitude defines your life. So enjoy life each moment."*



MAYUR VIHAR

Month of March brought final examination although we had them online for the classes KG-8, while others had them offline. Sr. Poonam accompanied the parish youth to Ish Vatika, Star Church, Najafgarh for youth picnic and returned with rich experience of being renewed and refreshed. On 8th March, Women's Day, we lost an active and loyal person of our parish, Mr. Antonio Francis, who is known to many of our sisters. We visited the family after evening Mass, prayed rosary and the next day accompanied him on his last journey to Paharganj graveyard.

We had many retreats during Lent and joined them to pray with our people on mission. On 19th March, we had the retreat for the catholic students of our school from classes 4-12, on 27th March, for the parish youth and on 3rd April, for the entire parish. All these retreats were well organized and brought God's grace and blessings to all.

We closed the session for the junior and senior sections on 24th and 26th March respectively. The staff had an enriching staff orientation guided by Fr. Ravi S.J. who emphasized the importance of teaching values in our schools. On 4th April we opened the new session offline almost after a gap of two years and the campus came alive once again with the fun and laughter of children.

Besides the school, we continued our parish responsibilities such as attending parish council and youth meetings, house visits, catechism classes etc. On Holy Thursday we decorated the church beautifully and participated in the night adoration. We had a meaningful Easter vigil Mass and shared the joy of Easter with one another. The presence of Srs. Rekha and Kanula on Easter night added to our joy.

2nd May was a proud moment for us as the bust of Mother Mary Ward was installed in the school campus. Our class 10 students prepared a programme to honour our support staff on the occasion of Labour Day.

On 7th May, we celebrated the silver jubilee of Sr. Merlin with a meaningful Eucharistic celebration in the parish. Fr. Sabu, the former Director of Education for D.C.A. schools was the main celebrant and six other priests concelebrated with him. The presence of Bro. Jose, Sr. Merlin's brother added joy to the day. After the Mass, we welcomed the invitees to the well decorated school hall and had a small felicitation followed by a fellowship meal. Sr. Merlin felt grateful to God and to all who accompanied her during her religious journey of 25 years. On 14th May, Sr. Merlin was wished in the school by the staff and the senior students.

On 9th May we celebrated Sr. Tomsy's birthday by having a Mass in our convent. Sr. Tomsy attended a capacity building seminar which was enriching. On 17th May we had Sisters Deepika, Rayna, Josephine, Shobha and Joseline as visitors on their way to Kathmandu.

On 18<sup>th</sup> May Sr. Poonam left on home leave while Sr. Tomsy went home on 28th May. The school management wished Sr. Merlin all God's graces through a well-arranged farewell programme. Sr. Marisha kept company with Sr. Merlin in the absence of the community members. Srs. Alka and Deepti joined the community on 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> June respectively, making the community complete. Sr. Marisha returned to Shahabad on 25th. We thank Sr. Marisha for her availability and generosity. Srs. Poonam and Tomsy returned on 27th June after their homeleave and attending a 5-day Leadership Training programme in Bangalore. On the same day Sr. Merlin left for Jhansi, after having completed her mission here in Mayur Vihar. Sr. Poonam was given a befitting farewell by the school management. Community offered a Thanksgiving Mass for Sr. Poonam on 29th and also welcomed Srs. Deepti and Alka to the community. On 1st July, Sr. Poonam left for Jhansi for her new mission.

On 2nd July, Sr. Tomsy was installed as the community animator by Sr. Elsy. The new team of sisters was welcomed by Fr. Jose, our manager and the staff. Yes, "change is the law of life".

S.F.C. JHANSI



**Labour Day** -The day that marks the historic struggles and victories of the working class was celebrated in the school with great enthusiasm. A special prayer service was organized by the students of class 8A. Through role plays and a dance drama the students were given the awareness of the contribution they make in our

lives, our society and the key role they play in the growing economy. After the assembly a few games were conducted for them and the winners were given prizes. They enjoyed and appreciated the high tea which was served to them.

**Remembrances:** On 6th May, on the occasion of the first death anniversary of Srs. Regis and Jessy, a solemn High Mass was offered by our Bishop, Rt. Rev. Peter Parapullil along with Fr. Sahayanathan, our V.G, Fr. Vianney our Chaplain and Fr. Arogya Swamy, our parish priest.

The kith and kin of both the sisters and our sisters from Nirmala convent and Mauranipur participated in the Mass, after which we proceeded to the cemetery. Our Bishop Rt. Rev. Peter Parapullil blessed the beautifully decorated graves and offered special prayers for them. After the breakfast all returned to their homes. The following day, the staff and students conducted a meaningful memorial prayer service.

Our J.P.I.C. club was very active during the month of May. On 10th May, the members organized a street play based on the theme 'Invest on your Planet' in



front of the school gate to create and spread awareness about the need to protect our environment. The programme highlighted issues like physical and ecological imbalance, air and water pollution, deforestation and an increase in waste all around us. The slogan "*chalo, chalo jagratha badaiye; es dharthi ko swarg banaiye*", resounded in the air. Through the play, the students depicted clearly how our environment can be saved for the future

generation. Besides the staff and students, some parents, drivers and passersby witnessed the programme.

A fire safety drill was organized on 11th. The officers from the fire department demonstrated and taught the teachers, students and co-workers how fire could be put out. It was an enriching experience. The school closed on 14th May for summer vacation.

18<sup>th</sup> brought in the sad news that Sr. Rose of Patna province left for her eternal reward. We mourn her death and pray that her soul may rest in peace.

Corona visited us this year too. Srs. Isabel, Vijaya and our candidate Monica became victims of it. Considering the age of Srs. Isabel and Vijaya, they were shifted them to Apollo hospital to ensure a speedy recovery. We are grateful to Srs. Deepa and Sherly for taking care of them and nursing them back to health.

The month ended with an outing to one of the Dams 'Sukhvam - Dukhvam' which refreshed us who were in Jhansi braving the heat.

2nd June, Sr. Marcellina's feast day was a day of joy and jubilation. The presence of our sisters from Nirmala made it awesome.

We had our 3-day recollection on 9th, 10th and 11<sup>th</sup> June, under the direction of Fr. R. Tellis. Our sisters from Nirmala too joined us and hence it was a celebration of togetherness. The days spent in reflection and prayer refreshed and revitalized us and gave us enough energy to face the hard days lying ahead.

Sr. Pratima returned back after her home leave on 16th June, giving us great joy and confidence.

All of us attended the webinar on 'Mary Ward Family Living Laudato Si – 7 year plan'. It was informative and inspiring.

With heavy heart we bade farewell to our dear Sr. Divya on 20th. Before she left for Delhi we celebrated her – her goodness, her loving and generous service and her total availability. We remain ever grateful to you, dear Sr. Divya.

Our coworkers were taken to Gwalior for an outing as an expression of our gratitude and love for them for what they are and for all that they do for us. They returned home in the evening, beaming with joy.

On her return from home, Sr. Rose was given a warm welcome. A special prayer assembly and a 'get together' were organized on 27<sup>th</sup> in her honour to say good bye to her. On the same day we welcomed Sr. Merlin with joy. 'May God bless you and make your stay a blessing for many', is our prayer for you, dear Sr. Merlin.

Sr. Rose left for Rudrapur on the wee hours of 28th June. Thank you, dear Sr. Rose, for your availability and cheerful service. May God go with you guiding you and protecting you.

*"The most beautiful things in life are not things.  
They are people and places, memories and pictures.  
They are feelings and moments, right hugs, smiles and laughter."*



## ST. MARY'S CONVENT NAINITAL

The month of May is a pleasant time here in Nainital. It is the time when flowers are in bloom, and just looking out your window can energize you for the day. As we enjoy the natural beauty around us, we also raise our hearts in devotion to Mother Mary in this month of May.

On 3rd May, Moti Nagar sisters paid a short visit to our community. It was heaven on earth for them as they went around seeing various flowers in our campus and enjoyed taking pictures.

Sr. Sherly returned from Delhi after taking care of Sr. Mary who was in the hospital. We thank God for her generosity and willingness to reach out to the sick and needy.

After gap of two long years, our Ramneeites were back on the field practising vigorously for the PT display. Our teachers too were on their feet, guiding and helping the students for this great event. On 12<sup>th</sup> May, the school had the first show for all the neighbouring schools. The Chief Guest was Apoorva an ex- student who stood first in the Army Judges Exam. The weather was pretty good and all those who came enjoyed the programme.



The long awaited Ramnee Sports Day on 18th May 2022 was an ensemble of colourful display and athletic events as each one put in their best to make their programme a grand success. First on the list was an excellent performance of our school pipe band followed by oath taking and March past. The innovative and colourful coordination and swiftness in the form of races kept our parents alert and they kept cheering the children. Each class performed physical drills which was very grand followed by a lot of skills and balance in the pyramids, spreading the message of unity and drawing our attention to the need of the hour - respect for women, honesty, forgiveness, charity and communal harmony. The Chief Guest S.S. Bal Commodore (NCC headquarters) commented in his speech that everything was done with a military precision. After the programme, the boarders left for their short break along with their parents.

Sr. Elsy and her brother Wilson arrived here on the 23rd and he spent three days with us in Nainital. Srs. Celine and Evelyn from Allahabad arrived here on 24<sup>th</sup>. We had the 'Becoming One' programme for CJ and IBVM from 27<sup>th</sup> - 31st May. Some of them coming for the first time were taken up by the natural beauty and variety of flowers here.



Sr. Manjusha's priest brother Fr. Dominic was happy to spend a few days here in Nainital, relaxing.

Our senior girls conducted a cleanliness drive around Nainital under the able guidance of Mr. Yashpal Singh.

On 7th June our ex-student Manpreet Ghei along with Governor's daughter paid a visit to our school. The next day, the Governor gave an invitation to visit Raj Bhawan and to pray and bless him. 20 students and three sisters went along with Fr. Dominic (Sr. Manjusha's brother) and conducted a short prayer service. They had high tea with the Governor. We are indebted to our honorable Governor Lt. General Gurmit Singh for spending his valuable time interacting with our students.

Srs. Elsy and Digna visited Mizoram and Silchar to find out the possibilities of vocation promotion. Sr. Digna returned with Sr. Anne who was transferred back to Nainital. Six of our sisters from Allahabad paid us a short visit. Sr. Elaine underwent cataract surgery in both the eyes and is doing well. Sr. Crispina stayed with us for ten days under going Physiotherapy from BD Pandey hospital.

Sr. Deepti after having served the school for the past one year left for Mayur Vihar on transfer. Thank you, Sr. Deepti, for your dedicated service to Ramnee and wish you all the best in your new mission. Three of Sr. Coletta's relatives from Mangalore spent a few days with her. Bishop Albert and Bishop Isidore paid us a visit. Sr. Digna's sister Sr. Anita, her two brothers and her parish priest came for a short visit to Nainital.

On 21st June, the school celebrated the International Yoga Day. 50 students participated in the yoga arranged by the local administration at DSA flats. The rest of the students had their yoga in the school.



We celebrated the feast of the Sacred Heart and prayed for our institute and for the world and concluded the day with the Act of Consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

## NIRMALA CONVENT



During the month of May, a month specially dedicated to Mother Mary, we honoured her by praying the Rosary daily in our Chapel.

Sr. Tessy and Sr. Jyothika went home on home leave. Sr. Jyothika celebrated her Silver Jubilee with her dear ones in her home parish Dhamola. Sr. Mary returned from Delhi after her treatment. Sr. Deepa was kind enough to reach Sr. Mary to Jhansi and returned to Delhi on the same day.

We were saddened to hear about the passing of Kunjumole, Sr. Alice's younger sister who had been suffering since many years.

Sr. Shalini went to Allahabad for her routine checkup. She went through Colonoscopy and MRI and underwent a minor surgery for the removal of polyp on colon and stayed in 21 Allahabad for two weeks. Sr. Shalini is grateful to Sr. Shweta, the provincial superior, Sr. Jaya and community for their care and concern.

In preparation for St. Anthony's Feast, our parish had Novena and Holy Mass which some of our sisters attended. We had three days recollection together with St. Francis community. Fr. Ronald Tellis was the resource person. Fr. Tellis helped us to reflect upon three soul searching questions - Who am I? Where am I going? What is the purpose of my becoming a religious? We are grateful to SFC community for accommodating us these three days.

On 13<sup>th</sup> June we offered a thanksgiving Mass for Sr. Camilla and she left for Rudrapur on 14<sup>th</sup> accompanied by Srs. Alice and Shalini. On 20<sup>th</sup> evening we had the farewell Mass for Srs. Tessy, Jyothika and Alka during which we prayed for God's blessings upon them.

*"Life is journey. Travel it well"*



## ST. ANTHONY'S CONVENT – JEOLIKOTE

The month of May began with a special Holy Mass offered for the Jeolikote mission by a group of young priests of the Agra Region who had come to Jeolikote for a get-together. Throughout the month all of us along with the parishioners gathered at the grotto every evening and recited devoutly the Holy Rosary followed by Holy Mass. We



interceded for the warring nations of Ukraine and Russia and all the persecuted Christians.

Teachers and the students were kept busy with the 1<sup>st</sup> unit test. On 14th May we closed school for summer holidays. Srs. Mary John, Damian and Crispina left for Kerala on home leave soon after the closing of school and Sr. Deepika left for Kathmandu to attend 'Becoming One' programme. Srs. Sheeba and Pratibha spent a week in retreat. On 26th Sr. Deepika returned from Kathmandu via Kanpur, bringing our Sr. Kripa UMI for her holidays with us. We also welcomed Srs. Kiran, Mable, and Ranjita from Patna who spent a few happy hours with us before joining the 'Becoming One' gathering at Nainital.

31<sup>st</sup> May brought us many visitors - CJ sisters and IBVM sisters who were on their way returning to their respective communities. We too had time and opportunity to interact with the Loreto Sisters. It was an enriching time for us.

On the last day of May we honored our Blessed Mother by reciting the Rosary at the grotto, interceding for the entire world and needs of our Church. We had a high Mass after the rosary and prayed very specially for all the families of our parish. After Mass all were happy to relish the tasty Suji halwa and we spent a little time happily with our parishioners.

As a part of our 125 years Jubilee Celebration, we organized a get-together on 4th June, for all our girls who were brought up at our Jeolikote mission. It was an exciting and wonderful occasion for our 15 girls with their families and Sr. Kripa UMI. Srs. Asha and Antoinette too joined the



celebration and relived their childhood memories and strengthened their bond of friendship. Our girls were generous to contribute financially to this special celebration.

We were very happy to have Sr. Elsy, our provincial and our dear Srs. Daya, Doreen, Tarsicia, Irene, Claris, Celine, Evelyn, Manisha, Caroline and Sherly, who joined us in praying for our girls and their families. We are very grateful to Srs. Daya CJ and Kripa UMI for their generous services during these days. We dearly appreciate their hard work and the help they rendered in all our activities.

All our girls attended the Holy Mass arranged for them at this special occasion. Rev. Fr. Uday was the main celebrant joined by Bishop Isidore Fernandes and Fr. Manoj. Miss. Meenu Singh and Manisha



Mary had prepared the choir and sang melodiously, inspiring all the attendants to pray and praise God our heavenly Father. Mrs. Roshini gave a beautiful introduction thanking profoundly all our sisters - Mother Fulgentia, Srs. Elfride, Eligia, Antonia, Bertilia, Theonilla, Assunta (German) Augustine, Scholastica, Anselma, Beatrice, Regis, Rinalda, Tarsicia, Lydia, Veronica, Sophia, Georgina, Irene, Claris, and all the sisters - who gave their best service with great love. It is the efforts, care and love that gave them confidence and a place in the world outside to live a happy life and face the day-to-day challenges of life. They sincerely appreciated the good training and the education they received due to the generosity of the sisters. Fr. Uday gave an inspiring sermon during the Holy Mass with a message to share their gifts and talents, stay united and faithful to one another. He also advised them to have a strong devotion to St. Anthony. Sr. Pratibha had decorated the altar very artistically and it really looked very good.

After the Mass all of us went to the graveyard along with the Priests and prayed for our dear departed sisters who had much to do with the girls. Later we gathered in the boarders' refectory to watch the video prepared by the sisters, collecting all the childhood photos of our girls. It was a hilarious time enjoying the fond memories of their childhood and relive the time they had spent under the guidance mostly of the German Sisters.

Sr. Elsy and all of us joyfully cut the cake in a group and the girls too gathered around the table to celebrate the great day. We joined the festive meal together enjoying the tasty food prepared by our co-workers.

At 5.00 pm all of us prayed the Rosary and the special prayers conducted by Sr. Deepika. We thanked Mother Mary for her continuous protection and guidance on all our girls during the past years and invoked the blessings for the years to come. It was followed by an organized recreation. What fun it was to see everyone sing and dance joyfully in our basketball ground! All took part in the games prepared by Srs. Sheeba, Deepika and Daya.



The winners were awarded prizes and the last item was a surprise one for everyone present. All received a small gift and each family a souvenir cup with the photo of the entrance of our campus.

6th June was an exciting day as we received the class 12 and 10 board results. We thank all our teachers for their hard work. Congratulations to Srs Deepika, Damian and all the teachers.

It was a great joy for us to welcome our sisters Bridget, Regina, Surabhi, Rose, Tara and Grace from Allahabad on 10th June. They were with us only for two days but it was a great union, fun and laughter.

A thanksgiving Mass was offered on 26<sup>th</sup> June, for our sisters Deepika and Damian for their loving services and commitment towards the Jeolikote mission. May God bless their future missions, Sr. Deepika at Mauranipur and



Sr. Damian at Jhajjar. May both of them as the animators of the communities experience God's guidance, good health and happiness. A special Holy Hour was conducted by Sr. Laura imploring God's blessings upon both of them. The day ended with an enjoyable recreation with games and fun.

26th June became a special day for us as Archbishop Albert D'Souza offered the Holy Mass for us and spent some time with us. He always recalls with great appreciation the help he and his brother, Fr. Matthew D'Souza received from our sisters at Jeolikote.

The month of June brought us visitors almost every day and we welcomed everyone warmly. All who visited us went with happy memories.

On the last day of June, we warmly welcomed Ivy, our novice to our community. May her two months with us be a fruitful one, keeping her happy and a time of learning more about the CJ family. On the same day we received the news of the transfer of our Srs. Patricia to Nirmala Jhansi, Rekha to SFC Jhansi and Kanula to St. Mary's Nainital. We are grateful to each one of them for their dedicated loving services to this mission and to each one of us here. We wish them God's blessings in their new mission at their respective place. God bless you dear sisters and adieu till we meet again. We were happy to welcome Srs. Mariella, Marcellina, Tessy and Shobha to our community. God's blessings upon each one of you as you begin your mission here.

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus bless all of us.

## ST. XAVIER'S ROHINI



The month of March marched very fast as teachers and students were equally busy with the final exams, corrections and preparation of report cards. Synod discussions were held in the parish in different groups. All were enthusiastic and eager to share their valuable experiences and expectations from the church.

After the hectic days of work, the Junior school staff decided to spend some relaxed moments out with each other while celebrating Sr. Vandana's birthday and also expressing their gratitude towards the Junior school coordinator Mrs. Neeta Mehta who was getting retired from the Xaverian family.

Sr. Marisha joined the community on 28<sup>th</sup> March in place of Sr. Sanjana who was leaving for Bengaluru for her B.Ed. There was a triple celebration in the community – birthday of Sr. Vandana, welcome to Sr. Marisha and farewell to Sr. Sanjana. All the fathers from the residence and sisters from the provincial house joined us.

The new academic session 2022-23 began in the first week of April. The school premises echoed with the laughter of children. All the teachers and students were excited to meet each other after a

long gap of two years. Our tiny tots of Class Prep and the Balwadi were very sad to leave the comfort zone of their home and parents. The students of the remedial classes were very happy to enter the compound and to meet their teachers and friends.

During the Holy week we spent time meditating on the passion of Christ. The Youth of our parish enacted the way of the cross which touched our hearts. Srs. Anita and Marisha attended the jubilee celebration of Sr. Meera UMI in Greater Noida.

Frs. Glenn Menezes and Sebastian Mukalel joined the SJ community in place of Fr. Scaria. We were happy to join Sr. Merlin as she celebrated her silver jubilee. The school closed for summer vacation and Sr. Vandana left for her home leave.

Sr. Marisha stayed in Mayur Vihar for three weeks, giving company to Sr. Merlin as she was alone in the house. Sr. Marisha attended the CJ/ SJ collaborators' meeting which was held in Raj Niwas Marg on 26th and 27th June. Sr. Vandana returned on 27<sup>th</sup> June after a well-deserved home leave and having attended a Leadership training programme in Bengaluru.



## RUDRAPUR

In the month of May we honoured Mother Mary by praying the Rosary with great devotion and love bringing the entire world and its needs to her feet. The school bade farewell to Sr. Josephine who served this mission for the past three years. The community is ever grateful to her for her generous services in different departments.

As sisters were going for home leave, Sr. Vinita came to keep company with Sr. Assunta on 16th May. Sr. Rayna attended the 'Becoming One' program held at Kathmandu and from there she proceeded for a well-deserved home leave.

We were happy to welcome Sr. Camilla to our community on 14th June. She was reached by Srs. Alice and Shalini. We also welcomed Sr. Rose to our community on 28<sup>th</sup> June. As Sr. Assunta was leaving for Bengaluru to attend the 'Wisdom Group' gathering, the community bade farewell to her on 22nd June. We are ever grateful to you dear Sr. Assunta, for toiling hard in giving birth to Lalpur Mission. Every stone in this place has a story to tell about your commitment and love for this mission. The seven long years of your dedicated services will go down in the annals of Mount St. Mary's history. We pray for God's abundant blessings on you and your new mission in SFC.

Sr. Elsy paid a short visit to us on 23rd June and travelled back to Delhi taking Sr. Josephine along with her. On 30th June teachers had a short orientation program and staff meeting to equip themselves to begin the classes on 1st July.

We wish all a fruitful academic year ahead!

## FORMATION FOR FORMATORS



The International Union of Superior Generals (UISG) organised a ‘Formation for formators’ programme from January to June, 2022 in Rome. Religious sisters from 30 congregations from 22 different countries took part in the programme. I was fortunate to attend this programme along with Sr. Elena CJ from Romania. The programme’s central focus was Human formation. A variety of topics were carefully selected, with a particular emphasis on formation for the consecrated life.



One of the main purposes of this programme was to provide the participants with a genuine understanding of the richness and challenges of intercultural living. Some of the essential skills and strategies for the ministry of accompaniment were also discussed with us by various experts. The programme created in us a desire to appreciate the formation process with compassion and respect.

I am indebted to our General Superior Sr. Jane and her team for giving me this opportunity and making my stay in Rome a comfortable one. I also thank Sr. Elsy and team for making me free for the last six months to attend this enriching programme. I thank all my dear sisters for their prayerful support during this time.



*“Today I give thanks to everyone who has been part of my life’s journey.”*

Remya CJ

## LEADERSHIP AND GOVERNANCE SKILLS TRAINING

The Human Resource Development Center (HRDC), Ashirvad, Bengaluru, organized Leadership and Governance Skills, a resource enhancing programme for religious men and women from 20th to 24th June, 2022. HRDC is run by Karnataka Jesuits. Amongst 33 participants, 6 were CJs; three each from Allahabad and Delhi provinces.



Rev. Fr. Joseph Lobo SJ (the director of the center), Fr. Jossie, Fr. Jason Furtado and Fr. Clifford OCD took the sessions. Fr. Jossie SJ began the seminar by explaining that leadership is all about influencing, inspiring, providing new vision, creating new hope, causing paradigm shifts etc.

The topics for the seminar were:

1. Governance and Leadership in religious life (decision making processes, discernment, conflict resolution, assertive skills, Dealing with Stress and burnout, dealing with difficult persons, spirituality of governance etc.)
2. Temporal governance (accounting, budgeting etc.)
3. Basics of legal matters.

The theoretical inputs came alive at practical sessions and group discussions. We were given the opportunity to clarify our doubts on these topics. It was a well-planned and executed event, wherein the participants benefitted much.

We are grateful to Rev. Sr. Elsy for giving us this opportunity to participate in this enriching programme.

Srs. Poonam, Vandana and Tomsy



*Take Lord and receive all my liberty,  
My memory, my understanding and my entire will  
All I have and call my own.  
You have given all to me.  
To you, Lord, I return it.  
Everything is yours; do with it what you will.  
Give me only your love and your grace,  
That is enough for me.*