



*“He will be a joy and delight to you, and many will rejoice because of His birth, for He will be great in the sight of the Lord” (Luke 1:14-15).*

## Welcoming the Belgian Guests



“Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love endures forever” (Ps 107:1). On 09 November 2022, there was welcoming program in St. Anne’s Convent Kutungia for five Belgian guests namely- Mrs. Chris, Mrs. Lusia, Mrs. Lidia, Mr. Patrick and Mr. Rain. The representative of the Congregation of the Daughters of St. Anne, Ranchi- Rev. Sr. Lily Grace Topno, DSA, Superior General, Sr. Ruth Xalxo, DSA, Central Project Co-coordinator, Sr. Martha Xalxo, DSA, Asst. Central Project Coordinator, representative of Gumla Province- Respected Sr. Emelda Soreng, DSA, Provincial Superior, Sr. Sophia Lugun, DSA, Project Coordinator, Sr. Celestina Toppo, DSA and Fr. Valentine Kerketta, Parish Priest of Kutungia and all the Sisters of Kutungia Community, students and School staff were present to welcome these distinguished guests. The guests were welcomed with the traditional cultural dance of Chotanagpur. After warm welcome, there was the inauguration ceremony and the blessing of new toilet block for the Girls’ Hostel Kutungia. Ribbon cutting was done by Mrs. Chris and the blessing was done by Fr. Valentine Kerketta, Parish Priest of Kutungia.

As the blessing program ended, there was a short cultural programme performed by the students. At the beginning of the cultural program, the welcome speech was delivered by Sr. Archana Ekka, DSA for thanking the guests their financial support, care, concerns and everything that they have done so far and still helping Kutungia. Hereafter, the colorful cultural program began. It was really fantastic and the guests enjoyed a lot. Sr. Lily Grace Topno, DSA, Superior General was invited for the words of blessing and the message was given by Rev. Sr. Emelda Soreng, DSA, Provincial Superior of Gumla Province. An opportunity was given also to Mrs. Chris to share her experience with all. Program was ended with a concluding prayer led by Fr. Valentine Kerketta. Thus, everything was excellent and amazing.

The welcoming program for these same guests was on 13 November 2022 at St. Anne’s Generalate Loadih. All the Sisters of the Generalate Community were eager to welcome them in their midst. They were delighted to have them in the Generalate family. In the evening there was short program for the Belgian guests. The program started with a small prayer led by Sr. Mariam Anupa kujur, DSA. Then the Community Sisters welcomed them with a beautiful wishing song and Indian musical instruments. Welcome speech was delivered by Rev. Sr. Lily Grace Topno, DSA, Superior General. The guests were honored with small gift as a token of love and gratitude.

The activities of relief works done during COVID -19 Pandemic was presented before the Belgian guests through powerpoints by Sr. Ruth Xalxo,

DSA. They watched it very eagerly because they had given some financial support for such purpose. They could know clearly various tasks accomplished by the DSA Sisters with their support. Really it was quality time for everyone to spend with our dear guests. All the programmes went smoothly. All were happy to share the experiences to one and all.

*Sr. Seema Ekka, DSA  
St. Anne's Generalate Loadih, Ranchi*

### **Annual Joint Meeting of RBC, CDPI and CRI**

From 23-24 November 2022, there was the Annual Joint Meeting of RBC (Regional Bishops Conference), CDPI (Conference of Diocesan Priests of India) and CRI (Conference of Religious of India) held at Social Development Centre (SDC), Dr. Camil Bulcke Path, Ranchi. The central theme of this meeting was - "Post pandemic revival of catechism and pastoral apostolate". The Annual Joint Meeting began on 23 November at 9.00 a.m. with the inaugural session in which the present dignitaries lit the lamp followed by the opening prayer. The first session was moderated by Most Rev. Telesphore Bilung SVD, Bishop of Jamshedpur. The welcome address was given by Rev. Fr. Manoj TOR Provincial Superior and President, CRI JHAAN.

In this meeting around ninety participants were present including the Bishops, Religious and Diocesan Priests, Religious Sisters and lay faithful. Along with the Bishops the following Major Superiors were present – Felix Toppo, S.J., Archbishop, Ranchi Archdiocese, His excellency Theodore

Mascarenhas S.F.X., Auxiliary Bishop of Ranchi Archdiocese and Administrator of Daltonjanj Diocese, Most Rev. Vincent Barwa, Bishop of Simdega Diocese, Most Rev. Telesphore Bilung SVD, Bishop of Jamshedpur, Most. Rev. Anand Jojo, Bishop of Hazaribagh Diocese, Fr. Linus Pingal Ekka, Administrator of Gumla Diocese, Fr. Bisu Benjamin Aind, VG of Khunti Diocese, Fr. Albinus, representative of Andamans, Rev. Sr. Lily Grace Topno, DSA, Superior General of the Congregation of the Daughters of St. Anne, Ranchi, Sr. Manjula Kindo, DSA, Provincial Superior, Ranchi Province, Sr. Emelda Soreng, DSA, Provincial Superior, Gumla Province, Sr. Suchita Xalxo, OSU, Provincial Superior, Ranchi Province, Sr. Maria Swarnlata Kujur, OSU, Provincial Superior, Gumla Province and others. There were three secretaries for the two days meeting namely – Fr. Ashok Sandil, S.J., Fr. Vijay Tirkey, TOR and Sr. Mariam Anupa Kujur, DSA.

According to the theme of the Annual Joint Meeting, the following resource persons shared their experiences and gave some inputs and valuable suggestions - Most Rev. Anand Jojo, Bishop of Hazaribagh, Fr. David Anand Xalxo, Parish Priest of St. Mary's Cathedral Ranchi, Mr. Seth Kumar, lay representative from Gumla Diocese and Mr. Kuldeep Tirkey, representative of Youth. Rev. Fr. Ajit Kumar Xess, S.J. Provincial Superiors, Ranchi presented some guidelines for the spiritual conversation in the process of discernment. Rev. Fr. Arun Kumar, S.J. gave the key note address on the faith formation. Within two days there were some group discussions and report

presentation as well. Having been enlightened by the various messages and with the vote of thanks proposed by Sr. Sangeeta SCSC, Secretary CRI JHAAN, the meeting was concluded with prayer and blessing followed by the lunch.

*Sr. Mariam Anupa Kujur, DSA  
St. Anne's Generalate Loadih, Ranchi*

### **Jubilee Celebration of Khunti Diocese**

Khunti Catholic Diocese, cordially invited many people to praise and thank God on the occasion on the Concluding Ceremony of the Silver Jubilee of the Diocese. It was held on 27<sup>th</sup> November 2022, at St. Michaels's Cathedral, Khunti. Rev. Sr. Lily Grace Topno, DSA, Superior General and the Community Sisters, Sr. Kumudini Dungdung, DSA, Sr. Seema Ekka, DSA and Sr. Beata Surin, DSA Superior of Novitiate, Samlong attended the Silver Jubilee. The Holy Eucharistic Celebration was presided over by Rt. Rev. Felix Toppo, S.J. the Archbishop of Ranchi Archdiocese. The Altar cloth was presented by Rev. Superior General to His Excellency Bishop Binay Kandulna, D.D., Bishop of Khunti. At 11:00 a.m., cultural programme started and at 01:30 we had the lunch and came back. Happiness was visible on everyone's face.

*Sr. Kumudini Dungdung, DSA  
St. Anne's Generalate Loadih, Ranchi*

### **Monthly Recollection with International Group**

On 5.11.2022 there was the inauguration of monthly recollection in Teramo Diocese, Atri with the

international group of religious Sisters for 2022-2023. We had special talk on Obedience, given by Fr. Piero Berti. Altogether we were around 25. After Holy Mass we departed to our respective places. We had beautiful experiences and it was very helpful for the religious life. We all could benefit with this recollection. Thanks to God for His blessings which will help us whole through the year to renew our spiritual life.

We the Sisters of St. Anne's Convent Atri, along with the teaching ministry in the school, help in the pastoral work of the Church. In special way we help the children to teach the catechism. On 12.11.2022 we began our regular classes. After the class we had special entertainment for the children and at the end we all had some refreshment together with the children. In this way we inaugurated our catechism class for 2022-2023 and it will go on every Saturday whole through the year.

*Sr. Jayanti Kujur, DSA  
St. Anne's Convent Atri, Italy*

### **Tertianship Course - 2022**

We the 21 Tertians feel privileged to attend the Tertianship Course in the year of 125 years Jubilee of the Congregation, as the Congregation of the Daughters of St. Anne, Ranchi celebrated the Quasiquicentennial Jubilee of the Congregation. The theme of our Tertianship Course was – "Committed to Renewed Mission". As we stepped in St. Mata Bernadette Formation House Hulhundu on 25<sup>th</sup> June 2022, the Sisters welcomed us very lovingly. It was very good time to evaluate our past seven, eight and nine years of our religious life and to go

ahead with hope and love. At the very beginning of our Tertianship Course the orientation class by Sr. Mary Pushpa Tirkey helped us to understand the aim and purpose of the Tertianship, as well as our personal strength, weakness, opportunity, threat and virtues which helped us to evaluate ourselves through SWOT analysis.

Within five months we had classes on various topics:-

- Understanding Contemplation way of prayer – Fr. Kurian, OCD
- Motto, Charism, Vision, Mission and Goal, Constitution and Directory – Sr. Clara Tirkey, DSA
- Psycho-Spirituality – Sr. Sujata Kujur, DSA
- Memoirs – Sr. Ranjita Minj, DSA
- Legal knowledge – Fr. Anupchand, S.J.

All these classes helped us to experience God's grace very deeply and prepared to surrender ourselves to God and his people. Along with these classes we had different activities too which helped us to be confident in ourselves and to grow in our abilities. We were lucky ones to attend the 30 days Retreat for the first time in the Congregation. We had very unique experience of the Retreat. We felt blessed by visiting Sargaon the birth place of Mother Mary Bernadette just after our long Retreat. All through the period of our Tertianship Course we had very good atmosphere and support from the Sisters. In this way our Tertianship Course ended very successfully.

*Tertian Sisters  
Mata Bernadette Formation  
House, Hulhundu*

## **30 Days of Spiritual Journey**

“I was glad when they said to me, Let us go to the house of the Lord” (Ps. 122:1).

In the history of our DSA Congregation this was the first time that 30 days of Ignatian retreat was organized by our higher authorities for 18 Tertians before our final profession. Our Long retreat theme was; “United with Jesus, called to bear much fruit in His vineyard” (Jn. 15:5). We had this retreat in four parts.

**1<sup>st</sup> Phase – 8 Days** – Purgative – General Confession of whole life.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Phase – 8 Days** – Illuminative – Contemplation Application of sense.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Phase – 8 Days** – United – One with Jesus in His passion and death.

**4<sup>th</sup> Phase – 8 Days** – One with the Risen Lord.

Every day we had one talk and four meditation/Contemplations with review writing and interview with retreat preacher Rev. Fr. Ignatius Tete, S.J. we were strictly told to observe external and internal silence.

**External Silence** – No laughter and no talk.

**Internal Silence** – No eyes contact with persons or things that may cause any distraction.

We were beginning the day with the last thought of the day. Calling to mind the time and purpose of getting up and meditation points and first thought of the day keeping out any other thoughts remaining focused on the meditation points. In the very first week we had general confessions and after freeing ourselves from sin and disordered affections, we received the grace and the inner freedom to seek and find God's salvation. We used all our five senses

during this long retreat. We were well disposed and ordered our lives from some disordered affections and heard the call of God readily and diligently to accomplish His most holy will. From the very beginning till the last day of our retreat we began our prayer by seeking Mother Mary's intercession and Mother Mary Bernadette along with her three first Companions. We had 34 meditations and contemplations on word of God and in each contemplation we reflected on the life of Mother Mary Bernadette along with the life of St. Ignatius and our lives. During this retreat we have experienced the core grace.

Jesus is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being. The deeper the love experience, greater is the sense of grateful service. Mother Bernadette having perceived God's plan in her life and her Companions' life experienced God's profound love in different events and situations and was filled with gratitude to God and people. Therefore, she served God and people whole heartedly out of love of Jesus throughout her life. The same spirit we have imbibed during this one month retreat.

Today on behalf of all the Tertian Sisters, I thank the higher authorities for organizing such a wonderful retreat. We are filled with the gratitude towards DSA Congregation and will remain grateful for ever.

*Tertian Sisters*

*Mata Bernadette Formation House, Hulhundu*

### **Pilgrimage to Sargaon**

The more we know a person the more we appreciate and love him/her. In the same was soon after the long retreat with the spirit of our Founder Mother Mary

Bernadette inspired us to attend salvation, ardent love for Jesus, total renunciation, genuine love for the poor and total commitment to their service. We went with new spirit, and reflective mind to receive the blessings of God by visiting Sargaon before final commitment. According to the great plan of God we went there on 06 November 2022. Journey started at 8:30 a.m. from Mata Bernadette Formation House, Hulhundu, Ranchi by bus with 18 Tertians, Tertian Instructor, two community Sisters along with Fr. Nelson Barla. Journey was pleasant and safe. We reached there at 10:00 a.m. Rev. Fr. Nelson Barla offered Holy Eucharistic Celebration and inspired us by his homely to proclaim the good news through our good thoughts, words and deeds as our Founder set examples before us. After lunch we visited the historical House of Mother Mary Bernadette. We felt her presence and accompaniment. All of us had unique experiences there. We payed homage near shrine and through the intercession of Mother Mary Bernadette and her Companions prayed for many more intensions, especially for their family members, all villagers, entire Congregation and for ourselves. We received the blessings of our Founder and her Companions before final commitment.

With immense gratitude towards Trinitarian God, for all the graces which we have received through Mother Mary Bernadette we extend our gratitude to the Congregation and authorities for all the facilities provided for pilgrimage.

*Tertian Sisters*

*Mata Bernadette Formation  
House, Hulhundu*



## **Hargari Cum House Blessing**



Every year we celebrate the day of *HARGARI* of our Fouders and her Companions on 5<sup>th</sup> November. On this precious day we remembered them. We had Holy Mass in the new college hostel building Kunkuri on 5<sup>th</sup> November 2022. Introduction was read by Sr. Mridula Toppo, DSA. She explained what is *HARGARI* and why we remember this day. Main celebrant was Rev Fr. Mukti Prakash Minj, VG and co-celebrants were Rev. Fr. Joe D'souza, SDB and Fr. Sunil Kujur. The main celebrant gave the message that Mother Mary Bernadette and her Companions did this great work. We have to follow them and work as they have done. How wonderfully they recognized the love of Jesus and established the DSA Congregation.

After Holy Mass, there was blessing of new collage hostel building. We are very grateful to our Authorities specially Most Rev. Sr. Linda Mary Vaughn, DSA, former Superior General, Most Rev. Sr. Lily Grace Topno, DSA Superior General and Central Project Incharges Rev. Sr. Ruth Xalxo, DSA and Rev. Sr. Martha Xalxo, DSA who permitted to build the house. We are thankful to all the Authorities of M.P. Province such as Sr. Kusum Kanta Lakra, DSA, Sr. Dorothy Ekka, DSA, Sr. Mariam Tirkey, DSA, Sr. Mary

Pushpa Tirkey, DSA, Sr. Nimala Kujur, DSA, Sr. Dibya Gulab Lakra, DSA and Sr. Florencia Minj, DSA who gave their precious guidance. Our gratitude goes to Sr. Neelima Ekka, DSA who was Project Coordinator of M.P. Province, who worked hard for the foundation of the building and after her Sr. Sumitra Xalxo, DSA continued as a Project Coordinator of the Province. Our appreciation goes to Sr. Sumitra also. We are thankful to all the Sisters too who gave their helping hand. At the end vote of thanks was given, by Rev. Sr. Florencia Minj, DSA Provincial Superior of M.P. Province and snacks were given for the participants. Participants knew more about Mother Mary Bernadette, Servant of God and they appreciated about our Congregation.

## **Final Vows in Kunkuri Province**



“I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, He has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels” (Is. 61:10).

God has called each one of us in a different way. He loves every one and calls to walk in his footprints. Likewise

Sr. Birkumari Tete, DSA and Reshma Nirala Ekka, DSA followed Jesus and surrendered their lives to serve God and fulfil His mission for the greater glory of God. They entered in the Congregation of the Daughters of St. Anne Ranchi, Madhya Pradesh Province and recognized the love of Jesus through Mother Mary Bernadette, Servant of God. After long formation they learnt to serve the Lord and also they experienced the deep love of Jesus in their lives. The time came for them to surrender their lives to Jesus being in the Congregation of the Daughters of St. Anne, Ranchi. On November 23, 2022 the day was kept for them for final Profession. The Holy Mass began at 10.00 a.m. at St. Anne's Provincialate Kunkuri. Entrance dance was done by Novices and Postulants in the guidance of Sr. Shanti Xalxo, DSA, Sr. Mary Kusum Tirkey, DSA, Sr. Rajeshi Xalxo, DSA and Sr. Neelima Xalxo, DSA and the Juniors. Master of ceremony was Sr. Prista Tirkey, DSA and Introduction was given by Sr. Usha Rajni Kerketta, DSA. Five Priests and many Sisters participated. Families and relatives of Sr. Birkumari Tete, DSA and Sr. Reshma Nirala Ekka, DSA were present. The local faithful also participated. Rev. Sr. Mary Pushpa Tirkey, DSA the 1<sup>st</sup> General Councillor also joined.

The main celebrant was Rt. Rev. Emmanuel Kerketta, DD, Bishop of Jashpur Diocese and Co-celebrants were Rev. Fr. Oscar Tirkey, S.J. and Rev. Fr. Bonifas Toppo. Liturgy Programme was performed devotionally. Rt. Rev. Bishop gave message that transformation will come to the people through our lives. The people will recognize Jesus and His love through

our lives. The Lord, who has accepted you, will care for you in your difficulties. Sr. Birkumari Tete, DSA and Sr. Reshma Nirala Ekka, DSA surrendered their lives to Jesus. They were very happy and also the family members were glad.

At the end, vote of thanks was given by final professed Sisters Birkumari Tete, DSA and Reshma Nirala Ekka, DSA. Bishop and Rev. Fr. Oscar Tirkey also congratulated them on behalf of CRI.

*Sr. Sumitra Xalxo*  
*St. Anne's College Hostel Kunkuri*

### **Social Visit of Mother General to Chaibasa**



Most Rev. Sr. Lily Grace Topno, DSA Superior General of the Congregation of the Daughters of St. Anne, Ranchi made a social visit to St. Xavier's Girls' High School, Chaibasa on 18 November 2022. Along with her the following Sisters were present there- Rev. Sr. Monica Kujur, DSA, the 1<sup>st</sup> General Councillor, Rev. Sr. Emelda Soreng, DSA, Provincial Superior of Gumla Province, Sr. Karuna Nag, Sr. Prabha Baxla and Sr. Sophia Lugun. The entire Xavier's School family cordially welcomed the guests with full joy and enthusiasm. The guests were escorted to



the stage by a band group with showering of flowers.

In her message the Superior General appreciated the progress of St. Xavier's Girls' High School, Chaibasa saying that it is one of the prestigious schools of this region. With her valuable words of encouragements, she suggested the students to maintain the discipline in their life because success is incomplete without discipline. Additionally, she mentioned the purpose of the DSA Congregation that is - to empower women in the field of education and social welfare. Finally, she wound up her message with three keywords- *Suvayavasthit*, *Susangathit* and *Anushashit*. Before leaving the stage, once more she gave her good wishes and God's blessings to all members of the School family.

*Sr. Nilima Kerketta, DSA (Bhikh.)  
St. Anne's Convent, Chaibasa*

### **Pigrimage to Native Place of the Founder**

On 13<sup>th</sup> November, 2022 we the Sisters and Candidates of Samtoli Community got an opportunity to go for Pilgrimage to Sargaon. We were extremely happy and enthusiastic to see the house of our Founder Mother Mary Bernadette and her Companions. When the time came, we were excited to get into the bus and journey towards the historic Land Sargaon. Journey started at 5.30 a.m. by reciting rosary. We reached Karra around 9:00 a.m. Sisters were very happy to welcome us in their Community. We had breakfast there.

After breakfast we left for Sargaon. In the soil of Sargaon we experienced the presence of our Founder and her

Companions. Sisters from Kachabari had arrived before us. By seeing the place, shrine, house, pictures and the well we were inspired and reminded of the events and life journey of our Founder and her Companions. They loved God and God stood for them. The Holy Bible says that – *Nothing can separate us from the love of Christ (Rom.8:35)*. We, both the community came together and prayed there. We started the rosary near the shrine of Mother Mary Bernadette Kispotta, Servant of God and then Eucharistic Celebration was celebrated by Rev. Fr. Solomon Barwa S.J. Parish Priest of Bingaon. He shared in his homely his experience about Jerusalem. He said about the well of Founder's house, explained the well of Jethro. Where still the pilgrims come and feel holiness of that place. He also highlighted the meaning of Pilgrimage. Pilgrimage, where people feel the mighty presence of God. After Holy Euchristic Celebration we paid tribute to our Founder Mother Mary Bernadette Kispotta, Servant of God. Then we returned back to Samtoli, Simdega and reached at 7:30 p.m.

The Sisters of Samtoli Community extended the heartfelt gratitude to Superior Sr. Eren Xess for leading us to the Pilgrimage. Thankful heart goes to Rev. Fr. Elias Kullu S.J. who provided school bus and we thank all the Sisters of Karra and Sargaon Community, who showed their love, care and concern towards us.

*Alka Topno, Condidate  
St. Anne's Convent, Samtoli*

## **Final Profession in Gumla** **Province**



On 30 November 2022, there was the Final Profession of eight Sisters of Gumla Province at St. Patrick's Cathedral Gumla. At 9.00 a.m. the Solemn Eucharistic Celebration began with the entrance dance. His Grace, Felix Toppo, S.J., Archbishop of Ranchi Archdiocese was the main celebrant. Rev. Fr. Linus Pingal Ekka, Administrator of Gumla Diocese and Rev. Fr. Nicholas Tete, S.J., Rector of St. Ignatius Gumla were the concelebrants. Along with them around 25 Priests from various places were present on this auspicious occasion. Very Rev. Sr. Lily Grace Topno, DSA, Superior General of the Congregation of the Daughters of St. Anne, Ranchi, Rev. Sr. Sosan Bara, DSA, the Second General Councillor, Rev. Sr. Emelda Soreng, DSA, Provincial Superior of Gumla Province, many DSA Sisters from different Communities and the family members of the finally professed Sisters also witnessed the ceremony with their loving presence.

The eight finally professed Sisters are- Sr. Ileen Bara, Sr. Punam Bading, Sr. Sevika Lugun, Sr. Anima Lugun, Sr. Reena Lakra, Sr. Susmita Tirkey, Sr.

Mercy Kullu and Sr. Sumira Tirkey. The choir was led by Sr. Karuna Nag, Juniors, Fr. Kuldeep Xalxo and Fr. Navin Kullu. His Grace, Felix Toppo, S.J., the main celebrant underlined the religious call in his homily on the basis of the call of Isiah. He said that if we have real love for God, nothing can separate us from his love. After the Holy Mass, there was a short and sweet felicitation program in which all the guests were warmly welcomed and the professed Sisters were wished by the assembly. Having enjoyed the fellowship meal together, the guests left for their respective destinations cheerfully.

*Sr. Punam Bading, DSA  
& Sr. Anima Lugun, DSA  
St. Anne's Provincialate, Gumla*

## **27<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Hargari**

It is well said that the ancestors who have left us are also with us with their blessings and spiritual presence. So, also the Pioneer Mothers of our Congregation are always with us. On 5 November 1995 the mortal remains of our Founder Mother Mary Bernadette, Mother Cecilia, Mother Veronica and Mother Mary were brought to the Mother House which is known as *Hargari*. On 5 November 2022 it was the 27<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the *Hargari*.

In the evening of the 4<sup>th</sup> November, there was a special prayer service, lighting of the *Diyas* in front of the shrine led by Harmu Community, followed by adoration led by Kanke Community. The adoration was led in a meaningful manner with gratitude and praising the Lord for His wondrous deeds.

In the morning of the 5<sup>th</sup> November, there was homage ceremony by offering garland by Rev. Sr. Lily Grace Topno, DSA, Superior General, Rev. Fr. Sebastian Tirkey, Vicar General, Ranchi Archdiocese, at the memorial place of the Founding Mothers. This ceremony was led by the Sisters of St. Anne's Provincialate, Ranchi. Soon after this ceremony there was Holy Eucharistic Celebration in which Rev. Fr. Sebastian Tirkey was the main celebrant along with Fr. Raymond Kerketta, S.J., Fr. Ranjit Horo, S.J. and Fr. Clement Ekka, S.J. As the main celebrant broke the word of God he mentioned in his homily about Mother Mary Bernadette the Founder and her three Companions. He explained how courageous they were and gave themselves totally to the Lord. Their spirituality is an example for us and we shall always be grateful to the Almighty for them. Thus, all were nourished by the spiritual food and thanked, prayed and praised God for everything.

At the end of the Eucharistic Celebration, Rev. Sr. Manjula Kindo, DSA, Provincial Superior of Ranchi Province gave the vote of thanks. Having finished the Holy Mass, a delicious breakfast was served to all participants in the name of the Founding Mothers. The Sisters of Generalate, Novitiate, Provincialate, Mother House and neighboring Communities were present for this memorable event and witnessed God's blessings.

*Sr. Rose Kongari, DSA  
St. Anne's Mother House, Ranchi*

## **Final Profession in Ranchi Province**



The joy of a religious life is in the total commitment of oneself to the Almighty with full knowledge and will. It was also the same with the six Sisters of Ranchi Province namely Sr. Anita Horo, Sr. Anupa Lakra, Sr. Deepika Soreng, Sr. Magdali Soy, Sr. Rajni Soreng and Sr. Reshma Kujur, who prepared themselves spiritually, mentally and physically to become His brides forever. After their formation as a Tertian in Hulhundu, the time came to commit themselves to the Lord. On 21<sup>st</sup> November 2022, the most important day of their lives was the day of their Final Profession. The day began with the Holy Eucharistic Celebration. His Grace Most Rev. Felix Toppo S.J., Archbishop, Ranchi Archdiocese was present to mark and pray for them on this great day. The solemn Eucharist began with the entrance dance by the Candidates. Rev. Sr. Lily Grace Topno DSA, Superior General, Rev. Sr. Manjula Kindo DSA, Provincial Superior, Ranchi Province, the six brides of Christ along with 5 Priests and the main Celebrant of the Eucharistic Celebration were led to the altar by the entrance dance. "येसु मेरा सर्वस्व, जीवन मेरा तुझे अर्पण" was the theme chosen by the Sisters. The Eucharistic Celebration was divided into three parts i.e. the liturgy of the Word of God, the commitment of the Sisters and the Eucharistic rite. The Archbishop in his homily added the

importance of Religious Vowed Life, how to know God and love Him more and follow him more closely.

The family members of the Finally Professed Sisters and the DSA Sisters from various Communities were present during the Holy Eucharistic Celebration. The choir of Mother House made the atmosphere more devotion with their melodious songs. Soon after the Mass, there was a short felicitation given to the Professed Sisters with bouquet, wishing song and by cutting the cake. On this day, His Grace Most Rev. Felix Toppo, S.J., Archbishop, Ranchi Archdiocese also celebrated his 75<sup>th</sup> Birthday. All the present Priests, Sisters and the people wished the Archbishop and he was also invited to cut the Birthday cake. Our Superior General also wished Archbishop in the name of the entire Congregation.

Henceforth, the Archbishop blessed the meal. All enjoyed the festive meal and thereafter, the professed Sisters were wished by their family members and other Sisters. Thus, the day was a day of blessing for the professed Sisters and for the entire Congregation. Praise to the Almighty for His wonderful deeds and showers of blessings.

*Sr. Rose Kongari, DSA  
St. Anne's Mother House, Ranchi*

### **Golden Jubilee of Puspika Girls' High School**



**“To Proclaim the Year of the Lord’s favor” (Luke 4:19).**

Jubilee is the time to thank and praise God for his uncountable graces. So it was the time for Puspika Girls’ High School, Mal to thank God for his blessings of 50 years from 1972 to 2022. Within these 50 years, God has blessed with numberless blessings. According to the history of Puspika Girls’ High School there was no school for the Girls of this area and they were facing the difficult time. And by seeing the situation of the time, late Rev. Bishop James encouraged the St. Anne’s Sisters to open the Hindi medium school for the Girls of this area. And first time our late Rev. Sr. Jemma and some DSA Sisters came to open the school for the girls. And now this school has completed 50 years and celebrated its Golden Jubilee.

On 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2022, there was the solemn Holy Eucharistic celebration. The main guests were Rev. Bishop Clement Tirkey, Bishop of Jalpaiguri Diocese and Rev. Bishop Vincent Aind, Bishop of Bagdogra Diocese. The Priests were about 30. Rev. Sr. Rosline Malika Ekka, DSA, Provincial Superior and Rev. Sr. Linda Mary Vaughan, DSA, the formal Mother General and Rev. Sr. Bipin Horo, DSA, the Principal of Nirmala Girls’ School Damanpur were also the guests of honour. Many DSA Sisters also came to participate in this celebration from different Communities.

The main celebrant of the Holy Eucharist was Rev. Bishop Vincent Aind, Bishop of Bagdogra and the co-celebrant was Rev. Bishop Clement Tirkey, Bishop of Jalpaiguri. Before entrance dance, there was welcome dance and flag hosting by Rev. Bishop Clement Tirkey. 50 Balloons were left in the sky by Rev. Bishop Vincent Aind and Rev. Sr. Rosline Malika Ekka,

DSA, Provincial Superior. Hereafter, there was inauguration of the execution room. The ribbon cutting was by Rev. Bishop Vincent Aind. Then there was lighting of 50 earthen lamps by the guests and Sisters. After that the Holy Mass began at 10.00 a.m. During the Holy Mass, commentary was done by Sr. Suman Toppo, DSA and the History of Puspika Girls' High School was read by Sr. Lalita Tirkey, DSA. At the end of the Holy Mass, thanksgiving speech was delivered by Sr. Chanrika Nirmala Ekka, DSA, the Superior. The choir was led by Sr. Clara Tirkey, DSA.

Having finished the thanksgiving Mass, there was the cultural programme which began with the welcome speech delivered by Sr. Sudha Minj, DSA, the teacher In-charge of Puspika Girls' High School. After that variety of cultural dances were presented by the students. Meanwhile, there was unveiling of the School Magazine by the Bishops, Sr. Provincial and Sr. Linda Mary Vaughan, DSA. The guests were honored by shawls and towels. Rev. Bishop Clement Tirkey gave message to grow more and do better for the students. He congratulated the Sisters, teachers, students and all those who are helping the school to grow. Thus, the day was full of joy and blessings of God.

*Sr. Arti Tirkey, DSA  
St. Anne's Convent Mal*

### **Two Days Seminar on Catechism**

Two days' catechism seminar was held at Artico Pastoral Center Jalpaiguri, from November 12-13, 2022. It started at 10:30 a.m. 43 participants were there from different Parishes. Before starting the seminar, there was the Bible Procession. Three resource persons

were invited - Fr. Ignatius Topno, Fr. Santosh Melgandi and Mr. Suman Xalxo. They spoke more about four main points – Sacraments, Eucharist, Liturgy and SCC. There were three groups and according to their wish Fr. Ignatius told them to give the name of any Saint. Soon after dinner, the participants had small cultural program for entertainment, where all the groups had to act on the life of Saints- St. Paul, St. Mother Teresa and St. Monica. All the groups performed wonderfully.

Fr. Ignatius taught them how to lead SCC. There are seven steps to lead SCC. After getting over the session, the participants took the resolution to teach others whatever they had learnt during two days' seminar. After the lunch at 2:00 p.m. they went back to their respective places. Sr. Suman Baxla, Sr. Pratima Lakra, Sr. Sandhya Toppo and Sr. Madhuri Kerketta participated in this seminar and renewed their lives.

*Sr. Madhuri Kerketta, DSA  
St. Anne's Provincialate, Jalpaiguri.*

### **Pilgrimage-cum-one-day Outing**

The purpose of our life is to praise the Creator through whom all things exist on earth. Firstly, we would turn towards the Almighty and praise His most Holy name for His graciousness. He has done wonderful deeds on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2022. We are filled with wonderful experiences. It was the day of rejoicing and enjoying the God's creation. We, the Juniors along with the Candidates and Postulants and the Formators- Sr. Monika Tirkey and Sr. Kanta Kiran Minj under the guidance of Sr. Elizabeth Minj, departed on 14<sup>th</sup> November morning at 7.00 a.m. for the Pilgrimage and outing to Nagrakata, Bhutan Border.



The journey to Nagrakata was very pleasant one. We could enjoy during our journey seeing different places, people and beautiful nature outside. We arrived to Nagrakata around 8.00 a.m. Fr. Xavier Bara with warm heart welcomed us in his Parish of Nagrakata. We had our delicious breakfast. Then we proceeded to the Church for the Holy Eucharistic Celebration. Fr. Xavier Bara offered the Holy Mass for us and we could have the spiritual nourishment before stepping ahead towards Bhutan Border. After Holy Mass we departed from Nagrakata Parish to our next destiny. Everyone's heart was eagerly desiring to see our neighboring country that was Bhutan. We could not get the full satisfaction due to the lack of our voter card. Since majority of us were without it which was necessarily required to cross the Border of the Country. However, we considered ourselves the privileged ones to see Bhutan and enjoyed to see at least Bhutan border. We had enjoyable experience in Bhutan border walking in the narrow road, crossing the stony rivers, taking photos and seeing the external beauty of the nature of the Country. The hills, mountains and plateaus beautified the atmosphere, where we could enjoy and have lots of inspirations. From there we went to a place in tea garden area.

On our way, we visited a historical place- the Oldest and First Church of Jalpaiguri Diocese, namely "JUNGLE LINE T.G., Village Church, started in 1901 by PIME Missionary Fathers. From there in 1923 Nagrakata Mission Station is opened by bringing the Cross from Jungle Line Village Church. On 8<sup>th</sup> January 2023, the opening of the Centenary Celebration of the Nagrakata

Parish will be inaugurated at Jungle Line, Village Church.

We visited another beautiful place surrounded with a drain of flowing water. Fr. Xavier Bara and Fr. John Peter Tirkey were so generous to accompany us. We had our lunch there in **HILLA** Tea Garden and had some entertainment. Around 3.00 p.m. we went back to Nagrakata and visited the Bambina Sisters and Hostellers. We shared some knowledge of our Founder-Mother Mary Bernadette Kispotta, Servant of God and our Congregation as well. Around 4.00 p.m., we thanked the Fathers for their accompaniment and proceeded from there. We visited Jyoti Ashram Convent, Parish and prayed for the repose of the soul of our beloved and departed Sisters: Sr. Jemma and Sr. Bernadette Kerketta. We came back to our Convent at 6.00 p.m. safe and sound. Praise the Lord!

*Sr. Chandna Hasda, DSA  
& Sr. Postina Dhanwar, DSA  
St. Anne's Provincialate Jalpaiguri*

### **Final Profession in Jalpaiguri Province**



November 21, 2022, on the Feast of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, two Sisters of Jalpaiguri Province- Sr. Dibya Jyoti Dangwar and Sr. Lucia Tuti pronounced their Perpetual Commitment at Christ, the Redeemer Cathedral, Jalpaiguri. Sr.

Magdali Borogaon, DSA welcomed all the participants on behalf of the Provincial Superior and all the Sisters of Jalpaiguri Province for Holy Eucharist. Entrance dance was done by Postulants and Candidates. Before the entrance dance, Sr. Magdali gave a short introduction about the DSA Sisters. Then the Holy Eucharistic Celebration started at 9.30 a.m. presided over by Most Rev. Clement Tirkey, D.D., Bishop of Jalpaiguri Diocese and 17 Priests concelebrated.

The main celebrant in his homily said- Today these two Sisters have taken their Final Profession. They want to be one with Jesus and would like to commit everything in their religious life. Jesus says in the Gospel of Saint Mathew: “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me” (Mt. 16: 24). Today you have committed yourselves to Jesus, you have to take your responsibilities to follow Jesus Christ forever, to live the life of Chastity, Poverty and Obedience, to leave the worldly life and to unite your life with God. To spread the Mission of Jesus Christ is the main Mission in Religious Life.

The main celebrant added some points about, St. Ignatius of Loyola who during his sickness, read the Holy Bible and was inspired by the Word of God- “For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world but forfeits his soul” (Mt. 16: 26)? Therefore, Religious and especially both Sisters committed their life by Final Profession and are responsible in their lives. We have to pray for their successful religious life.

Rev. Sr. Roseline Malika Ekka, D.S.A., Provincial Superior of Jalpaiguri Province received the Vow and welcomed the Sisters as the full

members in the Congregation of the Daughters of St. Anne, Ranchi. The theme of the day of Final Profession was: *येसु मेरा सर्वस्व और मैं उसकी बिज (सं. पृ. 55)*. Sr. Kanta Kiran Minj and Sr. Monika Tirkey led the choir with Sisters, Postulants, Candidates and Brothers of St. Paul Vinay Dham Seminary, Jalpaiguri very devotedly. Both Finally Professed Sisters proclaimed the Epistle Reading. After the Holy Mass Sr. Dibya Jyoti expressed the gratitude for the prayers and sacrifice for the day.

Soon after Holy Mass, there was short Felicitation Programme, conducted by Sr. Monika Tirkey. Programme was concluded with final blessing by Bishop Clement Tirkey, D.D. About 200 guests including Fathers, Sisters and Brothers of Local Institutions participated in the celebration and enjoyed with delicious food and proceeded to their respective destinations.

*Sr. Elizabeth Minj, DSA  
St. Anne's Provincialate Jalpaiguri*

## आनन्द में हमारी कलीसिया

कुछ महीनों से ही हमारे पारिश-संत मरिया गोरेत्ती मेस्ट्रे वेनिस में एक अजीब सी खुशी के साथ लोगों के बीच कुछ सुगबुगाहट सी थी। वह सुगबुगाहट किसी के आगमन की थी। यूरोप मिशन के संत मरिया गोरेत्ती मेस्ट्रे समुदाय की हम संत अन्ना की पुत्रियाँ भी उस सुगबुगाहट में शामिल थीं। देखते ही देखते वह अनमोल व ईश्वरीय कृपा से भरा क्षण आ ही गया। 13 नवम्बर 2022 को 11:00 बजे उस महान आत्मा के दर्शन के लिए आतुर कलीसिया के विश्वासी ईश भवन के अंदर चारों ओर भरे पड़े थे। क्या बच्चे, क्या जवान, क्या बुजुर्ग, क्या स्त्री व पुरुष। हमारे वेनिस के महा मान्यवर विशप स्वामी (Patriarca Francesco) उन्हें बड़े सम्मान और वैभव के साथ ईश भवन में प्रवेश कराया। सभी की शारीरिक और आत्मिक आँखें उनके दर्शन के

लिए आतुर थीं। वह महान आत्मा धन्य कार्लो अकुतिस (Relics of Blessed Carlo Acutis) के दिल का एक अंश था। यह वही 15 वर्ष के नवजवान का दिल था, जिस दिल से, जिस हृदय से वह येशु को प्यार करता था और पूरी दुनिया को दिखाया और सिखाया की पवित्र रोटिका के रूप में उपस्थित पवित्र यूखरिस्त के प्रति येशु की आराधना करना और प्रेम करना स्वर्ग जाने का हाईवे है। उसने कहा “Non Io Ma Dio” अर्थात् “मैं नहीं पर ईश्वर” क्योंकि वे ईश्वर को अपने जीवन में पहला स्थान देते थे। उन्होंने दुनिया के विभिन्न कोनों से पवित्र यूखरिस्त के महान चिन्ह और चमत्कार को कम्प्यूटर के माध्यम से खोज कर दुनिया के विश्वासियों के सामने रख दिया ताकि उसे देख कर सभी लोग विश्वास प्राप्त कर पवित्र यूखरिस्त के माध्यम से अपने लिए लिए स्वर्ग जाने का हाईवे पा सकें।

धन्य कार्लो अकुतिस आज के नवजवानों के लिए एक जीता-जागता साक्ष्य और पवित्र जीवन के लिए एक उदाहरण है। 7 वर्ष की अवस्था में उसने पहला परमप्रसाद ग्रहण किया। उस दिन से वह रोज पवित्र यूखरिस्त की संगति में रहता था। 15 वर्ष की अवस्था में एक बहुत ही गंभीर बीमारी ने जो इतनी तीव्र थी सप्ताह भर में उसे ईश्वर के राज्य का अधिकारी बना दिया। उनकी बीमारी बहुत ही दर्द भरी थी लेकिन वह उसे संत पिता और पवित्र कलीसिया के नाम पर ईश्वर को चढ़ाता और सहता था। जब उसे पूछ जाता—“कार्लो क्या तुम्हें अपनी बीमारी से दुःख नहीं होता”? तो वह कह उठता—“मुझसे भी ज्यादा न जाने कितने लोग गंभीर बिमारियों से पीड़ित हैं और कठिन दुःख सह रहे हैं”। उसे पता था कि वह कुछ ही दिनों का इस धरा पर मेहमान है। उस वक्त किसी ने पूछा—“कार्लो क्या तुम्हें इतनी जल्दी दुनिया छोड़ने का दुःख नहीं है”? तो उसका जवाब था—“नहीं, क्योंकि मैंने एक क्षण भी ऐसा नहीं बिताया जो ईश्वर को पसंद न हो”।

कार्लो का जन्म एवं बपतिस्मा लंदन में हुआ था और उसका पालन-पोषण इटली के मिलान शहर में हुआ। उसकी कब्र संत क्लारा और संत फ्रांसिस के शहर असीसी में है। मैंने उस वक्त अपनी दृष्टि दौड़ायी जहाँ तक मैं देख सकती थी। मैंने देखा, चारों ओर पवित्रता की लहरें उमड़ती हुई मुझे महसूस हो रही थीं। चारों ओर

दिव्य शांति छाई हुई थी। उस महान आत्मा के दर्शन के लिए हमारे पारिश में उन्हें एक सप्ताह तक रखा गया था। उनके दर्शन पाने और अपने विश्वास को मजबूत बनाने के लिए रोज दिन बहुत से विश्वासियों का विभिन्न पारिशों से आना-जाना लगा रहा। पूरा पारिश आत्मिक आनंद और खुशी से भरा था। रोज दिन यूखरिस्तीय आराधना प्रार्थना में विभिन्न उद्देश्यों और लोगों के लिए प्रार्थनाएँ होती रहीं। हम धर्मबहनों ने भी बहुतों के मन-फिराव के लिए प्रार्थना की। रोज दिन रोजरी चलाने की जिम्मेदारी हम संत अन्ना की पुत्रियों को दिया गया था। रोज दिन की रोजरी प्रार्थना का विशेष मतलब था—कलीसिया की पवित्रता के लिए, परिवारों के लिए और पवित्र बुलाहट के लिए। हम ने भी लोगों के साथ-साथ गहरी आध्यात्मिकता का अनुभव किया, क्योंकि रोज दिन विशेष गुप के लिए आराधना प्रार्थना होती थी। 14 तारीख को सभी कटेकिस्ट लोगों के लिए, 15 तारीख जवानों के लिए, 16 तारीख परिवारों और शिक्षकों के लिए, (Chi ama Educa) अर्थात् जो प्यार करता है शिक्षा देता है। 17 तारीख संत पिता से लेकर पुरोहितों, धर्मबंधुओं और धर्मबहनों के लिए। 18 तारीख कूस यात्रा धन्य कार्लो अकुतिस के जीवन पर मनन-चिंतन के साथ। 19 तारीख को जितने भी अन्य पारिशों के लोग आ रहे थे उनके लिए बारी-बारी से आराधना प्रार्थना और 20 तारीख ख्रीस्त राजा पर्व के साथ इस संत मरिया गोरेत्ती मेस्त्रे कलीसिया में। अनवरत आराधना के 20 वर्ष पूरा होने की खुशी में धन्यवादी पवित्र मिस्सा बलिदान से संपन्न हुआ। एक तरफ सभी के हृदय में तो आत्मिक खुशी थी, तो दूसरी तरफ धन्य कार्लो अकुतिस के हमारे पारिश से विदा होने का गम आँखों में नमी ले आया था। सभी का हृदय कह रहा था —“Sarai sempre nel nostro Cuore Beato Carlo Acutis” अर्थात् धन्य कार्लो अकुतिस आप सदा हमारे हृदय में रहोगे।

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अम्बिकापुर द्वारा 26.11.2022 दिन शनिवार को वार्षिक सम्मान समारोह आयोजन किया गया था जिसमें मुख्य अतिथि माननीय डॉ. अन्तोनिस् बड़ा धर्माध्यक्ष अम्बिकापुर धर्मप्रांत एवं विशिष्ट अतिथि के रूप में डॉ. अजय तिकी, महापौर नगर पालिका निगम अम्बिकापुर श्री प्रिभुवन शर्मा भारत स्काउट एवं गाइड्स राज्य संगठन आयुक्त उपस्थित थे। अतिथियों को बैंड बाजा द्वारा मंच तक लिया गया। तत्पश्चात् दीप प्रज्वलन कर कार्यक्रम की शुरुआत की गई। सि. भानुप्रभा बड़ा प्रबंधिका अम्बिका मिशन उ.मा. विद्यालय द्वारा अतिथियों का संबोधन और सि. मेरी क्लारा टोप्पो प्राचार्य द्वारा पुष्पगुच्छा दे कर अतिथियों का स्वागत किया गया। इस शुभ-अवसर पर शाला समिति भी उपस्थित थे तथा दो वर्षों के कोरोना काल के बाद अभिभावकों की उपस्थिति सराहनीय रही जिसमें लगभग दो हजार की संख्या में अभिभावक उपस्थित थे। सि. मेरी क्लारा टोप्पो प्राचार्य द्वारा विद्यालय का संक्षिप्त वार्षिक प्रतिवेदन प्रस्तुत किया गया।

तत्पश्चात् विद्यार्थियों द्वारा कार्यक्रम प्रस्तुत किया गया। डॉ. अजय तिकी महापौर नगर पालिका निगम अम्बिकापुर के द्वारा P/S एवं M/S के छात्रों एवं विभिन्न प्रतियोगिता में विजेता रहे विद्यार्थियों को पुरस्कृत किया गया तथा उन्हें जीवन में आगे बढ़ने के लिए प्रोत्साहित भी किया गया। माननीय डॉ. अन्तोनिस् बड़ा धर्माध्यक्ष अम्बिकापुर धर्मप्रांत के द्वारा H/S के 10 टोपर्स मेधावी विद्यार्थियों को पुरस्कृत किया गया एवं आशीर्वचन दिया गया जिसमें उन्होंने जीवन के लक्ष्य, उद्देश्य, ज्ञान अर्जन करते रहना, कड़ी मेहनत एवं अपनी समस्याओं का स्वयं समाधान जैसी बातों पर ध्यान आकर्षित किया।

श्री प्रिभुवन शर्मा भारत स्काउट एवं गाइड्स राज्य संगठन आयुक्त के द्वारा विद्यालय में प्रथम सोपान के कैम्प में सम्मिलित स्काउट एवं गाइड्स को प्रमाण पत्र प्रदान दिया गया। उन्होंने विद्यालय की प्रशंसा करते हुए कहा कि उन्हें उनके 16 वर्षों के कार्यकाल में विद्यालय एवं विद्यार्थियों से पूरा-पूरा सहयोग मिला है। उन्होंने ये भी कहा कि "स्वास्थ्य ही धन है।" जब आपका मन, मस्तिष्क और शरीर स्वस्थ होगा तभी केवल आप अपने और दूसरों के लिए कुछ कर पायेंगे।

कार्यक्रम के अंत में सि. रोजालिया कुजूर प्रधानाध्यापिका द्वारा अभिभावकों को धन्यवाद

ज्ञापन एवं मेरी क्लारा टोप्पो प्राचार्य द्वारा समापन की घोषणा की गई। अंत में राष्ट्रगीत के साथ कार्यक्रम का समापन किया गया।

*संत अन्ना की धर्मबहनें  
संत अन्ना कॉन्वेंट, बिरनीबेड़ा*

### संत अन्ना कॉलेज छात्रावास कुनकुरी की आशिष

आज 5 नवम्बर 2022 खुशी से मेरी आँखें नम हो गयीं क्योंकि ईश्वर की लीला हमारे लिए अपार है। उसकी सत्यप्रतिज्ञाता अनन्त काल तक बनी रहती है। ईश्वर अपूर्व योजना के अनुसार मध्य प्रदेश प्रोवेंस की स्थापना की 25वीं वर्ष में यह दो मंजिला घर बनाया गया। इस घर में ईश-सेविका, माता मेरी बेर्नादेत्त की छात्रछाया बनी रहे। तत्पश्चात् फा. मुक्ति प्रकाश मिंज विकर जेनेरल जशपुर धर्मप्रांत के करकमलों से मिस्सा सम्पन्न किया गया और पूरे घर में पावन जल छिड़कर आशिषित किये हैं। आदरणीया सि. फ्लोरेसिया मिंज, प्रोवेंसियल सुपिरियर मध्य प्रदेश प्रोवेंस ने कुरिया की सभी धर्मबहनों का धन्यवाद दिया। इस दिन में उपस्थित इन्जिनियर सहित सभी विश्वासियों का आभार प्रकट किया गया। उन्होंने संदेश में यही कहा कि यह छात्रावास विशेष उद्देश्य से बना है। मध्य प्रदेश प्रोवेंस की धर्मबहनों के 25 वर्षों के परिश्रम का फल है। धर्मबहनों ने अपनी सुविधा को त्यागकर रूपयों का केन्द्रीकरण किया है जिससे यह छात्रावास बन पाया है। इस छात्रावास में रहने वाली छात्राएँ अपने जीवन का निर्माण करें और समाज व देश के लिए एक अच्छा नागरिक बनें।

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### नोविस दिवस समारोह

*"तुम मेरी दृष्टि में मूल्यवान हो और  
महत्त्व रखते हो, मैं तुम्हें प्यार करता हूँ"  
(इसा.43:4)*

वर्षा की बूंदें मिट्टी में विलीन हो जाती हैं और वाष्प में बदलकर उड़ जाता है। राहगीर अपनी राह चलता है और वक्त यूँ ही गुजर जाता है। लेकिन कुछ ऐसे खास दिन होते हैं जो मीठी याद बनकर रह जाते हैं। उसकी स्मृति भर से चेहरे

पर चमक आ जाती है और वो पल कभी भुलाया नहीं जाता। वो खास दिन था—नोविस डे। दिनांक 13 नवम्बर 2022, संत स्तानिसलास के पर्व दिवस के सुअवसर पर नोविस बहनें न केवल आन्तरिक रूप से बल्कि भिन्न-भिन्न प्रकार से अपने आपको तैयार कीं। इस दिन को और यादगार बनाने के लिए सि. सुपीरियर और दोनों मिस्ट्रेसेस के द्वारा रंगारंग कार्यक्रम आयोजित किया गया था जो इस प्रकार था—

**1ला दिन – Singing compition** जिसमें

Judges थे—सि. मेरी एलेन, सि. सुष्मा और सि. अर्चना। यह हमारे लिए बहुत ही सुन्दर अवसर था। यह अवसर हमारी क्षमताओं को पहचानने में मदद किया।

**2रा दिन – खेल प्रतियोगिता का आयोजन** किया गया था जिसमें तीन पैर का दौड़ और कबड्डी।

**3रा दिन – डांस प्रतियोगिता हुआ तथा Quiz Compition** में हमारी स्मरण शक्ति को जानने का मौका मिला। साथ ही Bible skit भी हुआ जिसका शीर्षक था—“उड़ाऊ पुत्र का दृष्टान्त और प्रीति भोज” जिसके द्वारा हमारे जीवन के लिए हम विभिन्न प्रकार की प्रेरणाएँ ग्रहण कर पायीं।

हम रोज दिन की भाँति उस दिन भी प्रभात वन्दना के लिए प्रार्थनालय में प्रवेश कीं परन्तु उस दिन हम बहनें बेहद खुश थीं। उस दिन प्रार्थना का संचालन नवशिष्यालय की सुपीरियर और दोनों नोविस मिस्ट्रेस धर्मबहनों ने हमारी खुशी में चार चाँद लगाते हुए प्रार्थना का संचालन किया। उन्होंने प्रभात वन्दना के समय हमारे लिए प्रार्थनाएँ अर्पित कीं और संत स्तानिसलास कोस्तका के जीवन को हमारे समक्ष प्रस्तुत किया। संत स्तानिसलास कोस्तका का प्रार्थनामय जीवन, कष्टमय जीवन, उसकी नम्रता इत्यादि गुण तथा उसका सम्पूर्ण जीवन शैला ही हमारे लिए आदर्श रहा है।

मिस्सा के पहले सि. मेरी कुसुम तिकी द्वारा प्रस्तावना पढ़ी गयी। पवित्र मिस्सा को रोचक बनाने के लिए सि. फ्लोरेंसिया मिंज, डी.एस.ए., मध्यप्रदेश प्रोविंस की प्रोविशियल सुपीरियर एवं अन्य धर्मबहनें मिस्सा में सहभाग होने आयी थीं। मिस्सा फा. ओसकर तिकी, एस.जे. लोयोला कॉलेज कुनकुरी के प्राचार्य के हाथों सम्पन्न हुआ। उन्होंने अपने संदेश में कहा कि धर्मसंघीय जीवन खीस्त पर टिका हुआ है और हमारा जीवन ईश्वर के राज्य की खोज करता है।

मिस्सा के बाद सभी नवशिष्याओं को बधाई दी गयी। नवशिष्यालय समुदाय की सि. सुपीरियर, फा. ओसकर तिकी, सि. फ्लोरेंसिया मिंज, डी.एस.ए., प्रोविशियल और दोनों नोविस मिस्ट्रेस धर्मबहनों ने हमारी खुशी में ढेर सारी बधाई एवं शुभकामनाएँ दी हैं। सि. फ्लोरेंसिया मिंज, डी.एस.ए., प्रोविशियल ने आशीर्वाद देते हुए कहा कि हम जीवन में संत बनने के लिए बुलायी गयी हैं। हमें नवशिष्यालय में ही संत बनना है और सच है कि हममें संत बनने की क्षमता है।

हमारी खुशी को दुगुणी बढ़ाते हुए लगभग 11:00 बजे प्रोग्राम के प्रतिभागियों के लिए पुरस्कार वितरण का दिन रखा गया था। इस खुशी में सहभाग होकर फा. दिलीप सोरेन ने अपने ही हाथों से पुरस्कार का वितरण कर छोटा संदेश हमें दिया है जो हमें प्रभु में खुश रहने के लिए प्रेरित करता है

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## छत्तीसगढ़ युवा सम्मेलन 2022

प्रतिवर्ष की भाँति इस वर्ष भी प्रशासन द्वारा छत्तीसगढ़ युवा सम्मेलन महोत्सव का आयोजन किया गया था। इस महोत्सव का आयोजन विकासखण्ड स्तर, जिला स्तर, संभाग स्तर एवं राज्य स्तर पर किया गया था, जिसमें निर्मला कन्या उ.मा. विद्यालय नवाटोली की 12वीं की छात्रायें आदिवासी लोकनृत्य में 23 नवम्बर 2022 को लोयोला मैदान कुनकुरी में भाग ली थीं। उनका प्रदर्शन बहुत अच्छा था। अतः वे प्रथम स्थान प्राप्त की हैं। छात्रायें बहुत खुश हैं। साथ ही कक्षा 12वीं की छात्रा कु. ऐश्वर्य बन्दे “छत्तीसगढ़ महतारी” के फैसी ड्रेस प्रतियोगिता में भाग लेकर प्रथम स्थान प्राप्त की। कक्षा 11वीं से कु. तनिषा कुलदीप भाषण प्रतियोगिता में द्वितीय स्थान प्राप्त की। पूरे शाला परिवार से प्रतिभागी छात्राओं को बहुत-बहुत बधाई एवं शुभकामनाएँ।

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“मैं अच्छी लड़ाई लड़ चुका हूँ। अपनी दौड़ पूरी कर चुका हूँ और पूर्ण रूप से ईमानदार रहा हूँ। अब मेरे लिये धार्मिकता का वह मुकुट तैयार है, जिसे न्यायी प्रभु मुझे उस दिन प्रदान करेंगे” (तिम. 4:7-8)।

प्रभु ने स्व. सि. अनास्तासिया कुजूर को उनके सुकार्यों के साथ 16 नवम्बर 2022 को अपनी संगति में शामिल किया। स्व. सि. अनास्तासिया कुजूर का जन्म 25 फरवरी 1959 को तपकरा पल्ली गाँव बलुआबहार, जिला जशपुर छत्तीसगढ़ राज्य में हुआ था। पिता श्री पौलुस कुजूर और माँ श्रीमति इलिसबा की पाँच संतानों में इनका 5वाँ स्थान था। इनकी शिक्षा क्रमशः बालिका प्राथमिक, बालिका मिडिल तथा उच्चतर मा. विद्यालय जबला तपकरा में हुई। बी.ए. की पढ़ाई शासकीय बालिका कॉलेज अम्बिकापुर से पूरी की। तत्पश्चात् परिवार की आर्थिक स्थिति कमजोर होने के कारण नागपुर में कुछ काम करते हुए वहीं मोन्टेसरी ट्रेनिंग पूरी की। ट्रेनिंग समाप्त करने के बाद उन्होंने प्रभु की पुकार का प्रत्युत्तर देने हेतु संत अन्ना की पुत्रियों के धर्मसंघ में 6 जुलाई 1984 में प्रवेश किया। ढाई वर्षों का धर्मसंघीय प्रशिक्षण समाप्त कर 8 जनवरी 1987 को प्रथम तथा 24 मई 1993 को आजीवन व्रतधारण द्वारा ईश्वर तथा कलीसिया की सेवा में स्वयं को पूर्ण रूप से समर्पित किया। उन्होंने रजत जयंती 2011 में मनाया। उनका प्रेरितिक कार्य क्षेत्र क्रमशः इस प्रकार है:-

- 1987 – 1992 अम्बिकापुर झूलाबड़ी
- 1992 – 1993 जमदरा प्रायमरी स्कूल सहायक शिक्षिका
- 1993 – 1996 बलरामपुर प्रायमरी स्कूल सहायक शिक्षिका
- 1996 – 1999 तमामुण्डा प्रायमरी स्कूल सहायक शिक्षिका
- 1999 – 2002 मानपुर प्रायमरी स्कूल सहायक शिक्षिका+सुपीरियर
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इनका अंतिम धर्मसंघीय स्थान संत अन्ना प्रोविशियलेट कुनकुरी था। वे स्वभाव से धार्मिक, धैर्यवान, कर्तव्यनिष्ठ एवं प्रार्थनामयी थीं। बहन अनुशसन प्रिय थीं। संगीत एवं वाद्य में भी रुचि रखती थीं। जीवन में कई परिस्थितियाँ आईं किंतु इन्होंने सहजता से स्वीकारा। अधिकतर समय बीमारी की हालत में प्रार्थना द्वारा प्रभु का सहारा लीं। स्व. सि. अनास्तासिया कुजूर कोरोना काल में कोरोना की भी शिकार हुई थीं और जशपुर अस्पताल में भर्ती थीं। वहाँ से वे चंगी होकर वापस कुनकुरी आयी थीं।

शाँतिपारा समुदाय में रहते वक्त ही स्व. सि. अनास्तासिया कुजूर उच्च रक्तचाप व मधुमेह की शिकार हुईं। बीमारी की हालत में जब भी आवश्यकता पड़ती थी, वे बारम्बार स्वास्थ्य परीक्षण और इलाज के लिये अस्पताल जाती रहीं। पिछले दो माह से उनका स्वास्थ्य अत्यन्त नाजुक हो गया अतः 30 अगस्त 2022 को वे हॉली क्रॉस अस्पताल कुनकुरी में भर्ती की गईं। डॉक्टरों की सलाह से 07 सितम्बर 2022 को हॉली क्रॉस अस्पताल अम्बिकापुर में रेफर की गईं और वहीं डायलिसिस प्रारंभ किया गया। सफल डायलिसिस के लिये फेस्तुला लगाने की जरूरत हुई, अतः 17 अक्टूबर को रायपुर ली गईं। फेस्तुला के सही काम न करने पर दुबारा रायपुर ली गईं थीं। 16 नवम्बर 2022 तक वे डायलिसिस में थीं। ईश्वर की योजना अपूर्व है। दिनांक 16 नवम्बर 2022 को 4 बजे अपराहन् हॉली क्रॉस अम्बिकापुर अस्पताल में सदा के लिये वे प्रभु की प्यारी हो गईं। बहन अनस्तसिया कुजूर 63 वर्षों की आयु में 35 वर्षों तक संत अन्ना की पुत्रियों के धर्मसंघ, राँची में रहकर येशु के प्रेम से ईश्वर तथा लोगों को अपनी श्रेष्ठतर सेवा प्रदान कीं।

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