

Golden Jubilarians Programme

The nine golden jubilarians of 2024 were privileged to come together for two weeks, from September 26 to 11 October. We arrived at Sacred Heart Convent Sidhpur on 25th September and we were received very warmly. The serene, calm and peaceful atmosphere, the enchanting Dhaula Dhar ranges and the green Kangra Valley were beckoning us to enjoy the beauty of the nature and at the same time praise and thank the Lord of all creation.

The Province gave us this golden opportunity to be together, to relive the past 50 years of our Religious Life, share with each other our faith journey and our mission experiences to enrich oneself and others. It gave us time to recount the innumerable blessings God has showered upon us and be grateful to God, one another and all those who have been channels of grace and influenced and touched our lives, made us grow and mature and become who we are today.

Rev. Fr. Vincent Amal Nathan SJ from Andhra Province of Jesuits shared with us his wisdom, knowledge and life experiences of growing old gracefully. Since most of us are still engaged in active ministry, the course gave us a blue print as to how we need to integrate our 'doing' and 'being'. Definitely as we grow old the quality of our 'being and presence' must speak for itself. When the 'doing' becomes less and less, it is an indication to spend more time for praying, caring and nurturing oneself and others and become graced companions to all.



The five days programme was followed by eight days of retreat. That provided the time needed to interiorize what we received during the course and spent time with the Lord.



Before the retreat we had a short picnic and after the retreat the students of Sacred Heart Sr. Sec. School and St. Marty's Sr. Sec. School students entertained us for an hour. It was a feast to the eyes and music to the soul. It was indeed a captivating and mesmerizing cultural fest and we enjoyed it thoroughly. We are deeply grateful to Sisters Gracy M. D. and Jancy Joseph, the principals of the two schools, all the staff members and students for that beautiful gesture of acknowledging the services, dedication and commitment of the Sisters.

The climax of the Jubilee celebration was the thanksgiving Eucharistic on 11 October. Rt. Rev. Agnelo Rufino Gracias, the Apostolic Administrator of Jalandhar Diocese was the main celebrant and it was con-celebrated by priests from the diocese and other religious houses round Sidhpur. We were privileged to have our SCJMs from almost all the houses in Punjab, Himachal and Jammu and others Sisters from the area. We were glad and privileged to have the relatives of Sr. John Akanath for the jubilee celebrations. At the end of the jubilee celebrations we carry in our hearts an overwhelming sense of gratitude to all those who have been part of our faith journey over the past 50 years especially our Congregation.



especially those of our province, friends and well-wishers who have accompanied us through your prayers. May God bless each one of you abundantly!

We are grateful to Sr. Lucy Emmanuel and her council for providing us this opportunity to come together. We are deeply indebted to Sr. Teresa Attupuram and community for their warm hospitality, love and care and the hard work put in to plan and organize meticulously the jubilee celebration. We also remember with love every SCJM

Sr. Teresa Thomas, for the Jubilarians