

Good News! Good News!

Congratulations

Dear Sisters Mary Grace, Promila, Tamanna & Jobita



'Minding not the miles and counting not the cost', hearing the voice of the Lord deep within their hearts, our four novices, Mary Gracy Xaxa, Tamanna Bhatti, Jobita Tirkey and Promila Ekka confirmed their resolve to follow the Lord wholeheartedly on 17th July, 2021 when they made their first profession. We thank the Lord for the unique gift of these four young and vibrant Sisters who have become full-fledged members of the congregation of the SCJMs.



The corona virus is a constant reminder that we have to adhere to God's plan for us and not ours. Initially the plan was to have the first profession in Ranchi Province in May 2021. Had it taken place then, the Provincialate community at Delhi would

not have had the privilege of hosting the first profession for the first time in the history of the province.

We had a very homily celebration with only the members of the Provincialate community, four sisters from Aya Nagar, Gurgaon, Archbishop Anil Joseph Thomas Couto, Rev. Fr. Periyanyakam, our Parish Priest, and Rev. Fr. Ajit Patrick, Secretary of Archbishop Anil Couto, besides the four novices to be professed. Though the parents, friends, and relatives of the novices could not be present in person for the occasion, the live streaming done by Fr. Ajit united all of us in the same bond of love and communion.



The Eucharist celebration began at 11 a. m. with a procession. The novices, Sr. Teresa Attupuram, the Provincial, Fr. Periyayakam and the Archbishop Anil J. T. Couto were led to the beautifully decorated Chapel in the midst of showers of rose petals. Archbishop Anil Couto' homily was inspiring, challenging, apt and appropriate to the occasion. Having resolved to follow the Lord and being strengthened by the prayers of the community, the novices came forward and pronounced the vows and then received Cross engraved with "Deus Caritas Est" as a sign of the Charism they are called upon to live: "to reveal the primacy of God's love to everyone. They expressed their gratitude and thankfulness to God who has called and sustained them by singing the magnificat.



"Rhythm and harmony find their way into the inward places of the soul" (Plato). The melodious music by Mr. Glen (one of our parishioners) and the mellifluous voices of Sisters Neha Joseph and Dipti Kerketta elevated our spirits to the heavenly realm and enabled to pray doubly as St. Augustine says.



Sr. Tamanna Bhatti was very profuse in thanking all those who accompanied them during their formative years and the Provincialate community for making the day of their profession a very memorable one. The community would like to remember with love and gratitude our archbishop Anil J. T. Couto, Rev. Fr. Periyayakam for being at our disposal and providing from the parish with whatever we lacked in the house and Rev. Fr. Ajit for live streaming the whole ceremony in spite of all the hurdles.



After the Eucharistic celebration, as usual there was the cake cutting, greetings, wishes and congratulations which was followed by a sumptuous meal prepared with a lot of love and affection by Sr. Rose Thomas and companions.

Dear Sisters we pray that each one of you may launch out into the new horizons of your ministry with the hope that the invisible footsteps of the Lord will accompany you in every move you make and every step you take. Wish you a fruitful and meaningful life ahead.



Sr. Teresa Thomas, Provincialate, Delhi