

Provincial Chapter Session 1, 25 -30 July 2022



The most awaited event, the provincial chapter session 1 took place in Sacred Heart Convent, Dalhousie from 25 - 30 July, 2022. The whole province was one in the spirit of 'Cor Unum Anima Una' in prayer, for the success of this great event. The theme of the chapter was 'Go and do likewise' (Lk10:37). Provincial chapter 2022 was inaugurated by Sr. Lucy Emmanuel our Provincial on 25th July. She welcomed Sr. Roshni Barla, the General Councillor and the facilitator and the delegates of the chapter. One of the unique feature of this chapter was that it was facilitated by one of the SCJMs

Sr. Roshni, facilitated the sessions with gentleness and firmness. The chapter commenced with a day of recollection and silence. Each delegate was given two important documents for personal study: the evaluation of the directives of General chapter 2017 and the synthesis of the theme of GC 2023.



The following day, Sr. Lucy Emmanuel, the provincial superior officially welcomed all the delegates of the chapter once again and she introduced the procedure of the chapter. After the approval of various committees, in her maiden speech she elaborated the life and mission of the province, and the concerns and the issues too. Sr. Jessy Thomas, the provincial bursar presented the financial report of the province. Both the reports were very realistic, comprehensive and transparent, and it replicated the life and mission of the province. The methodology of the chapter was distinctive. The chapter procedures went on in a prayerful and peaceful atmosphere. The indwelling presence of God was experienced and felt in and around us during the entire chapter.

The thematic liturgy, well prepared by different sisters, enabled us to be in touch with the Lord in all our undertakings. Lectio Divina and faith sharing helped each one of us to be interconnected and it gave the feeling that we are journeying along with the whole Church in synodality for mission, participation and communion. The six days of journey, together reflecting and revitalising the life and mission of the province/ congregation, the study of the theme of GC 2023 and the election of the delegates for the General Chapter were successfully accomplished by the Grace of God.



At the end of the session, Sr. Lucy Emmanuel acknowledged and appreciated each member of the province for their prayerful support. On behalf of the group, Sr. Pushpa Kujur proposed a vote of thanks and she thanked each one, including the community at Dalhousie. She acknowledged the fact that it was the concerted efforts of all concerned that made the Provincial Chapter a success. The baton is passed on to each one of us now, to obey the command of the Lord to “Go and do likewise” and be a Good Samaritan.



Sr. Moly Augustine, Dalhousie