

Roja and Dipti said “YES” to the Lord!

The Lord said to me, “I chose you before I gave you life, and before you were born I selected you to be a prophet to the nations” (Jer. 1: 4-5). These words of the Lord to prophet Jeremiah have come true in the lives of our dear Sisters Roja Gopanaboina and Dipti Kerketta. The Lord who called and chose them to fulfill a special purpose for Him and his people has been fulfilled on 10th February 2023, when they said their final “Yes” to Him. I believe that their mission will continue in the footsteps of the Lord with grater enthusiasm and zeal. The Lord has been and is faithful to them and they in turn grew in His love and service and accepted Him as their sole Master. The SCJM family and Delhi province in particular join you dear Sisters in praising and thanking the Lord for the gift of yourselves to the Congregation, the Church and the society.



The Final Profession ceremony that took place on 10th February 2023 started at 11.30 a.m. with a devotional and prayerful dance as the choir intoned the entrance hymn. Sisters Roja and Dipti were led to the altar in procession accompanied by their parents, Sr. Lucy Emmanuel, our Provincial Superior, Sr. Moly Augustine, the Tertian Mistress and His Excellency Rt. Rev. Dr. Agnelo Rufino Gracias, the Apostolic Administrator of Jalandhar Diocese, the main celebrant and other con celebrant priests from the diocese and elsewhere.



Bishop Agnelo gave a homily befitting to the occasion based on the theme chosen for the Eucharist, **“Called to Serve the most vulnerable”** in reference to the parable of “Good Samaritan”. The melodious singing, offertory procession, doxology at the elevation, etc. made the Eucharistic celebration more solemn and meaningful. The presence of the parents and relatives of the two Sisters, a number of parishioners, religious from nearby communities, besides the SCJMs from many communities added joy to all present especially Sisters Roja and Dipti.



After the Eucharistic celebration and the photo session, the two young Sisters who committed themselves to the Lord were taken to the dinning place where they cut the cake first and that was followed by congratulatory song, greetings and wishes. All those who were present for the ceremony partook in the agape. Our dear Sisters in Sacred Heart community went out of their way to do everything possible to make it a memorable day for Roja and Dipti. It was a day of Blessing for Delhi Province and every SCJM.

We pray that the Lord who held their hands and led them so far continue to lead and guide them. May He accompany them always! Wish you dear Sisters a fruitful ministry wherever you may be placed.



