



# Hearty Congratulations

## Dear Srs. Meenu, Rose, Asha & Juhi



The 8<sup>th</sup> of December, the feast day of the Immaculate Conception, was a great day for our Congregation especially for Delhi Province. Four of our Junior Sisters: **Meenu Sidhu, Juhi Gulab Xalxo, Rose Mary Ekka and Asha Priya Tirkey**, made their final profession, after six months of intense preparation and discernment. It was indeed a graceful day for every one of us.



The Holy Mass was presided over by Rt. Rev. Bishop Agnelo Rufino Gracias, the Apostolic Administrator of Jalandhar Diocese. Eleven priests of the diocese concelebrated the Eucharist with him. The junior sisters, holding the lighted lamp along with their parents on either side of them and accompanied by the Provincial Sr. Teresa Attupuram, the first counselor Sr. Lucy Emmanuel, Sr. Moly Augustine, the Junior Mistress, Sr. Maria Jose, the Superior of the community, the Bishop and the

priests preceded to the altar as the choir intoned the entrance hymn.



The beautifully decorated Church and the altar depicting the picture of the Good Samaritan, highlighting the theme "Go and do likewise" made the Eucharistic celebration meaningful and awe-inspiring. Sr. Alice Chauhan anchored the whole programme, welcomed the guests, gave the commentary for each step of the profession ceremony. The presence of parents, relatives and SCJMs from nearby communities added joy to the occasion.

The melodious choir led by Mr. Sunny and Happy, parish choir members along with the Sisters and Aspirants added vibrancy and prayerful atmosphere to the meaningful Eucharistic celebration. The Bishop in his homily urged the sisters to remain true to their calling and make their life fruitful in the service of the people. After the homily







the Sisters pronounced their vows in the presence of the Provincial Superior.

The celebration continued after the Holy Mass, as they were solemnly led to the dining hall with traditional 'adivasi' dance by the SCJM candidates. Then, there were facilitations, greetings, wishes and garlanding. The four Sisters who committed themselves to the Lord in unison cut the cake while the choir sang the congratulatory song. All of us enjoyed the sumptuous meal.



May the Lord who called you, nurtured and sustained you, kept you as the apple of His eye, continue to accompany you as you take up your new ministries. Believe that you are never alone: He is there at your side always.

