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Christmas is not a time nor a season, but a state of mind. To cherish peace and goodwill, to be plenteous in mercy, is to have the real spirit of Christmas." Calvin Coolidge

**Merry Christmas and Grace filled New Year 2023!!!**





**GLIMPSES OF SR. LUCY JACOB, OUR SUPERIOR GENERAL'S WELCOME IN DELHI PROVINCE**

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“Thank you Lord for all you’ve done, Things both great and small”. The overwhelming feelings that well up in the hearts of every SCJM in the Delhi Province is one of gratitude, as we say good bye to our dear Sr. Lucy Jacob, the Superior General who had been in the Province for almost two months. It was indeed a long awaited canonical visit which was delayed by the pandemic. We thank God for the gift of Sr. Lucy, her presence, her life, her message and the patience with which she has met each one of us. She had made it a point to meet every Sister at her place of ministry even if she had to travel the whole length and breadth of the country. The radiating smile on your face



coupled with the love, care and concern you have for each one of us and the well-being of the province has elevated our spirits, motivated, encouraged, supported and rejuvenated us. Having accomplished your mission in the province, as you leave us we entrust you and all your undertakings into the hands of the Lord and pray that the Lord may accompany you always. “Gratitude makes sense for our past, brings peace for today and creates a vision for tomorrow”, may these words of Melody Beattie become a reality in our lives.

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### CHRISTMAS 2022

Once again we are a threshold of one of the greatest events in history, the Nativity of Jesus. Having entered into the of the advent season a couple of weeks ago, we are in the preparatory mode to welcome our Redeemer. The Word made flesh (Jn. 1: 1) also reiterates the power of the Word of God to give life as ‘flesh and bleed points to life. Let us delve deeply into the mystery of the Incarnation with faith, wonder and love and celebrate this single event that has affected humanity as no other ever it. From the simplicity of the manger emerged the power that re-created, transformed and redeemed the world. The manger that welcomed the poor and the powerless shepherds as well as the most powerful, the kings stand as a symbol, an example and inspiration. Let our hearts be like that of the manger that has a place for all irrespective of the status or class.

I wish you dear Sisters and other readers of ‘Ripples’ A Merry Christmas. May Christmas 2022 be one that affirms life, deepens love and fosters care. May the New Year 2023 usher in peace, joy and wellbeing for all.

Sr. Lucy Emmanuel  
Provincial Superior





from nearby communities and other religious from Patiala deanery was encouraging and supportive. The melodious and devotional singing led by Prarthana Bhawan team made the liturgy more meaningful.

At the end of the Holy Mass Sr. Venus thanked His Excellency Bishop Ignatius and all the invitees, especially the pioneers for their hard work and dedicated life in bringing up the mission and revealing the primacy of God's love to all, particularly to the last and the least. During the felicitation Rev. Bishop, Fr. Dominic, the Vicar general, Fr. P.D. John SDB, Fr. Regi, Fr. Jai Masih and our pioneers Srs. Deepti, Annie Davis and Rita Edgar were honoured. After the felicitation there was the ceremonies cake cutting and of course the agape. It was truly a day of rejoicing and thanksgiving for the wonderful ways God has led us through thick and thin.

Sr. Venus Gill, Kauli

### Three in one: Mathur

5<sup>th</sup> November, 2022 dawned on a joyful note to the chirping of the birds and the dancing of the peacocks which is a common phenomenon in Mathur. It was a day of thanksgiving and praise to the Almighty God who has walked with us through the pangs of the birthing of a new mission till today as we celebrate the silver jubilee of SCJM presence in Tiruchirappally diocese, in Tamil Nadu.

Many are the reasons and innumerable are the blessings for which we are grateful to the Lord. The same day we celebrated the golden jubilee of our dear Sisters Rosmin Chitteen, Lincy Joseph, Renny Sebastian and the silver jubilee of Sr. Abhaya John. To crown it all, the celebrations were planned for an auspicious day: the Foundation day of the congregation. The day began with a meaningful thanksgiving prayer for the unique gift of our four Sisters and the blessings we have received from the Lord in enabling us to continue our mission in that part of the country effectively. The day continued in a mood of jubilation as the relatives of the Sisters arrived one by one.

The four jubilarians were led to the altar along with Rt. Rev. Arockiya Raj, the bishop of Trichy and 22 concelebrant priests. The thanksgiving Eucharist began with a melodious hymn by the choir directed Fr. Sengol O'prem. During the Gloria, we were blessed with a heavy but short shower, which was a blessing indeed. During the homily bishop enlightened us on religious consecration.



After the Eucharistic celebration the jubilee cake was cut by all the jubilarians and it was followed by felicitations. At the end of all the hustle and bustle all enjoyed the fellowship meal. Three cheers to our community and our teachers who worked hand in hand tirelessly and made the celebration meaningful and memorable for the jubilarians.

Sr. Rosmin, Mathur