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“My Grace is sufficient for you...” (2 Cor 12:9)

Sr. Punitha Vishvasam was the first from among her five companions to make her final commitment. Sr. Anita Braganza along with the entire leadership team and with other sisters from Kolkata and elsewhere and approximately 60 members of Punitha’s family, travelled a long distance to be with Punitha on her big day.

The profession was held on 8th May, at Queen of All Saints Church, Trichy. The Eucharistic celebration was at 10. 30 am, presided over by His Grace, Rev. Soosai Manickam DD, the Bishop of Sivagangai Diocese, Rev. Fr. Susai Rathanam, the Provincial of the OCD congregation and uncle of Sr. Punitha, along with 13 other religious and diocesan priests.



It was apt that His Grace, Rev. Soosai Manickam was the main celebrant as nine of our sisters hail from the Diocese of Sivagangai. The entire liturgy was organized in Tamil, with a traditional and meaningful Bharatanatyam dance, to welcome the celebrants, Sr. Punitha and all the family and friends who had gathered for this auspicious occasion.

The Bishop preached an inspiring homily touching the life, spirituality and charism of Mary Ward. He said, “for Mary Ward everything was possible when done in love.” He further mentioned how Blessed Mother Teresa herself in her life and mission had drawn inspiration from Mary Ward.

The melodious choir led by Mr. Inbanathanputall gave a sublime mood of worship and prayer.

Sr. Punitha’s parents, grandmother, her elder sister Arul Devi, Robert, her brother who is a Jesuit of Kolkata province, friends, relatives, parishioners and other neighbouring religious, altogether numbering about 250, joined us in this celebration.

After the Eucharistic celebration, the parishioners organized a short felicitation programme in the community hall of the Parish to honour Sr. Punitha, the Bishop, our Provincial and Punitha’s family. This was followed by a

short cultural programme, featuring a few budding dancers of the Parish. A delicious 'chettinadu' lunch for the entire gathering followed.

The wonderful spirit of collaboration and mutual support and respect between our sisters in Trichy and the Norbertines was evident during our three days in Trichy. The fathers did all they could to help organize and support our sisters in the preparation for the final profession.

Thanks to Initha and the community, we visited places like the famous Srirangam Temple, Rock Fort, etc. and went one day to Vellankanni.

'I will give Him what I have and all I need I will find in Him...' Mary Ward

On the occasion of the Final Profession of Sr. Soria 24 sisters had travelled upto Shillong from Kolkata, Lucknow, Champasari, Lolay, Dharan and Darjeeling. It was a very special event as so many of us had gathered to be with Soria in sharing her joy. The mass was at 10.30 am presided over by the V.G. of the Diocese of Jowai, Rev. Fr. Hilarius. Sixteen priests were present. The Church decoration was done very tastefully by Sr. Molly and her wonderful team of sisters and teachers. The singing was melodious and angelic which was seen to by the parish. It was wonderful to see that Aida and Easterla were very much part of the team who contributed by preparing the children for the entrance and offertory dances and decoration. After the Holy Eucharist we all went to Soria's house for lunch.



Her family had taken a lot of trouble to see that everything was in order. We were served a delicious meal by her family with all the traditional dishes from Jayantia hills. A special mention must be made about the decoration in the house done so artistically. We felt warmly welcomed by her family the moment we stepped into her house. We were praying that it should not rain and the Lord heard us. The village came together for the occasion and all worked very hard to make the day very special. It was a grace filled day for the village and all of us present there. We must say that the Shillong community had worked very hard to accommodate so many of us. A big thanks and congratulations to each of the community members.



"The almighty has done great things for me and holy is his name..." Lk 1:49

The whole Profession in Ranchi was a wonderful experience. Preparations were done under the guidance of Srs. Pushpa and Anjuman. Teachers, the youth choir and the school children were part of the preparation and celebration. Srs. Binista and Ranchita were in charge of the choir while Sr. Jeba welcomed guests- visiting sisters and the four families. All required great organisation. Our young sisters who were on their home holiday came in and worked with the others. All were highly involved.



When we arrived at the Parish Church on 25th May the atmosphere of the solemn event of the Final Profession of our Sisters Abhay, Amia, Edlin and Shakuntala was already created by the décor and photos above the altar of the four with their mottos- Thy Will Be Done; My Grace is sufficient for You; You Are Precious to Me; Remain in My Love. The Entrance dance done by our school children followed by the procession of sisters, 20 priests and Bishop Charles was impressive. The Ritual was very meaningful and clear. The homily was beautifully based on the theme - love. The welcome into the full membership of the Institute was a fitting

climax to the ceremony. At the end our four spoke clearly and to the point separately thanking those involved with their formation and preparation. Though the ceremony lasted almost three hours most people felt renewed and inspired.

Back home the celebration in the hall fittingly decorated by teachers began in a lighter vein! Under the jovial emcee, Aruna, the families were encouraged and performed in a most entertaining way. Teachers too contributed with a song. It was most enjoyable. A delicious lunch followed. May our newly- professed be a light for those among whom they will work.

Inner Child Workshop for the novices

On 15th May 2014, the 1st year Novices, started the “Inner Child Workshop” in Abhilasha with resource persons Fr. Joe Kootinal s.j. and Sr. Rupa SND. These five days were days of intense “Awareness”. The basic thing which was learnt was – To find ourselves, To know ourselves, To heal ourselves and to be ourselves. Awareness is the key factor which can be used to heal our wounded inner child. Everyone has gone through pain in their life so somehow or other we are wounded. During the five days the group went through their pain again and relived the pain to experience healing, which made them free. Fr. Joe gave more emphasis to feelings and how to deal with them for which our relationship with God needs to be strong. The last day was the day when we learnt to make our child creative by various activities. The challenge is to change the wounded child into the Magical child; giving birth to this Magical Child who is very active, alive and free from fear. We have taken up this challenge as our goal to change our life. Life is a never-ending flow of Joy so to fill our life with joy we have learnt to deal with the pain. Joy is not going to end but we can end the pain by facing it, feeling and releasing it; and that’s how we will experience Joy in our lives.



By 1st Year Novices.

Sr.Cyril's visit to Prague



Cyril left for Prague on May 16th and returned on May 30th. after a very successful course on Value Education and Inclusive Schooling in Prague to a group of School Principals, Directors, Teachers, Teacher Trainers and others interested in education, and

further work in the Bruno University about two hours drive (through beautiful countryside) from Prague. This invitation came as result of a film "Sit Beside Me" shot on Loreto Sealdah by a Norwegian a few years back which was shown at a film festival in Prague in 2012, to which Cyril was invited to answer questions. At that time she was also asked to give some mini courses to mixed groups of teachers and others. So this visit was a follow up on the one two years ago, after the Film had been shown on youtube and got about a 1000 responses. It generated so much interest because the Czeck Republic has a group of gypsies called Romas who are discriminated against by law, in as much as their children are tested at the age of 5 in the Czeck language (although they speak Roma) and are then sidelined into special schools for the mentally handicapped from where they emerge so poorly educated that the only jobs available to them are poorly paid manual jobs, and many do not even get work because of prejudice.



Yet, they are highly intelligent as has been shown whenever they were given an opportunity in a regular school. At the same time many schools are reluctant to take them as they see them in a very prejudiced way just as street children are often seen here in India. That's why the film has had such an effect on people living there and in other parts of the world where it has been shown.

Prague is a beautiful city Every day the streets were thronged with tourists and a lot of Japanese. It has 264 churches, although the population is largely atheistic. Many of the churches date back to the 1300s. Cyril was there for the "night of the churches" when all the churches are open all night and show displays of their history, and people walk from church to church, a bit like the big puja night in Kolkata. Cyril also had tea with a CJ community near where she stayed, and passed by the Infant of Prague Church every day and prayed for all the Province.

Courses and Holidays:

For all those going on courses and on home holidays ‘All the very best. Have a lovely time’. Sr.Nirmala Minj – 15th June – 3rd September 2014 Canada – Summer Practicum in Spiritual Direction, Guelph
 Srs.Gloria Lakra & A.Anitha – 15th August – 1st September 2014 – Ireland & England – Mary Ward Retreat
 Srs. Maeve, Philomena, Joan & Moira – home holidays
 Sr.Archana Gomes – 10th July 2014 – 2nd January 2015 –Course at Asian Religious Formation Institute, Phillipines
 Our prayers and good wishes go with our G.C. delegates – Srs.Anita Braganza, Sabrina, Igora, Monica Suchiang, Yvonne & Antoinette – 30th August – 2nd October 2014 – Loyola, Spain

JULY

FEAST DAY	NAMES	B'DAY
6th July	Sr. Veronica Thapa	5th July
	Sr. Maria Bastian	
	Sr. Shakuntala Kujur	8th July
	Sr. Goretti Tirkey	9th July
11th July	Sr. Benedicta Gomes	
	Sr. Mercia D'Souza	19th July
	Sr. Cyril Mooney	21th July
	Sr. Antoinette Rodrigues	22nd July
22nd July	Sr. Magdalene Munro	
25th July	Sr. Christopher D'Souza	

26th July Sr. Anita Cardozo
 26th July Sr. Anita Maria Braganza
 29th July Sr. Beatrice Stuart

AUGUST

FEAST DAY	NAMES	B'DAY
	Sr. Maloti Thakur	4th Aug
	Sr. Bidalin L. Marshilong	5th Aug
	Sr. Philomena Dowd	6th Aug
	Sr. Bernadette D'Rozario	7th Aug
	Sr. Abhay Ekka	7th Aug
	Sr. Mary Archana Gomes	10th Aug
11th Aug	Sr. Claire McFarland	
	Sr. Badarilin Majhong	13th Aug
	Sr. Eileen McDonald	14th Aug
	Sr. Regina Thami	14th Aug
	Sr. Marion Vase	15th Aug
	Sr. A. Kavitha Rosy Mary	15th Aug
15th Aug	Sr. Alice Mary Martyris	
	Sr. Rani Mary Minj	19th Aug
	Sr. Joan Smyth	21st Aug
	Sr. K. Clara	23rd Aug
	Sr. A. Arockia Powlin	26th Aug
27th Aug	Sr. Monica Rozario	