

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PROVINCIAL CHAPTER XII



The 12th Provincial Chapter of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Shillong Province was held from 21-24 October 2019 at FMA Outreach, Lurshai – Lumshiyap, Shillong. 69 members took part in it which consisted of 35 members by right, 22 community delegates, 10 Province delegates and 2 invitees from the temporary professed Sisters. The theme that guided the assembly was “Do whatever He tells you (Jn. 2:5) communities that generate life in the heart of our contemporary world”. The moderator for the Chapter was Sr. Celine D’ Cunha, general coordinator of the province and animator of Auxilium Agartala.

The chapter commenced with the Holy Eucharistic celebration presided over by Rt. Rev. Victor Lyngdoh DD, Bishop of Jowai Diocese. The official inaugural function which was hosted by Sr. Teresa Kamsuan and Sr. Anita Dhar, commenced with the introductory words by Sr. Celine D’ Cunha, the moderator of the Chapter. Soon after a short prayer moment invoking God’s light and help was animated. The novices presented the theme through a dance entitled, *Nozze a Cana* meaning, wedding at Cana. At this point of time, Sr. Elizabeth George, Provincial gave the words of welcome and declared the 12th Provincial Chapter opened. Some representatives from the Salesian Family which included Fr. Paul Olphindro Lyngkot SDB, Provincial of Shillong Province, Fr. Januarius Sangma SDB, Provincial of Guwahati Province, Fr. V. M. Thomas SDB, Director - Planning & Development of DB Tech, Sr. Mary Concepta Dkhar MSMHC, Provincial of Shillong Province, Mrs. Benita Marbianang, Provincial Coordinator of Association of Salesian Cooperators Shillong Province, Mrs.

Amabilis Susngi, President of the Past-pupils Federation Shillong Province, Mr. Richmond Kharlukhi representative of lay-collaborators, Miss Hearty Suja and Miss Camelia Kharkongor the youth representatives delivered their messages. An audio-visual presentation of the province was prepared and projected by Sr. Euginia Laloo. The solemn opening ceremony concluded with words of appreciation by Sr. Rosa Pyngrope, Vice Provincial.

The first day of the Chapter witnessed the report of the state of the Province by Sr. Elizabeth George, Provincial; the financial report by Sr. Gemima Pohrmen, Provincial Economist and straight away after the clarification and discussion the participants took to serious work with Workshop I – “Reality, Emerging Cultures, Contemporary context and most urgent challenges for our communities”, which was done in region wise. After dinner, all went to St. Dominic Savio’s Church for the Holy Mass at the arrival of the mortal remains of Archbishop Dominic Jala from USA California where he met with the fatalistic accident and succumbed to death. The Mass started only at 11:00 pm and the Sisters returned to FMA Outreach by one o’ clock in the morning.

On the second day, the Chapter members worked on Workshop II – “Pathways for a Fruitful Accompaniment and Choices for a Prophetic Missionary Spirit”, Workshop III – “Listen to the Voices” (Views of others on our life and apostolate) and the General Assembly of the following day in order to make time for the funeral of Archbishop Jala.

The third day’s work included Workshop IV – “What is calling us Today?” after which at



10:00 am, the capitulars left for the Cathedral of Mary Help of Christians at Laitumkhrah - Shillong for the funeral of Archbishop Dominic Jala. On their return, the Sisters gathered for the General Assembly of the morning's workshop from 7-11pm.

The central act of last day of the chapter was the election of the Delegate to General Chapter 24 and the substitute. With much prayer and recollection, the election procedures went off smoothly and Sr. Celine D' Cunha was elected as the delegate and Sr. Rosa Pyngrope as substitute. The afternoon session began at 2:00 pm for the presentation of the Proposals, Vision Statement and closing ceremony, which was animated Sr. Helen Puwein and Sr. Euginia Kyntiewlin Susngi. During which Sr. Celine, the moderator proposed the vote of thanks to all who have been instrumental in making the chapter a success. On behalf of the capitulars, Sr.

Bashisha Massar voiced out the sentiments of gratitude to the moderator, Sr. Celine. Another moment was dedicated to some fun and frolic with the presentation of the odd moments and the climax was the audio-video presentation on the glimpse of the 12th Provincial Chapter 2019 prepared by the social communication team. Sr. Elizabeth George, the Provincial in her concluding message encouraged all the Sisters to commit themselves to make the communities generators of life, never letting the wine of joy, enthusiasm and hope run short through a symbolic presentation of wine and a souvenir of PC XII for each community. Then, Sr. Elizabeth George, the President officially declared the 12th Provincial Chapter closed. Thus the historic event came to a close with a pledge to be "sowers of Prophetic hope" in one's respective community.

Sr. Euginia Laloo



CANONICAL VISITATION OF SR. LUCY ROSE

Sr. Lucy Rose Ozhukayil, General Visiting Councilor visited the Immaculate Heart of Mary Province, Shillong from 17 August to 24 November 2019. On her arrival, she was warmly welcomed at Auxilium, Nongthymmai by Sr. Elizabeth George, Provincial, Sisters, Teachers, young people and students in a typically traditional manner.

The theme chosen for this historic event in our Province by Sr. Lucy was “...strengthening bonds of charity, deepening the commitment of fidelity.”

To begin with, Sr. Lucy Rose met the Animators and the Provincial Council after which a series of significant events of the province followed: The Laying of the Foundation Stone of Provincial House on 19 August and the Provincial Conference of India (PCI) from 20-22 August in FMA Outreach which was presided by her. Sr. Lucy Rose together with Sr. Veronica Kamei, her faithful Secretary, visited the length and breadth of our Province from 24 August onward.

Wherever she went, Sr. Lucy Rose met the key members in our mission: Parish Priests, Lay Collaborators, Students, Teachers, Salesian Co-operators, Past Pupils, Educating Committee, Co-workers, Boarders, Candidates, Oratorians, the House Council and the Sisters through personal encounter, conferences and the Good Nights.





In her animation, Sr. Lucy Rose used inspiring scriptural passages such as “Do whatever He tells you” in keeping with the theme of the General Chapter XXII and the widow at Zarephath and Prophet Elijah. The moments of personal encounter were encouraging and inspiring one coupled with her motherly guidance. During the conferences she highlighted on the various qualities of Mary at the wedding feast at Cana; her promptness, greatness, compassion, humility, great faith and her readiness to ask help and to intercede for others (John 2:1-11).

At the conclusion of her visit, Sr. Lucy Rose read the well written Report of her visit to the different group of sisters; Provincial Team, Provincial Councillor, Animators, Senior Sisters and Young Sisters in FMA Outreach. She also brought to light some observations and recommendations to be considered at various levels.

The climax of the Canonical Visit was on 22 November wherein the Animators and sisters from various communities assembled for the solemn Thanksgiving Mass followed by the felicitation programme. It was a fitting moment to express the gratitude and appreciation everyone owes as a province to Sr. Lucy Rose. Her encouraging words “...I return to Rome enriched because I have encountered a group of loving and committed Salesian Sisters who have only one desire; to follow Christ more closely in the service of the young” is a renewed invitation for each one of us to be generators of new life in the contemporary world with a new vision.

Sr. Teresa Kamsuan

