



HATIGAON TIDINGS

MSMHC GENERALATE - LITTLE FLOWER CONVENT, HATIGAON

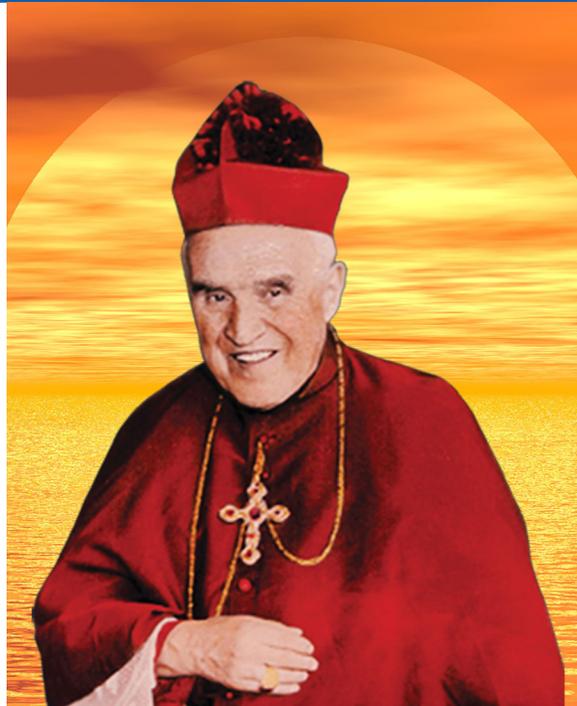


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As the people of Northeast awaits to see their much loved pastor being raised to the honours of the altar, the recent examination of miracle that reports the healing of Sr. Mercy Sebastian MSMHC called the attention of all. The Diocesan process to examine the miracle was held at Punalur Diocese from 5 to 12 March 2017. Fr. Pierluigi Cameroni, the postulator General and his team arrived from Rome and all the necessary arrangements and support needed for the process was rendered by Bishop Selvester Ponnuthan of Punalur Diocese.

Official opening of the process was held on 5 March at Bishop's House in Punalur in the presence of Bishop Selvester, Fr. Johnson Joseph, the chancellor, Sr. Philomena Mathew the Superior General, Sr. Elizabeth Packumala, Sr. Jancy Joseph, the Secretary



EXAMINATION OF THE MIRACLE

An update on the Beatification process of Venerable Stephen Ferrando

General and other sisters. During this, Fr. Pierluigi Cameroni, the Postulator General, Fr. Jude Thadevus, the episcopal delegate, Fr. Christy Joseph, the promoter of Justice, Fr. Shanish Joseph, the Notary and Dr. Yaneek and Sr. (Dr.) Sherly Mary Abraham, the medical experts made their oath of secrecy and signed the documents before the Bishop.

The process involved examining the doctors who treated Sr. Mercy, all those who were connected with her healing and a testimony by Sr. Mercy herself. Though tedious and tiresome was the task, the group completed the process on 10 March.

During the official closing of the process, the document comprised of the entire process was duly signed and sealed by the Bishop Selvester and it was handed over to Fr. Pierguigi Cameroni, the Postulator General of the process of canonization of Venerable Stephen Ferrando.





FROM THE SUPERIOR GENERAL

A Promise of HOPE!

“In Jesus, love has triumphed over hatred, mercy over sinfulness, goodness over evil, truth over falsehood, life over death ...”

(1 Peter 1:3)



Christ is risen Alleluia! This is the basis of Christian faith. This faith in the resurrection of Jesus fills every human heart with new hope and vigor in spite of the numerous signs of sadness and despair that surround us. Death is not the final word for anyone who believes in Christ Jesus because Christ has conquered sin and death through His resurrection. The Holy Father Pope Francis in his Easter message says: “If Christ were not raised, Christianity would lose its very meaning; the whole mission of the Church would lose its impulse, for this is the point from which it first set out and continues to

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set out ever anew. The message which Christians bring to the world is this: Jesus, Love incarnate, died on the cross for our sins, but God the Father raised him and made him the Lord of life and death. In Jesus, love has triumphed over hatred, mercy over sinfulness, goodness over evil, truth over falsehood, life over death.” As Christians we are partakers of His resurrection and witnesses of the

triumph of love, mercy, goodness, truth, life and hope which are the values of the Kingdom of God which Jesus propagated by his word and example. Today as His disciples our mission is to be heralds of the good news of Christ’s triumph over the most upsetting questions of human existence: the problem of evil and death. From time immemorial, every thinking mind battled with the problem of evil, sin, suffering and death. Many philosophers and religious reformers tried to address these issues from various perspectives and suggested many solutions but no solution has ever been as convincing as the one proposed to the world by Jesus who triumphed over these evils through His resurrection. The resurrection of Jesus is not a mythology but a historical fact which has a spiritual significance even today for everyone who acknowledges Him as his/her Saviour, Lord or Master. To those who remain indifferent to Him and His message of salvation, the resurrection of Jesus may appear to be a mere narration of the disciples’ experience of a delusory nightmare.

What makes the resurrection of Jesus a personal experience is precisely our faith in Jesus’ promises which gives substance to our hope in our own resurrection. “Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen” (Heb11:1). Faith and hope are intrinsically linked to each other and love/charity can be said as that which cements this link and gives soul to our faith and hope, thus concretizing them in our actual life situations. Any act of faith or any expression of hope without the ingredient of love would run the great risk of becoming like “sounding brass

or a clanging cymbal” (1 Cor. 13: 1). Living in a world that often measures credibility and validity of persons and things in terms of measurable proofs, experiments, usefulness etc. how best could we be credible witnesses of Christ’s resurrection? It is possible only to the extent we are prepared to be heralds of true joy, hope and love amidst the hustle and bustle of our ordinary day today experiences of life. When we go through the resurrection narratives of the gospels, we notice that everyone who encountered the resurrected Jesus experienced ‘a burning of their hearts (Lk 24: 32) explicitly or implicitly. We have Mary Magdalene, Peter, John, Thomas, Paul and others who encountered the risen Lord and were totally transformed from within and became powerful witnesses of the resurrection. The question we are to address personally is how deeply has the resurrection of Jesus affected me/us? What are the fruits of the resurrection experience seen in me/us? Do we experience a deep sense of joy, hope, and purposefulness that lingers on in the depth of our being in spite of the stresses and storms that at times cloud our hearts and minds? May our faith in the resurrection of Christ fill us with a lively hope and an active love, as we continue to live as witnesses of the triumph of love.

*Sr. Philomena Mathew
Superior General*



CANONICAL ERECTION OF NEW PROVINCE

The MSMHC Generalate at Hatigaon solemnized the event of canonical erection of the Ferrando Province, Guwahati and the installation ceremony of the Provincial Superior, Sr. Mary Thdavanal on 29 January 2017. The highlight of the programme was the Holy Eucharist presided over by Most Rev. John Moolachira, the Archbishop of Guwahati, along with twenty-eight priests from various institutions in Guwahati and Shillong. Besides the MSMHC Sisters from various communities far and near, many major Superiors, Sisters and Brothers from different mission stations working in the region participated in the celebration. The highlight of the programme was the Holy Eucharist presided over by Most Rev. John Moolachira, the Archbishop of

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Guwahati, along with twenty-eight priests from various institutions in Guwahati and Shillong. Besides the MSMHC Sisters from various communities far and near, many major Superiors, Sisters and Brothers from different mission stations working in the region participated in the celebration. Archbishop in his homily stressed on the need to work for the upliftment of the people. Recollecting some of the encounters he had with the people of Ranjuli village during the recent exposure programme organized by the Archdiocese, he invited the assembly to become true to their commitment and mission.

The official declaration of the erection of the new province and the appointment of the Provincial



Superior was held after the homily. Superior General, Sr. Philomena Mathew read the decree of erection and the letter of appointment after which the new provincial took the oath and Sr. Mary Perunilam, the Assistant General implored God's blessings upon the new leaders.

A short felicitation and family meal followed the Holy Mass.





INTER-PROVINCIAL COUNCIL MEET - 2017

The annual meeting of the Inter-provincial council (IPC) 2017 was held at Bethel, Barapani from 26 to 30 March. The five days animation programme began with a day's recollection, during which Fr. Thomas Manjaly from Oriens Theological College, Shillong, spoke on "Responsible leadership for a meaningful Chapter". Highlighting the leadership role that calls for service in truth he said, "Leaders in the church are called to take decisions for the common good and no leader can abandon this responsibility. A leader is called to guide, inspire, encourage and create an environment of fraternal communion that enhances personal growth and fulfilment in apostolic mission."

Sr. Philomena Mathew, the Superior General in view of the preparation for the Provincial and General Chapters presented the working document of the chapter, "Radical Renewal in Consecrated Life and Mission According to the Vision of Our Founder". The document pointed out some of the challenges of today's world, the Congregation's legacy for the past 75 years, its strength and the areas which need to be improved. It posed many question for personal and

community study. Sr. Philomena also dealt at length with the deeper meaning of Consecration and pointed out the primacy of God in religious life and mission.

Fr. Hector SJ in his session shared his ideas on effective leadership in the church. He said that leaders carry the responsibility with grace and they are called to manage persons and not things. He brought to the awareness of the assembly the fast changing social scenario and the impelling need to be prophetic voices in the present day society, to uphold the cause of the poor and the marginalized, those in the peripheries. He also spoke about the four temptations to which people generally succumb: The temptation to look for numbers without efficiency or effectiveness, to equate the age, ability and responsibility, to succumb to maintenance mode, to give excessive stress on ritualistic community practices rather than being prophetic voice in the society.

Sr. Mary Perunilam, the Assistant General spoke about the the responsibility of leaders and highlighted the importance of self-renewal and the need of preparedness to be fruitful

in the service of the Lord. Quoting the constitutions and the Code of Cannon law that describe the duty of the Provincial and her councillors, she reminded their role and responsibilities.

Sr. Nancy Augustine, the General Councillor for Formation dealt with the present scenario of formation in the congregation with many positive aspects and a few setbacks to be taken note for further considerations and change.

Sr. Christine Mynsong, the General Councillor for Evangelization explained about the way the evangelizing mission is being carried out and the collaboration and support of the lay movements, YAC and WAC in various parts of the country. She also presented some of the concerns and challenges that are encountered in this filed.

Sr. Rose Paite, the General Councillor for Social Apostolate spoke about need to empower the women, girls and children by taking care of their health and enhancing their life skills. Another point she discussed was about the initiatives undertaken for the betterment of the domestic workers who form a vulnerable section of the society and the challenges and possibilities inherent in it.



Sr. Jane Francis, General Councillor for Education stressed on education as a powerful means for evangelization and emphasised on having passion and dedication in carrying out this mission. She reminded the members to take care of the essentials of school management and to be just and fair in all matters concerning the school, its students and staff.

Sr. Ancila Jose spoke about the great need of sharing resources as God is the owner of all property. She expressed her concerns and reminded the members some of the important aspects to be

taken care of to bring in clarity and transparency.

Besides the common sessions by different persons the provinces were given time to present their plans and programmes chalked out for the year. There were also sharing and discussions on various matters of common interest in order to take adequate measures for the betterment of the Congregation's life and mission.

On the final day, the group had a special session by Fr. Ravi Sagar SJ on Legal Laws and practices. He dealt

with Criminal laws, Laws related to service and labour and laws related to minority rights. The session enriched the participants to become aware of the pressing demands of each day and to be prepared to deal with issues and problems tactfully.

The programme concluded with a pilgrimage to the tomb of the Founder, Venerable Bishop Stephen Ferrando, where the group had special prayers led by Sr. Mary Concepta, the provincial Superior of Shillong and Holy Mass celebrated by Fr. Philip Barjo SDB.

FMA Mother General Visits Hatigaon

Mother Yvonne Reungoat, the Superior General of FMA, accompanied by Sr. Elizabeth George, FMA Provincial of Guwahati visited Hatigaon on 16 April. She had come from Italy for her canonical visitation to the FMA Provinces in Northeast region. As the community of Hatigaon gathered around her with their melodious singing of welcome, Sr. Philomena Mathew, the Superior General welcomed her warmly and expressed her sentiments of love and gratitude for all the helps and support which the MSMHC received since its inception. Mother Yvonne in her turn expressed her joy of meeting everyone. She had a special



session with the sisters, during which she explained detail about their mission in China, its problems and possibilities. While commenting about religious life today she pointed out the need to have faith which helps one to have complete belongingness to God. She said, "Sometimes too much work can de-focus our faith. The problem is not

work, because our life in the mission requires us to work. What matters is the way we work, keeping our focus on Jesus for whom we work." Observing the present scenario which is complex and devoid of values, she exhorted the sisters to cultivate the Salesian spiritual life and to discover the pascal mystery which will help to find meaning in life.





Editorial

Common Denominator

Faith in the Risen Lord is a common denominator that makes our life optimistic and confident here on earth. Certainly, the celebration of the Easter which we just had has led us to reflect on the unfathomable love of God revealed through Jesus Christ. The more we are able to understand this mystery the better we are positioned to reach out to those around us. It is through Jesus Christ that we experience the fullness of life. There was no other way which was best for God to let us know his love than sending his beloved Son into the world. It spurs us to proclaim our faith with deeper conviction and guides us to realise the ultimate goal of our life.

The redeeming act of Jesus on Calvary and his resurrection on the third day remain for ever as the source of our power. It is the belief that we have in this truth that sets us free. St. Paul had the experiential knowledge of Christ and was experiencing the power of His resurrection when he set out for his ministry. Convinced of the great richness that lies in knowing Christ Jesus he said, "What is more, I consider everything as a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage that I may gain Christ" (Phi 3:8). These words of St. Paul may sound contradictory for many who are under the grip of fame, wealth and power. The society in which we live is materialistic, selfish and irrational. But the ultimate reality of life speaks of the genuine richness one can gain while taking the side with God, for no richness of this world can give us happiness.

It is in this situation, where far too many make the pursuit of riches their sole aim in life, we are called to commit ourselves to proclaim the triumph of God who is the supreme. Our commitment to His mission can transform us and through us the society as a whole. Hence, what holds important in this aspect is the role we play as agents of the Good News, which we do, not only through our mere words but by becoming true witnesses.

May we all understand the deep longings of every person to find wholeness which cannot be done with the world's richness but with the person of Christ. May the common denominator of our lives, the Risen Lord lead us to true freedom, fill us with hope, lead us to fullness and help us to live in his resurrected joy.

Sr. Shiji James

TUBITS

STUDENTS AT FIS DEFEND THESIS



The second year students of Ferrando Institute of Spirituality (FIS) after their defence on 24 March with the Superior General Sr. Philomena Mathew, General Councillor Sr. Nancy Augustine, and the Staff of FIS.

ST. JOSEPH'S FEAST CELEBRATED



Junior Sisters at Hatigaon stage a short programme on 19 March, honouring St. Joseph, the patron saint of the Congregation.

SCIENCE EXHIBITION AT LFS



Little Flower School, Hatigaon hosted a two-day science exhibition with the theme, "Explore ... Enhance ... Excel ..." on 10-11 February, 2017. The event saw hundreds of students and teachers from various schools of the city of Guwahati.

Orientation Programme for New Superiors

The newly appointed animators of the communities were given an orientation programme at Hatigaon from 18 to 24 April. At the start of the programme, Sr. Mary Perunilam, the Assistant General welcomed the group and introduced to them the plan and purpose of the meeting. Referring to Don Bosco's recommendations to Salesian Rectors she stressed on the importance of their leadership role in the communities.

Sr. Philomena Mathew, the Superior General had an interactive session with them, during which she responded to their experiences in the communities and brought to light some of the important points that help in community building. She explained the essential qualities that make a great leader in a practical way with many examples. She also presented to them some of the suggestions to superiors given by different sisters and exhorted them to be authentic and true to their commitment and call.

The group was given inputs by all the General Councillors on different



aspects of leadership. They explained the need to understand their role as animators who are able to bring unity and dynamism in the communities. They focused on giving emphasis to prayer life, mutual understanding, sharing, transparency and all other elements that would contribute to the family spirit.

Sr. Mary Thadavanal in her session led them reflect on the actual life situations in the communities and inspired them to take the road leading to harmony and growth. She said, "The duty of the leaders is to help people to experience God's personal love and grow in that love of God."

Sr. Jancy Joseph explained to them the need to discover their truest self through the community in which they live and work. Stating that the effectiveness of their mission depends on their connectedness in the community with one another, she said that the role of the superior is to discover dynamism in every person.

Sr. Shiji James brought them the awareness of giving importance for the upkeep of archives and records that falls under the category of permanent documents which are vital and essential. She also explained the need of writing the chronicles well with proper details.

Archbishop Thomas on Mission and its Demands

One of the resource persons of the Juniorate Programme at Hatigaon, Archbishop Thomas Menampampil during his three-day classes for the junior sisters dealt with 'Mission and its demands for a missionary'. Saying, "A good missionary possesses the quality of enthusiasm" he urged the Sisters to have zeal for souls and love that discriminate no one. His sessions were made interesting with



many examples and experiences that informed them of the mission and its demands in the present day. He also gave them several practical

suggestions on how to go about with the missionary work, especially to reach out to the people of God in the villages.



Faith Exposure Programme of the Archdiocese of Guwahati, 2017

Junior Sisters from Hatigaon and several formees from various houses of the Congregation's formation houses participated in the faith sharing exposure programme organized by the Archdiocese of Guwahati from 23 to 29 January at Rangjuli Parish, in Goalpara District of Assam. There was a total of over 600 participants from various formation houses in the region to attend the week-long programme.

The organising team of the entire days' programme was headed by Fr. Varghese Kizhakevely, the Vicar General. The programme aimed at giving ample opportunities to the participants for gaining an understanding of the know-how of missionary work. Archbishops, Bishops, Provincials and number of priests and sisters from the region shared their missionary experiences and motivated the formees to contribute their share for the expansion of God's Kingdom.

The participants were divided into various groups and each of the group



was allotted a village each for better participation and execution of the work. They visited the villages, met the people in their homes, listened to their tales, prayed with them and created a bond. They also took special time out to gather the children of the area to teach them catechism and the youth group to animate and encourage them to take lead in the faith activities of the parish, village and their own homes.

The meticulously planned and organised programme enriched all those who participated in it. Everyone expressed joy and satisfaction for

having spent the days together even though there were inconveniences and discomforts which they had to face in the place of stay. One of the junior sisters, Sr. Grace Guria said, "What I most liked in the exposure programme is the lively sharing of the experienced persons who spoke convincingly of their faith in the God who called them to be His instruments." Sr. Idaris Marwein stated, "It was indeed an elevating experience for all of us who participated in it, as it provided opportunities for us to meet Christ in the people, especially the poor and simple hearted."

Investiture Ceremony at LFS

"Leadership is the capacity to translate vision into reality"

-Warren Bennis

Little Flower School (LFS) had its investiture ceremony of the new academic session 2017-2018 on 28 April at the school campus. It signified the reliance and confidence that the school consigns in the newly invested captains. The event was presided over by Sr. Jane Francis the General Councillor for Education.

The ceremony commenced with the lighting of the lamp accompanied by a melodious song. The head boy and the head girl along with the other house captains and the class captains were adorned with scarves and badges which signifies the mantle of accountability, sacrifice, dedication and leadership. The captains pledged to bestow their duties to the best of their abilities through an oath taking ceremony. The event was marked by the thought provoking message of Sr. Jane Francis on leadership and its impact in the society.



Daring Initiative to Protect the Pride of Assam

Suhan Mallick of Class II from Little Flower School, Hatigaon Campaigns for Rhino

Little Flower School, Hatigaon felicitated Master Suhan Mallick for his brave initiative to spread awareness among the people to save the endangered species of Rhinos in Assam.

Adhering to the call to save the wildlife of Assam the little



environmentalist says, “If tomorrow my mother leaves for her heavenly adobe, I will still have my father, my grandparents and my relatives to take care of me. But if a baby rhino loses its mother there will be no one to take care of it or feed it.” Through his campaign ‘Save Our Rhino’ he began knocking every possible

door and conscientised the people of his state about the present need to protect and to take adequate step to actualise his dream.

During the recent visit of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to Guwahati, Suhan gifted a drawing and spoke about the crucial need to stop killing the precious species of one-horned Rhinos in Assam. He also had the chance of meeting the Chief Minister of Assam to share his ideas. Inspired by his earnestness and determination, the Chief Minister of Assam, Sarbananda Sonowal assured him of his wholehearted support for executing his mission.



Congratulations to Sr. Rosita Joseph and Sr. Shiji James for successfully completing their doctoral studies.

Sr. Rosita has done her doctorate in Spirituality at Pontifical Salesian University, Rome (UPS). Her thesis is on: “Biographical and Spiritual Profile of Bishop Ferrando, Founder of MSMHC.” Presently she is appointed the dean of studies in Ferrando Institute of Spirituality, Umsning.

Sr. Shiji James has defended her PhD thesis on: “The Nation and its ‘Other’: A Study of the Representations of India’s Northeast in the National Print Media with special reference to *India Today*, *Frontline* and *The Week*” from Gauhati University in the Department of Communication and Journalism.



Congratulations



Community Catechesis Training Programme

In view of emphasizing the main thrust of the congregation: 'Proclamation of the Good News' Community Catechesis Training Programme for pastoral sisters, WACs, YACs and village church leaders was organized from 20 to 24 January 2017 at Ferrando Covent, Bandel. There were 50 participants who had come from various centers of the Province. The theme of the programme was 'Proclaim the Word of God to save the World'. It was one of the programmes organized by the Missionary Animation

Centre (MAC), under the guidance of Sr. Christina Mynsong, the General Councilor for Evangelization and in collaboration with Sr. Molly James, the Provincial Superior and Sr. Rita Kullu, the Provincial Councilor for Evangelization.

The programme began with a meaningful inaugural ceremony that included the veneration of the Word of God and a short prayer session. The resource persons, Sr. Flora Topno, Sr. Gulab Marandi and Sr. Meena Tirkey enlightened the participants on various topics like Sacraments, Ten Commandments and Proclamation of the Word of God. The participants were given training to be the leaders of their local churches and were made aware of their duty to be the bearers of Christ in

Word and deed.

Similar programme was conducted at Mariapuram, Telangana on 13-15 January under the leadership of Sr. Maria Manmadha, Provincial Councilor for evangelization, Bangalore and her team. There were 60 participants who had come from various places such as Nemmickal, Singaram, Bollikunta, Jogayyapalli and Panthini. The main resource person of the programme was Fr. Dola Velangannirao. He focused on deepening of Christian faith and explained the method to teach catechism. He also touched upon the theology of Sacraments, prayer life and other aspects of faith life in the church.

Sr. Maria Manmadha took the sessions on Creed, Ten Commandments and Sacraments.



Mission exposure programme at Kudda, Ranchi

The Province of Kolkata organised a mission exposure programme from 12 to 18 March for the sisters and candidates under the guidance of Sr. Christine Mynsong, General Councilor for Evangelization. The chosen area for the programme was Kudda in Ranchi which is mostly inhabited by the Mundaris.

The participants were divided into groups to visit the families and to instruct the people to live their faith. They also took opportunities to infuse in them family values and morals.

The week-long programme not only aimed enriching the people whom they met with but also to provide the sisters and candidates chances to encounter

the real life situations of people in the villages. Besides these, it gave them the tips to carry out the primary work of the Congregation.



NEWS FROM OVERSEAS

Three-day YAC Convention held Swaziland

The YAC members had the annual convention at St. John Bosco's Parish from 13 to 15 January. The programme offered a learning time for the youth. The sessions focused mainly on Don Bosco's life and mission and it motivated them to live their commitment as YAC members. The concluding day of the programme was made special with a meaningful Eucharistic celebration presided over by Bishop Jose Luis Ponce De Leon during which Sr. Dimaya Amdep who had come after her final profession was congratulated. It was also an occasion to wish Sr. Elsa Puthenpurackal, the re-elected coordinator of African Mission.



World Sick Day Observed

The World Sick Day was celebrated at Hope House on 10 February. Bishop José Luis Ponce De Leon, the Consolata Missionaries, Fr. Roko and Fr. Francis anointed the sick and prayed for the inmates. To mark the day, the Rocking Horse Project under the leadership of Denise Mortlock re-dedicated two units: House A and C for the sick children. The day was made memorable with the presence of many friends and well-wishers who joined them for prayer and fellowship meal.

FINDING THE 'TREASURE'

First MSMHC from Lesotho Speaks

Sr. Pricilla Boithabiso, the first African Sister made her first religious profession on 8 December at Hatigaon. Her own words give expression to her joy of having responded to the call of God.



"Here I am o Lord you called me"

I remain ever grateful to the Almighty God, my superiors and sisters under whose guidance and support I have grown and become espoused to Christ. The past three years of my stay in India have marked an indelible impression on my soul as it has been a time that I came to know deeply the person of Christ, get rooted into the missionary sister's way of life and grow in zeal for the Mission.

Today, looking back at the call I responded I do not regret as I am convinced that I have found the treasure that the Gospel speaks of. I had to place all my trust in Jesus holding tight to Him as he led me into the unknown and not yet ventured journey. With utmost confidence I can say that there has never been a moment that He has let go hold off me although, I admit there were nostalgic reminiscence of my homeland and times that I felt lonely the reason being that I had lost sight of Him. However these never lasted long but faded and ebbed in the maternal care of our Blessed Mother, comforting words of Venerable Stephen Ferrando and the loving accompaniment of my sisters.

I recount how growing in faith can lead one to see the apparent delights and futility of the things the world offers; thus I felt drawn to embark on seeking for Jesus within and without. It did not matter that this implied going beyond the confines of all that was familiar including the continent into which I was born and brought up. God opened my eyes to recognize every missionary sister as my own sister with whom life is worth sharing with.

While seeking for God I was stirred

within by the plight that women, girls and children faced, and which made them to succumb to poverty, injustice, diseases and many other evils prevalent in any other third world patriarchal country like Lesotho where I hail from. I felt called to make a difference in their lives binding up their emotional and spiritual wounds. Prior to joining the congregation I was volunteering at the oratory centre in my locality. It was at this place and time that I grew in love with Don Bosco and was fired within by his works and life.

It is easy to presume that the major number of Christians in my country calls for rejoicing however; I never shared a similar view as I felt alarmed by the proliferation of Pentecostal Churches which claimed a high number of converts from Catholic Church. This is a prevalent situation that calls for remedial strengthening of the faith formation of the people. This is an issue that I saw missionary sisters catering to as they lived out the Charism of the Founder, fortified by the Spirit and Spirituality of the Congregation. The desire to participate in the missionary evangelization gave birth to a quest to save souls within me.

It is within the Congregation of the MSMHC that I feel God wants me to be His instrument of love to His flock irrespective of any culture or nationality. As God unfolds his plans for me daily, I avail myself to his direction counting his blessings.



MSMHC Launches its Mission to Myanmar

MSMHC ventured into Myanmar Mission in the Diocese of Kalaymyo on 24 April 2017. Sr. Julie Mate, Sr. Mary Niang and Sr. Simona Gualnam are the pioneers of this new undertaking of the Congregation. They are engaged in the pastoral, educative, and developmental activities of Maryland Parish



at Kalaymyo. The group was accompanied by Sr. Christine Mynsong, the General Councillor

for Evangelization as they set off for their new mission from India on 21 April.

New Community Opens in SS.Nome di Gesù Parsih Turin

Italian Delegation had the official opening and blessing of a new house in SS. Nome di Gesù Parish in Turin on 2 February 2017, officiated by Fr. Roberto Populin and assisted by Fr. Guido.



Immediately after the blessing ceremony, Sr. Marta Rosario, the Superior of Italian Delegation introduced Sr. Leena Piholi, the in-charge to Fr. Roberto, the Parish



Priest, Fr. Guido and the Parishners present on the occasion. Sr. Marta thanked Archbishop Nosiglia Cesere, Fr. Domenico and Fr. Roberto and others who supported the Delegation to get the place.

Opening a centre at Turin was one of the desires of the Congregation since its inception in Italy. Though several attempts were made it came to a proper consensus only when the invitation came from the Diocese of Turin to collaborate in the city parish of SS.Nome di Gesù.

It was on the same day the Italian delegation had the celebration of Sr. Marta Rosario's taking over of the office for the second term as the Superior of the Delegation along with the new team of Councillors.

