



# IN COMMUNION WITH YOU



*Holy family Contemplative sisters of Nagoda - Sri Lanka*

It is with joy we, the Contemplative sisters at Nagoda, thank God for the many blessings that God has bestowed on our community throughout the year. The greater the blessings, the deeper the call to be a blessing to those around us.

Dear Brothers and Sisters, we now share with you some of the important events of our Community calendar of 2012 that we lived with gratitude.

**23 January - 04 February** Sr. Aine HAYDE, provincial of Britain-Ireland, a resource person on Holy Family Spirituality, gave a session of ten days, leading us deeper into the very source of our Holy Family life: spirituality of God alone in the footsteps of Jesus, Mary and Joseph.



**01 March – 31 July** With concern for the integral formation of the young, within this period, four of our Sisters attended a seventy days course - 'A Psycho-Spiritual- Wholeness Journey' in India.

Sr. Sinthi shares her experience:



*"It was a graced opportunity to renew my goal and to re-commit myself to the mission of Christ. It helped me to look at myself more realistically and to move forward along the path of wholeness."*

**23 April** Our Sister Rose was called to the eternal Home after her long-suffering. Her's was truly a 'hidden life', a life of hidden services and hidden prayer of intercession for all. As some lay people remarked Sr. Rose was not a person who was in direct contact with people, but her very appearance revealed a hidden depth of life. Simple is beautiful indeed!



**12 June, feast of our Lady of All Graces**



Sr. Ruwani Shalika made her the first profession. She shares the joy of her commitment to the Lord.

*"I have been longing for this day to give myself to the Lord in the Holy Family contemplative life. I desire that the first seed of love which Jesus has sown in my heart keep growing in and through all that I am going to live in this community."*

The same day, Srs. Anne curie, Sinthi and Rishmala renewed their vows.

**01 - 08 August** Fr. Aloy Vanderwall S.J. animated our annual retreat. It carried a strong invitation to contemplate the Trinitarian communion and to build Trinitarian communities around us... A welcome challenge in keeping with our HF spirituality and mission!

**31 August – 02 September** Along with seventy Religious congregations and Lay Apostolic Movements, we participated in an Exhibition organized by the Archdiocese of Colombo in view of promoting Eucharistic devotion and vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. Thousands of people, youth and school children visited the exhibition. This was a good opportunity to make known our Family of five vocations and to present more specifically the Contemplative vocation within the Family.



**16-24 September** The second phase of the Holy Family Congress, "Family on Mission, gift in a changing world" was held in Martillac-France with representatives of the five vocations (Apostolic, Contemplative, Consecrated secular, Priests and Lay). Three Sisters of our community participated in this event.



Sr. Anne Curie shares how she felt: *"It has been a very enriching experience to be with our spiritual Family in our Founder's place, our 'Holy land', and to see how the dream of our Founder is being realized in this very assembly. I am strengthened and awakened in my Contemplative vocation and mission."*

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**07 – 17 October**

Community animation by our Vicar, Sr. Bernadette Taurinya. It was a time of revitalizing our life together in community amidst our strengths and weaknesses. It was a call to simple, humble and more human relationships in everyday life.



The National Family Team, composed of leaders of the five vocations of the two Provinces, meets every six months – a very concrete step to foster relationships, collaboration in the mission and common formation in HF Spirituality. Their last meeting was at Nagoda.

**14 July**



**Thanksgiving for 150 years**



**Wennappuwa - 13 October**

**Jaffna - 27 October**



*Our prayerful wishes to you, for a*

*Faith-filled Christmas*

*Hope-filled New Year*

*Love-filled life each day!*

*May the joy and peace of Christ be yours today and every day!*

*May your FAITH be a light to all around you!*

