

NEWS IN BRIEF

April- June 2014

"The proclamation of the Gospel requires a communication which is at once respectful and sensitive, which stimulates the heart and moves the conscience; This is reflected in the example of the risen Jesus when He joined the disciples on the way to Emmaus. By His approach to them, his dialogue with them, his way of gently drawing forth what was in their heart, they were led gradually to an understanding of the mystery." Emeritus Pope Benedict XVI

MY JOY MAY BE
IN YOU,



AND THAT
YOUR JOY

MAY BE MADE
FULL.



H.F. CONTEMPLATIVES
NAGODA- SRILANKA



HOLY FATHER MEETS SRI LANKAN BISHOPS

Pope Francis received in audience the prelates of the Episcopal Conference of Sri Lanka, on their "Ad Limina Apostolorum" visit on 03rd May 2014. In his address, the Pope encouraged the bishops in their efforts for



reconciliation and healing of the nation, after a lapse of 25 years of civil war in the island. The Pope also remarked that "as the country seeks to come together and be healed, the Church has the unique responsibility to provide opportunities to bring the people together and build up a united nation. *All the people of our country are awaiting joyfully to welcome our Holy Father to our midst next year.*

SENT FOR MISSION

The spirit filled period in our diary was the General chapter held in Rome, from 12th May- 04th June. We congratulate Sr. Anna Maria ALCALDE, the new Superior General, Sr. Bernadette TAURINYA Vicar for contemplatives and the General Leadership Team. *May the Lord shower many blessings upon you dear sisters, so that you may fulfill your mission according to God's plan.* Srs. Lorenza, Malini and Shiyamala were the participants from our community.



FEAST OF OUR FOUNDER PIERRE BIENVENU NOAILLES

We, the spiritual daughters of our Venerable Founder, celebrated his patronal feast on the 29th June. Once again, it was a day of thanksgiving being revitalized in the call to "Go Forward" as he always invites us. We renew our commitment to live our mission of communion with courage and daring.



Salient events of the community

- The opportunity was given to our young sisters to deepen their Religious call and be renewed in their commitment. They participated in some of the short seminars organized by C.M.R.S. and profitted by them.

"May the fire of love continue to burn in your hearts, dear sisters!"

- After a prolonged experience of 9 months with the international community at Martillac, Sr. Christelda returned to Nagoda on the 09th June.



Founder reminds us,

- On 12th June- Feast of our Lady of all graces, Srs. Sinthi, Rishmala, Ruwani and Freeda renewed their commitment after a day of preparation in silence and solitude. Our



"Give yourself totally to God and unreservedly"

- Our community experienced a grace filled period of renewal during our annual retreat 21st - 28th June. It was conducted by Fr. Cyriac Neerakkal, an OCD priest from India.

"Once we entered into the life of Jesus we become totally transformed."



I HAVE A DREAM

"To meet Jesus face to face" is the dream of our dear Sr. Gertrude at the evening of her life lived in deep faith and serenity. The following are some of the life experiences shared with Sr. Rishmala when she had a short interview with her.

- *"Sr. Gertrude, would you like to share a little of how you experience the love of God in your hidden life here?"*



Yes, God is my loving Father. I got this notion of calling God as my Father from my family since I experienced my father's personal love towards me his eldest daughter. It is God who gave me life. God is the source of my life and existence. It is he who called me to be consecrated to Him with love. Because of my love for Him, I said "Yes". It is my only desire to live this love unto the end.

- *"After 25 years of teaching apostolate, you joined the contemplatives. What is your mission here as a contemplative?"*

The church and the world needs my prayer. I am continuing the prayerful attitude of Jesus even living in this house inside my own little room. I present all the joys and sufferings of the world to the Father. I get the intentions from the newspapers and the notice board. I realize that my mission of prayer is more noble than the teaching.

- *"Well, what are your hopes and desires now?"*

I desire to grow more and more in the spirit of God alone, walking along the footsteps of Jesus, Mary and Joseph and at the end, to gain heaven and to enjoy eternal happiness with Him.

MAY GOD BE GLORIFIED FOREVER !

