



## Golden Jubilee Celebration of the Religious Profession Good Shepherd Convent, Bellary – SWI Province April 22, 2025

On the joyful tide of the Easter season, the Good Shepherd Convent in Bellary radiated with thanksgiving and celebration as we gathered in our Convent Chapel to mark the Golden Jubilee of the religious profession of Srs. Jyothi Lobo and Rosily Malpan. Sr. Bridget Paily, from the St. Martha's Hospital Community and a member of the same batch of Golden Jubilarians, was also invited to join the celebration. The chapel, beautifully adorned for the occasion, created a sacred and serene atmosphere for prayer and worship. Behind the altar, the theme of the celebration—***"Thank you, Lord, for your faithfulness and love"***—was gracefully displayed, setting the tone for the day.



The solemn Eucharistic celebration was officiated by our Bishop, Rt. Rev. Dr. Henry D'Souza, and concelebrated by 21 priests, making the moment all the more meaningful. The presence of our Provincial, Sr. Lissy Chacko, along with team members Srs. Margaret and Shantha, and three former Provincials—Srs. Mercy Abraham, Bridget Paily, and Meera—added a golden sparkle to the jubilee. Sisters from various communities, neighboring convents, a few friends, former girls of our Homes, and members of our staff joined in this joyful thanksgiving.

In her introduction, Sr. Shanty Chacko, Local Leader, invited the congregation into the spirit of the celebration. She recalled how, fifty years ago, Srs. Jyothi, Rosily and Bridget stood before the Lord and the Church, wholeheartedly saying "yes" to God's call. Since then, their journey has been one of deep love, trust, prayer, and joyful service—marked by faithful commitment to the mission of the Good Shepherd through the charism of our congregation.



Over these five decades, the Jubilarians have generously served the province in diverse ministries—from social work, residential care, and administration to formation, pastoral care, and leadership. Their service has been distinguished not only by competence but also by a spirit of kindness, humility, compassion, and deep dedication to the Gospel. Those who have lived and worked with them know well the joy, quiet strength, and care they bring to every relationship and responsibility.

The choir, led by Rev. Fr. P.V. Anthony, and our sisters from Mysore Community uplifted the liturgy with hymns of praise and thanksgiving, helping the assembly to raise their hearts in gratitude for God's goodness and mercy.



At the end of the Eucharist, Sr. Rosily, speaking on behalf of the Jubilarians, offered heartfelt thanks to Sr. Shanty and the community, and to all who helped make the day so memorable. After Bishop Henry congratulated and honoured the Jubilarians, the celebration continued in the Good Shepherd hall with a joyful felicitation program and a festive meal.

We give thanks to God for the lives of our beloved Sisters Jyothi, Rosily, and Bridget—shining examples of fidelity, generosity, and grace. May their witness continue to inspire us in our own journey of faith and service!

