

Report of the Partners-In-Mission – December 2023

Unit – Mysore



The Partners In Mission Mysore Unit had their monthly meeting on 12th December at 4. 30 pm. The meeting began with a short prayer led by Mrs. Anthony Mary. As four new members joined the PIM, Mrs. Janet cordially welcomed them. they are Ms. Anitha, Mrs. Nancy, Ms. Metilda and Mr. John. The routine procedures of the meeting were followed after which the review of the previous month's activities was taken up. All the members were very happy that they were able to participate in the Orange Day Celebration which was held in November.

Sr. Molly briefed us about the Restorative Healing Session held in Bangalore on 27th and 28th November and the role of Partners in Good Shepherd Mission. The PIM members were happy to get to know about the two projects that they had undertaken during the year and the expenditure for the same. The Partners were able to spend Rs. 20,400 for one project and Rs. 45, 213 for the other project. All these expenses were met from the PIM fund created by them. The planning of the Activities for the following month was another point of the agenda of the day. They decided to organize an Eye and Dental Camp for both Students and Staff on 10th, 11th and 12th January. According to the Action Plan of the Home Group Workshops done in November, we took one of the Action Plans, I.e., to organize a Restorative Practice Session for both Sisters and PIM, since all didn't have the chance of attending them. So it was decided to call Mrs. Arlene Manoharan as the Resource Person. Sr. Molly agreed to consult Mrs. Arlene, on her availability and then decide the date for the session.

An Orientation Programme for the Partners in Mission was held on 15th December 2023, from 3 pm to 5.30 pm. The PIM Home Group members organized it with the guidance of the Local Animator Sr. Molly. The Session Room was prepared with the Sacred Space depicting the

portrait of St. Mary Euphrasia, St. John Eudes and Count de' Nouville. The Community Leader, Sr. Hilda was also present for this event. This session was well planned and creatively conducted. It began with a prayer conducted meaningfully by Sr. Molly, the Local Animator. After this Mrs. Janet Lobo welcomed the gathering and gave an introduction. Mrs. Mary Lucy proceeded with an ice-breaking session for the next 10 minutes. After this we had the Video presentation of the Birth and life of St. Mary Euphrasia, The Good Shepherd Charism by St. John Eudes and the Origin and Work of the PIM of Good Shepherd Congregation. It was a 45 minutes Video Presentation by which the Partners were enriched and overwhelmed to know the courage and audacity of St. Mary Euphrasia. The video presentation was followed by the the health break for 15 minutes.

After the Health Break the Partners were divided into three groups and given reflective questions about their call, to discuss and present the report. It was a new experience for them to reflect about their lives, especially the new members. All the groups presented their reports beautifully. After this we had the closing ritual, presenting them with a flower pot and commissioning them with a blessing by the Animator. All this was a rich spiritual moment for them. The Partners were very happy about the entire session. We are ever grateful to Sr. Hilda and the Sisters of the Community for providing them an ambience to enrich one another.

We also planned to have a Christmas Outreach for the Poor Student's families. Accordingly, 30 deserving student's families were identified from all the schools of the campus. The Partners made 30 Ration kits consisting of 10 kg rice, 2 liters of Oil, 5 kg Maida, 5 kg Sugar and Rs. 50 worth Spices. The ration kits were packed by the Partners themselves. The deserving families were invited to the Convent on 21st at 4.30 pm and the ration kits were handed to them in the presence of the Community Sisters. It was a joyful moment, as well as an enriching experience for all the Partners and for those deserving people. It was really an experience of sharing the joy of Christmas.