



# OUR LIFE IN JEEVAN JYOTHI

We as a congregation are moving in a new direction, to do the mission creatively, at this juncture the new initiative of formation community and common novitiate is very much appreciated, as we are called forth for transformation and communion.



## NEW BEGINNINGS

It was a day of great rejoicing on 31st July 2023 on the 227th birth anniversary of our Mother Foundress St. Mary Euphrasia Pelletier as we stepped into the new initiative of common Novitiate. We had the ritualistic ceremony of the new beginning at Jeevan Jyothi, formation house Bangalore at 3.30pm. Srs. Lissy Chacko and Pushpa Louis the province leaders of South West India and Central

East India/Nepal were present with other sisters from Bangalore. The atmosphere was one of open mind and will to meet the new morrows. The Novices were filled with joy as they were 15 of them from six states, belonging to 3 different batches; an opportunity for new learning's, discovery and self- growth. The ceremony was followed by the initiation of 4 Pre-Novices into Novitiate.



## GOAL SETTING

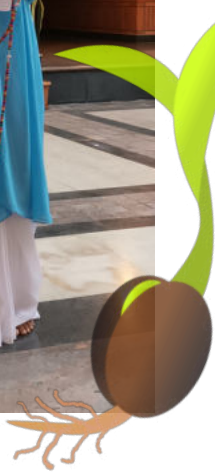
Since we are new to each other as a formation Community. We the three sisters met among ourselves and chalked out the program. This was an opportunity for us to come to know each other better and enabled us to organize for the smooth functioning of our life together. We also spend qualitative time with all the novices to have a dialogue and prepared a common goal. Their active participation enthused one another.

### GROW THROUGH, WHAT YOU GO THROUGH

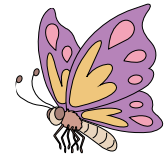
The Ministry experience on every Thursdays at Little Sisters of the Poor, Don Bosco Yovaodyaya and Babies Home at St. Michaels' was an exposure to the realities of today and to inculcate in them the authentic commitment and to understand the demands of religious vocation.

### INTENSIVE PREPARATION

Three of our Novices-Carmela Rani, Celine Stanly and Uma Aralappa begun their two months of preparations for the first profession on 20th August. The two months' intense preparation deepened their love for Jesus the Good Shepherd and to be an effective instrument in our Good Shepherd mission.







# HERE I AM O, LORD

It was a memorable and joyful day for the three of them on 20th October 2023 as they made their first commitment. The date was appropriately chosen as on the day of St. Mary Euphrasia Pelletier's entrance into religious life on 20th October 1814. The theme chosen was "Do you love me? Feed my lambs, tend my Sheep". The presence of their dear Parents added much joy and it was really a memorable day for the newly professed and all of us Good Shepherd sisters too. On the same day the 3 of them left for their home leave and the remaining 12 novices gave them a short farewell program.



## JAGO: AWAKE TO REACH OUT

The national youth convention was an amazing program, organized by Jesus Youth India. It reached out to sixteen thousand youths, couples, children, religious men and women. Multi events, on various topics, with the choice of language and interest to enthruse full participation of youths. We did avail the opportunity stretched out for the duration of four days, Sacred space for new life, divine valley; space for personal experience with God, Prayer Beads rosary making workshop, saints park and selfie Corner about 50 saints installed, Jago Gadi 2 seater cycle, Cultural display, Garden of joy where we can confess our sins, Companion Point; space for spiritual sharing and singing, dancing and prayer and worship. We too reached out in cutting vegetables, ushers for communion distribution. It was very joyful, blessed and spirit filled moments.



## NEW LEARNINGS

The various classes continued for the two batches, besides the regular classes they have also extra-curricular activities like gardening, games, presentation on saints and sages, enactment of women in the bible, celebration of important events. This gives them an opportunity to mingle with each another closely, work in team, co-learn, letting go, give and take which are very essential for community living. They also take turn to take up leadership roles which prepares them for future responsibilities. Monthly review of our community living further helps us to understand how well we achieve our goals and to focus on areas of improvement.

## SENT ON MISSION

On the first week of November 2nd year Novices, eight of them will be sent to our 8 communities for four months to understand and have experience of our life in the community and mission. The first year novices the four of them will have little more seriously the canonical year atmosphere, inter-novitiate classes.

We thank the almighty God for our formees for having chosen them and we pray that they may continue to deepen their call and become faithful Shepherdesses.

We are grateful to SWI and CEIN PLT members for their continual guidance and support and all those who support us directly and indirectly towards the formation community.

