

GOOD SHEPHERD CONVENT  
MUSEUM ROAD  
BANGALORE

**RESIDENTIAL CARE MEETING held on 25/11/2023 at 9.30am.**

We began with a short meaningful prayer, setting the tune for the day. 15 members were present for the meeting including the province leader Sr. Lissy Chacko, Link Councillor Sr. Deepa, and other Councillors and the participants.

Sr.Preethi the convenor welcomed the members and gave a brief introduction to RCM and also quoting from Our Foundress St. Mary Euphrasia Pelletier's Conferences on "The Apostolate". The Residential Care Ministry includes: Babies' home / adoption centre, single mothers' home, boardings, hostels for both low income and others, crisis intervention centre and foster care home.

The link councillor gave the introductory input once again quoting from St. Mary Euphrasia Pelletier's Conferences chapter 6 and also from St. Mathew's Gospel 18:10.

A brief conversation took place among the participants on this talk. It was very interactive.

The participants were happy to present the annual report of the concerned institutions. A few concerns and challenges were also shared like: shortage of qualified and committed staff, there is demand for residential care especially where Schools are attached to the residential care and the Crisis centre to be registered.

Mrs. Arelene Manoharan gave the input session on Strengthening and safeguarding in Residential Ministries. She commented that our task is to be faithful to live by the deeper aspiration of this policy which honours every person's human rights.

She explained about the safeguarding policies. It is operated within the structure, the places, the people. The methods are: Creating and maintaining safe environment, Response to abuse and monitoring. She highlighted on the types of abuses.

Interaction with the PLT

Sr. Lissy Provincial leader thanked the unit for their dedicated and committed service and exhorted us to include their success stories as

well while reporting.

Enfold Programme, which is offered by Ms.Arelene a free programme, which can be availed for all the units. The other members of PLT also shared their feedback with the participants.

There was a suggestion to have a get- together of our old girls who lived in our institutions yester years. This was welcomed by the group.

The day's session ended with a happy note and vote of thanks.

