

# **Programs and Activities for the year 2015 to 2016**

*Kripalaya- Pre-Novitiate, Nagpur*



Eighth August 2015 was a memorable day for our three pre-novices as they entered the next step of the initial formation. In



preparation for this significant event in their lives, they had a few days of recollection and prayer. The theme they chose for the ceremony of initiation was 'Call



to journey inward to find the priceless Treasure.' Sr. Sabina Pathrose, the Province Leader, Sr. Aruna George the PLT member,



Mrs. Manuela the coordinator of MDO Rome and the sisters of the community in Nagpur were present for the prayer service held. A medal of Our Lady was presented to them to signify their initial fervor in answering God's Call.



The regular programmes were geared towards nourishing their vocation, deepening the knowledge

and love of Jesus the Good shepherd and to enhance their personality.



They also shared in the life and activities of Parish / diocese. On 24<sup>th</sup> October 2015 the Archdiocese of Nagpur organized a day's program on the occasion of closing of the Year of Consecrated Life. For this celebration our pre novices along with our sisters in temporary profession presented a folk dance



in praise of God the Almighty which was lauded by everyone.



During Christmas time we had wonderful and joyful time as we joined the parishioners for carol singing.



Another memorable event of the year was when three of our candidates and two pre novices received the sacrament of confirmation at Mankapur Parish Community.



7<sup>th</sup> February the pre-novices had the opportunity of joining the Telugu choir for the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes which is





celebrated with solemnity in the Archdiocese.

Together with our nine candidates and the sisters they went for an outing and returned rejuvenated in mind, spirit and body.



In the months of February- March 2016, as part of the formation programme, the pre-novices had the live in experience for fifteen days with the people at the margins at Garratola in Madhya Pradesh. It was an enriching experience for each one of them as they reflected and expressed after they returned:



- Though poor they live happy and contented life.

- The value system they have enables them to face the hardships and challenges of their daily living.

- Though they are without formal education there is a lot we can learn from them.

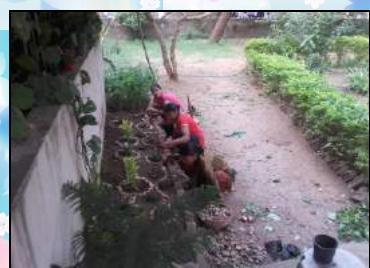


- They have rich culture and customs which are to be admired
- Their lives speak volumes of simplicity, unity, hospitality and love.



Brief summary of their experience in Kripalaya as they shared:

- + I discovered myself who I am, where I am and why I am
- + Rich experience of one family
- + Now I know a little more of God
- + I am able to relate better with others and the reality
- + I have the strong feeling of belonging to the Good Shepherd family
- + I have grown much emotionally, mentally, spiritually and physically with the programs, opportunities and activities provided here.
- + It gave me opportunities to clarify further the purpose and goal of my life.
- + We had the experience of practicing Sacred Space



where each one is respected, recognized and valued.

- + Learnt to be confident in riding cycle, cooking and also some of the manual work
- + First time learnt dancing and performed in the public

As we close the year we thank God who provided for all our needs, Sisters who cared for us and all those who assisted us in some form or other.