

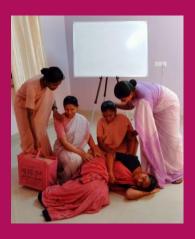




# ANNUAL GATHERING OF SISTERS IN TEMPORARY PROFESSION

Sr. Roshni Lakra | Nagpur

April 15th to May 4th 2021









## A call to rejuvenate

## **Being Together**

Annual gathering of sisters in Temporary Profession has been a rejuvenating experience for all of us. We eagerly look forward to this gathering every year. This experience of being together with my companions and the opportunity to share the new learnings are very much exciting. This year we had the gathering from April 15th to May 4th 2021 in our Provincialate, Nagpur. There were ten of us, three of the TPs could not come due to their regular studies. We missed them a lot. The Annual gathering was planned for both the Provinces - South West India and Central East India/Nepal. Unfortunately, due to the pandemic, TP sisters from SWI Province could not make it. We were eager to meet our companions from SWI Province but as it is said 'man proposes and God disposes'. We hope to be with them in the coming year.

#### **Opening Ceremony**

Our annual gathering began with a Sacred Space gathering with a creative prayer and a special welcome to our two newly professed sisters, Pushpalatha and Sahayarani who joined us this year. Sr. Pushpa Louis, our Province leader gave an inspiring yet fiery opening message on "Call to Discipleship". We were inspired by her very life-example. Indeed, she lives what she preaches.

#### **Cherished Memories**

Sr. Kala Hermanjilt, our directress shared with us the sketch of the whole program for 21 days. We started the meeting with an open heart and excitement to embark on our new learnings. Sharing our experience of life in the community made us feel that community life is not a bed of roses but helped us to embrace each one's vulnerabilities. Growth plan enables us to set realistic and practical goals for our life. Writing an autobiography was an interesting experience that challenged us to look deep into ourselves. Classes on Psychosexual integration, Pope's encyclical, Good Shepherd position papers, Social analysis, Policies have enhanced our knowledge. Beside these regular classes, we had opportunities to conduct creative prayer services, to help out in the household chores and cooking and fun filled recreations. All these experiences helped us to build up our interpersonal relationship and renewed our spirits for the mission ahead. The death of our beloved Sr. Zita Oliveira due to covid-19 during our TPs gathering shattered us into pieces and from that day onwards we spent our time in prayer and silence. The days rolled so fast and we were sad to say goodbye to each other on the 14th of May, the last day of our meeting. We cherish the memories of being with each other. We thank our Sr. Kala Hermanajilt, directress of TP sisters for organizing the annual gathering this year in spite of the pandemic. And a big "thank you" to our sisters in Nagpur Community.