

# Annual Gathering of Sisters in Temporary Profession - 2022

Annual gathering is a joyful event, as it helps to learn new things for our life, a time to be with our friends to share our joys and sorrows and to support one another in our journey of religious life. We always look forward to this gathering with much enthusiasm. This year we had our meeting from March 1<sup>st</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> 2022. Our meeting began with a special opening prayer where we welcomed each with flowers and candles. The opening message was delivered by Sr. Mary Jose, our first councilor. She asked us to reflect on three questions which made us to think deeply.

We had sessions on different topics like Power of Prayer, Accounts, the Four Quadrants of Change, Rights-based Approach, Perseverance of God's Call, the Spirituality of Human Relationship and Synodality.



All these sessions were inspiring and challenging; helping us to know oneself and to build good relationship with self and others. We were most inspired by crossing the threshold, stepping into the future, seeing everything with fresh eyes. During all these sessions there was a deep sharing followed by enactments, games and action songs, conducted according to the session to have self-confidence and to refresh ourselves.

We had a day for sharing of our community life. It was very interesting as each one shared her experiences in a creative way through tablo, drawings and poems on community living. We learned new ideas from one another, received lots of encouragement and appreciation. On 8<sup>th</sup> March Inter National Women's day celebration was organized for the domestic helps in Nagpur. Around 350 women participated in the programme. We did a welcome dance and a skit depicting how women are empowered in various fields. On the day set apart for 'care for the soul', we had an opportunity to visit a zoo.

We enjoyed the day by having many games and relaxing ourselves in the river. The bath in the river cooled and refreshed us in spite of the scorching sun.

From 15<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> we attended the Echo Session of Congregational Chapter at APC level. For this assembly Sr. Kala Hermanajilt, our directress prepared us well, which helped us to participate actively in the three days' session.

On the last day of our gathering, we had the assessment and discerned so as to integrate all the learnings of these sessions into our life, once we return to our communities. We concluded the programme with a meaningful prayer, thanking one another for the support and getting the blessing from our province leader Sr. Pushpa Louis. We thank our directress Sr. Kala Hermanajilt for taking keen interest in each of us and guiding us to be spiritual and mature religious. Gatherings are refreshing, and they give meaning to life. Gatherings are motivational to creativity. There is power in gatherings. Days of gatherings are always days to remember.

By TP sisters