

Ursuline Sisters, Congregation of Tildonk

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From Congregation Leadership:



Behold, now is the time of God's favor; behold, now is the day of salvation" (1Cor. 6:2) was the message with which we started our Lenten spiritual journey on Ash Wednesday. I invite us to contemplate the sacred mystery of the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

We take a moment to contemplate Jesus on the cross. Jesus experienced the total exhaustion of his body, the abandonment of his friends and even of the One who loved him - *"You are my son, the beloved; with you I am well pleased" (Mk. 1:11).* And he cried out with anguish, *"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" (Mk: 15:34)*

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As he hung on, his two nailed hands held all the great opposites safely together as one - the good and the bad thief, heaven and earth, matter and spirit, both sinners and saints gathered at his feet. *Jesus becomes the cosmic Christ.* (Richard Rohr).

Now, we contemplate us becoming Jesus on the cross. What would it be like for you, for me, to be crucified, hanging on a cross? What needs to die in me? My false-self? Any false identity? My false self is who I **think** I am. What do I need to let go, to surrender in order to be true to who I am?

We contemplate the Risen Christ.

The Risen Christ is God's universal, unlimited Presence beyond space and time. This is why the Resurrection stories always show Jesus' body to be both here and

there, passing through the closed doors, visible and not visible. The Risen Christ is the Real Presence. His transformative presence brings us from despair to hope, fear to peace, losses to communion, stranger to companionship, vulnerability to courage, disappointment to joy and wonder. Take any Resurrection story to contemplate. The Risen Christ is present right where we are in our daily ordinary life and gives meaning to our life.

We contemplate our being risen. What would it be like for you, for me, to be risen?

In the Risen Christ, we discover and recognize our true identity. Our true self is that part of us that knows who we are and whose we are in God - God's beloved.

Happy Easter!

Sr. Bimla Minj

Chapter Planning Committee Meeting 2014:

The members present at the meeting are Sisters Bimla, Gemma Rose, from CLT, Ghislaine from Belgium, Bernadette Mwavita from Congo, Jayanti from Ranchi, Nirmala from Tezpur and Mary Elizabeth from United States.

Sisters Ursula Khalkho from Ambikapur and Maria Swarnlata Kujur from Gumla could not be present in person as their visas were delayed.

Skype meetings could be arranged for everyday at 11:00 am Belgian time. Both



Srs. Ursula and Maria were updated and also participated with the other members. Sister Ellen, the Facilitator, played a big role in including Sisters Ursula and Maria in the meeting.

Thus, the CPC was complete and the present technology was a big help.

Thank you to all of you for your prayers.

We say a special thank you to our Sisters in Canada and in Floordam, Belgium, for their prayers.

Let us continue to pray as we move forward and prepare ourselves for the General Chapter.

From Gumla Province:

Inter Province Formators Meeting

The unique "Inter Province Formators' Meeting" was held in Ursuline Provincialate, Gumla from 21st to 23rd March, 2014. 22 formators participated:

Ranchi Province	- 9
Gumla Province	- 7
Ambikapur Province	- 5
Tezpur Province	- 1

The inaugural session focused on the human qualities of St. Angela Merici and Fr. John Lambertz, led by the Sisters of Gumla Province. Sr. Jacinta Baxla, Provincial of Gumla, addressed "Formation for Mission" by giving her tremendous experience of Guyana. She encouraged all the formators by saying "You are the builders of the Congregation. Its formation relies upon you."

Fr. Linus Dungdung, S.J. motivated all and prepared the ground for sharing on the expectations from the meeting.

Shared expectations from the meeting:

- To be quality persons
- To know the challenges of today and acquire knowledge
- To be fully human and fully alive
- Criteria of recruitment

The session began on the topic of the meeting - Human Formation. The resource person proceeded by highlighting dynamic of Religious Formation about specific goals, essential formation elements, initial and ongoing formation. He paid particular attention to the growth process, of personal qualities and skills in human persons for specific charism and mission of the Congregation which leads persons to purify their attitudes, motivations and values through spiritual direction.

Needs for human formation struck all:

- Evaluation of the person, ministry wise in the community.

- Change in oneself by acknowledging personal action
- Awareness of needs and feelings
- Express the feelings with control

The sharing about challenges, difficulties and remedies of each stage of formation in the group made all the formators to feel united as one. They got insights and learnings from the meeting.



- Faithful in prayer life
- Encouragement to form oneself day by day
- Personal guidance and giving time to the formees
- Take effort to know the family back ground of the formees for

quality formation.

The action plan was made on Inter Province level by discussing the strengths, weaknesses, challenges and by evaluating the previous action plan 2013 of each stage of formation.

The message of Sr. Eva Justine Romould, Provincial of Ranch, was conveyed by Sr. Suchita Xalxo, Assistant Provincial, in which she gave assurance that she has full trust and hope in them and their dedication, interest in the Congregation and towards love for the young ones. She also stressed to give attention for "formation for mission" and to focus on "Human and Psychological formation".

This Inter Province Formators Meeting was a moment of knowing oneself, who we are and what is entrusted to us. All the participants are re-energized, revitalized and refreshed to become loving and lovable formators.