

Ursuline Sisters, Congregation of Tildonk



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From the Generalate

Listen with the ears of your heart

The meeting of the four Indian Province Leadership Teams with the Congregation Leadership Team took place in the new St. Ursula Building in Ranchi from October 25-28.

Twenty-two Sisters



attended. The large wooden UT UNUM SINT helped to keep the focus on unity in diversity.

Sister Bimla led the group through the meeting days, starting with leadership qualities and values to hopes, to concrete strategic planning as we continue to live the themes of the General Chapter and the Jubilee. This was greatly appreciated by the group. The meeting picked up on the previous year's minutes. This helped the group move forward as they developed the strategic objectives of the 2017 agenda.

All decisions, actions and outcomes which the group reached, will set the path for the coming years and lead to future interprovincial planning as we continue to live the General Chapter Direction themes and the Jubilee theme to Rekindle the Fire of Love.

From the first to the last day, full participation was the norm. After each session, there was time for group sharing and at times contemplative dialog, requiring longer periods of silence. The carefully crafted agenda included presentations on: Living Contemplative Spirituality today, Being committed to Mission/Formation and Planning and Sharing. Under these broad headings specific topics were thoroughly covered: Leadership skills, CRI, (Conference of Religious India) Challenges facing India today,

Formation in all its stages, Education and Child Protection Policy, Effective use of our Ursuline NGO status with the United Nations, Inter-Province Collaboration, Spirituality of Stewardship, Finance and updates on the Bicentennial Year. To ensure communication was clear, audio/visuals were used in the form of power point, graphs, videos and music.

Relationships were deepened during the meeting and on the day of the outing to the Biodiversity Park. The pertinent information recorded in the minutes will help the Provinces to move forward in planning and tackling the pressing issues of our time. The group deeply appreciates all the services offered to them by the Sisters in the Provincialate community and Novitiate.

Sister Jane Quinlan

News from the Congo

Former students of Lycée Sainte Ursule, were chosen by the Organization of DON BOSCO NGANGI in collaboration with Belgian professors for a competitive exam on Entrepreneurial excellence.

Before the test 30 students who had graduated from secondary schools in the city of Goma were given some preparatory formation for the test from the Belgian professors. After the test, seven students were selected, three of whom were graduates of Lycée Sainte Ursule: Babiriki Lobela, Muhima Matita, Kinja Aurlie.

All three will receive financial assistance for university studies. We are happy to have been part of their education leading to this elite position.

Rebecca KABUGHO aged 22 was the youngest woman to receive the 2017 International Women of Courage Awards from the hands of the First Lady of the US, Melania Trump. Rebecca Kabugho is an activist in the LUCHA (Struggle for Change) citizen movement in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. We Ursulines are proud of her since Sr Françoise KIKA, Ursuline, teaches her in the University called ULPGL.(Université Libre des Pays des Grands Lacs).

Sr. Colette Mwamini

News from India

Get together - Profession group - 2002

We, the professed sisters of the year 2002, completing our 15 years of religious life this year, from all four Indian Provinces, had our get together from September 23, till October 4, 2017 in Ursuline Provincialate, Kanke Road, Ranchi and in Ishopanthe Ashram Puri. Meeting each other after so many years was a remarkable moment for each of us, which filled our eyes with tears of joy. The open sharing of joyful and sorrowful mysteries of our past life brought us more love, care and concern for each in the group.

The Contemplative Silence Retreat at Puri for seven days, led us to discover God in nature and everywhere. Practice of deep silence, spiritual activities, perception of

nature and sharing the experiences of our spiritual journey with God, enriched and enlightened us all to identify ourselves with God and not with our words, thoughts activities, feelings and sensations.

We are very grateful to our Congregational and Provincial Leaders for their thoughtfulness in providing us this golden opportunity, where we were refreshed, relaxed, strengthened. We enjoyed and cherished the past memories. All this will help us to lead an effective religious life in the years



ahead. We are ever grateful to you for all the arrangements done for our journey to and fro and for the very comfortable accommodations in both places. We express our heartiest thanks to our guardian angels, Sr. Helena and Sr. Dorothea Kullu for accompanying and guiding us all the time.

A big thanks to each and every Sister in our Congregation for your kind prayers, help, support, guidance and encouragement, which accompanied us during the last 15 years of our religious life. You have stood by us as pillars leading to this meaningful and fruitful get together and retreat. Thanks a lot to each and every one.

Sr. Anupa Xalxo

India Day in Belgium

India Day was celebrated on September 24th at the Jesuit House in Drongen, Belgium. Sisters dressed in traditional costume were joined in a dance by youth who are preparing to visit Ranchi.



The blessing and inauguration of URSULA BHAWAN at Ursuline Provincialate, Kanke Road, Ranchi

The newly built G+3 building at the Provincialate was blessed and inaugurated on 21st Oct. Thursday, the feast of St. Ursula. At 10.a.m. all gathered at the entrance of the building. At first Sister Suchita Shalini Xalxo, the Provincial welcomed all and explained the purpose of the building. The priest, Fr. Michael Kerketta S.J., the Superior of Tarunoday- The Regional Theologate, Borea, Kanke, Blessed the water. Sister Bimla Minj, our respected General Superior cut the ribbon and solemnly

inaugurated the new building. All gathered in the new auditorium. Meanwhile the priest sprinkled holy water in every corner, in and outside the building chasing evil spirits if any. Thereafter a thanksgiving Holy Eucharist was celebrated. At the end of the Holy Eucharist Sister Bimla and Sister Suchita Shalini Xalxo delivered their very powerful and inspiring message to the sisters. Then all went down to the Novitiate courtyard for a short reception. At the end all were served a sumptuous meal. The presence of Sister Bimla Minj indeed graced the occasion. We extend our gratitude and thanks to all our benefactors and well wishers for their kind help and support. May this new building - URSULA BHAWAN be a home of grace and peace to all who enter and reside in it.



Sr. Suchita Shalini Xalxo

US Province



On Saturday, September 23, 2017 The Ursuline Sisters of Tildonk, U.S. Province celebrated the Jubilees of five of the Sisters. Sr. Margaret Golub and Sr. James Francis McDonnell celebrated 60 years in religious life. Sr. Mairead Barrett, Sr. Joanne Callahan and Sr. Margaret O'Brien celebrated 50 years. Over 200 Sisters, Associates, family and friends joined the jubilarians for Mass at St. John Nepomucene Church in Bohemia, NY.

The Mass was celebrated by Fr. Eugene Barrett, OFM, Sr. Mairead's brother. Sr. Margaret O'Brien offered a very thoughtful and inspiring reflection. Following the Mass everyone was invited to a party in the lower church. It was a great day of celebration.

Sr. Joanne Callahan

News from UN

A sculpture on the grounds of the UN in NY depicts St. George slaying the dragon. The dragon is created from pieces of Soviet SS-20 and US Pershing nuclear missiles. This picture is shown to commemorate the International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons, September 26.



Sculpture depicting St. George slaying the dragon. The dragon is created from fragments of Soviet SS-20 and United States Pershing nuclear