



Ursuline Sisters, Congregation of Tildonk

E-News - July 2013

From the Congregation Leadership:

Congo Vice-Province Chapter: Our Sisters from the Vice-Province of Congo will have their Vice-Province Chapter from August 12th, to 17th, 2013 in Goma. Sisters Margaret O'Brien, Bimla Minj and Bernadette Uytterhoeven from Congregation Leadership will be travelling to DR Congo to be with our Sisters in Congo Vice-Province in person during these days of their deliberations.

We assure you, Sisters, of our presence, prayer and blessings. We wish you much courage, prudence and wisdom as you elect new members to the Vice-Province Leadership. May Angela and John be in your midst to guide and lead you in your entire activities. May the presence of the members from the Congregation Leadership be a time of grace to each of you in the Vice-Province.

Sister Gemma Rose Minj is back to the Generalate, Brussels. She visited our Sisters in the United States Province. With Sister Margaret she visited our Sisters in Canada and participated in the Ursuline Convocation in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Well done Sister Gemma!

Sister Margaret O'Brien is making her annual retreat and on July 26th, she will be back to Brussels to prepare for her travel to Congo to be with our Sisters in the Vice-Province of Congo for their Vice-Province Chapter.

Sister Bela Tirkey from Ranchi Province returned to her home Province after being three months with Roman Union Ursulines at Forest Gate, London.

On her way back she visited Brussels, Belgium. She stayed here in the Generalate and she had the opportunity to visit Tildonk, three communities in Melsbroek and Scherpenheuvel-the pilgrimage place of Fr. John Lambertz.

Two Sisters Pushpa Kullu from Gumla Province and Lucia Minj from Ranchi Province, have been accepted by Coady International Institute, Canada, to attend a Diploma in Development Leadership from July 30 - December 8, 2013. The overall purpose of the Institute is to strengthen the capacity of leaders to effectively motivate and support people in the development of their communities and societies.

Sister Pushpa is traveling to Canada via Brussels, Belgium. She arrives in Brussels on July 21st and leaves for Canada on July 27th. Sister Lucia is traveling directly to Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada, on July 27th, 2013.

We wish both Sisters Pushpa and Lucia a safe journey and best wishes in their studies.

From United States Province:

PROVINCE CHAPTER, 2013

At the June 21-23, 2013 Province Chapter, the delegates reviewed and revised the Province Direction Statements on: Charism, Membership, Associate Relationship, Aging and Province Leadership. In addition to the business of the Chapter, Elections were held for three Councilors to serve in leadership ministry for 2013-2016. We are happy to announce that Sisters Judith O'Connor, Valerie Heinonen and Barbara Gooding were re-elected to their respective positions.

**Congratulations!
Sister Denise Farrands, OSU**

Sister Denise Farrands has taught for over 48 years, 44 of which were spent at Our Lady of Victory School in West Haven, CT. After this long ministry of faithful dedicated service to hundreds of children, Sister Denise retired from her teaching position at the end of the school year.



On Sunday, June 30, 2013, over 300 parishioners, parents, students, faculty, former faculty, and alumni, along with



thirteen Ursuline Sisters, attended the 11:00 Mass and Reception honoring Sister Denise on this very happy and blessed occasion! The school hall was decorated with large posters prepared by every class and presented to Sister Denise at a school assembly. Each class, in its own unique way, offered their "*Thank You, We will miss You, We wish You happiness and blessing!*"

The entire day was a wonderful tribute to Sister Denise's service to the school and parish of Our Lady of Victory.

From Gumla Province:

Welcome cum Appreciation Ceremony at Gumla.

July 2nd 2013 was an auspicious day for Ursuline Inter College , Gumla, as this year was different than other years. In comparison to the previous years the number of students was overwhelming.

On Tuesday July 2nd, the Inter College campus seemed to be swarming with pink butterflies all around. There are approximately 300 fresh students who came ready for the inaugural session of 2013 at 9:00am. Faculty wise their number is as follows:

Arts - 147, Science - 117, Commerce - 22

The new comers were welcomed by the second years by washing their hands and putting chandan (sandalwood) tika on their foreheads.

Most Rev. Father Cyprian Kullu, V.G. of Gumla Diocese graced the occasion to chair the function. He was welcomed by the traditional tribal dance.

The function was solemnized by imploring God's blessing by Manglacharan dance. It was preceded by lighting of lamps by the chief quest and others. The program included welcome song and other items.

The chief guest enlightened the new students by his effective five points methods for success in life - i.e. aiming high. From the start they have to work hard in refining their personality and character, adopting proper process of studies, leading to success in examination, achieve suitable career, eventually reaching the top position in administration etc.

Sr. Angela Dungdung, the secretary of the College encouraged he students to put their faith in God and continue to work hard.

The chief guest honored the students who were District toppers in the Inter examinations of 2012 and 2013 as well as the ten toppers of the College. It is a good thing to be appreciated and acknowledged in the group. Our student Sisters are among the toppers. They have made us feel proud by their hard labor and being able to enlist their names on the top of toppers' list namely - Sr. Parmita Tirkey is the District topper in 2012 and Sr. Marsa Nag in 2013. Srs. Usha Minj and Sangeeta Nag are also among the district toppers (2013) and Sr. Sumitra Telra in 2012.

The staff of the Inter College were introduced to the new students and the ceremony ended with the school anthem after the vote of thanks.