

## Newsletter 3

22 June 2019

Dear Sisters around the World,

With this newsletter from the Provincial Superiors' Meeting which was brought to a good end yesterday afternoon, we send our last greetings from the Motherhouse.



Through our outing to 's-Hertogenbosch on Saturday, 15 June (see Newsletter 2), the appetite for another small afternoon outing the following day, Sunday, had been whetted. After all: how can one have been in the Netherlands without having seen a proper windmill?! Four cars took us to *Laurentia Mill* in Bakel, a close by village, where the huge wings turned in the wind to greet us. The miller gave us excellent information and demonstrated the actual process of crop grinding.

On Monday of the third week, Sr. Franziscus Maria Möller introduced to us the matters of the General- and Mission Procure that pertain to the Provinces.

Next day, Sr. Hermenegild Makoro from the Eastern Cape Province, spoke about the *Protection of Minors* and *Abuse Policy*, a topic that is so relevant for us. Since she is a member of the *Pontifical Commission for the Protection of Minors*, Rome, Sr. Hermenegild shared valuable information and insights with us and challenged us to move from *head to heart*.

The last two presentations were given by Sisters from the EU Province: Sr. Anna Mirijam Kaschner addressed the congregational logo and Sr. Angelika Hellbach shared about the *Missionary on Time (MaZ)* program. Our Sisters in South Africa, Kenya, Tanzania and Zimbabwe are familiar with the *Mazlers* as they are called.

Our last day, Friday 21 June, started with the closing mass during which we gave glory to God in our main languages for His guidance during our meeting. In the afternoon, Sr. Marguerite Uy surprised us with a photo show of the main events during the past three weeks. This helped us with the ensuing evaluation of the Provincials' Meeting 2019. All held that these had been rich days during which we were able to share with great openness, as sisters. The generous care and great hospitality of our Motherhouse Sisters was emphasized as a special highlight. *We were at Home!*, was the message.

In her closing talk, Sr. Monica Mary recalled the mandate of living our CPS Charism and Spirituality and encouraged us to keep the *Inner Link* strong also with the Generalate Team.

During our evening prayer we had a sending ceremony in which Sr. Monica Mary encouraged the Provincial / Regional Superiors individually to share the *good news* of this meeting with the Sisters at home. As a symbol of our theme, *Diversity in Communion*, each Sister received a rosary where the decades are of different colours. The rosary is also known as *Mission Rosary* and expresses beautifully our diversity but union in God and with one another.



To celebrate the closing of the meeting and in gratitude for all the Sisters in the Motherhouse who made us feel so much at home, we enjoyed a festive supper of Chinese food, thanks to the generosity of Fr. Ian Riswick, the chaplain at St. Bernard's Convent in Toronto, Canada.

Dear Sisters around the world,  
*What return to Yahweh can we make... What return can we make...  
For blessings of every kind from Him that we have received?*

We would like to thank you once more for accompanying us with your prayers.  
May the deliberations of the Provincials' Meeting bear fruit and become  
a blessing for the advancement of our Congregation.



Your Sisters at the Provincials' Meeting in the Motherhouse **Heilig Bloed.**