

Newsletter 1

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Dear Sisters around the World,

Greetings from the Motherhouse in the Netherlands, where we, the General Leadership Team and nine leaders representing the CPS Provinces of Europe, East Africa, North America, Eastern Cape, Mariannhill, Zimbabwe-Zambia, and the Regions of DR Congo, Korea and Mozambique are gathered for the 2019 Provincial /Regional Superiors' Meeting. We have been blessed with beautiful unpredictable summer weather and we have also experienced at least two storms.

We acknowledge with great pride the hospitality we experienced at our arrival and we continue to experience on a day to day basis. It is so uplifting and life giving to see how our senior Sisters serve with joy. ***Come and see a true CPS in action.***

Intercultural community Heilig Bloed



Sr. Thérèse Marie Baltes EU/NL

Our meeting is guided by the theme ***Engaging our Diversity in Communion*** (cf Eph.4: 11–13, 15–16). This theme calls us to be one body in Christ, recognising each other's different gifts as well as our diversity in order to build up the kingdom of God here on earth as we serve his people (cf Eph.4:13)



The opening mass on 3 June 2019 was a celebration of diversity in music and language that provided a grace-filled start to the meetings. This was followed by the opening talk of Sister Monica Mary Ncube, Superior General, who set a positive and hopeful tone for the days and weeks ahead.

We listened to the Provincial/Regional Reports and through them we realised once again that we are one blessed worldwide CPS family.

We took time to share on the Lenten Journey reflections, *From Ethnocentrism to Intercultural Living*. Listening to the responses and sharing our symbols was an enriching experience. After discussions we identified emerging issues which will be communicated to you later.

In this same week we shared on the *Missionary Responsibility of the Church and CPS Today*, as well as how we are called to be *New Wine in New Wineskins*. Another topic was *Interculturality*.

On Saturday the 8 June, the Lord called home our + Sr. Betha Scherr whom we have laid to rest on Wednesday, 12 June. May her soul rest in peace with her Creator and we have another intercessor in heaven.

At the end of our first busy week, we were afforded an opportunity to visit the only female wooden clogs (shoes) maker in the Netherlands. She took time to explain how they make the wooden shoes and also the meaning of each design and painting drawn on the shoes. The shoes are done manually and there is very little machine work.



At the Clog workshop in Aarle Rixtel



We concluded this tour by visiting the Shrine of *Our Lady of Aarle Rixtel, Seat of Wisdom*, which was built 500 years ago.



On Sunday, 9 June we celebrated the Feast of Pentecost. During Mass we used different languages: Dutch, German, Korean and English, a manifestation of the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

We appreciated the simple yet delicious and well-presented Pentecost lunch.

*Sr. Mary Immaculate Ndlovu MH,
Sr. Godelief Leijten, EU/NL and
Sr. Fidelis Mary Mabulu EC.*



We hope to meet you again in our next Newsletter!

Your Sisters at the Provincials' Meeting
Heilig Bloed