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The General Council (2019-2025)

Sr Felicia Bethuel, Sr Brigitte Flourez (Superior General), Sr Marina Motta, Sr Jane Sinprayoon

NEW Latest news from the different provinces in the Sint Unum 2020

NEW Colours and Life (Stories and News)

General Council and Enlarged Council Members (2013-2019)

Back row fr left: Sr Kimiko (Council Member), Sr Marina (Italy), Sr Marie, (Team Leader), Sr Elisa (Peru).
Front row: Sr Apinya (Thailand), Sr Benedicta (Cameroon), Sr Maria (Council Member), Sr Noreen (Council Member)

The Provincial Team in Singapore

Sr Maria Lau (Provincial), Sr Joan Tay, Sr Jocelyn Kang

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Leadership Teams in the Province in 2018

THAILAND

Sr Wantana Kitmongkol, Sr Apinya Tangsukkasemsan (Provincial), Sr Bang-orn Chaiyapuek, Sr WoranuchLamduan

JAPAN

Sr Kim Kong-Nyo, Sr Kikuko Sugita, Sr Masako Fukahori, Sr Kimiko Matsumato (Provincial),

MALAYSIA

Sr Amy Saminathan, Sr Mary Theresa Chua (Provincial), Sr Willie Fernandez

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ENGLAND-IRELAND

Sr Pat Armato, Sr Kitty Ellard (Provincial), Sr Rosemary Barter

ITALY
Sr Caterina Dolci, Sr Marina Motta (Provincial), Sr Daniela Bazzani

FRANCE
Sr Josette Veron, Sr NicoleDehouck, Sr Brigitte Flourez (Provincial)

BOLIVIA

Sr Hilda Salvatierra Bautista
(District Co-ordinator)

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CAMEROON

Sr Lydie Ngono, Sr Benedicta Mengue Messina (Vice-Provincial), Sr Patience Limaleba

SPAIN – Sr Maria Rosa Arroyo, Sr Susana Garcia, Sr Pilar Tarazaga (Provincial)

NIGERIA

Sr Fidelia Gowon, Sr Felicia Tarena Bethuel (Provincial), Sr Rita Raphael Shumen

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Here's a prayer for the new leadership teams.

May the light of your soul bless your service
with love and warmth of heart.
May you see in what you do the beauty of your soul.
May the sacredness of your work bring light and renewal
to those who work with you and to those who see and receive your work.
May your work never exhaust you.
May it release wellsprings of refreshment, inspiration and excitement.
May the day never burden you.
May dawn find hope in your heart,
approaching your new day with dreams, possibilities and promises.
May evening find you gracious and fulfilled.
May you go into the night blessed,
sheltered and protected.
May your soul calm, console and renew you.

(from John O'Donohue)

Poem dedicated to IJ Sisters

C hrist-centred school community; working together for truth, justice, freedom and love
H elping those who are disadvantaged in any way
I J Homes providing shelter, protection and care for children in need
J oining us to celebrate joyful times, overcoming all odds
S eeking to advance the human and spiritual development of all
I n the footsteps of Blessed Barre, ever present and always involved
S ense of belonging unveiled through your spirituality and faith,
T o be accepting of everyone, regardless
E motional and spiritual support through communal prayers
R elying on the Almighty for direction
S imple in virtue; Steadfast in duty.

By Eashaa Pillai

CHIJ Our Lady Queen of Peace

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Sr Klara makes her final vows in the Czech Republic

Sr Klara with her parents Marie and Stan

Sr Klara dances her self gift and her joy

It is hard to put into words the wonder and joy experienced by all who participated in Klara's Final Vow ceremony. They saw a beautiful young woman answering God's call, to give herself totally and forever in the Religious Life.

Klara, dressed in a flowing, pale blue dress, made by her aunt, pronounced her vows, the desires of her heart, in the presence of Sr Marie Pitcher, Institute Team Leader, and then, at the Offertory, danced to express her self-gift and her joy. Many were moved to tears.

We thank our IJ sisters and members of our fraternities, who travelled from France, Italy, Spain, England, Ireland and even far away Singapore, to support Klara in her decision. Your presence assured her that she is not alone as she makes a final commitment in the Institute in these uncertain, complicated, changing times. Your warm welcoming of Klara into the Institute was another moving moment for those present.

The celebrant, a Dominican priest, full of wisdom, insight and humour, shared with us in his homily some research he once did for his Order. Many young candidates had walked away because of "a lack of purpose, mission and vision". He encouraged Klara to be daring, courageous, generous and creative and to live her missionary life joyfully to the full, using all her God-given gifts.

For weeks, the preparations went on behind the scenes. Lubica, a friend who shares our Community life, spent hours making the handcrafted table decorations. The local parish choir practised the beautiful music chosen for the Liturgy. A group of young, willing volunteers, prepared the tables and served the guests in the nearby church hall. Many made cakes and other dishes to share. The celebration was a joyful, relaxed event, gathering families, friends, colleagues and parishioners, neighbours and people we meet in our ministry. All were happy to be with us and to support us on this important day for Klara and for our little IJ Community in Brno. We thank you all.

We thank God for Klara, and her family for their generous sacrifice. We thank all of you who sent good wishes or were united with us in prayer at this time.

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Many of our IJ sisters who were present expressed their sense of being refreshed, of having their faith and hope in the Institute renewed, of reliving their own first enthusiasm.

For some it was a feeling that, at last, we are savouring "the new wine"!
We can only thank God and sing "Magnificat, Magnificat, Magnificat"

Infant Jesus Sisters and members of Fraternities
Back row: Sophie, Colette, Margaret, Renee, Georgina, Mary, Marina, Marie, Rosa, Ai-Leen.
Front row: Veronika, Anna, Romina, Klara, Marie Angeles, Rosemary, Patricia, Maria, Kitty.

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Celebration of 50 years of IJ Presence in Peru

The Sisters in Peru together with the communities of people they serve in Cusco: San Jeronimo, Urubamba and Ocongate and Lima: Callao and Mi-Peru celebrated the 50th Anniversary of the IJ Sisters presence in Peru.

The main celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the IJ Sisters presence in Peru was held in San Jeronimo on 3 June 2017. There were three parts to the celebration.

The first was a mass at the Cathedral of San Jeronimo. The Church was full with people. whose lives were touched by the sisters, came from different parts of Peru to join in the Celebration. The Bishop in his homily thanked the sisters for their commitment and dedication to have worked tirelessly to share the Good News especially through education. The impact and influence, he said, is far reaching.

The second part was held in the Town Hall, where the Mayor thanked the sisters for the role they played in educating the people in Cusco especially and as a sign of appreciation an award was given to the first sister who started the mission in Peru, Sr Gloria Cole. In this segment, Sr Carlota presented a slide show highlighting the history of the sisters' mission in different parts of Peru.

The fiesta celebration with lunch and concert was held at the School in San Jeromino which our sisters ran. It was a real treat to experience the different local dances, poems, songs and tributes from the ethnic groups.

All these items were prepared by the staff of San Jeromino.

The IJ Sisters' presence is found in Cheni, Huamali, Urubamba, San Jeronimo, Collique, Mi Peru, Ocongate and Velille.

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