



# HATIGAON TIDINGS

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## INAUGURATION OF PLATINUM JUBILEE

The opening ceremony of the Platinum Jubilee celebrations of the Congregation was held at Hatigaon on 26 October 2016, the concluding day of the spiritual retreat held for the religious women of the Northeast, organized by a team from Attapady, Kerala. The special day began with a solemn Eucharistic celebration presided over by the Archbishop John Moolachira of Guwahati, con-celebrated by Fr. Varghese Kizhakevely, the Vicar General of the Archdiocese, Guwahati.

Sr. Elizabeth Packumala, the former Mother General in her introduction at the start of the Holy Mass spoke about the importance of the day and the pivotal role played by Venerable Stephen Ferrando, the founder of the MSMHC.

At the brief gathering that followed the Holy Mass, Archbishop John Moolachira hoisted the jubilee flag and Sr. Philomena Mathew, the Superior General presented a brief history of the MSMHC's founding days and officially declared the platinum jubilee of the Congregation open.

The Congregation of MSMHC, founded on 24 October 1942 at Guwahati has its tale of a wonderful history. It's testing time of the founding years and the period of struggles have been the time that it experienced God's providential care. The Congregation kept growing since its inception and has launched out to many areas of Church's mission.





## FROM THE SUPERIOR GENERAL

### *God's Eternal Plan*

*For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.*

*(Jeremiah 29:11)*

As we stand at the threshold of the New Year 2017, gazing at the unknown tomorrow with varied thoughts, feelings, plans and projects, some of us might be deeply moved by a profound sense of gratitude for the numerous blessings received throughout the past year, while others might be fascinated by the untapped possibilities and challenges ahead. The more we are in touch with our interiority the better we discover what dominates our inner being. No matter where and how we find ourselves at the start of this New Year, here comes a God who declares his eternal plan for our future with

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great certainly. He is all sure of his plan because he is the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end and in him there is 'no alteration and shadow of change.' He is unlike most of us, because to our dismay, many of our plans and resolutions remain unfulfilled year after year.

Sometimes we tend to be skeptic about the new possibilities for progress, growth and transformation,

and get caught up in the web of the malady of habit and ritualism which impoverishes our ideals and reduces our life to a stagnated existence. There is no life in stagnation but only 'suffocation' of life and yet there can be a danger of being 'comfortable' with a stagnated and suffocated existence when one gets acclimatized to it. This acclimatization is not something to be desired ideally as Christians and as religious who are called to be engaged in the process of a gradual but progressive identification with the person of Christ.

This I think is the plan God has for us, a plan to make us prosper and not to harm us, a plan to give us hope and a future. God's plan for our growth and our future is not to be measured in terms of a material prosperity or a future filled with the passing success of the world. It indeed is a call to live the spirit of the beatitudes: to be poor in spirit so as to recognize our need for God; a call to counteract the wide spread postmodern tendency of self-sufficiency and indifference to a transcendent reality - God.

The future God has promised will depend upon our ability to truly mourn, to repent for our sins and failures. Blessed are those who mourn, they will be comforted. It is an open invitation to experience God's mercy and forgiveness, the only means to live our vocation to be 'merciful like the Father.' We live in a world of exaggerated 'exhibitionism' where even holiness tends to become an external show, a mere performance.

Against this tendency the Lord challenges us to be holy and pure



'from within' to be able to see Him who is all pure and holy. A mind and heart that feasts on unholy things cannot contemplate God.

'Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me...' The last of the beatitudes is particularly significant today as the number of those innocently persecuted for the sake of Christ seem to be ever on the increase. Thousands of our brothers and sisters have proved themselves genuine followers of Jesus by their joyful endurance of inhuman treatment, persecution and brutal murder for the sake of their faith in Jesus. Are we ready to risk our mortal lives for Christ and embrace God's plan to give us hope and future? Or do we prefer to weave dream for our own future without a 'God consciousness?'

As we step into this year of grace may we learn to measure ourselves with the yardstick of God's eternal plan for us unfolded before our eyes in and through His word, sacraments and the events of our daily life. May we fathom everything in his time and be ready to march ahead with our eyes fixed on him who walks with us often in disguise.

**Sr. Philomena Mathew**  
**Superior General**





## RELIGIOUS PROFESSIONS

December 8, 2016

8 December marked an important day for Hatigaon as it had twin celebrations: First and Final Profession of the Sisters. 24 novices made their first profession at Hatigaon while another group of 24 novices made their first profession at Tinsukia. The day's programme began with the Holy Mass at 6.30 a.m. celebrated by Rt. Rev. Thomas Pulloppillil of Bongaigaon Diocese along with a few priests from various institutions. The formal initiation and official ceremony of profession were held during the Holy Mass. Sr. Philomena Mathew, the Superior General received the vows in the presence of the Provincial Superior of Shillong, Sr. Mary Concepta Dkhar and the Novice Mistress, Sr. Rani Mathew.

Bishop Pulloppillil in his homily expressed his happiness over being present for the occasion and congratulated the Novices for their readiness in answering to the call of God to serve His people. He said, "It is a proud moment for the Church in Northeast as twenty-four of them are coming forward to offer themselves to God, the Church and the humanity". He appreciated the parents of the novices who brought them up in Christian faith and values and asked them to continue to support their daughters with their prayers as they go ahead in religious life. He focused on role of consecrated persons in the Church and explained it as a radical following of Christ.

Quoting Pope Francis he said that the radical following is meant not only for religious but also for every Christian.

The First Profession was followed by another solemn occasion during which twenty-seven Sisters made their Perpetual Profession at Hatigaon. The Holy Eucharistic celebration began at 10.30 a.m. was officiated by His Grace, Most Rev. John Moolachira, Archbishop of Guwahti.

The formal proceedings of the final profession were held during the Liturgy. Sr. Philomena Mathew, the Superior General received the vows of twenty-seven sisters in the presence of Sr. Mary Perunilam, Assistant General and Sr. Christine Mynsong, General Councillor.







In his homily, Archbishop John spoke to the Sisters about the meaning of consecration and reminded them of their call to live the MSMHC way of life. Commenting on the day's importance, he said, "the feast of the Immaculate Conception is a beautiful occasion for one's self-offering to God. You become like the Mother of Jesus by making her sentiments as your own as you say, I am the hand maid of the Lord. Let it be done to me according to your will", and you

promise to imitate her in her purity." He further explained the role of Mary as the chosen instrument of God and the centrality of her mission.

The day's programme was graced by the presence of many priests, sisters and brothers from nearby institutions, and the sisters' parents and relatives.

In the evening, the community organized a meaningful prayer service at the School auditorium, wherein the finally professed sisters surrendered the crowns before the statue of our

Blessed Mother as a sign of their trust and confidence in her maternal care and love.

Prior to the event, the Sisters had a two-month long intensive programme of prayer and special classes at Bethel, Barapani under the guidance of Sr. Nancy Augustine, General Councillor for Formation.

The group arrived at Hatigaon on 4 December and continued their prayer and reflection until the awaited morning, 8 December.

## Fr. Pascual SDB Chávez Visits Hatigaon

Fr. Pascual Chávez Villanueva SDB, the former Rector Major visited Hatigaon on 19 October. Being the feast day of Don Rua, in his address to the community, Fr. Chávez spoke about Don Rua and Don Bosco. Commenting on the deep interior life of Don Rua and his relationship with Don Bosco he said that the life of MSMHC should manifest the holiness of Bishop Ferrando, their father and founder. While pointing out the growth and missionary expansion of the Congregation, he stressed on the need to give primary importance for holiness of life and urged everyone



to work towards attaining sanctity. He said, "It is not enough to have growth and expansion but everyone must be holy." Quoting the scripture, (Ephesians 1:4) "...he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight", he spoke about

purpose of religious life. He stated, "Our vocation to consecrated life is the best gift after the gift of life." He also spoke about the need of having personal encounter with Jesus and suggested three ways to encounter Jesus: Word of God, Holy Eucharist and Fraternal life.





## Spiritual Retreat for WAC and YAC

The Women Apostles for Catechesis (WAC) had a spiritual retreat from 3 to 6 September organized by Sr. Christine Mynsong, General Councillor for Evangelization at Bethel, Barapani. Mr. Magno Menezes and Mr. Gourish Naik, who render services at the retreat centre in Murringur, Kerela were the resource persons. Their talks were based on the

mercy, love and forgiveness of God. Their sharing of experiences, reflection and special prayer session helped the participants to experience peace and inner healing. About 50 WAC members from the provinces of Tezpur, Tinsukia and Kolkata participated in the retreat.

Followed by the retreat of the members of WAC was the spiritual

retreat for the Young Apostles for Christ (YAC) from the provinces of Shillong, Tezpur and Kolkata. The retreat began on 8 September evening had 70 YAC members and it was preached by Mr. Magno Menezes and Mr. Gourish Naik. They guided the participants to experience the mercy, love and forgiveness of God.

## Animation Programme for Schools

As present-day education environment is fast changing with rapid learning techniques and systems, providing adequate information and equipping the teachers with needed skills are

considered essential. The formal educational institutions can become effective only when they are able to correspond to the situation that is prevalent.

Keeping in mind the need of continuous learning, the MSMHC Schools try to give the best to the teachers through updating programmes and seminars. Sr. Jane Francis, General Councillor for

Education in her recent two phases of programme focused her attention to the MSMHC Schools in Jharkhand from 8 to 13 September and in Andhra Pradesh from 19 to 31 November. She conducted animation programme for teachers and students in each centre and met the students in the boarding houses. The programmes motivated the teachers to be innovative and encouraged the students to be focused on their goals.







## Editorial

### *An Exhortation to Hope*

Pope Francis greeting the crowd gathered on New Year's Day said, "The new year will be good in the measure in which each of us, with the help of God, tries to do good, day by day, that's how peace is created." The words of Pope sounds as simple and easy to be practiced in our day to-day life. But, encountering the real life situations may take us to a different standpoint. In this trouble-torn world which is constantly waging war, the chance to establish peace remains bleak. Even though the world is questing for peace, the real path to peace seems to have forgotten.

Peace is not just the absence of hatred and war; it cannot be described as a state of calm environment. Peace is constituted when there exists a spirit of collaboration. Firstly, this spirit of unity is to be found within each individual; it points out the harmony of self – thoughts, attitude, and action. Hence, to establish peace, it is important that individual persons cooperate to create the harmony within and out.

What we need today is the good will of people who are at home with themselves and ready to reach out to create a better world. The people who are at home with themselves experience the real peace as they believe in themselves accepting them and those around them. They are truly liberated and are open to people and situations. It is they who are able to create a society that is peaceful.

Today many people are eager and passionate about building peace, but they are lost, seeing the perplexing situation with numerous problems that are creeping in each day. It is in this situation, Pope Francis calls us to move forward in hope, contributing our share for creating peace. His advice is to "say no to hate and violence and yes to brotherhood and reconciliation." He also tells us to rely on God's help as we move on with our efforts. It is Jesus, the Word incarnate (John 1:14) who taught us the way of forgiveness and love. He gave priority for doing good, and so during his life on earth he went about doing good to everyone (Acts 10: 38). Unlike the philosophies of the Pharisees of his time, he went beyond the letter of the laws. His teaching of God's unconditional love calls us to turn the other cheek, love our enemies and faithfully live the Sermon on the Mount. Let us try to follow the path of Jesus, change our attitude, believe in the best, and sow the seeds of good deeds around us that the change we seek may come about in our time.

*Sr. Shiji James*

## TITBITS

### HATIGAON WELCOMES JUNIOR SISTERS



The community of Hatigaon welcomed 34 Junior Sisters who came to join the ten-month course on 15 December. The sisters are from different Provinces after spending two years in the communities and mission field.

### ANIMATION FOR NEWLY PROFESSED



The newly professed Sisters had a two-day animation programme on 10-11 December at Hatigaon by the Superior General, Sr. Philomena Mathew and the members of the General Council. The two-day animation comprised of different topics essential for their community living and mission.

### THANKSGIVING DAY



The MSMHC in Hawaii joined in the Thanksgiving Day celebration held in one of the houses close to the Convent. It is a most celebrated feast in America, to thank the Lord for all his blessings and to share with one another the fruit of those blessings.





## Spiritual Retreat for Religious Women of the NE Region at Hatigaon

The Archdiocese of Guwahati in collaboration with MSMHC Generalate organized a regional level retreat for the religious sisters working in Northeast India at Hatigaon from 22 to 26 October. The retreat had over 500 participants from the various dioceses of the region. The occasion presented a wonderful time of spiritual renewal as the retreat team guided the group for prayer and reflection.

The five-day retreat was animated by the renowned team of preachers from Sehion Retreat Centre, Attapadi from the diocese of Palakkad, Kerala. It contained insightful preaching on the Word of God that gave emphasis to personal holiness, religious renewal and evangelisation. It also had praise and worship sessions, healing prayer sessions, individual counselling, reconciliation and Holy Mass.

Sessions based on the Word of God helped the participants to grow strong in their faith, deepen their vocation to religious life, and to face the challenges of consecrated life. The participants expressed their joy of having had the chance of attending the retreat that brought blessings to their lives. A number of them shared their experience of personal encounter with the Lord Jesus as a comforting Saviour who renewed their strength, giving them new energy and vision. There were also many who received healing from illnesses that obstructed their life and mission.

The retreat was the long felt need of the region and the topics discussed on evangelization did reenergize and convince the participants to re-commit themselves to the works of evangelisation in the region. Besides



this, it brought change and renewal to the lives of individuals. The Word of God which took the centre throughout the programme comforted many, calmed the troubled minds and gave purposefulness and meaningfulness to their lives.







## Renewal Programme for Five Batches of Sisters

A two-week long renewal programme was held for the sisters professed from the year 1975 to 1979. There were 57 Sisters from various communities of the Congregation to attend the programme began from 14 to 26 October 2016 at Bethel, Barapani. The occasion provided ample opportunity for the sisters to muse over past life, share and listen to each other. Superior General, Sr. Philomena Mathew and a few major superiors, including the coordinator of the programme, Sr. Mary Perunilam, the Assistant General was also among the participants.

The programme began with a meaningful prayer service organised by Sr. Jane Francis, General Councillor for Education. During the introductory session followed by the prayer service, Sr. Mary Perunilam welcomed the group and thanked each of them for the rich contribution made for the good of the congregation and the church. She briefed them about the programme and explained it as one of the opportune times for self-evaluation and renewal.

The group was given inputs by Fr. Thomas Manjali, Fr. James Mathew SDB, Sr. Philomena Mathew, and Sr. Mary Thadavnal on different topics. They had a day of outing and visited Siloam, Holy Redeemer Retreat Centre and Ferrando convent, Umroi. They were happy to meet and interact with Sr. Margaret Kessa who is resting in Umroi. They also made a pilgrimage to the Cathedral in Shillong, visited

the tomb of Bishop Ferrando and participated in the Holy Mass celebrated by Fr. K.A. Joseph SDB and Fr. James Mathew SDB. The group made special prayers and greeted Fr. K.A. as it was the golden jubilee year of his ordination.

On 20 October, afternoon the group had the joy of witnessing an opera on Bishop Ferrando performed by the students of FIS in Bethel.

From 22 to 26 October they attended the Charismatic retreat conducted in Hatigaon, animated by the team from Attapady, Kerala.

On 26 morning they participated in the opening ceremony of the platinum jubilee of the congregation along with all the other participants of the retreat and had a short interaction with their novice mistress, Sr. Teresa Mathew who had come to participate in the retreat.



## LFS Participates in Regional Level Science Exhibition

Himangshu Saikia and Madhurjya Pratim Deka of class VIII from Little Flower School participated in the Regional level science exhibition organized by CBSE held at NPS international school from 15 to 17 December.

They participated under the subtheme of Food Security with the model titled, "Smart and secure gardening" and are qualified for the National level. The Exhibition had the participation from around 85 schools from all over northeast.





## NEWS FROM OVERSEAS

### Official Opening of Ferrando Resource Centre Lesotho

18 November, 2016 was a memorable day for the MSMHC in Lesotho as the 'Ferrando Resource Centre' (Special School) officially opened in Maputsoe (Hanyenye). The ceremony was held in the presence of Sr. Philomena Mathew, the Superior General, friends and well-wishers. Prior to the official event was the Holy Mass presided over by Rt. Rev. Augustinus T. Bane, OMI and concelebrated by nine priests from the nearby parishes.

The Ferrando Resource Centre (FRC) had its humble beginning in 2010 when it began to render assistance to a group of Irish volunteers from Action Lesotho, an Irish NGO in Lesotho which reached out to the differently abled kids in Maputsoe. Later, in 2013 the volunteers asked the MSMHC to take up the project and St. Luke Mission Maputsoe generously supported the Sisters by rendering an existing catechetical centre to run project. The



Centre which began with six kids now accommodates over forty kids. In 2015 the Centre obtained a new identity in the country by becoming a 'Special School', obtaining the registration with the Ministry of Education. It takes care of the kids who are differently abled with Cerebral Palsy, Down syndrome, autism and other intellectual learning difficulties. Its programmes include early intervention, Physio and occupational therapy, Life Skill training, Peer Tutoring, and appropriate academic classes.

The first student of Ferrando Resource Center brought the centre to the limelight by securing the sixth position in the country in the PSLC examination.

As the number of students increased, Bishop Bane, the Bishop of Leribe offered a plot of land to construct a building. The dream was actualised with the help of Misean Cara, Misereior, the Salesian Mission, Hilton Fund, Solon Foundation and friends and well-wishers from Maputsoe and Hlotse. Other stakeholders of this special projects are: Malamulele Onward an NGO in Gauteng, Action Lesotho, Department of Forestry and land reclamation at District level, Catholic School Secretariat, Department of Education and training, Leribe, the School board members and the Project Management board, the town clerk, Principal Chief, and the chief and Councilor of Hanyenye.

### MSMHC in Mozambique Welcomes Superior General

The MSMHC community at Ponta Do Ouro, Mozambique joyfully welcomed Sr. Philomena Mathew, the Superior General on 4 November as she arrived for the canonical visitation. She spent four days with the community, meeting them and encouraging them to carry forward the entrusted works of the Centre. She also met the MSFS fathers and others with whom the



sisters collaborate. Her conference to the sisters in the community focused on community living, sharing and working together. She exhorted them to keep working with zeal and enthusiasm and to win countless souls for Christ by their witnessing life.

### Baptism and First Holy Communion

The Ponto Do Ouro Catholic Community welcomed nine of its sons and daughters (teenagers) to the Christian initiation, an ecclesial event on 17 December 2016. This event took place during a solemn celebration of the Holy Eucharist presided over by Fr. Jijo Thomas MSFS concelebrated by Fr. Peter Thomas MSFS. The liturgy had special prayer sessions and lively choir under the leadership of Sr. Elizabethe Lemo MSMHC.

Another blissful event that marked an elated time was the organised Christmas carol that announced the coming of Jesus and His assurance of joy, peace and happiness to the people around.



## World AIDS Day Observed Swaziland

'Hope House' observed World AIDS day on the 24 November 2016, with the theme for the year "HANDS UP FOR HIV PREVENTION". Sr. Elsa Joseph, the programme manager welcomed the gathering. Fr. Larry Mac Donnell lighted the lamp and exhorted everyone to become the carrier of Christ's light to



the HIV patients. Mrs. Faith Dlamini, in her introductory talk, thanked the Roman Catholic Church, individuals, organizations and companies for their enormous contribution towards 'Hope House'. Pastor Shabala from Church Forum, Manzini City Council CEO Lungile Dlamini a benefactor of 'Hope House', Manzini Mayor Kethokuhle Dlamini a Guest speaker, Mahle Dlamini Personal Secretary to the ministry of Health Hope, Mr. Sydney Nhambule from the Manzini Region NERCHA and Khaya Mabuza the Director of NERCHA appreciated the commendable service rendered by the sisters for the cause of the down trodden.

Dr. Dube from La Mlavelase Clinic spoke about government's initiative to eradicate HIV AIDS in Swaziland and Father Mahazula the Vicar general of Manzini Diocese exhorted to respect life and encouraged them to remove the stigma and any sort of discrimination.

## Blessing of Physiotherapy building at Hope House



Hope House had its blessing of a Physiotherapy building on 6 October by Bishop Jose Louis of Manzini, Swaziland. Speaking on the occasion Sr. Elsa Joseph said that the facility is a great blessing for the HIV clients of the Hope House who suffer physical deformity. She thanked the benefactors and friends who contributed towards the cause.

Hope House is a faith based charity centre serving as a hospice facility, a home for the terminally ill, HIV/AIDS and HIV/AIDS related illnesses.

Its objective is to alleviate the physical, psychosocial and spiritual suffering of the terminally ill, through the provision of a quiet environment, palliative care, dietary advice, counselling and companionship. It has 25 units to admit and care for the clients and a children's unit.

## MSMHC in South Sudan



The sisters in South Sudan render various humanitarian services for the upliftment of the poor and marginalised. The main apostolate is care of the sick in the hospital, where they attend to an average of 150 patients daily. They are also engaged in pastoral and educational ministries of the mission in the villages. Programmes and seminars are organised in different sectors for various groups: Alter servers, Alleluia Dancers and Daughters of Mary assist in carrying out the activities of the mission.

## Opening Day of Platinum Jubilee in Hawaii



On 24 October the MSMHC community at Aiea, Hawaii had a solemn celebration of the Holy

Eucharist to mark the opening of the Platinum Jubilee of the Congregation. The Holy Eucharist presided over by Fr. Sam Loretto and Fr. Mario was attended by a good number of friends, benefactors and well-wishers.

The community was blessed to have the visit of Bishop Larry Silva, the Bishop of Honolulu in December 2016. He blessed the new convent chapel and celebrated the Holy Mass.





## Canonical visitation and Blessing of New Convent at Arsinegelle

The MSMHC Community at Meki, Ethiopia welcomed Sr. Philomena Mathew the Superior General on 21 November as she arrived for the

canonical visitation. During her visitation, on 22 November they had the official inauguration of St. Mary's Convent at the new place in Arsinegelle. The programme began with a solemn Eucharist, celebrated by 12 priests from various centres. After the Holy Mass was the official inauguration of the convent by the Superior General, Sr. Philomena Mathew and the blessing of the convent by Fr. Mulatt Sebero, the main celebrant.



## Opening of Platinum Jubilee Ethiopia

October 22, 2016 the MSMHC in Ethiopia had a solemn Mass to mark the opening of the Platinum Jubilee of the Congregation. The Holy Mass was presided over by Bishop Abraham Desta and concelebrated by the Priests from the Vicariate and the Salesian Fathers from Zway and Adamitulu. The presence of FMA and Holy Spirit Sisters added joy on the occasion.

## New Community at Ostia, Rome

On 18 September 2016, the dream of the MSMHC to have a house in Rome was realised as the Congregation began its mission at Ostia, Rome. The Centre falls under Santa Maria dei Pellegrini, a sub-centre of San Tommaso Apostolo Parish.

The pioneering members of the Centre are: Sr. Jessy K Jose, Sr. Angeline Lotsuro and Sr. Bridget Jacob. They were officially welcomed by the parish community on the opening day's Holy Mass.

Taking care of the main parish and the sub-centre, catechism classes, family visit, giving communion to the sick are some of the activities the Sisters carry out in the centre.

## Delegation Day and the Opening of the Platinum Jubilee



On 6 October, the MSMHC, Italian Delegation came together to celebrate the twin feasts: Delegation Day and the Opening of the Platinum Jubilee of the congregation. A meaningful prayer service conducted in an ambience of serenity followed by the celebration of the holy Eucharist marked the occasion.

During the prayer service Sr. Martha D'Rosario, the Delegate Superior and Sr. Veronica Maiong, the Vice Delegate Superior lighted Indian lamp from which the community lighted their lamps and placed before the decorated

picture of Mary Help of Christians and the Founder. On concluding the prayer service, Sr. Martha unveiled the Jubilee emblem and officially declared the platinum jubilee year open.

The prayer service was followed by a solemn Mass celebrated by Fr. Nallayan SDB in the community chapel at Crocetta. In his homily Fr. Nallayan highlighted the function of the flowers that spread fragrance all around and exhorted the Sisters to carry out their works of love to bring God's Kingdom around.





## Declaration of New Province and Leadership Roles

26 December, the feast day of Venerable Stephen Ferrando, the Founder of MSMHC, marked a historical event in the Congregation as the Superior General, Sr. Philomena Mathew made the official declaration of launching a new province – Guwahati, and announcement of the leaders of the Indian Provinces, Italian Delegation and African Mission.

The bifurcation of Shillong Province and the erection of new province on its 75th year of foundation

speaks of God's immeasurable blessings on the Congregation of MSMHC. Ever since the start of the Congregation, it has been witnessing a steady growth in terms of its number of members, centres of mission and variety of apostolate. The newly erected province, bifurcated from the province of Mary Help of Christians, Shillong consists of 200 members with 31 communities spread across, Garo Hills and Ri-Bhoi District of Meghalaya, Tripura, part of Assam

and a few communities outside the region; while the mother province, Shillong remains with 204 members and 34 houses spread across Khasi-Jaintia Hills of Meghalaya, Mizoram and one community in the southern part of Kerala.

The leaders of the Indian Provinces, Italian Delegation and African Mission, appointed for a term of three years will be taking over their offices along with their council members in January 2017.

### NEW LEADERS FOR PROVINCES, ITALIAN DELEGATION AND AFRICAN MISSION



Sr. Mary Concepta Dkhar  
Provincial, Shillong



Sr. Anita George  
Provincial, Tezpur



Sr. Daisy Jacob  
Provincial, Tinsukia



Sr. Molly James  
Provincial, Kolkata



Sr. Regi Chacko  
Provincial, Bangalore



Sr. Mary Thadavanal  
Provincial, Guwahati



Sr. Martha D' Rosario  
Delegate Superior, Italy



Sr. Elsa Joseph  
Mission Coordinator, African Mission