

"St. Peter Claver knew that the language of charity and mercy was understood by all.

Indeed, charity helps us to know the truth and truth calls for acts of love.

These two go together, they cannot be separated"

(Pope Francis, Church of Saint Peter Claver, Cartagena de Indias, Sunday, 10 September 2017).

Dear Sisters,

Greetings to you from the Generalate, Rome.

I hope you had a pleasant vacation and a fruitful Annual Retreat this summer and have returned back to your communities to resume your assigned responsibilities. I take this opportunity to express my deep gratitude for your prayers and support for the successful execution of the Retreat, and Congress held at Castel Gandolfo, which was a very enriching spiritual experience and a momentous time of being together.

The month of September holds special significance for us as we celebrate the feast of our Patron, Saint Peter Claver, and have the occasion of devotional renewal of Perpetual Vows. Our Mother Foundress calls us to remain rooted in our consecration in these exhorting words: "If we live our vows faithfully and strive earnestly for perfection, we will be gifted with eternal happiness" (Letter to the community at Maria Sorg, 7.09.1917).

Giving heed to our Mother Foundress words let us prepare ourselves by delving on the theme: "The call to holiness". This theme is further elucidated in three reflections: Rooted in the Sacraments; Nourished by the Word of God and the Parable of the Lost Coin, on which we shall meditate three days prior to the Feast of St. Peter Claver. These reflections serve to underscore the significance of the Sacraments and the Word of God, which illuminates our lives and guide our decisions, directing us towards goodness, charity, and love.

St. Peter Claver, through his adherence to Gospel values, demonstrated unwavering trust in God through life's trials. May St. Peter Claver obtain for us all the necessary grace to remain faithful to the Lord, adhering to his Word and bearing witness to it in our daily lives.

I would like to communicate to you the following aspects:

Appointment of the Superiors taking effect from 9th September 2024:

Sr. Margaret Nalubega Curitiba Sr. Nirmala Santhiyagu Thanjavur Sr. Lissy Chennikkara Bangalore

25 Years of Religious Life (08.09.2024)

Sr. Sheeja Payyappilly Castel Gandolfo

Perpetual Profession

Sr. M. Magdalena Nguyen St. Paul (08.09.2024) Sr. Bibiana Ijeoma Okwaraku Abuja (26.09.2024)

Renewal of Vows (9th September 2024)

Sr. Lucia Nho
Poznan
Sr. Maria Tran
Poznan
Sr. Veronique Nyirafaranga
Kampala

We extend our best wishes to all the sisters undertaking new responsibilities, and we ask for God's blessings upon the jubilarian, as well as the sisters making their Perpetual Profession and renewing their vows.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

Sn. Selin Kanikkattil
Superior General

Rome, 2 September 2024