

## 23<sup>RD</sup> NORTH EAST INDIA PROVINCE DAY

December 4<sup>th</sup> had a festive mood, to celebrate its 23<sup>rd</sup> Province day. The day began with a meaningful Prayer service, with various symbols, gestures, prayer, hymns and the whole hearted participation of all present, renewed in us our call to our mission.



For this august gathering, present were the three Provincials, all the superiors and sisters from neighbouring communities. The newly professed sisters - vibrant, creative, youthfulness added to the glamour and festive mood of the day by their involvement and contribution which made the day solemn.



At 7 a. m, all the sisters, entered the chapel in procession, for the Holy Eucharist holding the lit lamps in hand, with the accompaniment of entrance hymn. The 22 lamps were placed on the map of north East India that was placed on the side of the altar. The liturgy was meaningful. In the introduction, we thanked and praise God, who accompanied us in our vocation and mission in these 22 years of its existence in this region. The celebrant reminded us that the family values, nurture our vocation and today we are chosen and consecrated because of the cry of some people like Moses who were chosen when God heard the cry of His people. He gave the example of trees. It is the branches that yield the fruit and not the trunk. So also, we the branches spread out in our communities bear fruit for his kingdom.

We had a pleasant surprise during lunch, by our young sisters, who entertained us as we relished our food, with their meaningful action song, a skit to depict “ caring community “ and other programmes. Sr. Dorothy Kattakkakathootu conveyed a meaningful message for all of us to live our consecrated life and to grow in the charism of our Institute family. Sr. Jozy Palatty, our Provincial superior thanked all the sisters of the Province for their prayerful support and collaboration. She appreciated the willingness of sisters and communities in sponsoring the days various requirements. We raised our profound gratitude to God for His marvellous ways of blessing the Province. To our Patroness holy infant Mary, we entrust our province and its needs for the year to come.

