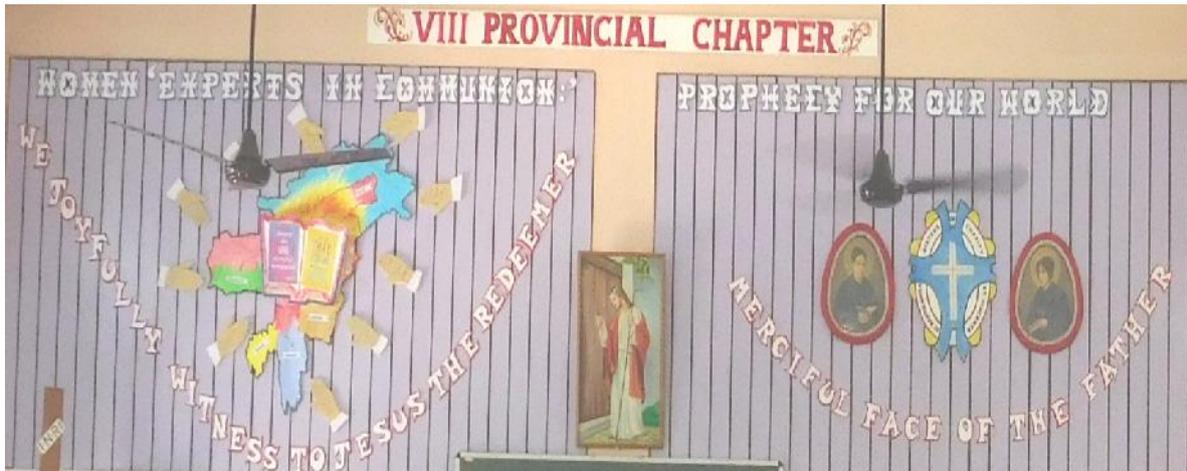


VIII Provincial Chapter - North East India Province



The VIII Provincial Chapter of North East India Province was celebrated at the Provincialate, Guwahati from 22nd to 25th September 2016 on the theme '**Women Experts in Communion**': Prophecy for our World, Joyful witness to Jesus the Redeemer- Merciful face of the Father.



During, the input session, on 22nd September Rev. Fr. Emmanuel Uppamthadathil MSFS highlighted us on the theme. He exhorted us to reflect on "**Jesus the Redeemer - Merciful face of the father**" and how we witness to it as religious persons. Referring to the apostolic letter of Pope Francis '**Mercy of the Father**', he stressed on the importance of being faithful witnesses of Christ convincingly, courageously and constantly. He reminded us that we are sisters walking towards communion and live this communion in our community life.

On 23rd morning at 8.30 a.m., the chapter delegates assembled before the Blessed Sacrament to draw inspiration, blessing and spiritual energy from the Divine Master. It was a moment of grace and oneness where all the members with one heart and mind prayed to the Lord for His Divine light. Sr. Jozy Pallatty, the Provincial Superior lighted the lamp and every delegate was invited to add oil to the burning lamp symbolising their cooperation. After a meaningful prayer service, the delegates proceeded to the Chapter Hall for the Inaugural session.



The session began with the lighting of the lamp, and all invoked the assistance of the Holy Spirit by singing. The Provincial Superior inaugurated the session with her opening message and declared the chapter opened. She presented the Documentary Evidence from 2011 - 2016 which gave us a clear picture of the province. She also asked the members to take the responsibility seriously by contributing their very best for the fruitfulness of the chapter. The following days were spent in prayer, studies, reflection and discussion on the theme and the answers to the questionnaire in preparation for the XXVII General Chapter. The Lord's tangible presence was felt all through.



On 25th afternoon Provincial Superior clearly explained to us the guidelines for the election of the delegates for the XXVII General Chapter. After an hour of adoration the members elected the two delegates and their substitute in an atmosphere of peace, harmony and fraternal communion. At the concluding message the provincial superior reminded us to live our consecrated life more authentically and be a joyful witness to Jesus the Redeemer- Merciful face of the Father. We praise God for this time of grace and intense experiences. We resolve to strive to journey together overlooking our differences and fixing our gaze on the One who unifies us – Jesus Christ our Redeemer.