

PROVINCE OF NORTH EAST INDIA

IV PROVINCIAL CONSULTATION – 24TH – 27TH SEPTEMBER 2012

The IV Consultative Assembly of the North East India province was celebrated at the provincialate, Guwahati, from 24th – 27th September 2012, with the theme” **Deepening of Interpersonal relationship for the effectiveness of the mission of charity**”.

The consultative assembly began with input session related to the theme by an expert Rev. Fr. Joseph Thazhathukunnel MSFS. He expounded to us in a systematic way, the origin and development of concept of interpersonal relationship through the years, he said. It was Martin Buber the Jewish philosopher who steeped in the biblical background, introduced this concept, which today runs in all spheres of life, including religious life. Various leadership styles both in religious/secular temporal ways of life, characterise interpersonal relationship. He highlighted characteristic of a godly community. In reference to our Rule of life, he placed for our reflection; the place of Mary in our mission, Cs.8. He portrayed to us Mary our mother as a paragon of virtues, and model of religious life. The resource person enlightened us on the types of leadership for better understanding of which requires maturity. If not it can become a dysfunctional community. The resource person explained to us in a methodical way, how we can conduct community meetings effectively. He emphasised the concept of **5’P** s,ie, **Proper preparation prevents poor performances.**

On 25th September 2012 the Consultative assembly commenced with a prayer service closely connected to the theme. An apt symbolic gesture of adding grains of incense to the burning coal by each member was a sign of our interrelatedness and that set tone for the work of the assembly to undertake.

Rev. Sr. Jozy Palatty, our provincial Superior, declared open the fourth Consultative Assembly and introduced the theme of the consultation. She then read out Mother’s Message to the assembly which made us feel her spiritual presence throughout, among us. The group studies and reflections were very enriching to verify the quality of our interpersonal relationship both in the community and apostolate. We are indebted to our entire religious family for the prayerful support and sacrifices in the fruitful completion of our Fourth Provincial Consultation.





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