

**May 2023, N° 2***E-mail: [generalate@sistersofcharity.nl](mailto:generalate@sistersofcharity.nl)***Reflection by Sr. Hermin Bu'ulölö**

When Jesus spoke lovingly to his disciples at his parting, He suggested that his disciples still had much to hear and understand, but they were ready. Then he assured them that when the Spirit came, they would be able to see what was happening in a new way. This gift came after the disciples entered the suffering and death of Jesus and received the grace of Pentecost. Only then do they have the ability to understand the meaning of that painful event, to understand it in resurrection flashbacks. In many ways, this also applies to our lives. We long to understand our personal journey. But the deeper meanings of our life experiences often only reveal themselves after we've been through hard times. Only then do we understand how that event has blessed us with the growth of our faith. Life will always have some unwanted events that can tell us more about who we are. Suffering can give us insight and compassion if we wait patiently for the Spirit to reveal it to us. Achieving something requires patience and sacrifice.

**General Chapter 2023**

The preparations for the chapter are in full swing. In order to involve everyone as much as possible, the General Board has submitted various questions per theme to all chapter members. Each of them discussed this together with other sisters and gave input to the general board. The collected answers provide inspiration, new reflections and useful input for further preparations. We are very grateful that everyone thinks so fully about our future. To give everyone the opportunity to know the insights and ideas of all provinces and regions, all answers have been distributed. The general board is now busy to come up with a good program with all the ideas supplied.



In addition, the 2017-2023 management report will be distributed digitally as soon as possible, so that it can also be involved by everyone in the further preparations.

## **Moving to Tilburg**

The general board is busy with the move to Tilburg. On April 17, the keys of 3 apartments and all office spaces were received. We are not only busy with the furnishing of our office in Tilburg, but also with the sale of our building in Den Bosch. A lot of work needs to be done to ensure that everything runs smoothly, so that after the chapter in August we will actually have the generalate in Tilburg ready for the new board term.

As of August 1, 2023, the visiting and postal address is:

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5038 VP Tilburg

All e-mail addresses remain the same. The new phone number has not yet been announced.

## **Photos vows for life in Timor Leste (March 25, 2023)**



Sr. Hermin and sr. Sofiani were on a working visit to Timor Leste in March. With a stay in Akadiruhun and in St. Luke's in Ossu , meeting and talking to each other was central.

The celebration of the life vows of Sr. Nidia Pascoal and sr. Francisca Soares de Araujo on March 25 was a highlight. Here is a photo impression. The bishop was present. On March 26, Sr. Hermin and sr. Sofiani talked to all the sisters who were present. The

Brothers CMM were also present at the closing dinner. It was a good and joyful working visit.



### **Renewal of vows for 60 junior sisters in Indonesia**

The evaluation by the Superiors and the Vormers in Indonesia took place in April. Sixty junior sisters were evaluated on personality, spiritual life, community life, vows, apostolate and other aspects. Both the Provincial Council and the General Board are delighted that all 60 sisters will renew their vows on May 31, 2023. Let's pray that they continue to practice their calling to become SCMM sisters in the coming year.

### **News of the St. Anna Foundation and the SCMM Sisters in Grisenda-North Jakarta**

In the context of the holy month of Ramadan, the St. Anna Foundation, SCMM sisters and the staf of the Santa Anna Elderly Home distributed 120 food packages for cleaning service & security officers in the Grisenda-Nort Jakarta.







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## Various Easter celebration activities at St. Melania-Sarudik

During Easter activities for the children were organised. The children really liked it all.

## Anniversary and death

On April 15, 2023, the sisters in the Philippines gathered to joyfully celebrate the 25th religious jubilee of Sr. Evangeline Cuyasen. Above all, this Jubilee celebrated God's call, His faithfulness, which was an anchor in Sister Vangie's life. Her deep faith allowed her to celebrate her 'yes' in various tasks that she carried out with dedication and responsibility. On April 24, 2023, Sister Evangeline passed away.



## **Love & Sorrow**

### **Dear**

Sr. Lusineta da Silva Pereira (Brazil) celebrates its 12½ year anniversary on August 2.

Sr. Constanta Lowette (Belgium) celebrates her birthday on August 14, when she will be 102 years old.

### ***Suffering***

In recent months, two sisters have passed away:

24-04-2023 Sr. Evangeline Cuysen (Philippines)

02-05-2023 Sr. Serva Bergsma (Netherlands)

18-05-2023 Sr. Cecilia Harink (Netherlands)

**We wish you all an inspiring good Pentecost!**