Golden Jubilee Celebration!

Congratulations to our dear Sr. Alphonsa Mundanmani, Cecilia Govias and Sabina Pathros on the occasion of the Golden Jubilee of their Religious Profession !!!
We, the Sisters of CEIN Province thank God for the fifty years our dear sisters Cecilia, Sabina and Alphonsa walked in the footsteps of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, tending His sheep with care and compassion in various ministries of our communities and serving the sisters as considerate and dynamic leaders of our communities.

To celebrate this milestone in the life of our dear Sisters and to thank God for all that He accomplished in and through their life and mission, there was a Eucharistic Celebration on the 6th of July 2019 at our Convent in Chennai. The simple yet tastefully decorated chapel created a fitting ambience for the celebration of this golden occasion. Many of our sisters were present to pray with and for our Jubilarians. The presence of Sr. Meera, the Province Leader and many of our sisters from the Province of South West Province was indeed a sign of their appreciation of the valuable contributions our dear Jubilarians made in that Province. It was wonderful to see the sisters and brothers of our sisters with their families joining the Good Shepherd family in celebrating this joyous occasion.

Rev. Fr. Michael Govias, the brother of Sr. Cecilia was the main celebrant for the Eucharistic celebration, joining him were five other concelebrants with the theme: “My Heart Exults in the Lord my God”. The choir comprising of our sisters from the communities of both provinces filled the chapel with their sweet melodious voices to meaningful hymns carefully chosen for this special occasion. The introduction read by Sr. Pushpa Louis highlighted the life and ministries of our Jubilarians.

When we consider a commitment of 50 years to any unique lifestyle, that milestone is rare, if ever reached. Thank God our three sisters have made it with the Lord’s assistance. At the close of the celebration of the Eucharist the Jubilarians expressed their gratitude to everyone who has touched their lives and walked with them in their life’s journey and because of whom they have become what they are. Special mention was made of the presence of Sr. Perpetua, their first formator and all those who contributed much for this day’s function.

After the celebration of the Eucharist there was a short felicitation ceremony. The Jubilarians were brought to the stage in procession led by Sr. Deanne, the M.C. and accompanied by the sisters of the Province Leadership Team. The sisters sang melodious song to congratulate the Jubilarians and to wish them well for the years to come. Cutting of the cake, honoring them with shawls were all done in a joyful setting. The little ones of the Junior Section added color to the ceremony with their rhythm and dance. Srs. Mariam and Mercy Abraham who knew the three sisters well, shared their experience of them and appreciated them for their dedicated lives joyfully lived in the Good Shepherd fold for the past fifty years.

This was followed by a festal meal well prepared to befit the occasion. As the meal was shared, there was a lot of sharing of happy memories of the golden years.

Thank you dear Sisters for allowing us to celebrate your consecrated golden years well spent for the Lord and His people. Thanks to one and all. May God be praised.