



Glimpse

Central India
Province of Blessed Enrichetta
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**"Forever Grateful,
Abundantly Blessed"**

18th February 2023 will remain a red letter day in the annals of our Province as we celebrated the Centenary of the erection of the first Province in India in the presence of Our Superior General, Mother Francesca Sarciá and Sr. Marcia Lobo, the General Secretary of our beloved Institute. The event became more magnificent, memorable, and meaningful because of their gracious presence since they represented the entire Congregation.



The programme for the day was very systematically planned. This historic event began with an adoration at 8.30 a.m., glorifying the Most Holy Trinity for all the blessings received and thanking the Lord for the gift of our Blessed Mother Enrichetta who was instrumental in starting our Mission here in India. Jubilees are the privileged moments to cherish yesteryears and this event was a testimony to this. The centenary celebrations were divided into 5 'R's:



RECALL
RENEW
REVIEW
REVIVE &
REACH OUT'.

The First R -RECALL:

A play 'The humble beginning - the Sacred Journey' brought into focus the timeless vision of our Blessed Enrichetta and her relevance today. A tableau put up by the Sisters of Mallapur,

Munagala and Ayyavarigudem Communities took us through the journey of our beginning. This opening ceremony exhorted us to rejoice over the marvellous deeds worked by God. Today the Indian Province has spread into



17 states and is divided into 5 Provinces with the sole aim of carrying out the Mission and Charism of our Founders and Blessed Mother Enrichetta. It was time for all of us to trace back to the roots, the sweat and toil of the pioneers and their exemplary life and the rich legacy which passed on to the new generation. It was indeed a great journey into the history of the beginning of our Province.

A delightful addition to our special celebration was the **Panel Discussion** on various issues we come across in our daily life and this was dealt with by some of our elderly Sisters who participated in it with great enthusiasm and love

for the Congregation; it indeed rejuvenated our spirits. All of them spoke with deep conviction and motivated the younger generations.



The Second R- RENEW:

The second program of the day was the much-awaited final round of Quiz Competition on the Rule of Life: Constitutions and Directory. The quiz was conducted in a very interactive manner and the sisters representing their respective communities participated in it with great enthusiasm. It was an opportunity for the sisters to remind themselves once again about the essence of our constitutions – the way of our life.



The Third R - REVIEW:

The next segment of the program - **Review** - was a debate on the topic: "A Sister of St. Ann is a witnessing presence today". The Sisters speaking for and against the topic left the audience spellbound as it was truly a soul-searching invitation to look at our life as a

religious calling and to know where we stand. While some of the points were encouraging and morale boosters others were harsh bitter truths and eye-openers. We learned our stand in the world, especially in India. We pledged ourselves in unison to amend our ways into Christ, our spouse. We solemnly recalled and reviewed our



religious lives hoping to see a better tomorrow in one another and resolved firmly to be an effective presence in word and deed.



Blessed Mother Enrichetta's dream of being a missionary in India became a reality when she sent six Sisters with the motto 'God Alone' to fulfil the missionary call. It was befitting that we celebrated the Centenary reminding ourselves of her motto. Our beloved Superior General Mother



Francesca Sarciá unveiled a symbolic representation of the motto of Mother Enrichetta Dominici. We pray that the ideals of our blessed Mother Enrichetta Dominici be carried out by each one of us.

This was followed by the *inauguration of the exhibition*, which showcased a plethora of talents that portrayed our Origin, Charism, Spirituality, and Mission, put up by each and every Community in the Province, Formees and LASA Members.



The Fourth R- REVIVE:

The Sisters from the Communities of Secunderabad, Tarnaka and Bolarum Novitiate enacted the lives of a few stalwarts namely Mother Bonosa, Mother Clemenza, Mother Mary Angelina Damonte, Mother Mary Adelaide Novara and Sr. Rinalda, depicting their love for the Congregation, untiring zeal and Missionary spirit. The life of each Sister exhibited a deep longing for God, and complete abandonment to God's Providence. The joy of living their Religious Vocation to the full is being manifested in their 'being' and 'doing'. Community life was an invitation for them to fulfil the mission entrusted by the Congregation by being witnesses. Zeal for the mission was unsurpassed. They adopted the local culture, language and flourished in Indian missions.

Sisters professed between 1962 to 2022, grouped



batch-wise, and with great enthusiasm engaged themselves in presenting our Origin, Spirituality, Vision, Mission, etc. in a creative and unique manner. The Sisters found themselves composing songs, choreographing dances which were unique in their demeanour and in their theme. From mimes that interpreted the dream of our Founder to character enactments that left everyone amused and Tableaus that brought us closer to nature along with skits that brought in laughter and cheer were staged with apt. There was also thunderous applause when Mother Francesca and Sr. Marcia joined their respective batches. A glance into the performances of our dear sister:

Group 1: (Batches 1957 to 1981)

The Sisters dramatized the “Love of God to us and our Preciousness to Him”.



Group 2: (Batches 1982 to 1987)

The Sisters performed an Eco-Orchestra, beginning with creation then connecting to the Congregation and reaching out, and ended with Mother Enrichetta's song... "lover of nature".....



Group 3: (Batches 1988 to 1993)

The Sisters did a Fancy dress parade. They dressed up like the Presidents of 11 Countries where our Congregation has been extended and greeted the Sisters (Audience). The highlight of this item was when the Pope (Mother General wore the face mask of Pope Francis) also came to greet us on this great day of celebration.



Group 4: (Batches 1994 to 1999)

The Sisters danced on 'the tribute to our Founders, M.E and Congregation'. The Sisters dressed up in the traditional costumes of different States of India and extended their greeting to the Sisters through the dance of that State.



Group 5: (Batches 2000 to 2006)

The Sisters Composed a song to express their sentiment of gratitude to all the Superior Generals and Provincial Superiors from the inception of the Institute till date. They included their names, their virtues, motto and values individually.

Group 6: (Batches 2007 to 2010)

The Sisters performed a Folk dance that depicted the happiness and joy of the Sisters of St. Ann as individuals living in a Family.



Group 7 : (Batches 2011 to 2015)

They dramatized the scene at the Napoleon Court, where Carlo and Giulia met each other and began love at first sight. The drama ended with the message that through this love the Sisters of St. Ann were born.

Group 8: (Batches 2016 to 2022)

They depicted a Mime on "The Dream of Carlo" about how Carlo desired the Sisters of St. Ann to be in the Congregation.

Group: (Formees)

The Formees have performed a skit on the Barolo Garden.

It was indeed an array of the enviable of the Province; a feast to the eyes and a fitting memory to commemorate the journey of Sisters of St. Ann for a hundred years in India as a Province.





The Fifth R – REACH OUT

A Glimpse into the future. An interview with the Founders were presented by the Sisters of Khanapur Community, LASA Members, Youth, students, young girls from Shanthi Sadan and Formees. This was the highlight of the programme that motivated everyone present there to launch into the unknown with



conviction and having faith in God and love for Humanity. It was presented in the form of live interview *India Talks - Glimpse into the Future*.

The interview focused primarily on the future of the Sister of St. Ann, to look within so as to look ahead is not an easy task. It needs courage to reflect how a Sister of St. Ann will make her life a relevant one, where manpower is and will be replaced by artificial intelligence in the workforce and where vocations to religious life is gradually decreasing, The world in the coming 50 years will face hunger for love, kindness, desire to be happy, longing for company which are the primary emotional needs of every person. Emotional needs will far surpass material needs in the years to come. Keeping in mind the works of charity being done, no doubt which will be carried out, each one visualised themselves to be a sister so as to make themselves more humane towards fellow sisters, formees, students, patients, inmates and people associated with us in our ministry. It is direct call for SAP to invest time in healing the souls with the weapon of spiritual wealth and physical touch.

STRAIGHT FROM THE HEART

Our Superior General Mother Francesca Sarciá addressed the gathering and spoke about the great love for the mission that our pioneer missionary Sisters had and gave a brief history of the erection of the Province in the year 1922. She gratefully acknowledged the missionary spirit of our Sisters who fostered Charism for the last hundred years in India, especially to the poorest of the





poor. She invited everyone to preserve and develop the Charism of our Founders which is a gift from God. Sr. Cicily , provincial superior expressed her gratitude to our Mother General and Sr. Marcia for their benevolent presence during these centenary celebrations, and for all the former provincials for their contribution towards the expansion of the province and all the sisters of the province for their participation, support and contribution towards the meaningful celebration of the Jubilee.

FUTURE OF HOPE

To mark the occasion, Mother Francesca released the Province newsletter titled “Glimpse” which would replace our regular province bulletin and a 365 day spiritual calendar that contains the writings of our Founders and Mother Enrichetta. The main objective for compiling the ‘365 days Diary’ is to reflect on the spiritual legacy left by our founders and Mother Enrichetta, their literary works, writings and their contribution towards the upliftment of the suffering humanity and to know more about our life, Spirituality, Devotions, LASA etc.



ALL GLORY TO GOD !

This auspicious day came to an end with the Holy Eucharistic celebrated by His Eminence Cardinal Dr.Poola Anthony, the Archbishop of Hyderabad. In his homily, Cardinal Poola Anthony looking at everyone gathered there remarked, “In heaven, Blessed Mother Enrichetta and your Venerated Founders would be happy to see the Sisters and the whole Annite family for your faithful service to humanity”. On this auspicious day of great joy, he invited the gathering to celebrate the faith that has





been guiding us and to thank the Lord for the salvific history that has been transforming the lives of many downtrodden young people and children during these hundred years. He expressed his gratitude and appreciation to the Sisters for their Centenary milestone; he thanked the Sisters for keeping the flame ever burning in India and in the world at large. He also thanked Mother Generals and their Councils, Provincial Superiors and their teams for their untiring service for the poor and the needy in India and more specially in the Archdiocese of Hyderabad.

Forever Grateful, Abundantly Blessed....
 Yes, we are abundantly blessed and will remain ever grateful,
 for the Almighty has done great things for us.