

## **IX PROVINCIAL CHAPTER OF THE PROVINCE OF SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER**

We are happy to share with you that our IX provincial chapter has been celebrated with great preparation, enthusiasm and joy. Thank you for your prayerful support and well wishes. By God's grace, everything went well as we had desired and prayed for.

### **January 6, 2025**

The Chapter commenced with the Eucharistic celebration at 6:30 am. Today's theme resonates with the theme of our chapter "The Consecrated Life Today." As John the Baptist was arrested and Jesus had a challenging time, we too experience difficulties and uncertainties in our vocation. We may make mistakes, but we are continually learning from them.

Followed by the eucharist Sr. Eugene Mary Pathrose, the Councilor of Social Action and Development Cooperation enlightened us with her beautiful and inspiring talk on our Working Document "Identity and belonging, Communion and Diversity, Hope and Commitment."

After a short break, a solemn opening of the chapter took place with the enthronement of the Bible accompanied by symbolic offerings. Thereafter we proceeded to the presentation of the triennial report of the province by the provincial Secretary and other Councilors.

It gave us immense joy the virtual addressing of Sr. Carmen Mora, our Superior General although for a very short while. God bless her simplicity of heart and motherly concern.

### **January 7, 2025**

Continuation of the presentation of the reports until noon. Then the rest of the day we engaged in group discussions and plenary sessions with part 1: "Identity and Belonging." The LSAF joined us today and presented their answers to the working Documents.

### **January 8, 2025**

Each day, the Eucharistic celebration would give us a fresh insight to begin the day. We continued with the second and third part of the working Document, "Communion and diversity, and Hope and Commitment."

### **January 9, 2025**

It was a day we spent in evaluation of the Third Continental Assembly of Asia Pacific Provinces and other proposals with regard to the future of our

Province as we go on getting smaller in number and the possibilities for new vocations seem to be far from our sight.

But this chapter was an eye opener for us to make great efforts with regard to vocational culture. It was a channel through which we came to know ourselves better and the congregation as well.

We hope to better ourselves to live our consecration more relevantly, making our Communities with home taste where everyone feels welcomed, valued , and giving spaces to everyone to grow in her own way. A beautiful and enriching document on which everyone can be nourished!







