

“Community Life”

“For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function”¹

We are called to live our life in the community in communion with members from different cultural and linguistic backgrounds. We are grateful to God for His call to do His mission. We leave our own family members and our own place to live with unknown people. It is a great challenge. However, we find joy in this life because our community living keeps us together and brings us a sense of belongingness. Here we learn to live and love. We say often “**sharing is caring**” and therefore as young sisters it is our co-responsibility with every sister to keep the spirit of community life alive in how we live the Gospel values, contribute to its wellbeing and going the extra mile to serve.



As sisters we need each other. Together we journey and achieve much for the kingdom of God. Community life can be compared with a vase of different varieties of flowers. Each individual flower adds beauty to the whole bunch together.

We are aware as we grow that no life is without struggles. There are ups and downs, plain sailing and struggles, harmony and conflicts, happiness and joy, success, and failures, falling and picking ourselves up again, hatred and love, good and evil. All these are part of life that helps us to strengthen our vocation. As sisters and as Christians we are called to let go of the unpleasant and cherish the goodness in each other.

We are called to accept what may come to us in our life journey and transcend what is not positive and life giving and we do this with trust in God and in other members of the community so that together we live what is essential to be and become a joyful religious. We realise when we put God

¹ (Rom 12:4)

first in our lives it becomes easy to overcome all the hurdles and this helps us give witness to the world of the love, we have for each other and the life we live for the Lord.

As young sisters we experience love, care, and concern from the members of our community. We learn from the sisters in the community, above all the unity and the beauty to praise the Lord as community during prayer times together. This is an amazing experience. We consider it as a blessing. God has called us to make a difference in this world. '***We are in the world but not of the world²***.' We feel good in community life as we grow in our love for God. We also build our relationships. The presence of the Holy Spirit guides us to live in the community faithfully. God invites each of us to live a life of holiness and we believe that religious life in the community is a unique gift of God.

When we were born, we did not choose our parents and family, it was the plan of God. God has taken the initiative to call us and we have responded to it generously and willingly. The call of God to religious life is something amazing and, in this life, we can achieve true happiness when we are true to ourselves and to God.

Thank you

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² John 17:11, 14–15.