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Transforming both the Served and the Servant

As our year under the theme of ***Transformation*** draws to a close, we do not simply mark an ending, but gather the fruits of a sacred journey. In 2025, we witnessed this transformation not as a distant concept, but as a living reality in our ministries.

In this issue are stories that include the unwavering resolve of the Sisters in India East, turning a crumbling school into a beacon of hope. It is the courage of our mission in India Central, empowering women to claim their rights. From the seeds of self-reliance sown in a Mozambican home to the advocacy for our Common Home at COP30 in Brazil, this leadership listens, heals, and empowers. It is the healthcare challenging stigma in India Northeast's mountains and the education transforming lives from under a tree in Timor-Leste. It ignites in the shared passion of sisters preparing for overseas mission and in the spirit-filled discernment shaping our new European Province. It is a collective voice for migrants in India and a unified cry for peace from Rome. It is found in going back to the roots in Angola mission and in the divine spark within every child in Kalimantan.

True mission transforms both the served and the servant. This is the ripple effect of the Spirit, moving through each of us to be part of the transformation in the world.

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Where There' s a Will, There's a Way

Sr. Tessy Jacob, SSpS
Province of India East

Unfazed by deep community skepticism, the SSpS mission transformed a crumbling school into a beacon of hope and learning.

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Education is the foundation of development. What happens when the education system is weak and wobbly? Sr. Philicia Soreng from East India faced this dilemma. Appointed in 2000 to a parish school in Jharsuguda, Odisha, she stepped into a substandard system plagued with a literacy rate below 60 percent, inadequate infrastructure and a lack of educator commitment.

Sr. Philicia (standing) faced the immense challenge of transforming a dilapidated and structurally unsound building into a school of learning.

Named headmistress in 2018, Sr. Philicia had to run a government-aided school in pitiful condition. The challenges were immense: a structurally unsound building with no toilets, necessitating open defecation; students seated on the floor in classrooms that had no chairs or desks. Majority of the teachers received meager salaries and suffered low morale. As a result, although located in a prime area, the school was perennially underpopulated.

Working against all odds, Sr. Philicia and her dedicated team toiled for change. They raised funds for infrastructure—fresh paint, water-fitted washrooms, classroom seating. Defying humiliation from both locals and authorities, she stood firm, convincing even reluctant, impoverished parents to fork out contributions, providing some additional income for the staff.

A newly vibrant and supportive learning environment empowered students to dream bigger and achieve more than they thought possible

These resulted in profound changes. The environment became conducive to learning, inspiring the students to extend their reach. They started excelling in competitions, and gaining admission to prestigious institutions. Once a no man's land, the school steadily became much sought after.

This transformative journey for staff, students, and society is an eloquent testament to passion and commitment that can and do bring change, even when means are remote and circumstances seem beyond control.

Language, Loaves, and Liberation

Sr. Olga Abel, SSpS
Region of Mozambique

In a home for four young women in Mozambique, daily lessons in faith, language, and self-reliance are challenging deep-seated cultural norms.

Four young women with Sr. Olga at the center. .

AFRICA

From the garden to their future, these young women are learning to grow their own sustenance .

Currently hosting to four young women—Berta, Rosalina, Amelia and Domingas— is the Mother Josefa Home in Mozambique's Guro district. The girls hail from rural poverty, where only local languages are spoken. They arrived poorly educated and communicating in weak Portuguese, a crucial challenge to the school integration that they hope for, and the Home's academic support.

In Mozambican society, women are underacknowledged, their education undervalued. Rural families traditionally prioritize preparing female offspring for marriage over schooling, a pattern that missionaries strive to reverse.

The Home provides holistic formation, working to deepen its wards' spiritual life through daily Holy Mass and prayer. They are taught proper Portuguese, and schooled in ethics and self-care. They are instructed in household chores and financial management.

In a small, family-like setting, each young woman receives the focused care she needs to flourish.

Self-reliance is inspired by teaching the girls vegetable gardening, making ice cream and baking cookies for sale. These prospects provide alternatives to premature marriage, a common strategy to reduce family expenses. When their daughters return healthy, refined in manner and capable, the parents' willingness to invest in their education is ignited.

This year's small group of four made more personalized attention possible, and yielded appreciable results in the girls' behavior, plus a shared enthusiasm for growth.

Living with the sisters taught them to "see life differently," they said. Thus, despite the daunting challenge of shifting parental mindsets in a culture that tolerates polygamy, the mission perseveres, holding its hopeful wards' hands on a journey of learning based on the Gospel, and ensuring that the transformation benefits not only themselves but also their families and society at large.

Legal Aid Cell Advocates for Women

Sr. Lizy Thomas, SSpS
Province of India Central

A provincial chapter resolution inspired an initiative that empowers women, challenge violence, and claim their rights.

((Left to right) A local police official, Sr. Lizy Thomas , and an Uday Society staff facilitates a problem-solving dialogue with a woman who survived domestic violence.

A community-based legal aid cell for women, the Nyay Chaupal initiative, was conceived as a Resolution of the 7th Provincial Chapter of India Central (INC). It was initiated by the Uday Society to address mounting violence against women.

(Photo above and below) Community members, acting as first responders and provide crucial legal support and guidance to women seeking justice.

Today, ”Nyay Chaupal" refers to a safe and accessible space where women and girls gather to discuss their predicaments and seek assistance, particularly in cases of domestic violence. Thus, it functions as a community-led legal aid mechanism of, by, and for survivors, paving the way for easy access to justice.

The dialogues began on June 28, 2017, with 16 survivors. It has since built a strong network of 522 women leaders and expanded its reach to rural areas.

Then as now, the movement’s primary objectives are to empower women survivors, raise awareness about their rights, and challenge gender discrimination and patriarchy. The members foster peace and harmony within their families and communities by providing mutual consultation, counselling, and mental health support, while striving to prevent family disintegration.

A “gatekeeping mechanism” keeps the forum focused on resolving conflicts at an early stage, before they escalate. When external intervention becomes necessary, the members refer cases to relevant authorities such as the police or the District Legal Services Authority, while ensuring regular follow-ups and continued support.

Since its inception, Nyay Chaupal has resolved over 2,400 cases of domestic violence through joint counselling and collective action, demonstrating its effectiveness and the deep trust that the community has invested in it.

Vivat International @COP30

Sr. Albersia Hope Tapoona, SSpS
Province of Brazil North

Amidst critical climate discussions of COP30 in the Brazilian Amazon, a prophetic voice advocates for the rights of vulnerable communities, revisiting a call for solutions.

Sr. Petronella Boonen traces the impactful journey of VIVAT International, highlighting its enduring dedication to Justice, Peace, and the Integrity of Creation

VIVAT International marks its 25th anniversary, celebrating this significant milestone in collaboration with partner organizations.

The presence of the SSpS and VIVAT International amplifies the vital perspectives of Indigenous, Quilombola, and riverside communities.

For the very first time, from November 10 to 21, 2025, the United Nations climate summer COP30, was set in the heart of the Brazilian Amazon, one of the most biodiverse places on earth. The objective was to highlight the wisdom of indigenous people in the search for solutions to the planetary climate crisis.

Through VIVAT International, the SSpS participated through a team: Sr. Maria Aparecida, Sr. Fátima Marques (Education), Sr. Petronella Boonen (VIVAT International), and Sr. Albersia Tapoona (Communications). Their presence was a tangible evidence of the Congregation's active commemoration of its Year of Transformation. It signified an unflagging commitment to listen to communities, foster inter-religious dialogue, and advocate for public policies that protect the most vulnerable.

Prompted by the pillars of listening, presence, and prophetic witness, VIVAT's advocacy highlighted critical themes: climate justice and human rights, the protection of Indigenous and traditional communities, defense of territories, and climate governance rooted in ethics and spirituality.

A milestone was the celebration of VIVAT International's 25th anniversary in partnership with the OFM (Order of Franciscan Missionaries), the CRB (Conference of Brazilian Religious), and several other organizations. Sr. Petronella traced VIVAT's journey, highlighting its enduring commitment to Justice, Peace and the Integrity of Creation (JPIC), its collaborative structure of 12 congregations, and its prophetic mission alongside threatened communities.

The SSpS and VIVAT presence amplified the often-unheard voices of indigenous, Quilombola, and riverside communities. This mission affirms our call to defend life, promote climate justice with hope, walk in solidarity, and courageously transform our world. We continue united as Servants of the Holy Spirit in caring for Planet Earth, our Common Home.

Medicine on the Move Reaches the Unreached

Sr. Elizabeth Rani, SSpS
Province of India Northeast

Bringing essential healthcare to India's remote mountain villages, Holy Spirit Hospital's outreach camps challenge deep-seated stigma and deliver wellness.

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Sr. Bernadette Pattethuparambil, provides free medical care to the community of Zion Village, Assam.

Unrelenting in its vital outreach mission, Holy Spirit Hospital in Haflong hill station conducted a free medical camp in Zion village on September 3, 2025. The team provided comprehensive care, examining 60 patients, distributing free medicines, and collecting sputum samples for critical TB testing.

Medical camps are a cornerstone of the hospital's commitment to TB eradication. During each visit, sisters and staff give awareness talks focused on prevention and treatment, as well as overcoming the stigma that surrounds the disease The mission is particularly urgent in the Dima Hasao district, where widespread poverty and nutritional deficiencies make the communities vulnerable to infections.

Free outreach camps are organized every 15 days, sometimes weekly, prioritizing interior villages where access to medical care is obstructed by poverty and scarce transport. Reaching these villages requires four to five hours of travel, round trip.

Basically, the camps help identify the range of diseases present on site. They also serve as initial screening and data-gathering points, enabling the hospital to map out health needs and plan targeted follow-up and future outreach direction.

Beyond treatment, the work includes challenging harmful superstitions, building health awareness, and emboldening those who avoid hospitals (due to infection anxieties) to seek timely care. Through these sustained efforts, Holy Spirit Hospital continues to bring both healing and hope to the most remote— until recently considered unreachable— communities around Haflong.

Sr. Lily Barla (seated, right) and members of the medical team conduct patient examination during the outreach, which provided essential services to 60 individuals

Alongside clinical care, the team focuses on health education, addressing misconceptions and encouraging the use of medical services

From a Simple Tree to a Thriving School

Sr. Isabel da Cruz de Deus,, SSpS
Sr. Maria Lucia dos Santos, SSpS
Province of Timor Leste

Discover how a humble beginning under a tree has blossomed into a mission for holistic education, shaping the minds and spirits of a new generation in Timor Leste.

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Children actively participate in Mass celebrations, learning liturgical prayers and leading the parish choir with joyful voices.

Students develop confidence and discover their unique talents through the school's holistic formation program.

This transformative work is a collective effort, now strengthened by the presence of MaZ volunteers from Germany.

The Holy Spirit School in Atabae embodies the SSpS mission of transformation. What began as a simple playgroup under a tree—meeting a critical need for education—has flourished into a formally recognized Junior High School. This journey from non-formal oratory to accredited education reflects a deep, community-driven dream: to nurture children into wise believers and active citizens who will serve both the Church and Timor-Leste.

The school's impact is profound and holistic. A clear spiritual transformation is witnessed as children learn to pray, actively participate in Mass, and lead parish choirs. Beyond faith formation, students develop confidence and talent through dynamic activities like science fairs, cultural competitions, and a drum band, learning to demonstrate their abilities without shame or fear. This education is a pastoral mission, carried out with joy to help each child develop their God-given talents.

This transformative work is a shared endeavor, now supported by MaZ volunteers from Germany. "The children are really motivated and smart," they share. The community resiliently faces challenges, with lessons sometimes moving outside under a tree to escape the heat—a poignant full-circle moment. The school provides crucial support like free meals, water, and transport, ensuring nothing hinders a child's growth. This journey from a humble beginning continues.

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Transformation towards a sustainable and responsible life, through lifegiving, creative and respectful relationships with all creation
TRANSFORMATION
SR. MICHAELA LEIFGEN
CONGREGATIONAL COORDINATOR FOR FORMATION

Discerning Europe's New Province for a Unified Future

Sr. Antonia Schmid, SSpS
(Steyl) Province of Germany

A spirit-filled encounter in Austria brings a new SSpS Province within Europe a step closer to reality.

(Fourth from right) Sr. Miriam Altenhofen, the Congregational Leader, joins ten Sisters representing the various European provinces and regions for this collaborative process.

A landmark moment unfolded in St. Komoman, Salzburg, during a spirit-filled discernment weekend, October 10—12, 2025. It was a time to listen with hearts attuned to the Holy Spirit, the only way to accurately reflect on, and pray for, the future provincial leader of the new European Province. Guided by an external facilitator and SSpS Congregational Leader Sr. Miriam Altenhofen, the gathering culminated in clarity and grace. From 10 proposed candidates, three sisters courageously expressed readiness to serve in the position about to be filled. It was a gift to the entire congregation. The election process was to proceed on October 25, 2025, for provincial leader as well as counsellors, with the new Provincial Leadership Team's introduction set for January 15, 2026.

This milestone honors the SSpS path of collaboration, which proudly spans decades. The journey is a response to God's call, reflected across years of growing in unity. A first meeting of German Provinces, Austria, and the Netherlands occurred in 1967. Subsequent significant steps included the 1989 centennial celebration commencing with sister exchanges in Eastern Europe, common formation starting in 1990, and the first Euro-Council. Over time, meetings among leadership teams and formators strengthened the shared mission, with communities across Europe becoming symbols of unity in diversity.

This unification journey represents a faithful response to a shared vocation, culminating from years of deepened collaboration and partnership across the region.

Patrizia Morgante facilitated the meeting.

In 2023, Austria, England–Ireland, Germany, Netherlands, and Spain–Portugal decided to merge by January 2026. To prepare, a four-sister Animation Team was formed in 2024, creating spaces for prayer and connection that concluded in a final gathering at the Steyl Motherhouse in July 2025. SSpS remains united in prayer and love of the Holy Spirit as this transformative journey continues.

Walking with the Uprooted

Sr. Sophia Arockia
Province of India East
Sr. Jessie Mary
Province of India South

A recent workshop in Malaysia orchestrated voices from across Asia to transform the challenges of migration into a call for compassionate action.

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Participants join hands in a symbolic gesture of unity, highlighting that a collaborative network is essential to address such a multifaceted challenge.

From August 31st to September 3rd, 2025, a landmark workshop on the situation of migrants across Asia took place in Malaysia. Sr. Sophia Arockia, JPIC (Justice, Peace, and Integrity of Creation) Coordinator for the India East Province, and Sr. Jessie Mary, a team member from VIVAT (a faith-based NGO that engages in advocacy work at the United Nations) India, were among the participants,

Held at the Archdiocesan Pastoral Centre in Kuala Lumpur, the event was jointly organized by several key Catholic organizations. A total of 72 participants from 20 countries participated in discussions that underscored a critical insight: A migrant's complex journey requires a response as interconnected as the root causes of migration itself, from climate change to economic disparity.

The workshop combined input sessions with eminent resource persons and impactful exposure visits to local organizations, among them the North South Initiative and the Myanmar Ethnic Organization. These face-to-face experiences, alongside theological reflections and panel discussions on legal frameworks, moved the conversation beyond analysis and into a strategic pastoral imperative.

Collective sharing revealed that the SSpS mission in this area of concern is to build a seamless network of support that mirrors the migrants' actual journeys across borders. This means creating practical pathways for involvement, such as setting up paralegal offices for distressed migrants and creating crucial linkages between churches in their countries of origin, transit facilities, and destination. It also requires collaborative efforts with governments and NGOs to ensure pre- and post-arrival orientations, provide safe shelters, and facilitate access to essential services, like healthcare and education.

Ultimately, the way forward is paved with solidarity—celebrating common festivals, offering mental health counseling, and working tirelessly to ensure that every migrant, documented or not, is recognized and protected within a community that upholds their inherent dignity.

Two SSpS sisters join seventy-two delegates from twenty nations for a regional workshop in Kuala Lumpur addressing the realities of migrants in Asia.

No War is Holy: A Unified Cry

Sr. Elaine Faith Taneo, SSpS
Rome, Italy

From the symbolic shadows of the Colosseum, global religious leaders issued a unified cry for peace, declaring war a human failure and urging action to end global conflicts.

Pope Leo XIV renews a global call for reconciliation and fraternity before an audience of Christian, Jewish, Muslim, Buddhist, Hindu, and other faith delegates. Photo courtesy of Vatican Media

EUROPE

The ancient Colosseum in Rome, once a symbol of conflict, now stands as a powerful sanctuary for peace and dialogue. Photo courtesy of Catholic Review.

An ancient symbol of conflict, the Colosseum in Rome became a present-day sanctuary for peace on October 28, 2025. Sr. Miriam Altenhofen, Congregational Leader, and a board member of the Union of Superiors General (UISG), with representatives from UISG, joined Pope Leo XIV and a diverse assembly of world religious leaders for the closing of the International Meeting for Peace.

Before an audience of Christian, Jewish, Muslim, Buddhist, and Hindu delegates, as well as those from other faiths, the Pope renewed a global call for reconciliation and fraternity. The powerful convocation, organized by Rome's Sant'Egidio (Lay) Community, orchestrated voices in a singular message: War represents a profound failure of humanity, and a different future is possible.

"It deeply touched me to stand in front of the Colosseum among so many representatives of different faiths and traditions and Pope Leo IVX, united in one urgent prayer: enough of war, enough of violence. May the Lord guide us as we seek to build a more peaceful world, where every person can live with dignity."

Sr. Miriam Altenhofen

In the spirit of dialogue, the religious leaders signed a joint appeal condemning global inequalities and the delusion that security can come through conflict. They emphasized that peace is more than the absence of war and that, in fact, it requires the active presence of love, dignity, and humanity.

Denouncing a world where power overrides international law, the leaders called for a courageous "paradigm shift," advocating an "unarmed and disarming peace" and strongly contending that true security is built on dialogue and reconciliation, not weapons or walls. Their powerful declaration—"No war is holy, only peace is holy"—affirmed that peacemaking that is rooted in prayer, alongside persistent dialogue, is the only path that answers the hopes of the vulnerable and completely, compassionately transforms the course of history.

Sowing Dreams with Children of Kilometer 14

Sr. Maria Fatima, SSpS
Sr. Imakulata Weka, SSpS
Province of Kalimantan

A visit to a scavenger community in Indonesia becomes a powerful reminder that every child, no matter the origin, carries a seed of immense potential.

General Councilor Sr. Tressa Sebastian shares a moment of joy with children from the recycling community, listening to their stories and affirming their inherent worth.

Unexpected joy filled a routine visit to KM. 14 in Palangka Raya on September 21, 2025. Sr. Tressa Sebastian (General Councilor) visited the community of children whose families work as scavengers, a core initiative of the Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation (JPIC) ministry.

The simple visit created a powerful connection, inspiring smiles and hope that touched every child, sister, and volunteer present.

The visit created ripples of inspiration that visibly touched the children, the sisters, and the volunteers alike. In an address, Sr. Maria Fatima, JPIC coordinator, expressed a renewed determination to continue supporting the children. Sr. Tressa thanked the mission partners for their support: "You have done a noble job. May God always bless you." She said their persistence was a source of unwavering optimism that made the children feel seen and valued. The event culminated in a distribution of nutritious food, a simple demonstration of concern for the children's holistic well-being

For a child growing up on the margins, a moment of genuine attention is a powerful message: "Your life matters, and your dreams matter.

The gathering became a profound testament to the transformative power of presence. For children growing up on the margins, such moments of active attention are powerful affirmations that their lives matter and their dreams have value. The true harvest of this undertaking is not immediate prosperity, but a slow, steady growth of self-worth and possibilities. Indeed, the most significant transformations start not with grand gestures, but with a steadfast belief in a child's future, planting the seeds from which strong, fruitful trees can grow.

A Journey Back to the Missionary Roots

Sr. Sylwestra J. Pietrucka, SSpS
Sr. Odete M. da Silva, SSpS
Province of Angola

In a journey that has bridged decades and distances, the SSpS mission return to where it began 40 years ago.

A team of five lay faithful and two SSpS sisters (Sisters Sylwestra and Isabel) set out on the long journey from Viana to the remote community of Kindeje.

AFRICA

Sister Sylwestra Jadwiga Pietrucka was recognised by an elderly resident. His face lit up as she recalled her service decades ago.

On World Mission Sunday, two SSpS Sisters and five lay members from Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish journeyed from Viana to Kindeje, back to where our mission began 40 years ago. It was an answer to the Jubilee Year's call to cross boundaries and revisit our spiritual roots.

Traveling 240 km on challenging roads, the team reached remote villages where pastoral visits are rare. Following in the footsteps of the first Sisters who arrived there in 1982, they prayed beneath the same trees that once served as clandestine chapels, now silent witnesses to unextinguished faith.

There were nostalgic encounters, including one elderly resident recognizing Sr. Sylwestra from her earlier service, validating the lasting impact of previous missions. Home visits demonstrated the mission's essence distilled from listening, prayer, and simple acts of service. The team also witnessed a vibrant village wedding that beautifully merged faith and community celebration.

Celebrating hope and covenant: the mission team joins in the vibrant wedding celebration of a local couple, a testament to the faith that thrives in the community.

This partnership between laity and religious has vividly shown that mission belongs to every baptized Christian. And even as they worked to strengthen the local community, the missionaries have found themselves to be the most transformed. Uprooted from comfort, they learned that in giving we receive, and in serving others, we truly find our vocation and encounter Christ in new ways.

A long-awaited arrival, community members welcome missionaries, for whom a pastoral visit is a special and valuable gift.

Intercultural Flame: Igniting the Passion for Global Mission

Sr. Roma Ulina Situmorang, SSpS
Province of Flores West

Fifteen SSpS from five Indonesia provinces gather in a shared passion for mission as they prepare for overseas mission appointment.

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Fr. Sebastianus Hobahana, SVD, with the participants of the Mission Orientation Program for new overseas missionaries.

In a spirit of unity and dedication, the Joint Mission Orientation Program commenced on October 1, 2025 with the celebration of Holy Mass at the SSpS Mission Centre in West Flores. Representing five Indonesian provinces, the participating sisters have taken on service assignments across the globe. From West Flores Province, Sr. Imelda Aldi will serve in Taiwan; Sr. Th. Ana M. Hau and Sr. Agustina S. in Northern Brazil; Sr. Kristina M. Tangi and Sr. Benedicta Seniman in Argentina; Sr. Josepha N. A. Arsyad in South Africa; and Sr. Imelda Beong in Northern Argentina.

Participants hold candles during a powerful inaugural ceremony, symbolizing their dedication to carrying Christ's light to all nations.

From Timor Province, Sr. Klara Teu Nahak is assigned to Mexico, Sr. Brigitha Mali to South Africa, and Sr. Yurita Abi to East Timor. Sr. Marsiana Lumas of East Flores Province will serve in Korea, while from Kalimantan Province, Sr. Margaretha Kolo is assigned to Romania and Sr. Yustina Kebu to South Africa. Finally, Sr. Roma Ulina from Java Province will begin her mission in Poland.

Fr. Sebastianus Hobahana, SVD, inspired the sisters during his homily that exalted “Transformative and Prophetic Religious Women for Global Mission.” He urged them to embrace their calling with faithfulness, love, and courage. Sr. Paulina Ngula, Provincial Leader of West Flores, officially opened the program, encouraging every one of the sisters to grow in faith and readiness for the path ahead.

Fifteen SSpS sisters from across Indonesia's five provinces unite in West Flores for a collaborative mission orientation program

The inaugural ceremony was a powerful expression of the participants’ shared passion for mission. Each sister carried a candle symbolizing commitment to carry Christ’s light across nations. A solemn procession with the Book of the Word of God and a globe illustrated the universal scope of their calling. In traditional attire, the sisters embodied the beauty of intercultural dialogue and unity in diversity. The gathering was more than a ritual sendoff—it was a reminder of the requisite collective passion to serve, heal, and transform. Truly, mission begins in the heart and extends to the ends of the earth.

A Jubilee Vigil: The Mission is Our Consecrated Life

Sr. Elaine Faith Taneo, SSpS
Rome,Italy

In a compelling witness of faith, consecrated religious gather in Rome, stepping through the Holy Door as pilgrims of hope and peace.

EUROPE

Sisters from the SSpS Generalate Community join a diverse gathering of religious brothers and sisters during the Jubilee vigil. Photo courtesy of Vatican Media.

The vigil for the Jubilee of Consecrated Life on October 8, 2025 gathered religious missionaries in Rome in a powerful witness to faith. SSpS sisters from the Generalate Community joined this vast assembly of brothers and sisters from diverse vocations, including contemplative orders and secular institutes. The celebration began with a profound pilgrimage through the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica, marking a collective step into a season of grace and spiritual renewal.

Cardinal Ángel Fernández Artime presides over the Prayer Vigil, guiding participants in reflection. Photo courtesy of Vatican Media.

An evening Prayer Vigil, presided over by Cardinal Ángel Fernández Artime, unfolded under the theme "Pilgrims of Hope on the Paths of Peace." The liturgy featured moving testimonies that intertwined spiritual reflection with the urgent cries of humanity. Through three meditative moments, consecrated persons contemplated Christ as the source of peace, their vocation as peacemakers through daily patience, and their identity as pilgrims bearing hope. In her personal sharing, a missionary sister captured the essence of this calling: "My life doesn't just have a mission; my life is mission."

Cardinal Artime's homily presented Mary as the icon of consecration—a dynamic force of generative hope and encounter. The vigil culminated in a silent intercession for global peace, reinforcing the Church's belief that it is hope, above all, that propels humanity forward on its journey.

Religious missionaries gather in Rome for an evening vigil celebrating the Jubileof Consecrated Life. Photo courtesy of Vatican Media.

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Activities of the Congregational Leadership Team

(Left to Right) Sr. Kreti Vidal, Sr. Mariana Camezzana., Sr. Miriam Altenhofen, Sr. Mikaelin Bupu, Sr. Natalia Tothova, and Sr. Tressa Sebastian

Sr. Miriam Altenhofen was in Taiwan from November 30 to December 6, after which she continued her travels in the Far East from December 6 to December 22.

Sr. Mikaelin Bupu returned to Rome on November 17 after the General Visitation in India East.

On November 8, Sr. Mariana Camezzana went to Cuba for a General Visitation of the region.

Sr. Natalia Tóthóva arrived in Rome on November 3 after a General Visitation in Paraguay. She travelled to Vietnam on November 16 for the first Regional Chapter.

Sr. Kreti Vidal and Sr. Tressa Sebastian remained in Rome for the period.

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