



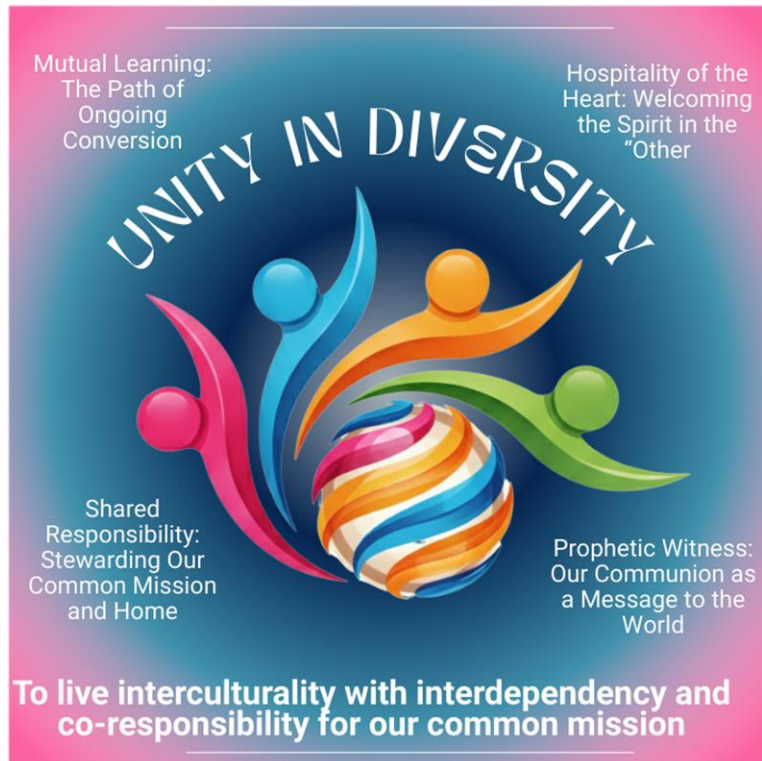
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Our Diversity is Our Mission

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As we step into the year 2026, we embrace a theme that resonates at the very heart of our identity and calling: **“Unity in Diversity – To live interculturality with interdependency and co-responsibility for our common mission.”** This is more than a slogan; it is a living reality we are invited to incarnate each day. It calls us to see our differences—of culture, language, and history—not as barriers, but as essential, vibrant threads in a single tapestry woven by God.

This vision is profoundly rooted in the words of St. Paul: *“See, the body is one, even if formed by many members, but not all of them with the same function. The same with us; being many, we are one body in Christ, depending on one another” (Rom 12:5).* Our common mission thrives only when we truly depend on one another and bear responsibility together, celebrating each unique gift while moving forward as one. This edition of our newsletter is a vivid testament to this theme in action. Across the globe, our sisters and partners are weaving this vision into the fabric of daily life.

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Thanking What Has Been: Welcoming What is Now

Sr. Anna Damas, SSpS
Austria

Five SSpS Provinces/Regions unite as one new European province, embarking on a bold journey to weave diverse histories, languages, and cultures into one collective future.



A historic and unique fusion within the Congregation, the new European Province of the Holy Spirit, was declared on January 15, 2026. It is also a daring experiment, Three provinces and two regions, spanning nine countries (Germany, Netherlands, Austria, Romania, South Tyrol/Italy, Spain, Portugal, England, Ireland), six languages (German, Dutch, Italian, Spanish, Portuguese, English), and 311 Sisters, were merged into a single assembly. Several key factors— such as coordinating administration and ministries across borders, and facilitating communication and decision-making across such a vast, diverse area— will be developed over time.

The five existing Western European Provinces and Regions have long, separate histories. Before the new European Province was officially announced, gratitude to God was proclaimed, as well as appreciation for all the Sisters who breathed life into the SSpS in Europe. Each Province/Region observed a special day of thanksgiving to honor and bid farewell to the past.

As saying goodbye is never easy; copious tears were shed. They were tears not of regret, but of gratitude for all the blessings and the challenging learning experiences of the past. The groundbreaking merger is much more than an administrative realignment; it is a fervent actualization of the theme, "Unity in Diversity."

It is choosing to become a microcosm of the wider world—a community where multiple languages, cultures, and histories are not barriers but the very threads from which a stronger, more compassionate, and unified mission is woven. In embracing both the gratitude for separate pasts and the promise of a shared future, the new European Province incarnates the belief that the deepest unity is found in and through cherished diversity.



Sr. Hemma Jascke (outgoing Provincial Leader of Austria) distributes gifts to the sisters.



The Indonesian Sisters—a significant cluster in the Province—teamed up with Sisters from Romania for a spontaneous performance depicting the Three Wise Men paying their respects to the Holy Family.

A New Chapter for a Merged Europe

Sr. Veronica Lili Purwanti, SSpS
The Netherlands

Separate but orchestrated celebrations simple yet meaningful, filled with thanks and hope for another grace-filled beginning.



Sisters from the Province of Netherlands during a Eucharistic Celebration.

Netherlands held a Word and Communication Celebration as part of events to mark the merger of five SSps provinces and regions into a single New European Province. The orchestrated, although separate, events were held on January 6, just days before the announcement of the historic transition. During the liturgy in Netherlands' celebration, five symbolic candles were lit at the altar decorated with the names of every city that the Congregation had served over the years, indicating the length of work that transpired in each location.

Before the final blessing, words of appreciation were delivered by outgoing team leaders, representatives of the incoming team, volunteers, and coworkers, who all expressed gratitude for past collaborations.

Following the liturgy, the gathering continued with fellowship in the refectory. A retrospective presentation highlighted the journey and contributions of all the communities involved in the service over the years.

Through the restructuring, the five provinces and regions have united into one new entity—the European Province of the “Holy Spirit.” Thus, a significant phase has concluded, and a new chapter in our common life and mission has commenced.

Netherlands' celebration was decidedly simple, yet deeply filled with thanks for the opportunity to participate in God's mission among people in need, thus responding faithfully to the signs of the times. Under the Holy Spirit's guidance, may this step become a glorious new beginning that further strengthens our connectedness, in harmony with the Congregation's 2026 theme, “Unity in Diversity.”



Outgoing Provincial Leader Sr. Celine Padinjareanasseril led the prayer of goodbye.

Looking Ahead with Great Expectations

Sr. Antonia Schmid, SSpS
Steyl

**On the Feast of the Epiphany,
Steyler Missionary Sisters bid
their province 'adieu' and
embrace the future.**



With gratitude and a deep sense of fulfillment, the Steyler Missionary Sisters bid farewell to the German Trinity Province on January 6 at the Sacred Heart Convent in Steyl, the Netherlands. Gatherings held on the same day across Germany likewise provided moments to reflect on a past shared journey and the discerned guidance of the Holy Spirit over the decades.

Sr. Maria Theresia Hörnemann, outgoing provincial superior, opened the central celebration, which was joined by sisters from Aachen, Berlin, Frankfurt, and Mönchengladbach. Simultaneous farewell assemblies were held in Laupheim and Moos. A poignant PowerPoint presentation invited reflection on the Spirit's presence throughout their collective life and work.

As though lit by the Star of Bethlehem no less, the event showcased the German Trinity Province logo—a symbol of unity formed in 2004 from three former provinces. The moment of closure at once turned toward the future, symbolized by a gift from the new European province: a 2026 calendar featuring images from all five member provinces.

The path to this new beginning was long, grounded in decades of growing cooperation. Initial meetings between German provinces, Austria, and the Netherlands began in 1967, followed by vibrant sister exchanges and new foundations in Eastern Europe from 1989. Joint formation programs, Euro-Meetings, and a dedicated Euro-Council steadily strengthened collaboration. New communities across Europe became living symbols of unity in diversity.

The sisters expressed profound thanks to Sister Maria Theresia Hörnemann and her entire leadership team for their faithful and enduring service.

(Above) Sr. Maria Theresia facilitated German Province's farewell activities at the Steyl Motherhouse.



The Sisters received a special calendar gift featuring the images from all five member provinces.

Weaving Memories, Weaving Communion

Sr. Clara Silalahi, SSps
Spain/Portugal

**A day in joyful fellowship
reminisce, conversation, and
laughter, renew the happiness
of Sisters on the journey**



Sisters of the Spain/Portugal Region gathered to honor their shared journey of life and mission.

On January 6, the communities of Spain and Portugal gathered—in Valladolid and Casa de Cambra, respectively—to honor their shared history and mission. Since the occasion also marked the conclusion of their journey as a distinct region, they each held a liturgy of thanksgiving for protection and guidance received from the God of Life throughout their service, and to entrust to Him the future of the newly formed Holy Spirit European Province.

In both celebrations, each Sister presented a meaningful symbol, evoking personal and collective memories of journeys taken and experiences lived. An exercise in deep gratitude, reconciliation, and communion, it connected not only those present but all other Sisters serving abroad as well, the pioneers in Spain, and everyone who contributed to such a legacy of devotion and faithfulness. It was a day well-spent in the spirit of simple, joyful fellowship, shared over meals, conversation, and laughter, renewing the happiness of being true Sisters on the journey together.

The shared symbols and stories beautifully wove a stronger fabric of the mission for the road ahead.



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From Region to Province

Sr. Joan Quirke, SSPS
England/Ireland

The England/Ireland Region marked a moment of prayerful transition, honoring their legacy while stepping forward in faith into a newly unified European Province.



The regional closing ceremony marked a transition into the restructured new European Province of the Holy Spirit. On January 7th, 2026, a virtual presentation joyfully recounted the Region's history. This was followed by in-person liturgies in Bristol, England on January 9th and in Fairview, Ireland on January 12th, uniting the communities.

The services, invoking the Holy Spirit, featured scripture from Matthew 11:25-30 and the poem 'The Touch of the Master's Hand', reflecting on divine guidance. Time for quiet reflection and sharing honored the Region's profound meaning. Sisters who had passed were remembered by name, with a candle lit for each.

Symbolizing the journey from the Region of the Guardian Angels to the new Province, the hymn and a poem by John O'Donohue emphasized trust in new beginnings. A collective paper-chain exercise visually bonded all present. Readings from the Constitutions on charism and spirituality grounded the ceremony, which concluded with a blessing ritual for each Sister, followed by fellowship and a meal. This moment embodied unity in diversity, weaving individual memories into the promise of a shared future



The Sisters ritualize the farewell through a paper chain prayer activity.



(Sr. Judith gives a blessing to Sr. Joan Quirke (outgoing Leader) of England/Ireland Region..

A New European Province Begins

Sr. Anna Damas, SSpS
Austria

Celebrating unity in diversity, the new SSpS European Province was inaugurated on January 15, installing a leadership team called to serve our shared mission.



(Left to right) Sr. Lili Purwanti (Netherlands), Sr. Debra Sithobekile Ncube (Spain/Portugal), Sr. Anna-Maria Koffler (Provincial Leader), Sr. Hemma Jaschke (Austria/South Tyrol/Romania) Sr. Ewa Pliszcak (England/Ireland), and Sr. Christine Müller (Germany) during the official installation as leadership team.

It was a happy and meaningful coincidence that the inauguration of the new SSpS European Province occurred at the beginning of a year dedicated to the theme of “unity in diversity.” This spirit profoundly marked the founding event. The opening ceremony was held on January 15, the feast of our founder, St. Arnold Janssen.

A Eucharistic celebration at St. Coloman's Convent in **Stocekrau**, Austria—the former provincial house and now seat of the new province—formally commenced this new chapter. During the liturgy, Sr. Miriam Altenhofen, the congregational leader, installed the elected leadership team with Sr. Anna-Maria Koffler as Provincial Leader and the five councillors who represent the provinces and regions merged into the European Province.



The symbolic gift of a rainbow artwork, embodying Unity in Diversity, is held by the new Provincial Leader, Sr. Anna-Maria Koffler.

In her address, Sr. Miriam reminded the Sisters that leadership is a common task. She emphasized that diversity in personality, experience, and culture is not an obstacle but a gift. True leadership, she noted, is based less on authority that commands respect and more on the service rendered to the community. Fr. Christian Stranz, SVD, proclaimed in his homily that by becoming human, God “secularized” Himself, dwelling in the world's brokenness—precisely where the SSpS are called to make Him visible and tangible.

The celebration, a witness to communion, was attended by the former leadership teams and by guests from the Eastern European provinces—Poland, Ukraine, Slovakia, and Russia—which are not joining the new province at this stage, a beautiful gesture of unity in diversity. This historic day of prayer and fellowship established the province's foundation, calling all members to embrace their diverse origins as a strength for their common mission.



In a historic ceremony unifying five provinces and regions, Sr. Miriam Altenhofen installed the leadership team of the new SSsP European Province.

Sr. Miriam framed the event as a sacred milestone and a “profound leap of faith.” She reflected that the new province, born from a long journey of shared discernment, represents five unique histories, languages, and memories stepping forward into one united reality. This moment, she noted, is naturally woven with both gratitude for the rich missionary past and vulnerability in facing an unknown future—a decision to trust that the Spirit who has guided the congregation remains faithfully at work.

Sr. Miriam emphasized that their leadership is not about having all the answers. Instead, she defined it as the sacred task of creating space for communal discernment, dialogue, and shared responsibility. The diversity of their experiences and cultures, she affirmed, is not a weakness but a gift that will allow them to model the very unity in diversity the province is called to embody.

Sr. Miriam concluded by entrusting the new beginning to the Holy Spirit, praying for the gifts of wisdom, courage, patience, and joy. She expressed confidence that, through the service of this leadership team and the engaged commitment of every sister, the new province will find its rhythm and continue to be a credible sign of God’s loving presence in Europe and beyond.



With gratitude and hope, Sr. Anna-Maria Kofler embraces her journey ahead as the first Provincial of the new SSsP European Province.

Following her installation as the first Provincial of the new SSsP European Province, Sr. Anna-Maria Kofler began by thanking all the Sisters for their prayers and support during this transformative time. “We stand at a crossroads,” she acknowledged, “and we have already begun turning toward a new way.”

Looking forward, she connected the province’s new mission to the needs of contemporary Europe, which she described as “thirsting for meaning, for hope, for a word that heals.” She called the community to remain open to the Holy Spirit’s guidance, stating, “As women consecrated to this same Spirit, may we walk humbly and with courage, trusting that the presence of God will lead us to the places where hope longs to be rekindled.”

A central moment of her address was a profound expression of thanks to the outgoing leadership teams of the former provinces and regions. Concluding with a note of confidence in God’s promise, Sr. Anna-Maria reinforced that the path ahead, while unknown, is held in faith. Her words set a tone of collaborative trust, marking the inauguration not just of a new administrative structure, but of a united journey forward.

The SSps missions in Bolivia, Cuba and Spain mark significant anniversaries—40 years, 30 years, and 75 years, respectively. These milestones showcase a profound unity in diversity, weaving together distinct cultures with a shared and enduring faith. Together, they stand as a testament to a powerful legacy that continues to inspire our collective mission across the Americas.



Global Footsteps towards a Disarmed Peace

Sr. Elaine Faith Taneo, SSpS
Rome, Italy

SSpS sisters stand in solidarity with the global Community of Sant'Egidio, joining its coordinated peace marches across hundreds of cities to welcome the new year 2026.



On Day One of 2026, the Community of Sant'Egidio transformed New Year's resolutions into public witness via peace marches that filled streets in hundreds of cities around the globe. Quiet, purposeful footsteps served as a deliberate remembrance of nations still scarred by conflict, from South Sudan and Gaza to Ukraine and Myanmar.

In Rome, birthplace and spiritual home of the lay Catholic movement, the focal gathering convened in St. Peter's Square and drew members of various congregations, including SSpS sisters from the Generalate community, among them Sr. Miriam Altenhofen. The SSpS presence underscored a unified advocacy. Sr. Miriam stressed the critical need for organizational collaboration, a theme amplified by all the others. Sr. Sheila Kinsey, FCJM, representing the Catholic Nonviolence Initiative, articulated a vision of peace that should be actively disarming—simultaneously remolding both structures and hearts. Echoing this interior dimension, Sr. Mikaelin Bupu, SSpS, noted that the rally's primary aim was to foster peace within each individual, the seed for real and wider-reaching change.

More than a single event, this global action reflects the enduring methodology of Sant'Egidio—a lay movement built on prayer, persistent dialogue, and solidarity. The day culminated with the Holy Father's message, aligning institutional hope with grassroots courage, and reinforcing the patient work required to build a future where peace is not merely an absence of war, but a proactive, shared creation.

(Above) Sr. Mikaelin Bupu, Sr. Philomina Mathew, Sr. Miriam Altenhofen, and Sr. Kreti Vidal participated in the prayer rally for Disarmed Peace.



People from various groups and ages joined the peaceful gathering at Piazza San Pietro, Rome, Italy.



A Blessed Encounter, One Shared Mission

Sr. Rosa Angelica Libron, SSpS
Province of Philippines North

The SVD, SSpS, and cloistered SSpSAP sisters of Tagaytay celebrated a unified family gathering that transcended the boundaries between apostolic and contemplative life.



The Steyl Tagaytay Family—SVD, SSpS, and SSpSAP sisters—gathered as one spiritual family to honor their founder, St. Arnold Janssen. This celebration stood as a living testament to the unity defining all as his sons and daughters, demonstrating how diverse vocations enrich a single mission.

Festivities commenced with an evening prayer at the SSpSAP Adoration Chapel, a moment of deep, shared prayer. In a gesture that resonated deeply, the cloister gate opened, and Superior General Magdalena Kruse, SSpSAP welcomed the SSpS sisters inside. This act of opening the gate served as a powerful symbol of an inseparable bond. With the SVD community praying alongside the grille, the occasion embodied a profound sense of togetherness in one spirit.

The following day's Solemn Eucharist, presided by Bishop-designate Samuel Agcaracar, SVD, further strengthened this communion. The celebration continued with a rare and cherished experience: a shared dinner and joyful recreation within the Pink Sisters' garden. This gift of fellowship behind the cloister walls, filled with warmth and conversation, became a beautiful expression of the shared family charism.

The gathering gave thanks for the gift of the three congregations, born from one vision. Such events reinforce that, whether in apostolic service or cloistered prayer, all remain one family in St. Arnold.

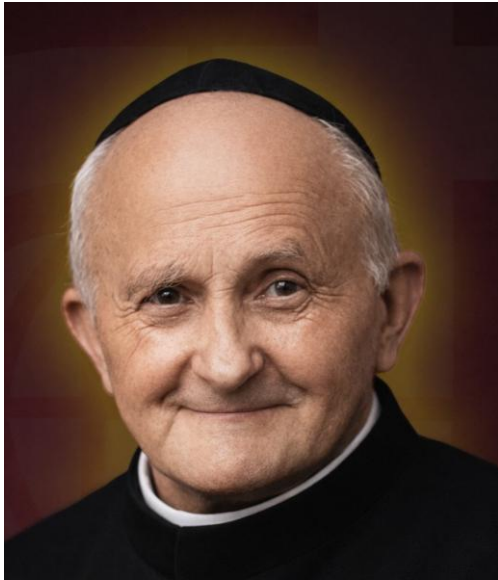
The SSpS Sisters pray in unity side by side with the contemplative sisters to honor St. Arnold Janssen on his feastday.



Sr. Magdalena Kruse welcomed the SSpS and SVD family inside the cloister of the SSpSAP for a meal and joyful fellowship.



The big family of Saint Arnold gathered for a Eucharistic Celebration at the Divine Word Seminary in Tagaytay, Philippines.

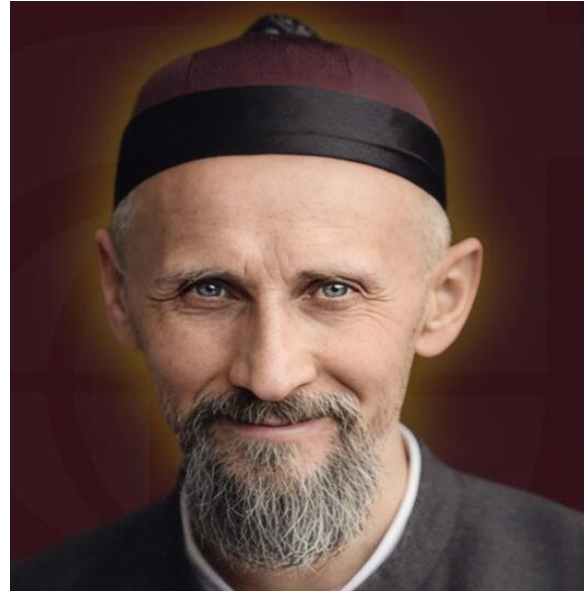


Saint Arnold Janssen Would Tweet the Gospel Today

Saint Arnold Janssen, a 19th-century missionary, viewed the printing press as a vital tool for evangelization during persecution. Today, his spirit would embrace digital media—social media, AI, and video—as modern "printing presses" for sharing the Gospel. He would see in them a powerful means to combat isolation and reach generations, like Gen Z, where they are.

However, his enthusiasm would be wisely tempered. While leveraging technology for compelling storytelling and global connection, he would insist it must serve, not replace, authentic human encounter and community. True to Church teaching, he would view AI as a tool to amplify hope and justice, but never as a substitute for the human heart or personal witness. His legacy calls the Church to engage the digital world with missionary creativity and ethical clarity, using every new tool to lead people from screens to substance and from algorithms to altars.

*Source: extracted from the article of
Fr. John Singarayar, SVD*



Love Doesn't Turn Back is a poem about St. Joseph Freinademetz.

Standin' by the window, wind wanderin' free,
Not sharp Tyrol chill from my boyhood tree,
Sea-heavy breeze from this restless shore,
But it whispers the same, pulls me to the door.

Oh, the ship's in the harbor, quiet and still,
Won't carry me home to those Tyrol hills.
Children's faces callin', "Help us, come near,"
I'm breakin' my bread here, year after year.

That ship was my home for them long weeks at sea,
Brought me to China, now it's leavin' me.
No return to mountains, no mother's tongue song,
Familiar faces gone, but my heart sings along.

Lamp burnin' low behind, faithful and true,
New land out front, strange but known through and through.
It asks for my life, not in words or grand schemes,
But days of slow presence, fulfillin' its dreams.

Wind stirs old memories, time lets go its chain,
Boy in the mountains, priest speakin' of pain:
"Little ones hunger, no bread to be broke,"
Now their voices rise up, in the darkness they spoke.

Child on the street, small and thin by the stone,
Bowl in his hand, eyes meet mine all alone.
Dropped my coin down, vision turned flesh and bone,
Wrote my letter home: "China's my own."

A missionary who left home and never returned.
A love that chose once and stayed forever.
A window, a wind, and a decision that became a life.

*Extracted from the Poem by
Sr. Elizabeth Rani, SSps - INN*

Connecting Communities: Journey of the Magi Along the Waterway

Sr. Imelda Irna, SSpS
Province of Kalimantan

In a vibrant display of faith and community, the tradition of depicting the Three King's visit comes to life along the Sembakung-Mansalong River.



ASIA-PACIFIC



Sr. Imelda Irna mentored the youth group for a pastoral visit of several communities travelling by boat through the river.



At each visit were activities including prayers, singing and fellowship.

On the heels of Christmas comes the Feast of the Epiphany, another cherished Catholic Holy Day. It commemorates the Three Kings' visit to the Holy Family bearing gifts for the Infant Jesus. Paroki Maria Bunda Karmel Mansalong of the Diocese of Tanjung Selor in North Kalimantan, Indonesia, faithfully continues to organize an annual (ojo! is this correct, annual?)

This year, three Catholic Youth (OMK) members portrayed the Kings, mentored by Sr. Imelda Irna, SSpS. Their path wound through the parish's pastoral area along the Sembakung–Mansalong River, a vital transportation route. The trio visited stations at Long Bulu, Tambalang Hilir, Sukamaju, Sedongon, and Ubol, traveling between destinations by boat.

At each station, the local community warmly welcomed the group. Overseen by other OMK members and a visiting seminarian, the visits featured prayers, Christmas carols, and fellowship. This is more than a tradition of faith; it strengthens cooperation among the religious, youth groups, and communities. It encourages active youth participation and solidifies unity among the riverside Catholic faithful.

Paroki Maria Bunda Karmel Mansalong continues to nurture faith, preserve tradition, and spread the Christmas message of peace, love, and hope.

A Banquet in Solidarity After the Storm

Bro. Carlos Jose Ferrada Montero, SVD
Philippine South

Volunteers from the SVD and SSps family gather in Balamban, Cebu to share a festive meal with families recovering from a typhoon and flooding calamity.



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

Marking the feast of the Santo Niño, a shared meal became the heart of a joyful gathering in Balamban, Cebu, on January 9th. Over 200 families affected by Typhoon Tino celebrated Sinulog with volunteers, transforming a time of recovery into one of resilient fellowship. The event, facilitated by the SVD Task Force CaRES with SSps and other partners, wove together prayer, community games, and a lively Sinulog dance.

This day was a living example of *Shared Responsibility: Stewarding Our Common Mission and Home*. By sharing a meal and cultural celebration, volunteers nourished deeper communal bonds, honoring the dignity and joy of the community. As Bro. Carlos expressed, the profound solidarity was made possible by every volunteer and generous benefactor.

The personal impact was deeply felt by the volunteers. "I felt grateful for the spirit of being one family," shared Sr. Doyet Luarca, SSps. Sr. Lusía Marlin Wati, SSps reflected, "My feelings were full of gratitude and joy... I not only brought blessings but also received blessings from them all." In the aftermath of the storm, the day stood as a testament to faith and the unity built through concrete acts of collective care and presence.

This day in Balamban was a living example of a Unity in Diversity core value of **Shared Responsibility: Stewarding Our Common Mission and Home**. By sharing a meal and celebration with people in crisis, it was more than physical nourishment but the deeper, communal bonds that make one united family. In honoring their dignity and joining the people's cultural joy, the shared responsibility to care for the human fabric of a common home, demonstrated that true unity in diversity is built through concrete acts of collective care and presence.



The SSps helped the organizers to distribute food items and various practical goods to help the calamity victims in their journey of recovery.



The collaborative effort included SVDs, SSps, the Mercedarian Sisters of Berriz, partners from DYRF Radio, and University of San Carlos employees

Little Hands at Work on the Future in Mexico

Sr. Ewa Rudzka, SSpS
Region of Mexico

The Josepha Stenmanns Child Center provides a common foundation of care and education for children from various background.



Sister Hendrika give the children lessons through play and learning that nurture both their minds and spirits.



The young learners develop essential skills in a safe and stimulating space designed just for them with Sr. Gladys Paul facilitating the activities.

For a decade, this SSpS mission has been a vital community for working single mothers. By offering both practical skills workshops and genuine companionship, it transforms isolation into a supportive network, honoring each woman's unique journey while fostering collective strength. This commitment to unity is most vividly embodied in the children's daily reality. From diverse family backgrounds, they converge in a shared nurturing space, allowing their mothers to work with true peace of mind.

The center's holistic program serves children ages one to five, blending early childhood education, stimulating activities, sports, and English lessons with formation in Christian values. Here, learning is a communal experience. Children share nutritious meals and discover the world side-by-side, their individual uniqueness harmonized within a structured environment of mutual respect and care. Constantly inspired by this living example of unity in diversity, the Sisters fervently believe that every child deserves an equal and loving start.

The impact extends beyond the classroom, and weaves a stronger social fabric. As children thrive together, families find solidarity, creating a ripple effect of hope. The J. Stenmanns Center is more than a project; it is a testament to how a compassionate community can actively build a harmonious future. It demonstrates that unity in diversity is nurtured through intentional, daily acts of welcome—crafted with little hands and guided by hopeful hearts.

A Joyful Homecoming: The Novitiate Returns to Angola

Sr. Rosa Graça Jerónimo, SSpS
Province of Angola

Steered by communal hope, the Novitiate program has returned to Angola, uniting diverse communities in support of new vocations.



After 24 years, the Church in Angola celebrated the return of the Novitiate on the Solemnity of Blessed Maria Helena Stollewerk. The joyous event is a milestone for the young Holy Spirit Province, one that reveals God's grace, which continues to call and form new vocations for mission.

The Sisters of the province and the formator, Sister Antonia Isabel Cassuata, warmly welcomed six new novices at their entrance rite. Moved by faith and the desire to serve, the novices had taken a significant step on their vocational journey.

Held at the Community of the Immaculate Heart of Mary in Funda, the Eucharistic celebration was presided over by Reverend Father Caique Chivanja, SVD. It gathered Sisters from local communities and SVD novices, in fraternal communion, prayer, and praise.

This return is a veritable sign of God's faithfulness and the dynamic renewal of consecrated life. It reinforces the missionary commitment in Angola and invites the entire Christian community to support new vocations through prayer and witness. The novices now begin a fundamental stage of formation; that is, entrusting themselves to the Holy Spirit to be formed in love, obedience, and service for the mission.



Sr. Antonia Cassuata as the Novitiate Formator welcomed the six new novices.



The novices are now wearing the SSps veil and habit as they begin the formation program.

Mission Landscape

Unity in Diversity Opening (FLW)



St. Arnold Family celebration (KOR)



World Day for Consecrated Life (MEX)



Unity in Diversity Opening (Rome)



St. Arnold Family celebration (UGANDA)



World Day for Consecrated Life (POL)

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Generalate News

Activities of the Congregational Leadership Team



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

Sr. Miriam Altenhofen travelled to Brazil North for a General Visitation from February 4 to March 15 and will attend the International Formator's Assembly in Steyl, Netherlands (March 20-25).

Sr. Mariana Camezzana and Sr. Natalia Tothova will attend the International Formator's Assembly in Steyl from March 4 -28..

Sr. Tressa Sebastian conducted the General Visitation in the Philippine South province in February.

Sr. Kreti Vidal was in Brazil North from February 4 to March 15 for the General Visitation..

Sr. Mikaelin Bupu stayed in Rome for the month of February and March.

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