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NEWS FROM THE PROVINCIAL  
HOUSE COMMUNITY

## “Behold, I make all things new” (Rev. 25, 1)

Spurred on by the above invitation from the Book of Revelation, which was also one of the calls during our General Chapter 2024, we three rscj – *Srs. Cecilia, Divya, Viveka* – hastened on our pilgrimage to the new *Provincial House* community in Pune, arriving by the first week of June, 2025 ... and we were not disappointed.

**A beautiful scene unfolded before our eyes from the first floor of our new community**



## OUR HEARTS REJOICED ... HOME AT LAST ... PEACE, JOY, LOVE!



After the arrival of our Provincial, Sr. Daphne Sequeira, a few days later, our first concern was that our new home be blessed and that we be a welcoming community, situated as we are, as the heart of the province. We began with inviting our sisters from Pragnyalay ground floor, fondly



referred to as *Granny's house* (a loving name for our first houses in the Society) to a “house warming” celebration on August 15<sup>th</sup>, seventy-ninth anniversary of India’s Independence, under the loving care of Our Blessed Mother assumed into Heaven.

And, so, our first get-together was well-attended by the whole community of Jesuit Fathers, as well as all our loving sisters from Prerna and Pragnyalay. It was a deeply heart-warming experience of bonding as the following camera shots testify.



Although not present in person, all our communities in the province were lovingly remembered and prayed for during the *Intercessory Prayers* which were part of the ritual of the Blessing of our new Provincial House.

Blessing our new home by Jesuit provincial, Fr. Agnelo, followed by a get-together of our guests – Sanjeevani, and RSCJ in Pune.

Having the daily Eucharistic celebration in our uniquely designed chapel with the tabernacle reminding us of the cave of the heart, keeps us spiritually united. However, we plan to have a get-together every month to foster bonding and fellowship. Thus, in August, we have already had an enjoyable celebration for the birthdays of our provincial, Sr. Daphne (August 20<sup>th</sup>) and Sr. Cecilia (August 24<sup>th</sup>). Truly, *Joy shared is Joy Doubled!*

**We have had quite a few visitors since our community began, but one group was special.**

Sr. Divya's companions in the ministry of *Non-Formal Education* (NFE).

Let us hear directly from Divya what this ministry entails.



I am thrilled to share my journey with the *Non-Formal Education* (NFE) project under the "Training for Development Scholarship Society" (TDSS) at Sanjeevan Ashram, Pune.

Knowing nothing about this field, but, trusting completely in the constant support of God, I started as a *Cluster Coordinator-cum-Trainer* in the NFE project run by the Jesuits in Pune.

The NFE project focuses on providing remedial classes to underprivileged children in forty-seven Centres in rural Maharashtra. Some of these are: Amravati, Aurangabad, Newasa,

Bhokar (Ashankur), Daund, Beed, Georai, Vavrat, and the Social Centre in Ahilyanagar.

My work involves mainly *Project Management* and *Teacher Training*, along with *Follow-up on Reporting and Documentation*, as well as *Compilation of monthly reports* from the project coordinators. Each month, we have an online *Coordinators' Meeting* and an *Evaluation* of the remedial classes. I feel so privileged to be entrusted with the task of visiting *Remedial Centres* in various districts of Maharashtra.

I have had the opportunity to attend seminars and workshops, including a valuable orientation on *Mental Health and Child Safeguarding* at the "Bacher Eco-Training Centre" in Hivre Korda, Ahilyanagar.

The workshop provided insightful strategies on how to deal with *bullying and mobile usage*, as well as *navigating daily challenges*. I realise that every individual's journey is unique, and it is essential to acknowledge and celebrate successes while learning from mistakes. I am amazed by the grace of God and the way He is working through me.

We are all instruments of the Divine, and God uses us according to His plan. I am grateful to God and to the Jesuit community here in Pune. I am excited to continue working with the NFE project, thus helping in the growth and development of underprivileged children.



Indeed, each one of us feels renewed and refreshed by the enchanting environment in which we live, as well as by the tasks in which we are involved. We cordially invite you to spend a little holiday here in the new *Provincial House Community* for a personal experience.

We wish to walk together in synodality with all our sisters and brothers during this centenary year of St. Madeleine Sophie's canonisation, which is also the Holy Year of Hope and the tenth anniversary of Pope Francis' encyclical, *Laudato Si*.