

## INAUGURAL SESSION OF ICJ TANMAYA BHOPAL 2015- 2016 "CALLED TO A JOYFUL CONSECRATED LIFE."





With renewed hope and much expectations ICJ stands at the threshold of another academic year. First of July 2015 dawned joyfully with the arrival of 36 sisters belonging to 13 Congregations from different parts of India working in 19 dioceses. Once again ICJ became alive with these young vibrant sisters, all set to undergo a Transformative process of a God oriented Journey. The ICJ staff extended a warm welcome to all, which made them feel at home. The orientation conducted by Sister Sophie the Directress helped them to know each other through games and interactions. They were briefed of the aim and the objectives of ICJ programme. The official welcome of the participants of the 32<sup>nd</sup> session of Inter Congregational Juniorate was held on 4th July. We were graced by the loving presence of Archbishop Leo Cornelio of Bhopal Archdiocese who presided over the inaugural Eucharistic celebration. The presence of the priests from our parish and sisters added to our joy. The participants and the guests were welcomed by Sister Sophie the Directress of ICJ to the grace filled moment of the

The Theme of the inaugural Eucharist was "Called to a Joyful Consecrated Life." The Liturgy began with an symbolic entrance procession led by 36 Junior sisters carrying a lit candle in their hands. They placed the lit candles at the foot of the picture of Jesus the "Guru" and expressed their desire to enter into a Transformative process, participating fully in the ICJ programme, reciting together the following prayer.

Lord we place before you our desire to grow Unto the fullness of Christ.

To delve more into scripture...thus to, Reach out to the world...

To be more like you...means

To be transformed into a healing presence

To the suffering, Voice of justice to the
oppressed, Light of truth to the blind,

Compassionate love to the broken hearted,
And a listener to the sorrowful.

Lord may we be a blessing to all....

After the entrance procession The Archbishop, Priests, the staff of ICJ and a student representative were requested to light the lamp and inaugurate the 32<sup>nd</sup> session of ICJ. Different parts of the Mass were highlighted, like the Liturgy of the Word, and Symbolic offertory procession. Archbishop Leo Cornelio

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Eucharist.