

# Preparation and Celebration of World Gratitude Day 2016

Province of Mary Help of Christians - Calcutta (INC) - India



Every community accepted joyfully the theme: *“Like a garland, united in diversity, we weave together with joy and hope the offering of our life and mission”*. The symbol of wreath speaks to us of harmony made of flowers of different colours and nature. In order to make this a reality as a province and as individual communities we



took up the commitments of *being with young people forgoing personal time and comfort, to engage ourselves in works of mercy and weave a garland of rosary* praying for the Institute and our dear **Mother Yvonne Reungot**.

Together with the educating community we set to make the commitments a reality through weaving a garland of 20382 rosary praying with much love and devotion invoking the blessings of God and our Blessed Mother, Mary Help of Christians on Mother **Yvonne**. Holy Eucharist and Prayer moments were organised and participated by children and members of the educating community. Cultural programme based on the theme of the feast were presented in all our communities by the students of the school, boarding and oratory. Every sister made efforts to live the spirituality of the Preventive System in the ordinariness of life walking together with young people in the way of the merciful love of God, to become signs and bearers of hope and joy accepting the diverse cultures of our mission.



During the course of the preparation for the feast of gratitude we have been able to reach out to the underprivileged children and people of the different mission centres of our province through free education, free school books and medicine, food for 70 elderly destitute every week. 100 women are being set free from correctional home through the intervention of sisters and educating community

The sisters visited the sick in the family and hospital and shared in the sufferings and sorrows of the people in our vicinity as expression of compassion, sympathy and solidarity. Some economically poor children and few affected by the earthquake were accepted into our boarding and school and provided with everything at gratis. Monetary help was extended to few families.

The medicine of mercy was used in our dealings with one another with optimism and hope, patience and love living intensely the family spirit in the communities. The Circular No.959 was an idyllic epistle generating communion. The month long preparation for the feast of world gratitude day was an opportunity to strengthen our communion lived in diversity, made our spiritual life robust, and helped us to reflect God's goodness, tenderness and mercy.

We thank **YOU Dear Mother Yvonne** for leading us forward to greater heights of holiness and total gift of our life for the young people.



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