

ST. ANN'S PROVINCIALATE, ANGELORE.



When the Indian Provinces were reorganized from three into five, the Province of St. Joseph, Western India, selected Mangalore as the seat of its Provincialate. The Province was officially established on **3 June 2018**, with **Rev. Sr. Charlotte Sequeira** appointed as its first Provincial Superior.

The Provincialate community initially occupied **St. Ann's Home for the Aged**, which served as a temporary residence for two years. The ground floor of the Home was also used as the Provincialate office, where Provincial Council meetings and other official activities were conducted. During this period, arrangements were made to provide suitable accommodation for the Sisters.

The foundation stone for the new Provincialate building was laid on **21 December 2018** by **Rev. Fr. William Menezes**, Parish Priest of Guardian Angels Church, Mangalore. The construction of the building was completed along with the first floor. The first Provincial Chapter of the Province was held in the newly constructed Provincialate building from **26 December 2019 to 1 January 2020**.

The Sisters joyfully experienced a strong sense of community and family spirit while making numerous sacrifices and patiently enduring the inconveniences associated with the construction of the new building.

On **27 June 2020**, the new Provincialate building was inaugurated. The ribbon-cutting ceremony was followed by the unveiling of the commemorative plaque by **Provincial Superior Sr. Charlotte Sequeira**. The building was blessed by **Most Rev. Peter Paul Saldanha, Bishop of Mangalore**, who also celebrated the Holy Eucharist and blessed the building along with Fr. William Menezes, Parish Priest of Guardian Angels Church, Mangalore.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the presence of the Sisters and the number of guests had to be restricted.

As the newly established Provincialate Community was not yet fully equipped, and the lockdown further delayed the arrangements, the Sisters of the community, including the Superior, Sr. Lorenza D'Souza, could not initially reside in the building. Until August 15, the Provincialate Community used the Provincialate building mainly for prayer and rest, while their meals were provided by the Home for the Aged.

On August 15, the Superior formally took charge of the community. From that day onwards, the Sisters began using the kitchen and gradually became partially self-sufficient. May the Lord continue to bless the Community and its mission and guide its service in the years to come.