

MOUNT ST. ANN NOVITIATE, TALEGAON



February 21, 1979, the Feast of Blessed Mother Enrichetta, marked a significant milestone in the history of the Indian Mission. It was a day of joy and thanksgiving, as the Mission, until then united under a single Province, was reorganized into two Provinces: the South-East Province and the North-East Province.

The newly formed North-East Province did not have a formation house. Through the Providence of God, land became available for acquisition at Talegaon-Dabhade from the Congregation of the Franciscan Brothers.

The house already built by the Franciscan Brothers was subsequently established as a formation house in March 1983 and named “Mount St. Ann Novitiate.” With deep faith and trust in Divine Providence, the Sisters and those in formation began their life and mission in this rocky and isolated village. The place lacked basic facilities, including proper approach roads and a boundary wall around the property. Water was available only through a borewell and a single municipal tap. There were no neighbouring houses or nearby shopping facilities. The Sisters depended on neighbouring communities and the generosity of numerous benefactors for their daily needs.

Today, Talegaon-Dabhade has undergone remarkable development, with numerous buildings surrounding the area. The spacious campus now accommodates three other apostolic communities of our Congregation, along with a parish church, making it a vibrant centre of community life, prayer and mission.