



# CONGREGATION OF OUR LADY OF FIDELITY



Happiness in serving Him radiates from our four recently Professed Sisters. From Left to right: Sister Elijah, Sister Sheela, Sister Jisamma and Sister Josephine.

**Sister Sheela** was Professed on the 26th February, 2008. She comes from Kerala through the CMI (Carmelites of Mary Immaculate) Fathers and was the first Indian Sister to make her First Profession in the Congregation. At the moment she is in our house in Lourdes.

**Sister Josephine** was professed on the 7th December, 2009. She comes from Mumbai.

**Sister Jisamma** comes from Kerala and made her first Profession on the 1st May, 2010. Both Sister's responded to an advertisement in India.

**Sister Elijah** has lived in England for many years. She is from Korea. She came to know about us through an advertisement. She was a student at The Maryvale Institute studying her Masters in Theology. She is our first Korean Sister. Reverend Mother General came over

especially from our Mother House to receive Sister Elijah's First Profession, Sister Vanbrabant (Foundation Governor) from Belgium and Sister Marie Jeanne from France were also present. The first Profession took place on the 180th anniversary of the Foundation of the Congregation which was founded in 1831. We were very privileged to have Archbishop Peter Smith as the main Celebrant.

Sister Shainy, Novice will be Professed on the 3rd December, 2011 and Sister Elssy, Novice, on the 31st March, 2012. There are three other Novices Sister Reetha, Sister Rosalia and Sister Reena.

We also have two Aspirants Simmi and Anu (see below). Sister Rosalia is our first Sister from Spain. We also have one consecrated Lay Person living in our Community Sister Norah.

Many nationalities united: Indian, Belgian, English, Swiss, Korean, French Spanish and Irish all Sisters from the Congregation of Our Lady of Fidelity on the occasion of the First Profession of Sister Elijah our first Professed Sister From Korea on the 26th February 2011.



## Call to religious life (We are of Jesuite Spirituality)

In Religious life we live the Evangelical vows of Poverty, Chastity and Obedience.

Community life is a challenge; we are called from many walks of life and nations. We should see Christ present in all. Each Sister has responded to Christ and follows her vocation in this Congregation.

May our Communities be always united in heart and soul. "Love one another as I have loved you..." In Daily Mass we receive from Him our strength, also in our time for Meditation, Spiritual Reading, Daily Office and Prayer.

It does not matter what age we are, all contribute to the whole, and the prayers of the sick sisters who can no longer be active support us in all that we undertake. We are a small Congregation: with houses in England, France, Italy and Belgium. It is hoped to have a foundation in India and there is also a special post in Africa.



Sister Elijah at the altar.



Sister Elijah with her Novice Mistress Sister Micheleine before going into the church and below, receiving the veil from Reverend Mother General.



## OUR LADY OF FIDELITY



The Church needs religious sisters URGENTLY (ministers of religion) to bring Christ to others by a life of prayer and service lived in the community of Ignation spirituality. Daily Mass is the centre of community life. By wearing the religious habit we are witnesses of the consecrated way of life.

If you are willing to risk a little love and would like to find out how, contact Sister Bernadette.

*Mature vocations considered.*

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