

VISIT TO KOREA

(8th –16th March 2023)



Attending Sr. Agnes Cho Final Profession of Vows, was my main visit to Korea and this opened an avenue to see the country and an opportunity to experience Korean culture. I was delighted when I met physically with all the sisters in the Province and some whom I knew by names, and some who had visited Zimbabwe in the past. Meeting the sisters in their native land made a huge impact in me. The hearty welcome made me to feel at home and with this I thought of Ven Mary Potter emphasis on hospitality in our convents. Here I was experiencing it and it was great.

The big day, 11th March which was set for Sr. Agnes Cho Final Profession of Vows and with the preparations that have been done, the celebration was splendid. Sisters came from all the communities and they were looking smart in their navy habits and beautiful blue veils, seeing all them was a great marvel to me. Eucharist celebration was on point and was followed by sharing meal with friends and relatives. The hospitality rendered by the sisters and the parish organisers was exceedingly great. The most interesting part of the celebration was when all the sisters moved to Jungchung Provincial House to cheer up with Sr Agnes commitment. Beautiful dances and songs were sung to her, this was life giving to me and uplifting as well. With all this, I sensed oneness and connectedness among all.

They say, "You will never find time for anything. If you want time, you must create it." Though I had limited time, I managed to visit sisters in Gangneung and Pocheon communities. It was amazing touring Calvary Hospice Clinic and Moyhun Nursing Home, I really appreciated the continuation of Christ healing presence to the suffering, sick, dying and needy.

I really cherished the time I spent in Korea with the sisters, moving around the city of Seoul. I was taken to see old Korean Traditional Village, Seoul Tower, Changdeokgung Palace and I was delighted with how Koreans value their culture. A Visit to Pocheon Art Valley closed my visit in Korea and I had a beautiful time with the sisters and was grateful to each one of them, how they made my time a memorable one.

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