

THE LIVING OUT OF THE CALLS OF THE ACT OF THE 2013 CHAPTER
VICE PROVINCE OF PERU

In the Vice Province of Peru, we have an annual plan that is developed at our Assembly and that is lived out in our local communities. Since the 2013 Chapter, we have made the five calls of the Act of the 2013 Chapter the pillars of our plan.

In the first year, we opted to use all five of the calls, but in the following years we made one or two of the calls a priority. We feel that, throughout this process, we have grown in our interpersonal relationships, in our relationships with the congregation, and with the dear neighbor.

COMMUNION WITHIN THE COMMUNITY OF CREATION

- We have more conscientious in our use of water and light.
- We have a greater consciousness of the care of creation
- We have improved the practice of recycling in the local communities.

LIVING THE CSJ CHARISM

- We inaugurated the CSJ Days each year which helped us deepen our understanding of the charism and our relationship with the Familia de San José (Chile) and the Sisters of St. Joseph in Canada who live in Chincha, Peru who participate.
- We have had a two to three-day retreat together at the beginning of our Assembly.
- Four of our sisters were able to attend a Bearers of the Tradition workshop that was held by the C/SSJ Network of Latin América and the Caribbean. They are the ones to organize the CSJ Days.
- Our younger sisters participated in the Encounter of younger sisters in the C/SSJ Network of Latin America and the Caribbean.
- Our greatest challenge is Vocation Promotion which is done principally on the local level.
- We appreciate diversity as a positive reality both interculturally and intergenerationally. These call us to recognize the goodness of each sister and to provide for her integral care.
- We are beginning a conversation about the possibility of a formal association with the lay men and women who are attracted to or living out the CSJ charism.
- We join with the Conference of Religious on both the national and local level to give witness of our vocation as a gift to the Church.
- We have widened our networking with groups of JPIC and human trafficking.

RECLAIMING OUR ONENESS

- We dialogue through zoom calls about our understanding of Congregation, diversity structures to live out the mission, among other topics.
- In the last four years, four sisters have had the experience of living and learning English in the United States which allowed them to have a greater understanding of the Congregation.
- Our younger sisters have participated in the Seeding the Future/Kakehashi meetings which has forged bonds with sisters across the Congregation.
- We have had extended study and conversation about some kind of a common project that would help generate income for the Vice Province. We have not reached any conclusions but are continuing the exploration. We try to look for work that includes a salary whenever possible.

UNITING IN THE MISSION WITH NEW EYES

- There is a deepening commitment to our ministries and a continuing desire to discover where we need to be to respond to the signs of the times. As a result, we opened a mission in Iquitos (jungle of Peru) for three years and a summer program in Ocoña (coast of Peru).
- In visits to Chile, we have come to understand the mission of the Familia de San José and their profound commitment to the church and they, in turn, in their visits to Peru have come to know our ministries.

CHURCH, PEOPLE OF GOD

- Our option for the poor, the option of the Latin American church, is the touchstone of our choices regarding life-style and ministry.
- With the laity, we have the profound belief that we are Church.
- We collaborate with religious men and women in responding to needs that arise. For example, in the terrible flooding in 2017, several of our sisters were able to go to different parts of Peru as part of teams to respond to the urgent needs.
- We are strengthened by the words of Pope Francis, especially during his visit to Peru in 2018 where he chose to visit places that are vulnerable because of their realities and he animated us to not lose hope in our commitment as Christians.