

My life belongs totally to God..

In the midst of our fragile ,volatile, unpredictable but beautiful world, in Holy Cross
Parish
Manila Philippines, on the 12th September I had the great privilege and joy of receiving
the first vows of the three novices from Myanmar
Rita Roi NU
Esther Mum LUNG
Elizabeth Ja Din AWNG.

It was an awesome Occasion prepared during many weeks by the International
Formation. Community. Working together in harmony the thirty three novices succeeded
in celebrating in a deep meaningful way the first profession of Rita ,Esther, and
Elizabeth in a Eucharist presided by the Parish Priest Fr. Roger Supposition.

The Eucharist was celebrated in English and the liturgy, readings and hymns reflected
the joyful nature of the occasion. With the opening procession the Formation choir led
us in the hymn "You have called us by your name we belong to you .You have called
us by our name and we are yours"

Fed on the Word of God chosen by the novices.

Reading from Is 43. "do not be afraid I have redeemed you"

Psalms. "I have loved you with an everlasting love. And you are mine."

Philippines 3:8-14. St. Paul considers all as rubbish if only he could have Christ.
Gospel Jn. 15:1-9. "I am the Vine you are the branches. remain in me as I remain in
you".

The three novices then made their first profession after the homily,
committing their lives to God through the vows for one year. Their joy was contagious
as they were welcomed by the sisters after they pronounced their vows.
In our hearts, we joined with them as they sang the Magnificat. "All that I am sings of
the God who brings new life to birth in me. My spirit soars on the wings of my Lord"

The Eucharist continued with great rejoicing and thanksgiving and concluded with a
hymn dedicated to St. Emilie..."Called to follow you in living for Gods Glory. We lift our
hearts in prayer...Be with us today St. Emilie. Be with us today..."after the three newly
professed sisters received their obediences for the Province of Myanmar.

No words can express the joy of the sisters, novices, parishioners, friends and students
witnessing and participating in this glorious event and joining together to celebrate with
music and song and a delicious meal in the Formation House..

It was truly a remarkable way to celebrate St. Emilie's birthday...We give thanks and
praise to God for the gift of these newly professed sisters. Sr Esther ,Sr. Elizabeth and
Sr. Rita...May we support them by our prayers and witness of life.

ANITA Callaghan S.J.A.



Congratulations

