



# South West India Province Mission Partners Retreat 2019

**BANGALORE**, GS Convent, Museum Road: The first Annual retreat for the mission partners was held on the 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> July 2019.

Theme: **Spirituality of Service** by Miss Jolie Monasterio & Dr. Nicki Verploegen.

Here are some excerpts from the session.

“Every person you will ever meet has infinite worth.” Kent Hoffman

“If you’ve come to help me, you are wasting your time. But if your pain is tied to mine, if your joy is tied to mine, if your sorrow, your dreams, your hopes are tied to mine, then we have something to talk about. Let’s work together.” Lila Watson (aboriginal leader from Australia)

“One person has more value than the entire world.” St. M. Euphrasia “You have a heart created for love and be grateful.”

“Pause. Take a step back. Hmmm.”

“Ubuntu. I am because you are.” (African philosophy)

“In actual fact, society depends for its existence on the inviolable personal solitude of its members...” Thomas Merton

“I was impressed with the dedication of the Lay Mission Partners to give up a weekend to better serve as a Mission Partner.” Miss Jolie Monasterio

“The seriousness with which the Lay people worked together with the sisters was inspirational. When asked, ‘what gives you life?’ the laity talked about how enlivened they were when they visited the poor and needy. I was touched by the joint commitment by sisters and mission partners alike to those struggling economically and physically.”  
Dr. Nicki Verploegen

