

FIRST PROFESSION AT LISIEUX CONVENT, SRI LANKA

On the first Sunday of 2024, 7th January, on the feast of the Epiphany, the Lord manifested Himself through four wise virgins who responded to the call of their Bridegroom. Awakened by the angelic voices singing 'Behold the Bridegroom cometh,' they emerged from their cells with trimmed and lighted lamps symbolising their journey of commitment to the Lord in the Apostolic Carmel.

At 10:30 am, accompanied by Rev. Sr. Valarmathy, the Novice Directress and Sister Nilanthi, the Provincial Superior, the four brides ascended the little hill that led to the Lisieux convent chapel, meeting their parents halfway who accompanied them to the altar. It was a day of great joy as family members and sisters from nearby communities gathered to thank and praise God at the Eucharistic celebration during which our dear four novices pronounced their First Vows in the hands of Sr. Nilanthi the Provincial Superior.

Rev. Father Justin Chauvan, the Provincial Superior of CSS, graced the occasion, concelebrated by Rev. Fr. Beylon S.J., the Spiritual Director, and Rev. Fr. Peterson OMI, the Chaplain. Fr. Chauvan, in his homily, spoke on how the Magi found Jesus in their journey of search, thus comparing the four brides to the Magi who found Christ.

The ceremony concluded with thanks and praise, followed by a festive meal with the extended AC family and with the family members of the newly professed Sisters. The newly professed brides then proceeded to the Provincial House. May God bless our newly-professed sisters, their parents, and dear ones.











