



Consecration Ceremony Before The Perpetual Profession

Sneha Bhavan, Chikamalaluru: After two months of Preparation for the perpetual profession, we had *Totus Tuus* journey according to our constitution. It was a wonderful journey of 33 days which helped me to have a deeper knowledge of the World, of the Self, of Mary and of Jesus Christ, the Eternal Incarnate Wisdom after which we had the consecration ceremony on the eve of our Perpetual Profession.

The consecration ceremony of four novices (Bros. Balaraju, Nuthan, Prashanth and Vijay) and two scholastics (Jesu Doss and Philp Pramod) was held in the Sneha Bhavan Novitiate Community, Montfort Estate, Kanathi, Chikmangalore in the presence of Rev. Fr. J Joseph Smm, the provincial superior and his council on 30/05/2019 at 6:30 pm. Many of our confreres and brothers were present for the ceremony. The ceremony began with invocation hymn to the Holy Spirit and it had mainly three stages namely **Allegiance to the Word of God, Renewal of the Baptismal Promises and finally the Consecration to Jesus through Mary.**

It was a beautiful and God-fearing experience for me to have my hands placed on the Word of God to promise and to kiss the Holy Scripture during the first stage. It was once again delight and sacred moment for me to renew my baptismal promises during the second stage after which we had a small and beautiful reflection on Consecration given by Rev. Fr. Peter Swamy Smm. After the reflection, the novice master, Fr. Reni Joseph Smm, invited us who were preparing for the first profession and perpetual profession to consecrate themselves completely to Jesus according to the method of St. Louis Marie de Montfort. It was indeed a significant and an important moment in my life to commit myself entirely to Jesus through Mary. The entire ceremony was concluded at 7:30 pm.

-Dn. Jesu Doss Smm