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Juliana Wuur from Columbus, OH

Blessings in this Advent Season! The year 2019 comes to an end, as we are preparing to renew our faith in Christ being among us. In this festive month we still have some works in promoting our Congregation and its mission. The last big event we attended was the

National Catholic Youth Conference 2019 in Indianapolis, IN. Moving along from NCYC, we welcomed Ms. Juliana Wuur from Columbus, OH for Come and See from November 24 until December 3, 2019.

Two weeks later, Sr. Skolastika Wea, SSpS and I visited Irmina Kiki Paul and her family in Milwaukee, WI. In this visit, Irmina brought us to meet Fr. Chakrit Micaphitak, a Redemptorist priest from Thailand who is assigned to accompany the Hmong people and the refugees from Myanmar, Thailand and Laos in Milwaukee, WI. We are glad that the visit extended our relationship with the community there. We look forward to work with them, especially the youth for some events next year.

From December 20-22, 2019, Br. Duy-Linh, SVD, Sr. Skolastika and I will visit the Karen community in St. Paul, MN. At the weekend, we will join the youth for Christmas caroling. On Sunday, the 22nd, the community has A Day of Appreciation for religious leaders, teachers, volunteers and benefactors of the community. We will be part of this too. On the Christmas Day, if weather permits, Sr. Yustina Intan, SSpS and Sr. Elsa Castellano, SSpS will take turns to visit the community for their Christmas Celebration. Our last trip will be on December 28,

where Sr. Skolastika and I will join the Burmese Community from Bowling Green, KY, and Nashville, TN for their Christmas celebration in the Holy Spirit Catholic Church, Bowling Green, KY.

Not only trips and visits, this year we had new bookmarks and promotional items, like pens and rosary bracelets. Please contact us if you need some of them!! We are still working on our new brochure and web page. We also started a video project with our SVD Brothers and our Sisters of Perpetual Adoration. We hope that this project will be finished by May 2020. Millions of thanks to Sr. Rosalia Galmin, SSpS and Andrew Dixon from the Communications Ministry for their work of supporting our office. Sr. Agathe Bramkamp, SSpS has offered to write a short reflection to our candidates every month.

Looking back at what we have done this year, we are amazed that we had more than 80 activities. These include conferences, vocation events, retreats, Come & See, mission experiences, visits (candidates and their families, parishes, schools, colleges and universities) and meetings. We are grateful for the support we have received from the PLT and all the Sisters in this province. All are God's blessings!

Looking forward to the coming year, we do not know how our ministry will unfold. We try to focus on the present moment and be ready for any surprises from day to day. We are grateful for the past and are full of expectation for the future. In the mean time we try not to lose sight of the joy in the present moment.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year 2020.



Sr. Aprilia Untarto, SSpS & Sr. Skolastika Wea, SSpS with Elizabeth, Fr. Chakrit and Irmina at St. Michael Catholic Church, Milwaukee, WI.