

VISITE TO THE PROVINCE OF BRAZIL

May 1 to June 1



On April 30th, we arrived on Brazilian soil, with much joy, for another moment of pilgrimage in order to weave and intensify links with this Province, as well as with each community and each sister.

May 1-6 at BELO HORIZONTE



The first community we visited was that of Belo Horizonte, where we have a Spiritual Center surrounded by magnificent nature that offers tranquility, peace and invitation to prayer! During the visit, the sisters enabled us to meet some of the people who work with them in the spiritual center, as well as others with whom they have a good relationship.





We then visited the Casa do Bom Conselho, located right next to the spiritual center. The elderly sisters live in this house, along with a few active sisters. Despite their age and health limitations, the sisters' joy and welcome touched us deeply.

It was inspiring to spend time with our elders. We experienced how each of them holds the Province of Brazil in their hearts, as well as the entire Congregation



May 8-12 at FORTALEZA

On May 8th, we traveled from Belo Horizonte, in southeastern Brazil, to Fortaleza, the city of sunshine in the northeast. Here we experienced another climate and cultural and missionary experience. The day after our arrival, we began visiting and meeting each of the sisters in this community.



As they shared our experiences, we gradually came to understand the mission of our sisters in this setting. First and foremost, this is characterized by being a presence in this outlying neighborhood to be close to the poor. The sisters also engage in spiritual accompaniment, as well as listening and participation in the pastoral care of the local church.



During the visit, we had the joy of getting to know the Cenacle Fraternity and sharing with them.



The members of this group have a special way of being with our sisters in their daily life and mission

May 14-17 in RIO DE JANEIRO

On May 13, we traveled again, this time to the beautiful city of Rio de Janeiro. On the 15th, we began our visit to the community in this historic setting, the first house of the Province of Brazil. It is well located in the southern region of Rio de Janeiro. At present, the sisters collaborate in various services offered by the Brazilian Conference of Religious (CRB)



Here in Rio de Janeiro, we also had a time of relaxation and joy with members of the Cenacle Fraternity and some friends of the community.

Since the provincial treasurer lives in this house, we spent the day on May 17 meeting with **the Finance Team**. In



addition to the sisters, the team is made up of two employees who work in finance in the two spiritual centers in the Province. The team also relies on the professional help of an accounting firm and two lawyers who live in Rio de Janeiro.

May 18 : Travel from Rio de Janeiro to São Paulo, with a visit to the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Aparecida



Unlike our other trips, which were done by plane, this one was special because we traveled by car. And like all pilgrims to Brazil, our journey took us to the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Aparecida, the patroness of this country.

May 19-22 in SÃO PAULO



The day after our arrival, we began our visit to the Taboão da Serra community. This house is a spiritual center, conveniently located in a small town called **Taboão da Serra**, very close to Brazil's largest city, São Paulo. This spiritual center is a true ecological sanctuary, exuberant in its natural beauty



During the visit, we also had the opportunity to meet the Cenacle Fraternity group and to take part in the unity mass in the diocese of Camp Limpo.





On May 22, before sunrise, to avoid the traffic jam, we got on the road to visit the community living in the eastern region of São Paulo, in the town of São Miguel Paulista. From these two sisters and some of their friends who are involved in a wide range of pastoral activities, we gained a better understanding of what it means to be a



community of insertion, that is, a community that lives a simple lifestyle among the poor. We also learned a little about the pastoral care of workers and children.

On May 24, we continued our pilgrimage, leaving Taboão da Serra to return to Belo Horizonte.

May 25-31 - BELO HORIZONTE

From May 25-26, we were welcomed for the visit of **the provincial community** located in **Contagem**, a town not far from the big city of Belo Horizonte.



It was good to discover that this small provincial house is a quiet place to work. We really enjoyed the atmosphere.

May 27:

Feast of Our Lady of the Cénacle

What a joy it was to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of the Cenacle with the sisters of the three Belo Horizonte communities (Centro Espirituel, Casa do Cuidado and Contagem) with the Fraternity and some friends, as well as other collaborators.



After mass, we had a festive lunch. It was an enjoyable time for the guests to sing together to the guitar music played by Father Francis Adao, the celebrant for the mass.



On that same day, in the afternoon, we had the joy of meeting and sharing a little with members of the Belo Horizonte Fraternity, who creatively told the story of the group's journey using the symbol of a train.



On May 29, we met with **the Formation Team**. The sisters shared their experiences, difficulties, and challenges, as well as the joy of having a postulant and others in vocational discernment, after a few years without a new vocation.

Our meeting was with **the Provincial Council** on May 30 and 31. This was an important time of sharing our experiences with each other. We spoke of what we had seen, touched and felt during our pilgrimage in this great country.

