

SR. SYLVIA PROBST MEMORIAL HALL IN BISHESHE

Dear sisters,

It is with a grateful heart that I share with you the joy of having a multipurpose hall opened in Bisheshe! Dreams come true! God and some of you know how long we have been waiting for this hall! The hall named after our late Sr. Sylvia Probst recognizing, acknowledging and appreciating her generosity and great vision for our DMJ presence and mission in Ibanda and Bisheshe in particular. The Late Mr. Joseph Byanyima gently reminded us whenever we went to visit him. "Sisters, have you done something in memory of Sr. Sylvia in Bisheshe?" I am very happy that we now have a positive answer to this question.

Our small classroom couldn't provide enough space for meetings, workshops, recollections, eucharistic and other celebrations in Bisheshe. We have been hit by both sunshine and rain as we tried to creatively use the limited space of the classroom and its surroundings to accommodate large numbers of participants attending meetings, educative and transformative trainings, counselling sessions and celebrations for couples, Functional Adult Literacy, the youth who have dropped out of school, co-workers, students, DMJ Associates, children and other visitors who come to us.

The 1/5/2026 will always be a day to remember with Joy! Through the intercession of St. Joseph the Worker, our multipurpose hall was joyfully opened with a eucharistic celebration officiated by Rev. Fr. Dr. Paul Mutume our Parish Priest and chaplain. Our DMJ sisters from



various communities, religious men and women from Ibanda, DMJ Associates, Functional Adult Literacy beneficiaries (men and women who never got a chance to go to school), The youth who dropped out of school, co-workers, neighbours and friends attended this colourful celebration! Some of the beneficiaries of the Functional Adult Literacy program happily received Level one and Level two certificates! During the Eucharistic celebration, 2 beneficiaries of our FAL program took the readings! Women and men who never went to school can now read and write! See the marvels the lord has done

for us! Indeed, we were glad! (Psalm 125).

It's not only about reading and writing, our apostolate beneficiaries have gained numerous skills in crafts making for example, bead work, baskets, mats, pots, candles, bar and liquid soap

making, textile printing, sewing, bakery etc plus social, home management skills and sustainable farming.

To crown it all, an exhibition was held to show case the talents and capabilities of our beneficiaries. It is a joy to see transformation, growth and improved livelihoods in all of them. We give glory to God for enabling us extend his merciful love to his people through our various apostolates.

Our deep and sincere gratitude to all our sisters especially those who have served in Bisheshe for providing shoulders for us to stand on! We thank our Congregation Leadership team, Former and current Africa Regional teams for their great support. Many thanks to Miseen cara and other benefactors who support us in our mission. We are forever grateful to God and to all the people we serve in our ministries. "You are the Instruments of the Mercy of God. Let no difficulty stand in the way of this ministry". (Constant Van Crombrughe- Our Founder).
Tempore Silvam!



Blessing the Building



Offertory Procession



Congregation at Mass



Cutting the Ribbon



Receiving Certificates



A short video clip

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