

## Reception to Novitiate 14th September, 2023

We began with the retreat of eight days in Namugongo which was led by Sister Anna Mary. It was a touching retreat which healed us and gave us a way to change and do well in our next step we were going to take.

After the retreat, we began our journey to Nairobi and we reached well in the community still in preparation for the novitiate. We had a recollection of two days which started on 12<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> September 2023 with a reception Mass.

Our sisters took designated roles during Mass, for example singing, drumming, shaking, which favoured us to pray well as brides.

The homily was touching and encouraged us to be ready to follow and serve Christ whole heartedly. After homily our formator Sr. Beatrice on behalf of regional Superior Sr. Grace, received us and also the community and the priest representing the church joined her and promised to move and journey with us.

During the reception we were given the Constitutions of our congregation and encouraged to read them study them and pray with them. We were also given candles which symbolized to be a light of the world wherever we shall be. Having received these congregation instruments, we felt joyful for becoming at least a member of the congregation.

Then after mass, our Sisters congratulated us and each one congratulated each other wished the best to one another. Next we shared our meals together and each Novice was given a gift from our sisters.

Our celebration ended with a concluding prayer and a blessing by Fr Patrick.

Thanks to the congregation for receiving us in novitiate.



## THE PROFESSION OF NOVICE ELISABETH BASHEKA

The profession began with preparation where by community members shared different responsibilities like decoration, sharing, entertainment, cleaning, receiving the parents where we participated freely which freed us to express our talents freely.

The evening of the profession,

It began with evening prayer which was led by the Region Coordinator Sr. Grace Asiimirwe who welcomed the community to pray with and pray for Novice Elisabeth Basheka. Novice Elisabeth shared about the gospel from Mathew 5, ..... which she chose for her profession, the community also shared about the Gospel, prayed for her encouraged her to live the gospel she chose. This encouraged us that we should live a life of directing others to see God via our good works.



The celebration started with Mass in which the Region Co-ordinator received the vows of Sr. Elisabeth together with the main celebrant and co-celebrants plus the Christians witness where everybody joined to witness and congratulate Sister Elisabeth. It was a joyful moment for us to hope and feel that one day we will make it.

After Mass, the reception was in the same place that is the community compound where we as novices joined together to entertain visitors happily with different cultural dances and comedy which made us to express our cultural feeling and talents willingly.

We were so happy and excited to participate and to be part of it.

THANKS

From the Novitiate Community