

## Christology Retreat, Jakarta, Indonesia



The province of Our Lady of Good Counsel, Indonesia, was the first province to have a Christology retreat directly guided by the General Council from Rome. Sr. Mary Kathleen, SND, and Sr. Mary Sreeja, SND, came from Rome to provide the eight-day

Christology retreat for sisters who will become the Christology retreat facilitators for the Indonesian province.

The retreat was held at Santa Maria Retreat house at Tawangmangu, which is owned by the SNDs. The beauty of nature and the coolness of the air in Tawangmangu helped the Sisters to experience God's presence in their reflections during the retreat.

In the middle of the retreat, Sr. Maria Erika, SND, one of the retreat participants who was also on the provincial council, passed away from a heart attack. This shocked all the retreat participants and, of course, saddened all of us.

During the Mass, she suffered a heart attack and immediately she was taken to the nearest clinic but was then moved to the hospital in Solo. After treatment in ICU and various attempts to help her, she left us. That night the body of sister was brought to Pekalongan. Sr. Maria Monika, SND, as the provincial, decided that the retreat would continue. Most sisters prayed for her in the silence of the retreat. The few sisters who left to mourn Sr. Maria Erika in Pekalongan resumed their retreat after the burial.



After the closing of the retreat, the six sisters who

elected to become retreat facilitators for the sisters in Indonesian province met with Sister Mary Sreeja, SND, for the preparation of the next retreat. After that Sr Mary Kathleen, SND, and Sr Mary Sreeja, SND, were invited to do some sightseeing with several Sisters.

