

Adventure To Give



The Vocation Promotion Team of the Indonesian province conducted a two-day vocation retreat. It was held on December 15-16, 2018, in our Santa Maria Retreat House in Tawangmangu, Central Java, Indonesia. The theme of the retreat was “Adventure to Give.” It was divided into various sessions and activities, which were set up in a more contemporary style. Even so, they were able to introduce who SNDs are.

This weekend was attended by forty young women, two aspirants, and three first-year postulants, as well as juniors and young senior sisters. The activities were diverse. The first day started with get-acquainted exercises, for which the participants were divided into groups. Each group included sisters and attendees and was named for an SND historical person. Then the representative of the group introduced their patron figure, such as Sr. Maria Aloysia, along with her slogan or saying or something to animate the group.

In the evening of the first day there was some sharing by Sr. Maria Yasinta, our senior sister, and a married couple. The three shared the joys and challenges of each form of life. The day continued with a barbeque and then closed with a light prayer service.

On the second day there was an outbound activity, a training session to enhance individual and team behaviors through outdoor activities using an experiential learning approach. By doing this, the participants came to know each other and strengthened their bond in the group. Finally they got ready for the last event. On the evaluation form, nineteen young women wrote that they would like to join Notre Dame.

The program ended with Holy Mass, then participants and sisters had lunch together and said goodbye. Please pray for the young women that eventually some may come to our congregation.