

SND Student Sisters at the Angelicum in Rome participate in pilgrimage



There is an international representation of SNDs at the Pontifical University of Saint Thomas Aquinas (Angelicum) in Rome pursuing studies in Theology and Spirituality this year. The programs contribute to the sisters' spiritual formation in view of preparing spiritual leaders and agents of evangelization. Sister Maria Yohanisa Jemlis from Indonesia and Sister Maria Ignis Sim from South Korea are studying the Formation course; Sister Mary Pascalia Nzelo from Kenya is pursuing in Religious Sciences; and Sister Mary Supriya Augustine from India is learning Scripture and Mariology. It is a joy and privilege to be a student at the center of the Church and to be part of the Motherhouse community. The classes at the Angelicum make us ponder, think about and analyse the issues of today's world and determine how to find solutions according to the values of Scripture. We are indeed gifted with this time to enrich ourselves, and we treasure the experience of studying in the Eternal City with students from 98 countries.

Every year the Pontifical Universities of Rome come together for a pilgrimage to a religious site. In this year's pilgrimage we travelled to the Shrine of the Blessed Virgin of the Rosary at Pompeii. On November 11, the students arrived in Pompeii by different means of transportation from their respective universities. It was a day of prayer and recollection. We had Holy Mass at the Shrine. The organizers had prepared a boxed lunch for each of the students. In the afternoon we had some free time to meet and greet the students from the other universities. Unfortunately, the archeological site was closed. However, some of us took the elevator up the bell tower and had a wonderful overview of Pompeii. We concluded the day at the Shrine with an hour of adoration followed by praying the rosary.