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I joined the Presentation Congregation in 1985. I have been a part of the PBVM Family for the past 38 years. Though hailing from the southernmost part of India, I have lived most part of my life in North India as I have been missioned to the Northern States. During these years I have been mostly engaged in the Education Ministry in various capacities both in the Insertional communities (direct ministry with those kept poor) as well as Institutional communities. Through this ministry, I have been able to connect with numerous people particularly students from whom I learned life's lessons and it is my hope that, in return I have been an instrument of God's loving kindness to all those who crossed my path. I look back with a deep sense of gratitude for my journey so far. I have been greatly inspired by the undaunted courage, deep compassion, unflinching zeal and unshakeable faith of Ven. Nano Nagle; these hallmarks of hers have served as lampposts for me as I, in my little ways strive to reach out to the hurting world. As I reminiscence, I am awestruck by the mysterious ways yet through natural processes, ordinary people and normal events God has led me over the years. I am deeply indebted to my Congregation for the numerous opportunities I have been given, to become the best version of myself, to empower me, to give my all. The TSL programme opened up new vistas for me to understand what it takes to be a servant leader. My journey in the Congregation so far had many twists and turns, nonetheless it was an amazing one to say the least. The one word that can sum up for all that has been is: Gratitude.

I consider it a great blessing to be a part of the Congregational Gathering 2024 and I am grateful for this opportunity. What energizes me about the Gathering is the fact that it is going to be a time of Communion of Sisters, a time of Discernment and Creativity as we search together how best we can embrace our vulnerability as possibility. I believe that the Gathering will energize and empower us to live our Committed lives with greater passion and zeal, to make a positive difference in the world. On a personal level, what challenges me about the Gathering is the enormous responsibility placed on the

delegates! A certain amount of self-doubt as to whether I would be able to fulfil all that is expected of me. But then, I look at this challenge as an opportunity for growth.

We are living at an unprecedented time of rapid changes in every stratum. It is a challenge for us to search for means and ways to make our Consecrated living relevant for our times. I believe that we have all been blessed with the gifts of reason and intuition...the gifts of dreaming and implementation....the gifts of compassion and caring...the gifts of persistency and relentlessness. It is my hope that these gifts will aid us in our searching, how to be authentic, life-giving, life nurturing Presence in the Universe. I am looking forward with great expectation and hope, to be a part of this momentous event in the life of our Congregation.