



Leadership Lunches

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Sister Pushpa Teresa Gomes

Growing up in a small, rural farming community in Bangladesh, Sister Pushpa Teresa Gomes got her first taste of independence when she left home to join with the Sisters of the Holy Cross in Dhaka, Bangladesh. It was through the Sisters that Sr. Pushpa was able to grow out of her comfort zone and was inspired to become a teacher. She was trained to teach students of all grade levels, and later became trained to become a school administrator. She served in various administrative positions in the school systems in Bangladesh and worked closely to help the rural people of Bangladesh advance their educational opportunities. Learning from her experiences as a teacher and administrator, and with encouragement from her fellow Sisters, she was able to advance further and was asked to be an educator and director of the Novice program for the Sisters of the Holy Cross. Sr. Pushpa was later elected to the Leadership Team of the Sisters of the Holy Cross and this is what brought her to Saint Mary's College. She has worked actively with the other Sisters in her team to start a Novice program here in Indiana which would bring the novices from all around the world (8 countries) and have them attend school together. This program is going to be launched in January 2009 and Sr. Pushpa is looking forward to connecting these young women from around the world with current Saint Mary's students and the Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership.



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| Upcoming Leadership Lunches | February 25, 2008 Kathy Schneider Executive Director Saint Margaret's House | March 17, 2008 Paula Dawning '71 Saint Mary's Trustee Former Superintendent of Benton Harbor Area District | March 31, 2008 Melissa Martin Chairperson Indiana Commission for Women |
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