

FIRST PROVINCIAL ELECTION IN CSFR

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With the “velvet revolution” (November 17, 1989) the Czechoslovakian Socialist Republic has changed its name to the Czech and Slovak Federative Republic and new life new ways are coming to Czechoslovakia. This is what we experienced when we joined the sisters of our CSFR province for their first provincial assembly, their first election of a provincial council. All the sisters except the two ill sisters eagerly participated in the assembly. Challenged by a discernment process which included various types of dialogue and interviews, they proceeded step by step. Three of the four members of the new council have only recently been able to be publicly identified as religious and to live in community. “New wine in new wineskins” one sister said. In the evaluation, the sisters expressed their gratitude and joy as the election was completed. “The Lord has done great things for us,” was the prayer as well as the experience from the beginning to the end of the assembly.