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Sharing IBVM News:
April 2009

***Final Profession- 26th April 09,
at Sacred Heart Church,
Thakurpukur:***

***Gyanalaya Loreto Juniorate,
Entally:*** The ten newly Professed arrived at Gyanalaya Loreto Juniorate on 1st April. Their programme for April has been intense, with Sr. Geraldine doing 'Transition', Sr. Antoinette 'Study Skills', and Fr. Julian Das, SJ, 'Ignatian Spirituality'. From 28th April to 2nd May, the ten Sisters move to Pandua for a course on Social Analysis by Fr. Jyoti, SJ, and from 8th to 18th May to Patna for a course on 'Media and Communication' at the Ravi Bharati Jesuit Communication Centre there. Other temporary professed sisters will also avail of this course. After this, the

Juniorate Sisters go for thier home holidays with 5 days of work on Vocation Promotion in their own home territory.

The present Staff at the Juniorate include:

*Sr. Alice Mary: History & Political Science,
Sr. Claire: Literature
Sr. Moira: Geography
Sr. Marion: Catechism – Teaching Methods
Mrs. S. Mitra: English Grammar
Sr. Geraldine: Computers
Sr. Philomena: General English*

Sr. Philomena will be grateful to any Sister who will volunteer to take a programme in the Juniorate.

Also, the needs of this new set up are many – the most urgent being - books for their Spiritual and light reading, and musical instruments,

such as guitars, tablas, harmonium, etc. Your generosity in providing these requirements would be much appreciated.



‘Hart to Heart’ by Sr. Maeve Hughes: This new book on the founder of the Loreto mission in India, Sr. Delphine Hart, has finally been released, and is ready for circulation. It took Sr. Maeve much investigation and research to trace the family roots of Delphine Hart. Her persistence paid dividends when the archivist in the Archbishop’s House in Dublin was able to locate the family records to the baptismal register in the archives of the Meath Street parish of St. Catherine’s Church. Congratulations to Sr. Maeve on the completion of this valuable historical document for Loreto. The book is available at Rs.140/- per copy. Check with Sr. Maeve on how you could collect/receive your copies. Email: mhuges@rediffmail.com



R. I. P. Mr. Paul Gomes, father of Sr. Archana Gomes, died at home on Easter Sunday, 12th April, in the late evening. His funeral was held

the next day, in the afternoon. It was good that his son, from Dubai, was able to be present during his father’s last illness and death. Sr. Archana could not be present at the time of the death, but has nevertheless been untiring in her efforts to be by his side when he needed her, or whenever she could get the chance to be down. We assure Sr. Archana and the family of our sincere sympathy and prayers.



Medical Bulletin:

- Kindly continue your prayers for Sr. Joan Smyth and Sr. Teresa McGlinchey, who are receiving medical attention at Loreto House, Calcutta.
- Prayers are requested for Sr. Bernadette D’ Rozario’s brother, Christopher, who had to undergo surgery in Calcutta for a break in the femur bone. Her brother was very brave not to have reported about the pain, till it was unbearable, and the doctors discovered that it was a break!
- Prayers are also requested for Sr. Celine’s brother, Fr. Agnel Pinto, SJ, who is to undergo an operation in mid-May’09.



Elections in India: Along with the CRI, the 'People 4 People' movement has been started in Kolkata to awaken solidarity among the minorities in the exercise of their rights. Recently they have issued a Manifesto demanding that the Candidates for the present Govt. Elections in India be aware of their serious obligations to the people. In the same tone, I would like to remind Sisters to do all they can to ensure that their right to vote is

exercised. This is a responsibility that we need to take seriously. It is not too late to approach Election Officers or even Party offices to ensure that our names are registered. Let us continue to pray that India will get a good and stable government.

*In union of love and prayer,
Antoinette Rodrigues*

