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Sharing IBVM News:
May 2010

Sr. Tressia's Itinerary (updated):

27th May to 7th June:

Dharan House blessing & Mary Ward Symposium in Darjeeling.

12th to 28th June:

Provincials' Meeting, Mauritius

9th to 22nd July:

Holistic Awareness Retreat at Atma Darshan, Patna

4th to 17th August:

Holistic Health Training at Atma Darshan, Patna.

Sr. Deepa's visit:

Great to have Sr. Deepa back in India! She arrived on 13th May and is presently with her family in Behrampur. She hopes to return to Kolkata by end June. Her excitement and enthusiasm, especially in recounting experiences of Peru, was infectious! We wish her a happy home coming, and happy years in Peru!

Consecrated life in a Digital

Word: World Communication

Day – 16th May 10:

Digital Communication is ushering in a New Era. In India there was

only one TV channel in 1981.

Today there are about 400 channels running 24 hours. Ten years ago the mobile phone reached our land. Today it is used by more than 500 million people, who cut across all sections of rich and poor, men and women and children. On the occasion of World Communication Day, Pope Benedict XVI has appealed to Christian leaders to get connected to this technology and open our minds and hearts to it. "Thanks to the new communications media, the Lord can walk the streets of our cities".

In practice, what can we do to catch up with the fast changing world?

- *Every community, including formation communities, could get connected with a broadband connection.*
- *Learn to use the huge resources available on the net including very rich and easily usable Catholic literature.*
- *Make a list of interesting and informative websites for members to access, e.g.*

www.loreto.in (Indian Province website!)

- Make sufficient computers available for members to access the net.

Apostolic Visitation in U.S.

Province: This has recently been completed in the IBVM, US Province. They not only “survived the process”, in the words of the US Provincial, Sr. Kay Foley, “but also thrived on it” However, what the two Visitors wrote in their 12-page report is unknown. They were not allowed to say anything they had learned. “However they left with a great respect for Mary Ward and admiration for our 400 year graced history. They were in awe at the wonders of being an international community and that everyone they met were joy filled, spirited and welcoming. At lunch on the day they were leaving, after all the thank you expressions were made, the IBVM Sisters began singing ‘Where Charity and Love Are’ in three part harmony as a closing to the Apostolic Visitation. It is a song that Sr. Maria Bierer taught us several years ago and that we all hold lovingly in our hearts. The look on the faces of the Visitors was something to see. They were awed that we could sing such a beautiful song so spontaneously. One actually had tears in her eyes. I think we touched their hearts!”

Sr. Kay Foley and the US Province are grateful for prayers and support of IBVM around the world, and of family, friends and religious.

Transfers:

- Sr. Maria Bastian has been transferred to Loreto House Community, Kolkata, from Delhi.
- Sr. Matilda Lakra to Loreto House Community, Kolkata, from Trichy.
- Sr. Bernadette Lepcha to Shimla, from Loreto House, Kolkata.
- Sr. Monica Suchiang sat for the SLAT exam for LLM, and has just received the glorious news that she has been selected! The next step would be to sit for a Viva which will determine what University she will be granted.

CRI Seminar: A Seminar on ‘Conflict Management for Peace and Reconciliation’ was held at the Mennonite Central Committee hall for members of the Regional CRI. There was a good response from Congregations in Calcutta. Sr. Christine Coutinho represented Loreto at this Meeting. She expressed appreciation for the simple and practical skills acquired for conflict resolution.

Mary Ward Development Centre Meeting:

This Meeting has been organized for Sat. 26th & Sun. 27th June, at the Baptist AC Hall, AJC Bose Road, Kolkata, for Principals, Teachers & IBVM involved in social work.

The timetable features such inputs as:

Sharing from Margo on her visits to the schools and projects in the Province; Input on RTA (new Education Act) with open panel discussion.

Introducing proposed structures for the MWRDC & facilitated workshop on planning a way forward. Where appropriate, arrangements could be made with individual schools for team members from MWRDC to visit their schools and assist with the implementation of new plans.

Graves in Bhowanipore: *We have acquired 10 more graves in a beautiful plot at the Bhowanipore Cemetery in Kolkata. Now there is space enough!*

R.I.P. *We remember:*

- *The renowned Fr. Burns of Haydn Hall, Darjeeling, died suddenly in the evening of Thurs. 17th May 2010.*
- *Donal Smyth eldest brother of Joan Smyth died on 20th May, 2010*

Sr. Antoinette's itinerary – June:

9th June *Return to Kolkata from Darjeeling*
14th & 15th *Juniorate – Study Skills*
17th *Leave for Shillong*
25th *Return to Kolkata from Shillong*
26th & 27th *MWDC Meeting*
28th *CRI Meeting with Bishops over recent issues.*

Visitor to Kolkata:

Sr. Elaine McDonald will be visiting Kolkata from 7th to 10th June after her presentation on Mary Ward in Darjeeling. On 10th June, Elaine leaves for Delhi en route to Ireland. In spite of the heat, we wish Elaine a happy stay in the Province.

Birthdays & Feast days in June

2nd Sr. A. Thivya
5th Sr. Aruna Kujur
7th Sr. A. Anitha
8th Sr. Deepa Biswas
 Sr. Initha P
 Sr. Matilda Lakra
25th Sr. Marian Moriarty
27th Sr. Cyril Mooney
29th Sr. Pushpa Ekka

In union of love and prayers,

Antoinette Rodrigues