

Loreto (IBVM) reaching out.....



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If you look to others for fulfillment, you will never truly be fulfilled.

If your happiness depends on money, you will never be happy with yourself.

Be content with what you have, rejoice in the way things are.

When you realize there is nothing lacking, the whole world belongs to you – Lao Tzu

Loreto Entally

The celebration of Mary Ward Day at Loreto Entally culminated in a grand dinner served in the gym, to which all the local clergy and religious were invited – Salesians, Redemptorists, Diocesan



Clergy along with the Daughters of St Anne and the Bambina Sisters. All were welcomed by the Entally Community, our young Pre-Candidates, Temporary Professed sisters and Lay Associates.



Everyone mingled in a happy buzz of conversation until the evening opened with a power point presentation on Mary Ward, followed by a rousing rendering of "Lead us on, Mary Ward'sung by the entire Loreto contingent.

MARY WARD WEEK

Our students organised a week long programme from 22nd January to 30th January in which through different art forms they journeyed through our foundress' life, philosophy and mission. The card making and book mark making competition was a colourful presentation of Mary Ward's life. The extempore speeches exposed how much Mary Ward's ideals are applicable even today.



Essay Writing at different levels showcased the strength of women. “Women in time to come will do much’. Our Loreto Students have really done much and will continue doing much. With this mission we at Entally enjoyed the week long celebration that culminated in a meaningful mass dedicated to our motivator, our role model. This was followed by inter house basket ball and throw ball matches which were an expression of spirited enthusiasm. The festive spell ended on 30th January with everyone pledging to move ahead keeping Mary Ward’s banner floating high.

Loreto Sealdah

On the day of love and roses, we chose rights over roses. ‘C’mon, break the fetters, ‘We shall overcome’ These were the powerful words with which we added sparks of hope, zeal and encouragement to the ongoing global campaign “One Billion Rising” to end violence against women, rise for justice and promote gender equality.

In this celebration of Women Empowerment, we had women from different walks of life – students, teachers, mothers, principals, musicians, social workers, nurses and counselors represented on what has fast become one of the world’s most unique and universal platforms. This time we were privileged to welcome our fellow Loretoites from Entally who collaborated with us to make this event even more meaningful. Members of MWI and Loreto College, St. Stephen’s Green, Dublin also joined in with the regular Loreto Sealdah students and Staff members.



The day was heralded by a thought provoking Nukkad play by Dankuni Theatre for Development (TFD) that touched every soul in the school as we watched, moved to tears. The message that the play infused in our mind grew even stronger with the words of a speech by a student of Loreto Day School, Sealdah who voiced her solidarity with unflinching determination against the injustice done to women. This speech was followed by a lively performance by the students of Loreto Sealdah that filled us with pride at being women. After this we marched out of the school gate, onto the road holding up placards in a very visual protest against atrocities to women while a speaker in

an autorickshaw led the way with slogans and messages filling the air.

To conclude the ceremony, we had the ‘Transcendental Youths’ enthral the audience with their meaningful musical numbers which reiterated the words ‘Naari Shakti’ and ‘Maa’.

The ‘billions’ of ‘One Billion Rising’ refers to the UN statistic that one in three women or about a billion women will be raped or beaten in their lifetime. We, as the socially aware women of one of the more than 190 countries involved in this mass global action became somewhat more aware at the end of the day’s events of



what it would take to change the statistics to our favour and somewhat more determined to be this change.

Loreto Elliot Road

PANEL DISCUSSION

On the 30th of January, 2014 the Senior School celebrated the Feast Day of Mary Ward with a Panel Discussion. The Chief Guest for the day was Sr. Mary DeSouza. The topic for the discussion was, “India is free, her women are not” – a very relevant and significant issue in today’s context.

The twelve panelists, our very own students, openly shared their views. The panelists who spoke for the subject discussed the lack of freedom Indian women have even today. They spoke about issues relating to rape, prostitution, dowry death, female infanticide and girl – child abuse giving us statistics which left us appalled.

But, every coin has two sides and when the panelists shared their views disagreeing with the topic, we saw a ray of hope. They spoke about the marvellous achievements Indian women have made in various fields. Whether it is Chandni Gautam, the first woman taxi driver in India or Sarla Thakar, the first Indian woman to get a Pilot’s license, you have them everywhere. Now the phrase “male-oriented jobs” is a misnomer.

News from Trichy

“God is rich enough for us all.’M.W

As we celebrated the feast of Mary Ward on the 30th January we experienced God’s blessing and grace. It began with the Holy Mass at 6:15 p.m. The main celebrant was the procurer of the Trichy diocese Rev. Fr. Jesu Dass. He spoke about Mary Ward’s courage and her initiative for the glory of God and good of women. He was accompanied by 8 other priests. For this occasion many religious, women’s group and parishes were also present.



Loreto House

During the Mary Ward week the Kolkata cluster had a half day programme on Mary Ward for classes VIII, IX and XI from our 6 Loreto Schools in Calcutta. There were about 341 students who participated in this programme. The Temporary Professed sisters of Calcutta cluster with the help of Sr. Mary De Souza and other senior sisters organized the morning. The programme was held in Loreto House concert hall. It began at 9 am with an ice-breaking session.

In this session the girls from different schools interacted with each other. We then had a prayer service followed by a talk on Mary Ward.

Sr. Stephanie O’Brien from our Kenyan Province, who was present gave a talk on “Daring to be different”. After that Sr. Mary De Souza shared her vocation story in brief. The girls were given an evaluation form to fill through which we got to know how much they appreciated the programme.

It was a fruitful morning and the Temporary Professed sisters got together a few days later to evaluate the experience.



Our Loreto House and Entally cluster organized an evening together on the 26th January. Sr. A. Nirmala spoke on Mary Ward's freedom with the help of a powerpoint presentation. We then had a Mary Ward quiz conducted by the Entally Temporary Professed sisters. Sr. Flora and Sr. Igora had planned a few games for us.

On the 16th February, 24 sisters went for a picnic to Nirala Resort. It was a relaxing and most enjoyable time.

Loreto High School Panighatta

Annual Sports Day 2014-Loreto High School Panighatta.

9th March, Sunday 10.00am: From early morning, after the usual Sunday Mass, students along with their parents began to gather at the school premises for the much awaited "Annual Sports Day 2014". With the support of representatives of the Schools in the neighborhood, Fr Justine Bage and Fr Fulgence SJ and the Loreto sisters from Champasari and Darjeeling, the event kicked off.

The Lord Himself, seemed to have added a special touch to the day as the weather was at its best! – bright and sunny yet with a cool breeze to keep the temperature of the day pleasant. Loreto School Panighatta, situated in the tea- gardens, on the outskirts of the town of Siliguri is a fast emerging premier Loreto High School in a rural setting .Students from Panighatta and the nearby tea gardens of Belgachi, Marapur, Manja, Llohagarha Lohasingh, and Jhabra, receive education from K.G. to Class X. This is the only Loreto School offering Co-education till Class X.

Every parent rejoices at seeing his/her child perform in public - whether it be in Sports /Academics or on the Stage. No parent was disappointed as the students participated in either drill displays, dances or sports events. The Displays by the Junior classes were very entertaining – music and rhythm being in their blood! One of the drill displays was to the beat of Chake de India, the very theme instills in us patriotic feelings. The precision of the March Past was admirable. It was obvious that the children enjoyed their presentation even more than the guests!

The simplicity of presentation and the whole hearted enthusiasm of the staff, students was applauded by the Chief Guest Shri Abhijit Sarkar, Assistant Commandant, 29th BN SSB , Lohagarh, Khaprail. The encouraging words of the Chief Guest will continue to ring in the ears of the Staff and students. Mr. Sarkar told those gathered that he was no great achiever in school yet he kept practicing year after year and never gave up hope! The word impossible itself says "I am possible!" If each child is self motivated then the sky is the limit. Great regard was also shown to the Staff. Mr. Sarkar compared a teacher with a lighted

candle that has a very short existence but gives both wisdom and light to others. Finally strength does not come from physical fitness alone but from an indomitable will.

For an upcoming village school which has limited resources and experience, to organize an Annual Sports of such excellence annually is indeed commendable.



MARCH

FEAST DAY	NAMES	B'DAY
	Sr. Euphemia Fernandes	10th Mar
	Sr. Balika Pal	12th Mar
	Sr. Claire McFarland	22nd Mar
	Sr. Geraldine Moktan	26th Mar

APRIL

FEAST DAY	NAMES	B'DAY
	Sr. Marilla D'Souza	5th Apr
	Sr. Binista Kerketta	13th Apr
16th Apr	Sr. Bernadette D'Rozario	
	Sr. Baishakhi Mondal	21st Apr
	Sr. Baiadarmy Lyngkhoi	25th Apr
26th Apr	Sr. Mary Consuelo Murphy	
	Sr. Eithne McDonald	26th Apr
	Sr. Mable Pramila Rudum	29th Apr

MAY

FEAST DAY	NAMES	B'DAY
31st May	Sr. Elizabeth D'Souza	2nd May
	Sr. Monica Rozario	4th May
	Sr. Anita Maria Braganza	7th May
	Sr. Stephanie Miketinac	7th May
	Sr. Neelam Kindo	12th May
	Sr. Gloria Lakra	13th May
	Sr. Nirmala Minj	16th May
	Sr. Biviyana Lepcha	17th May
	Sr. Teresa McGlinchey	18th May
	Sr. Bernadette Lepcha	20th May
	Sr. M. J. Ursula Darcy	20th May
	Sr. Sarita Horo	25th May
30th May	Sr. Joan Smyth	
30th May	Sr. Celine Pinto	