



*Loreto Provincialate,
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Sharing IBVM News:
August 2010

**Presentation of the Constitutions
& inauguration of new**

Provincial: *These two ceremonies were meaningfully combined with the Eucharistic Celebration held on Sun. 29th August at 11.00 a.m., at Loreto House. It was a joy to have representatives present from all Communities as well as the Novices. The members welcomed the new Constitutions, and were aware that the Constitutions are not just a book to be read, but a life to be lived, that they must be written on the heart!*

It was a poignant moment saying 'Goodbye' to Sr. Antoinette and 'Welcome' to the new Provincial, Sr. Tressia Aricatt. The plan of God goes ever forward and always reaches its mark. And so we move on with vision and hope...

Commonwealth Games: *The Commonwealth Games extravaganza is creating quite a furor in the country. As one person remarked laconically, "Common wealth has become*

individual wealth!" An interesting example of the contrary is when the Commonwealth Games was held in Manchester. The event was used to develop the rundown eastern section of the city where families had undergone the effects of unemployment and poverty. In the same way, the Commonwealth Games in Delhi were an opportunity to build up the shanty slum of migrant workers on the right bank of the Yamuna River, instead of developing the left bank, which has already been attracting the attention of developers. This would also have solved the chronic environmental problems plaguing the Yamuna River.

Health Bulletin:

~ Sr. Bridget Nazareth has been informed by the Doctors that she would need another liver transplant, as the first transplant has degenerated. They feel her chances are good. We pray that Bridget may be strong physically & psychologically to face this grim prospect, and make a clean break.

Bridget's mother was also in hospital with a sprained ankle.

*~ Sr. **Monica Suchiang** had to return to the Provincialate at the end of the month to recover from a bad bout of typhoid. However, she is recovering well.*

*~ Sr. **Mercy's** mother had had to be readmitted into the IC Unit of the hospital. She is now back at home, as her nurse daughter has come down from Dubai to care for her.*

We pray for the sick, that they may discover God's grace working in their suffering and pain.

R.I.P: *We pray for the repose of: ~ **Kitty Traser**, (previously Sr. Olivia Walsh), who died on 1st Aug in England. Sr. Mary Ross and other Loreto Sisters were by her bedside when Kitty breathed her last.*

*~ We extend heartfelt sympathy and prayers to **novice, Renata Mistry**, whose mother died in a tragic accident on Sat. 7th August. Renata was able to make it in time for the funeral and prayer services, and is grateful for the care and support extended to her*

at this time. Everyone remarked that Renata, the eldest sibling, showed extraordinary presence of mind and strength of character in taking care of the bereaved family and seeing to home matters.

*~ Mrs. Zita Fernandes, maternal aunt of Sr. **Christine Coutinho**, died in hospital in the early hours of Tues 10th August.*

*~ Mrs. Sylvia Braganza, mother of Dickey Braganza, and aunt of Sr. **Anita Braganza**, died on Tue 10th Aug in her home.*

We pray for eternal peace and rest for the dear departed.

Pre-Candidates in Bowbazar:
The pre-Candidates in Bowbazar are a lively, united group. They are:
M. Nithya, from Tamil Nadu
Valeria Mundu, from Kolkata
Rashmi Rita Minj, from Orissa
Neelam Dang, from Jharkhand
& Rajkisori Minj, from Jharkhand

Welcome back to Sr. **Anita Cardozo**, who returned to Loreto House Community on 21st Aug 10.

Anita is in frail health, but is picking up fast in Loreto House.

Goodbye: *I fondly bid 'Farewell' as I hand over governance of the Province to Sr. Tressia. I shall be moving to Australia for a long holiday, where my sisters plan a reunion! I carry with me a feeling of relief in finishing my task, and a sense of privilege in having a share in the collective vision and dreams for the Province and working together towards its accomplishment.*

*I encourage all to give full support to the new Provincial, **Sr. Tressia**, for the place in which she stands is a lonely one. My prayers and good wishes will always be there for the Institute and the Province at all times.*

In union of love and prayer, and fond blessings to all,

M. Antoinette Rodrigues

Birthdays & Feast days
in September

2nd Sr. Leena Lakra

8th Sr. Stella Lahiri

Sr. Ponnamma Nadackal

10th Sr. Shanta Xalxo

14th Sr. Lynette Daniel-Palmer

15th Sr. Mary DeSouza

21st Anita Lakra

22nd Sr. Prabina Rudum

24th Sr. Maeve Hughes

Sr. Mercy D'Souza