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*Sharing IBUM News:  
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*Happy  
Christmas  
&  
A joyous  
New Year  
2009*



*the people of Orissa. It is suggested that we contribute to the following organizations that are working to build houses for the displaced, and settle them in stable villages of Orissa:*

- 1. Bro. Thomas Thanickel, SG, Director, Orissa CRJ Relief & Rehabilitation Works, or*
- 2. Fr. Tony Raj, sj, who is organizing the Jesuit Relief & Rehab. Work. Contact [orissaci@gmail.com](mailto:orissaci@gmail.com) or go through Fr. Pattery, sj, Provincial, Calcutta Province.*

*The Christmas mystery is upon us, and we are filled with wonder at the nearness of our God. Let us continue to be Kingdom people - seeking and finding God in everyone and everything - enfleshing love in deeds of kindness, expressing our hunger and thirst for justice in deed of peace and reconciliation. "For I was hungry and you gave me to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me to drink, I was terrorized, hunted and killed, and you stood by me."*

*Collection for Orissa:*

*It would be good to have a consistent plan about giving our Christmas contribution to*

*Joint Proposals of CRJ: The proposals below are the result of the joint reflection of the Bishops of West Bengal and Sikkim, and of the Bengal Regional CRJ. It is hoped that these will be implemented by the Church of W. Bengal in parishes, and by local CRJ units and individual Congregations. It would be good to include these proposals in our vision and planning for 2009:*

- 1. Communication and Mass Media – for conscientizing people and making effective, responsible and critical use of Media.*
- 2. A Witnessing Church: A New Way of Being Church – a Church which is open, global, incarnate, lay-empowered, ... a Church which preaches through action.*
- 3. Formation of Lay Leaders - Empower and encourage Laity; identify young talents and train them for specific civil services;*

*conduct orientation camps on alternative  
employment skills, Self-Help Groups, etc.*

*R.I.P.: Our heartfelt sympathy to Sr. Celine  
on the loss of her sister in very tragic  
circumstances.*

*Goodbye 2008, Welcome 2009*

*As we approach the end of the year, several  
national events have created a palpable sense  
of uncertainty in the air. Still there are  
glimmers of hope. All are ready to commit  
themselves to change for the better.*

*The Prophets in the Bible understood the signs  
of the times and knew what Israel should do.  
We, who form the prophetic band in the Church,  
need to meet the challenges of global seismic  
shifts with discernment and hope. He who  
guides us is trustworthy and will lead us on the  
path of righteousness.*

*In 2009, we in Loreto move into the 4<sup>th</sup>  
centenary of Mary Ward's founding grace and  
the 1<sup>st</sup> centenary of her recognition as Founder.  
Like Mary Ward, we find ourselves in exciting  
but perilous times. We are called, like her, to  
explore the dreams and hope, the fragility and  
inconsistencies of our world, and the capacity  
of human beings to create either harmony or  
suffering. Like Mary Ward, let us be engaged  
in creating circles of concern and commitment  
that can heal and transform our lives, the lives  
of others and the future health of our planet,  
Earth.*

*We celebrate Mary Ward Year 09 with joy  
and hope, knowing that out of pain comes joy,  
out of anguish hope, and out of shared struggle  
comes 'communion'.*

*2009 will also be the year which shall see the  
leading up to the GC and its conclusion. May  
we make true in our lives Mary Ward's dream  
to live according to the spirituality and the  
vision of the Constitutions of St. Ignatius.*

*Wishing for each one and for our dear Institute  
all the graces and blessings of this special  
year,*

*Your affectionate sister,*

*Mantoinette Rodrigues*