



Loreto (IBVM) reaching out.....



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"It is no matter who does the work for God, so long as it is done for Him and with Him"

Mary Ward

INSTALLATION OF THE NEW PROVINCIAL TEAM

During a beautiful Eucharistic celebration Anita Braganza and team were installed in their leadership role for the Province. This took place on the 3rd March 2013 and the celebrant was Fr. Pat Eaton. Sisters from all our Kolkata communities together with representatives from other communities were present and took an active participation in the Liturgy. We wish the team all the very best and assure them of our prayerful support and co-operation.



LORETO DAY SCHOOL DHARAMTALA

A message from Sr. Mercia D'Souza :



Before I leave Loreto Dharamtala I would like to introduce you to the new leadership team of the school. Some of you may know them and may also have been instrumental in shaping and forming them as leaders. The photograph below may give you a better picture of them. My six years in Dharamtala have been spent preparing them and the other staff members to take on leadership roles in various fields. You will be happy to know that all four teachers mentioned below have all undergone a Training in Leadership by Fr. Joe. Sahdhana S.J.(RIP) at XLRI, Jamshedpur.

From Left to Right – Mrs. Sudeshna Seal, (Middle school Co-ordinator) Mrs. Aruna. Gomes, (Vice-Principal) Mrs. A. Talukder (Principal) and Mrs. P. Ryan (Junior School Co-ordinator)



Loreto Convent Ranchi



A delegation from Belgium comprising 25 students of Class XI and XII and 5 teachers headed by Father Brys visited Loreto Convent, Doranda on 3rd April, 2013. The Group came to experience the tribal culture of Jharkhand. The students extended a warm welcome to them with a garland and a stole each from Jharcraft. They spent some time and

interacted with our Outreach children as they would be providing some monetary help for their education and also for those who are on concession in our school. They also interacted with the Plus two children in groups and found it a very worthwhile experience for them.

Some of the teachers of Loreto Convent along with the students (15 in number) extended their hospitality by accommodating the delegates in their homes for the rest of the evening.



THE MARY WARD –LADY ARUNA PAUL WING OF LORETO COLLEGE

One of the plans of the college on the occasion of its centenary was a vertical extension on the North-west side of the existing college building. This would provide 13 new classrooms and enable the introduction of a post-graduate department.



The first step towards the fulfillment of this dream after 3 years of

paper work with the Municipal Corporation was the recent visit by Lord Swraj Paul and Lady Aruna Paul to the college to unveil (on the college lawn) the Foundation Stone of the new wing. The Archbishop of Calcutta, Thomas D'Souza blessed the plaque. Three former Principals of the college, Srs. Maeve, Claire, Tina lighted the lamp along with the Archbishop and the Pauls.



Loreto Sealdah - Blessing of the New Chapel





On the 3rd of May 2013, Loreto Sealdah inaugurated the new Chapel in the school premises. After the 1st Friday Mass, Rev. Fr. Gregory carried the Blessed Sacrament and a senior student carried the statue of Mother Mary into the Chapel. A group of students dancing to a solemn hymn, led the way. They were followed in procession by the Principal, Sr. Igora, other Sisters the students and the Staff.

The hymns, the prayers, the sprinkling of the holy water on all present there, the gurgling sound of the fountain and the scenic beauty on the wall; all of it created a splendid peaceful ambience.

The presence of this Chapel just as you enter the school is a place of solace for all.

Loreto Shillong

26th April 2013 : The School Sports Day was held at Don Bosco Mini Stadium.

The programme began with a theme song “The Flame” followed by a Kaleidoscope of colours (Cultural Dances).

The Chief Guest was Dr. M.Ampareen Lyngdoh, Minister of Urban Affairs, Government of Meghalaya and the Guest of Honour was Fr. Bernard Pala, Principal of St. Anthony’s Higher Secondary School, Shillong. Our girls participated in the different athletic events and the drill displays were spectacular and very colourful.

There was a Memorial Mass for the repose of the departed soul of Sr. Stella Lahiry in Loreto Convent, Shillong on May 22nd. A sense of peace prevailed in the School Chapel as a small group gathered to pray for her soul. The Principal with the Sisters of the Community, some members of the staff, parents, past pupils and former teachers came together in song and prayer for this special intention.

Fr. John Wahlang of Christ King College was the Main Celebrant and Fr. David from Chennai was the Co-celebrant. Fr. John gave a beautiful homily that touched the hearts of those present.

All remembered Sr. Stella fondly. She will definitely stay in our hearts for a long time to come.

House Blessing and the reception of Linda Mrong in Bangladesh

On the 11th June 2013 the new house for the sisters in Bangladesh was blessed by Archbishop Patrick D’Rozario c.s.c. and Bishop Lawrence Subroto Howlader c.s.c. Five sisters from India came to be with us on this happy occasion – Srs. Anita Maria Braganza, Igora Pinto, Monica Suchiang, Mary D’Souza and Phyllis Morris. A number of priests, sisters and lay people were also present. Our 10 Pre-



candidates organized the singing.

The Eucharist was celebrated in our new chapel. Sr. Anita gave a vote of thanks at the end of the mass. Lunch was served to all.



In the evening Linda Mrong from Mymensing Diocese was received as a novice after being with us for three years. The ceremony focused on God as a potter, shaping and forming one in His own image and likeness.

Travels Abroad

I, Yvonne, would like to share briefly my experience of the ‘ Ignatian Immersion Course’ at Manresa, in Spain. I did get immersed into Ignatian spirituality, Christ Spirituality or The Universe Spirituality whatever we may call it. It was a six weeks course, dealing with five topics and an eight days retreat. The topics covered were the Autobiography of St. Ignatius, Spiritual Exercises, Sources of Ignatian Charism, Society of Jesus – different forms of religious life and a new pattern of apostolic enterprise and Ignatian Theology and Spirituality today.

I have gained a tremendous amount of knowledge and experience. Right from the beginning till the end I felt challenged to go beyond, a call to stretch my mind, heart and life, in order to accommodate the entire Universe . I have realized deeply how the heart of Ignatius was dominated by love and compassion and yet firm when needs arose. His delight in experiencing simplicity and humility touched me the most. The highlights of my eight days retreat was the realization of the All powerful Almighty God who makes Himself totally helpless, powerless and vulnerable out of His blind love for me.

Besides all this we had the opportunity of going as pilgrims to Manresa, Montserrat, Loyola, Javier and Barcelona. It was a time to relish and deepen my love for Ignatius the soldier, turned into Ignatius the pilgrim.

I am deeply grateful to God , to my Institute, my province, my community and all those who have been instrumental in my attending this particular course at Manresa.

The Mauritius Story

The Young Members Meeting in Mauritius was held from 7 to 15th June 2013. The theme of the meeting was “DREAM TOGETHER TO DISCOVER THE POSSIBILITIES.” The resource persons of the meeting were Sandra Perrett and Julia Ling. We were altogether 18 participants: 5 from Kenya, 3 from Vietnam, 1 from England, 1 from United States, 1 from Ireland, 1 from Peru and 6 representing the Indian Province. Our sessions began with the sharing of our vocation stories. This was really enriching, strengthening and motivating. This experience not only enabled us to know each other well but also to feel how fortunate we are in India to be blessed with many vocations. Our culture, religion, language and place are no barriers in accomplishing God’s Mission entrusted to us in and through our charism. The sessions opened our minds and hearts to accept internationality as the strength of our congregation today. It made us realize how true and challenging are the words of our Holy Father Francis, addressed to the Generals in Rome - “to be spiritual mothers”. Otto Scharmer, a session shared by Julia, also motivated and inspired us to develop the art of integration of Mind, Heart and Will in our life and being today. How effectively we can be contemplatives in action. Our visits to our various communities, schools, hospitals and social work centers were also an eye opener for us for our mission and commitment. Besides this time spent together in creative prayer sessions, group activities and sight-seeing also energized us with a lot of enthusiasm and strength. We



also cherished the generosity and hospitality of the people of Mauritius especially the love and concern of Sr. Christine Jaffrelley and the other sisters of the province. It was really an enriching experience that gave us fresh and new spirit. We are indeed grateful to Sr. Anita Braganza, her consultants and all the other members of the Indian province for giving us this rare, unique and special opportunity.

SR. ANITA'S ITINERARY



July

- 3rd M.C meeting in Dharamtala
- 11th Departure for Delhi
- 12th AGM of Delhi Loreto Educational Society
- 13th Council meeting
- 15th Departure for Shimla
- 16th AGM of Shimla Loreto Educational Society
- 18th Departure for Delhi
- 21st Departure for Kolkata

August

- 1st Departure for Darjeeling
- 3rd AGM of Darjeeling Loreto Educational Society & Mary Ward Social Centre
- 4th Departure for Sadam
- 7th Departure for Dharan
- 10th Departure to Katmandu
- 13th Departure for Kolkata
- 18th AGM of Loreto House Educational Society
- 26th Departure for Asansol
- 27th AGM of Asansol Society
- 30th Departure for Kolkata



*Loving Feastday and Birthday greetings
to all those who celebrate this occasion
over the next three months. Be assured of
rememberance in prayers.*



JULY

<u>FEAST DAY</u>	<u>NAMES</u>	<u>B'DAY</u>
6th July	Sr. Veronica Thapa	5th July
	Sr. Maria Bastian	
	Sr. Loyola Lakra	7th July
	Sr. Shakuntala Kujur	8th July
	Sr. Goretti Tirkey	9th July
11th July	Sr. Benedicta Gomes	
	Sr. Mercia D'Souza	19th July

	Sr. Cyril Mooney	21th July
	Sr. Antoinette Rodrigues	22nd July
22nd July	Sr. Magdalene Munro	
25th July	Sr. Christopher D'Souza	
26th July	Sr. Anita Cardozo	
26th July	Sr. Anita Maria Braganza	
29th July	Sr. Beatrice Stuart	

AUGUST

<u>FEAST DAY</u>	<u>NAMES</u>	<u>B'DAY</u>
	Sr. Maloti Thakur	4th Aug
	Sr. Bidalin L. Marshilong	5th Aug
	Sr. Philomena Dowd	6th Aug
	Sr. Bernadette D'Rozario	7th Aug
	Sr. Mary Archana Gomes	10th Aug
11th Aug	Sr. Claire McFarland	
	Sr. Badarilin Majhong	13th Aug
	Sr. Eileen McDonald	14th Aug
	Sr. Regina Thami	14th Aug
	Sr. Marion Vase	15th Aug
	Sr. A. Kavitha Rosy Mary	15th Aug
15th Aug	Sr. Alice Mary Martyris	
	Sr. Rani Mary Minj	19th Aug
	Sr. Joan Smyth	21st Aug
	Sr. K. Clara	23rd Aug
	Sr. A. Arockia Powlin	26th Aug
27th Aug	Sr. Monica Rozario	

SEPTEMBER

<u>FEAST DAY</u>	<u>NAMES</u>	<u>B'DAY</u>
	Sr. Leena Lakra	2nd Sept
8th Sept	Sr. Mary Stella Lahiry	
	Sr. Amia Tete	8th Sept
	Sr. Shanta Xalxo	10th Sept
8th Sept	Sr. Ponnamma Nadackal	
	Sr. Barbara Rudum	13th Sept
14th Sept	Sr. Lynette Daniel-Palmer	
	Sr. Mary DeSouza	15th Sept
	Sr. Beatrice Stuart	18th Sept
	Sr. Anita Lakra	21st Sept
	Sr. Prabina Anastasia Rudum	22nd Sept
	Sr. Tina Farias	23rd Sept
24th Sept	Sr. Maeve Hughes	
24th Sept	Sr. Mercia D'Souza	
	Sr. Ponnamma Nadackal	25th Sept
	Sr. Anita Cardozo	26th Sept
	Sr. Tressia Aricatt	27th Sept
	Sr. Anupa Toppo	30th Sept

“It is your desire in us that desireth. We cannot ask you for aught, for you knowest our needs before they are born in us. You are our need; in giving us more of yourself you give us all” (Kahlil Gibran – The Prophet)