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Sharing IBVM News:
September 2009

Mary Ward Jubilee Event in
Rome:

Our 4 members from the Indian Province, 2 from the Region, and 13 Teachers & Past Pupils are presently in Rome, no doubt enchanted by the magnificence of Rome and of the Mary Ward Programme organized for them.

The events for the Mary Ward Centenary Celebration week are:

- 4th Oct Registration at Caravita.
- 5th Welcome Ceremony in Piazza del Popolo & S. Maria del Popolo, & Concert in S. Ignazio.
- 6th Symposium at the Augustinianum with lunch.
- 7th Papal Audience in St. Peter's Square
- 8th Mary Ward Rome tours Eucharist in Gesu.

9th Open house at the C J & IBVM Generalates, with lunch.

May Mary Ward's founding vision continue to inspire many with its originality, faith and daring for the Glory of God.

Formation News:

The ten TP Sisters in Gyanalaya Juniorate made a serious discernment over an extended period of time on choice of membership for Province or Region, and following on the confirmation received from the Province and Region Leaders, as well as from the General Leadership team, the membership has been confirmed as follows:

Belonging to Region:

Mable Rudum
Badarilin Majhong
Anupa Toppo

Belonging to Province:

Aruna Kujur
Baisakhi Mondal

Balika Pal
Bernadette Lepcha
Bidalin Marshilong
Matilda Lakra
Priyanka Topno

The TPs expressed joy that their membership had been discerned at all levels, and that their placement had been confirmed by the Institute! Also, they were aware that though we serve in different areas, we are more than ever one body!

The First Year Novices completed their 30 days Retreat with great joy, though with an initial struggle. As a result of the discernment of the Retreat, the following two Novices have returned home:

Innasí to Tamil Nadu &
Delphina to Jharkhand

Greta Francis, from Delhi, has joined the Candidate House!

Visitors to India:

Sr. Yvonne Steffler, of the Canadian Province, will be visiting India from 19th Oct to 3rd week Dec, teaching English to the Candidates, in Mukulika. We are very grateful to Yvonne for volunteering for this work.

Sr. Liziane from Mauritius will be visiting India, to do the Mini Sadhana in Pune. She will be arriving on 16th October, and will spend about two days in Loreto House, Calcutta, before moving on to Pune. Liziane knows she has friends in India!

Educational Meeting: The Ed. Meeting was very well attended this year, and three whole days were given to sharing on the Common Minimum Programme (Educational, not Political!), which was accepted by all schools last year. The 6 areas are:

- ~ Sharing our IBVM Legacy
- ~ Zero tolerance for failure
- ~ Accompaniment of Students
- ~ Teacher Development
- ~ Team Work
- ~ Social Sensitization

What all appreciated were the ideas that they gained from listening to what each one was doing in these six areas. The creative approach to the Programme and the sense of commitment that came through from the sharing was commendable. Much credit goes to Sr. Carmella Coelho for ably organizing the Meeting, in the absence of Sr. Moira, and to Fr.

Norbert Menezes, for facilitating the Meeting and highlighting areas for deeper focus.

JPIC: Meetings are the order of the day! The all India JPIC Meeting will be held in Loreto Lucknow, from 5th to 7th Nov. 09. All Principals are encouraged to attend, as far as possible, as well as send Teacher representatives, who are authorized to commit themselves on common issues.

All India Alumnae:

Sr. Mercy D'Souza has been appointed as the Link person or Coordinator for all Alumnae groups in India. The hope is to connect and interlink both National and International Loreto Alumnae groups, to inspire them with Loreto ideals and charism, to facilitate communication so as to work with a more focused vision and goal, and to coordinate developmental programmes for Alumnae members.

All good wishes to Sr. Mercy and the Alumnae groups for this enterprise, and sincere thanks to Sr. Carmella Coelho and her dedicated team of Alumnae committee members who had worked hard over the last years to take this idea off the ground.

International News:

Sr. Kay Foley has been appointed Provincial of the US Province w.e.f. 23rd Jan 2010. We wish Kay every blessing for her challenging ministry.

Sister Mary Owens, of East Africa, made a presentation in New York to the NGO subcommittees of the UN and other interested groups on HIV/AIDS on Wed. 30th Sept 09. Congratulations, Mary!

Nursing News: Early this month, Sr. Maria Lopez, General Secretary, took bad suddenly, and had to be hospitalized for surgery and was in intensive care for some time. Thank God, she is recovering well. We continue to pray that God keep his hand over her.

Sabbatical News:

Sr. Tressia Aricatt is presently in Jerusalem at the Ecce Homo Convent, attending a Biblical Course there, with lots of visits to Biblical sites. She finds the programme very inspiring and well organized, and would recommend the course for Sabbaticals!

Sr. Angela has sent vivid accounts of her stay in Brunei, the island on the equator! She is presently in Australia, with friends and family.

Sr. Moira has asked to extend her stay in Ireland. She will be residing in Loreto Coleraine and returning on 10th Jan 10.

R.I.P.

Sr. Anita Braganza's uncle, Tomas Braganza, and the father of Clara, Rita, Tony and Margaret Braganza, died on 30th Aug 09. Though he was ailing at the time, the end came quite suddenly.

Sr. Reena's brother, Belasus Ekka, died quite suddenly at his home. He was only 32.

Mrs. Agnes Davies, Principal of Loreto Delhi, lost her father suddenly in the late hours of 18th Sept 09.

Sr. Irene's elder brother, Tony Ribeiro, died after an illness on 28th Sept 09.

We extend sympathy and prayers to those grieving over the loss of their dear ones, and we continue to hold fast to the faith that the dead are with God, in the fullness of light and peace.

Prayers Requested:

- ~ For the Mary Ward Centenary celebrations
- ~ For GC 09, in a special way
- ~ For the Province & Region Leaders' Consultation

A teacher was asked if she taught her pupils value Education. "I teach it all day long," she replied. "I teach it in Arithmetic by accuracy, in History by humanity and in Science by reverence. And I teach it also by kindness to animals, good manners towards others and by truthfulness in all things."

Truly, values have a place in everything.

In union of love and prayers,
Mantoinette Rodrigues