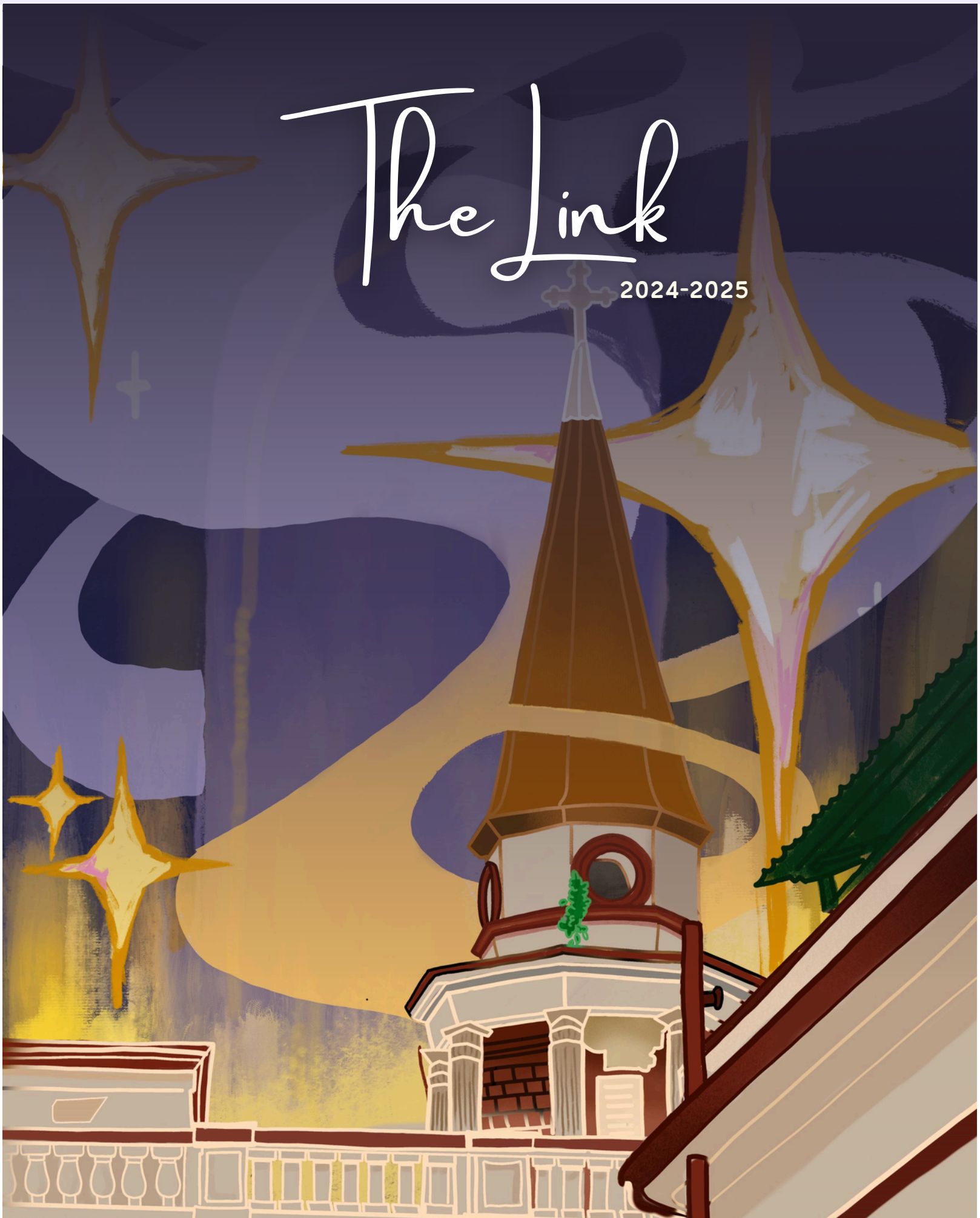




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I encourage each one of you to believe in your abilities, work hard, and pursue your dreams with confidence. Remember, success is not just about achievement but also about the journey of learning and growth. May the coming year be filled with new opportunities, meaningful experiences, and great accomplishments. Best wishes for a fruitful and fulfilling year ahead !

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

MRS. P. BAGCHI

It is with great enthusiasm and pride I welcome you to our Loreto House Community. Here we aim to provide a safe, nurturing and enriching learning environment for all our students. Mary Ward, our foundress believed that

‘Women in time to come will do much.’

We believe in empowering our students to reach their full potential academically, socially and spiritually. We strive to instill in them a love for learning, a passion for service and a strong sense of community.



FROM THE DESK OF THE :

SENIOR SECTION COORDINATOR



Mrs. Ipsita Rakshit

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MIDDLE SECTION COORDINATOR

A school plays a significant role in the mental, physical and academic development of children. It is where, they discover themselves, their interests likes & dislikes and abilities and weaknesses. As all of you are aware, we at Loreto House provide an atmosphere where children learn to interact with each other, form social skills and build their first relationships outside family, apart from academic learning. We try to provide each child with a platform to develop critical thinking, learn to express themselves, build self confidence and effectively put forth thoughts and ideas. In short, we are trying to imbibe education's age old three R's - Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic - are being joined by a fourth: Rethink.

We believe in moving ahead with all our stakeholders and strongly feel that education is a shared commitment between dedicated teachers, motivated students and responsible parents. Together we can and we shall make Loreto House a best place for learning and growth.



Mrs. Ratna Banerjee

JUNIOR SECTION COORDINATOR



Miss Jessica James

Another academic year has gone by in a flurry of activity. I am reminded of the words of William Henry Davies in his poem Leisure. It seems that 'We have no time to stand and stare'. With the end of one event, dawns the preparation for the next. Fests, sports and academic competitions have given our young students a chance to hone their skills and shine.

Our Annual Day for the Junior Section was one with a difference. Lower Nursery to Class II celebrated their Annual Day by participating in an Art / Craft Activity with a parent, at school. It was inspiring to see the bonds of love between them as they created incredible pieces of art. The event was aptly named 'Colours of Love'. After a gap of about five years, Grandparents' Day was celebrated by the students of Classes III to V with a mini concert, 'Seasons of Love'. This was scripted, set to music and choreographed by our own teachers. The grandparents, could not stop beaming with pride and joy and of course their grandchildren were thrilled to perform for them. I learn a lot each day from my interactions with our amazing children and my extraordinary colleagues. I have realized that together we make the impossible possible.

A MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD GIRL

As thirteen school years come to an end, my batch leaves this institution with unforgettable memories and indissoluble bonds. Loreto House has been and always will be my second home, never failing to offer warmth and blinding love. This academic year has been a rollercoaster of new chapters and emotions, as the torch passes on from one batch to the other, I am truly grateful for all the opportunities that were given to us in abundance. To our Principal and Teachers, I will be forever grateful. To the friends made along the way, you all will continue to be the biggest parts of my heart.

I was told that every student of this school leaves behind their own unique legacy, I hope that I have been able to create a legacy, both as Head Girl and as a student, that will be looked back upon with fondness. It is said that we become a mosaic of the people we love, I believe that the Batch of 2025 and every single student of this esteemed institution is a mosaic of the values we are taught, the relationships we foster and the love we receive and learn to give out.

It has been my honour and privilege to have been able to serve my school in the capacity that I did, I hope I was able to do justice to it. To my juniors, I leave you with a single piece of advice, enjoy the little moments because all of it will pass before you know it.

Thank you for everything LH, you have been absolutely phenomenal.

With love and gratitude,
Prapti Banerjee
Head Girl 2024-25



A MESSAGE FROM THE STUDENT EDITORIAL BOARD

The Link 2024-25 is a culmination of our hard work, dedication and creativity. The Link, as the name suggests, signifies the deep connection that already exists amongst the student body and we have tried our best to uphold that very sentiment.

As the student editorial board, we have been both the custodians and collaborators in the journey of transforming thoughts into words and words into a tapestry of ideas that reflect the spirit of our vibrant academic community. This publication is a testament to the boundless potential that resides within each student.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our contributors, mentors, and readers, whose unwavering support and engagement breathe life into every page. It is our sincere hope that this edition will not only captivate your imagination but also encourage you to explore, question, and contribute to the ever-evolving dialogue that defines us.

With warm regards,
The Student Editorial Board

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SERVICE CLUBS



Guides



Klima
Nature Club



CLC
Christian Life Community



YCS
Young Christian Society



LTS
Leadership Training Service



JPIC
*Justice, Peace & Integrity of
Creation*

ACTIVITY CLUBS



Polemics

Debate Club



Nrityam

Dance Club



Spectrum

Art Club



Eureka

Science Club



Pictura

Photography Club



Business Club



Games Club



Treblers

Music Club



Quiz Club



SPECIAL *assemblies* VAN MAHOTSAV



On 3rd July 2024, the Nature Club (KLIMA) of Loreto House conducted a Special Assembly on Van Mahotsav. The members educated the audience about the History of Van Mahotsav through a skit. They shared the objectives and importance of Van Mahotsav and also enlightened the audience about the initiatives taken by the students of Loreto House to protect our environment. The Special Assembly concluded with all students taking a pledge to restore and preserve the greenery of our surroundings and environment.

INDEPENDENCE DAY



This year, Loreto House celebrated India's 78th Independence Day on 14th August. The programme started with a dance on 'Teri Mitti', followed by a short prayer service. Our theme this year was "Kadam kadam badhaye ja". Our guest of honour was Mr Abhijit Ray, the grandson of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose. The skit was based on the struggles and sacrifices of the common man in securing our freedom. There was a fusion dance performance that showcased our varied culture. The programme ended with the National Anthem.

MARY WARD WEEK ASSEMBLIES



The Senior Section's inaugural assembly on 24th January 2025, led by Class IX-2, included a prayer service and a skit on Mary Ward's maxim, "Show yourself as you are..." emphasizing individuality. The assembly concluded with the hymn "Lead us on Mary Ward." On 28th and 29th January, Class XI Commerce presented Mary Ward's maxims through an original poem and a short story, connecting her teachings to modern life. The week concluded on 30th January with a joint assembly by Class XI Science and Humanities, featuring a skit, a recitation, and the hymn "Lead us on Mary Ward," inspiring students to uphold her values.

MRS. GOMES'

farewell

On 10th May, 2024, the students of Loreto House bid farewell to our former Principal, Mrs. A. Gomes. The Junior Section expressed their love for Ma'am with a prayer service, messages of gratitude, skit and medley. The Senior Section expressed their love through a prayer service, recitation, music, dance and videos.



MRS. BAGCHI'S

welcome

On 10th June 2024, a special assembly was organised by the Senior Section to welcome Mrs. P. Bagchi as our Principal. Sr Powlin, our Superior, introduced Mrs Bagchi to the Staff and Students. Thereafter, Mrs. Bagchi addressed the gathering and the morning assembly concluded with the singing of the Loreto Chorus.



TEACHER'S DAY

Madin Hoon



CHILDREN'S DAY

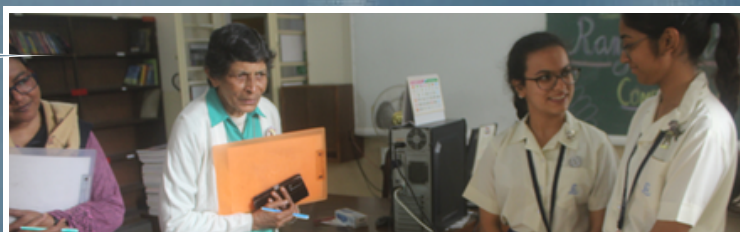


GRANDPARENTS' *Day*



Mary Ward Week

"Do your best and God will help."



The Grammys

FAREWELL'25



CHHAYANOT

Inter-Loreto Vernacular Creative Workshop



On 6th February 2025, Loreto House hosted the Inter-Loreto Vernacular Workshop and Presentation Competition, 'Chhayano 2025'. The event began with a traditional lamp-lighting ceremony and prayer service, it also marked the launch of Loreto House's Bengali e-magazine, "Roddur". The event featured two segments: a Bengali Workshop on detective characters and a Hindi Workshop on Nukkad Natak. In the Bengali Workshop, 72 students from six Loreto schools crafted and creatively presented original stories in 45 minutes. The Hindi Workshop included an interactive session on street play fundamentals followed by impactful performances on social issues. Renowned personalities guided the sessions and judged the presentations. The event celebrated language, culture, and creativity, leaving participants enriched and inspired.



SPORTS *Day*



Loreto House hosted its Sports Day 'Ride the Waves to Victory' on 9th November 2024 with great enthusiasm and fervour. The event was a spectacular & vibrant celebration of athleticism, unity, teamwork, and sportsmanship. The day commenced with a beautiful prayer dance presented by our own Rainbow Home students. The Chief Guest Ms. Sia Manna graced the occasion with her presence. The event began with a mesmerizing ceremonial March Past by the Six houses: Gandhi House, Keller House, Kennedy House, Mary Ward House, Naidu House & Tagore House. The rhythmic beats of the Police Pipe band and the synchronized steps of the students created a captivating spectacle.

BEST ATHLETE GROUP A

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BEST ATHLETE GROUP B

HAYAH MARYAM SALIM

BEST ATHLETE GROUP C

SK. ERUM SABA
TANUSHKA GHOSH
SWASTIKA PATRA



BEST ATHLETES GROUP C



TUG OF WAR



CLOSING CEREMONY



KELLER HOUSE DRILL



OVERALL BEST HOUSE - MARY WARD HOUSE

OVERALL BEST HOUSE

MARY WARD HOUSE

BEST DRILL

NAIDU HOUSE

BEST MARCH PAST

NAIDU HOUSE

TROPHY FOR DISCIPLINE

TAGORE HOUSE

SPORTS

Achievements



INTER-LORETO BATON RELAY



CISCE REGIONAL SPORTS AND GAMES



TABLE TENNIS



BASKETBALL



KARATE



SWIMMING



SHOOTING



THROWBALL



ATHLETICS

INTER-HOUSE

Events

DEBATE

POSITION	HOUSE
1st	Keller
2nd	Mary Ward
3rd	Tagore



VERNACULAR ELOCUTION

POSITION	HOUSE
1st	Tagore
2nd	Kennedy
3rd	Gandhi



QUIZ

POSITION	HOUSE
1st	Naidu
2nd	Keller
3rd	Gandhi



EXTEMPORE

POSITION	HOUSE
1st	Keller
2nd	Kennedy
3rd	Mary Ward



CARD MAKING

POSITION	HOUSE
1st	Keller
2nd	Tagore Naidu
3rd	Mary Ward

DANCE

POSITION	HOUSE
1st	Kennedy
2nd	Tagore
3rd	Mary Ward



BUSINESS

POSITION	HOUSE
1st	Kennedy
2nd	Gandhi Naidu
3rd	Mary Ward



WE CARE



The annual event, 'We Care', hosted by the students of Classes 11 and 12 on 16th and 17th December 2024, was a heart-warming celebration dedicated to senior citizens from old-age homes across the city. The event began with a solemn prayer service followed by the Nativity Play setting a reflective and positive tone.

This was followed by an entertainment programme prepared by the students featuring captivating songs and dances that brought joy and laughter. The guests actively participated as they were eager to showcase their talents in dance, elocution and singing. The students fostered friendly interactions, creating a warm and inclusive atmosphere. The day also included a delicious lunch, thoughtfully prepared to delight the guests, along with gifts hampers as token of love and appreciation.

The event left everyone with smiles and beautiful memories, making it a truly fulfilling experience for both the students and the senior citizens.



RAINBOW *party*

As tradition dictates, the students of Class IX organised an annual Christmas party for the children of the Rainbow Home on 13th of December, 2024. The programme began with an introductory prayer service setting the tone for the day, followed by recitation, soulful medley, skit and dance performances. The children from our Rainbow Home excitedly joined the dance performances and in singing of carols. Undoubtedly, the most anticipated part of the day were the games, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. The programme ended with the distribution of fondly curated gift hampers along with lunch boxes.



MERAKI

Social Service Project



On 9th August 2024, the students of Class X organised their Social Service Project Meraki'24 for the children of ManoVikas Kendra and MentAid Institute. The programme began with a prayer service followed by a hymn and a vibrant prayer dance. The students performed a magical skit featuring Dora the Explorer, Boots, Chota Bheem, Raju and various other animals. A special talent show was organised for our guests to showcase their talents through performances. The programme concluded with a finale dance, which ensured that everyone was on the dance floor. It was a heartwarming experience for all of us at Loreto House.



PET *show*



'Fur, Feathers and Fins',

The Junior Section Pet Show was held on 10th December, 2024.

Twenty students from Classes III to V and a teacher proudly showcased their pets before a thrilled audience. Dogs, cats, birds and fish - furry, feathery and scaly friends were all celebrated and brought much joy to the Loreto House Family present there. Everyone had a delightful time getting to know the amazing pets and their proud owners.

We are grateful to the guardians who gave us their precious time to come along with their pets and showcase their talents.



SPIRITUAL *Events*

MASS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

On the 5th April, 2024, the annual Holy Spirit Mass was organized followed by the blessing of the school. The catholic students of Class IX prepared the Holy Eucharist. The main celebrant was Fr. Michael Biswas. A special prayer to the Holy Spirit was recited prayerfully after communion. A prayer of blessing was said by Fr. Sam after which the entire school was blessed by Fr Michael, Fr. Sam and Fr. Christopher.



ADVENT MASS

On the 7th December, 2024, the annual Advent Mass was celebrated. This year's theme was 'The Divine Gift'. The Eucharistic Celebration was led by Father Oscar. "Faith has never been the status quo, faith has always been a journey towards God." Father's inspiring Homily serves as a reminder to all followers that faith is all about moving forward, towards the Lord. Mass was followed by the Nativity Play put up by the Catholic students of the Junior Section. The story followed the journey of a little shepherd boy and his family witnessing the birth of Christ in Bethlehem.



MARY WARD FEAST DAY MASS

On 30th January, 2025, the students of Class IX organised a Special Mass on the Feast Day of our foundress venerable Mary Ward. The Mass was celebrated by Father Michael. In his homily, he highlighted the ideals of our foundress.



JUNIOR SECTION *Events*



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