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From the Provincial's Desk...

Seminars:

- Srs. Elsy, Seema, Jessy and Sherly will attend Counselling Course from 22nd May to 3rd June at Satyodayam – Jesuit Retreat Centre, Secunderabad
- Srs. Lucy, Rose and Amita will attend a seminar on News and creative writing at NISCORT from 22 – 27 May

Missioned anew:

- Sr. Josephine after her first profession is missioned to Nainital

Request for Prayers

For those who have gone for their eternal reward:

- Sr. Sushmita uncle, Paulose 68 and aunt Rosemma 76 in December
- Sr. Deepika's cousin, Augustine and her uncle Ramesh, 72
- Sr. Sherly's uncle T.P. Joseph, 79, on 20th December
- Sr. Camilla's niece, Sr. Dorothy SMI, 76
- Sr. Doreen's sister, 72 on 2nd January
- Sr. Mary's Mother, Mariam 88, on 4th January

For those who are ill

- Sr. Pusphita's nephew, Jithin 6 years who is very ill after the Appendectomy surgery and her cousin Sister, Mrs. Philomena 58, who is has

a tumor on the spine and the surgery is very risky.

- Sr. Suchita's brother in law, Mr. Alex who is suffering from kidney failure due to high blood sugar.

News and events From our communities

NIRMALA CONVENT

The month of December dawned with great expectations and excitement for all in Nirmala Family. Srs. Mary, Jyothika, Shanti and Remya attended the retreat in Delhi animated by Sr. Inigo, thus the whole community was enriched and reverberated by the same Spirit.

Carol Singing was an important feature of Christmas celebrations. We visited most of our teachers' and co-workers' families bringing the message – 'Jesus the Saviour of all people has come into this world.' It was a great joy to meet people of all age groups – old, young and children – in some cases we stood at the cross roads and sang the Carols for the curious eyes gathered there. They paid homage to the Baby Jesus with great devotion and reverence. Some people ran into their houses and brought some offering and placed it at the feet of Jesus! Truly, 'God has visited His people.'

On 16th, Sr. Mary got the news that her mother was very ill and was admitted in the I.C.U. She went home and spent a few days with the ailing mother and returned, after seeing some improvement. The Diocese of

Jhansi organized a two day seminar for all the Priests- in –charge of the missions and the superiors of different Congregations. Fr. Prasad Pinto OFM Cap was the Resource person. He spoke about our responsibility to Evangelize and invited us to be real missionaries like the Apostles. He helped the participants to draw up an action plan to be followed in the Diocese.

On 21st, the children celebrated Christmas with a Carol Singing competition. The Christmas message was imparted to the whole school by our English Medium L.K.G students. All went home with a broad smile on their lips and a piece of cake in the hand. The teachers and co-workers too had their share of Christmas celebration on 22nd. Christmas day was a busy one as many teachers, students and well-wishers came to greet us. The sisters generously attended to many women and children who came for ration and clothes. On 31st, we bid farewell to the year 2016. We had midnight holy hour and Mass to welcome the New Year 2017.

On New Year's Day, the Parish organized the 'Christmas Tree' for the children and youth of our Parish. Various games were conducted. Bishop Peter gave away prizes to all the winners. A sumptuous meal was served for all the parishioners.

On the 2nd, we got the sad news of Sr. Doreen's sister who had succumbed to a serious heart attack. She was 72 years old. Sister could not reach Amritsar on the same day for the funeral, therefore, decided to go after a week to join all the relations to perform the last rites. May her soul rest in peace!

On 4th, Sr. Mary' Mother passed away. She had lived 90 long years and went home very peacefully. Since, all the trains were running late, because of the heavy fog, Sister Mary could not reach home for the funeral.

On 6th, the newly built, St. Lawrence Church was blessed by Bishop Peter and in the same Church and on the same day Brother Lawrence was ordained deacon by our Bishop. Many priests, sisters and lay people were present on the occasion. Srs. Mary, Patricia, Anne and the candidates attended the function. On the way back, they also visited another Mission Station at Madvara.

On 8th was the Episcopal ordination of Rev. Dr. Thomas Thennatt SAC as the Bishop of Gwalior. Sr. Mary joined the sisters from S.F.C to be present at the Eucharistic celebration. There were 22 bishops, more than 200 priests besides a large number of sisters and lay people to witness this great event.

Sr. Shanti was privileged to go with the youth from the Diocese for the 'Youth Convention' at Mangalore. It was a great experience for her. Sr. Mariella was kind enough to spare some time to motivate our students to be active members of U.S.M. They seem to be enthusiastic to follow up.

Unity Octave was well organized by our local Church leaders. On 22nd, we had a prayer meeting at City Church. Every parish had prepared a song and some intercessory prayers. The CNI Bishop preached with great zeal, emphasizing the need for Evangelization. Srs. Mary, Doreen and Susan attended the function.

On 24th, Sr. Mary attended the meeting at Agra representing Sr. Pratima who was in Goa for the CRWI meeting. The theme of the meeting was 'The response of the Regional Church to the Socio-political concern.' Mr. P. I. Jose, Dr. John Dayal and Sr. Mary Scaria were the speakers. There were 6 Bishops and 150 participants from the URU Region (U.P, Rajasthan and Uttarakhand).

The students celebrated the 'Mary Ward Week' with daily assemblies, choosing the

maxims and incidents from the life of Mary Ward as their themes for reflection. Small skits were staged explaining the values which Mary Ward cherished in her life.

On the Republic Day, the children were filled with true patriotic spirit. We had flag hoisting, March Past and a few self-composed national songs.

Sr. Pratima arrived by Shadabdi to be present at the Profession of Sr. Josephine and the renewal of Sr. Theresa. Sister prepared both of them by guiding them through three days' Recollection.



The dawn of 30th January, 2017 arrived with a special note of joy and jubilation as Sr. Josephine and Sr. Teresa were all set to take a firmer step in their consecrated life. Sr. Josephine pronounced her First Profession and Sr. Teresa renewed her vows in the hands of Sr. Pratima. Most Rev Peter Parapullil, Bishop of Jhansi, along with many priests from the city parishes and institutions celebrated the Holy Eucharist. The presence of our sisters from SFC and Mauranipur communities added grace to the occasion. The family members of Sr. Josephine, teachers, friends joined us for breakfast in the parish hall. The Nirmala Convent community strenuously worked to make this day a memorable one and Sr. Josephine and Sr. Teresa expressed their gratitude for all the

hard work the community had put in for the success of this glorious day.

ST. FRANCIS' CONVENT

As the New Year 2017 begins let us resolve to make the message of Pope Francis for the celebration of the 50th World Day of Peace - **I wish peace to every man, woman and child, and I pray the image and likeness of God in each person will enable us to acknowledge one another as sacred gifts endowed with immense dignity, Especially in situations of conflict, let us respect this, our 'deepest dignity' and make active nonviolence our way of life - a reality in our lives.**

We began the New Year, with passion for the 'Word of God', a new fire burning within us to live close to Christ, and to side with those he sided with.

Inigo Effect (3rd January): The feast of the Holy Name of Jesus – the feast of our Congregation - was celebrated with great enthusiasm and gaiety with the less privileged children of our evening school. The celebration commenced with an inspiring prayer service conducted by Sr. Reena which helped the children to experience divine peace and joy. To make the children happy, to make the day a different one for them, we





conducted a few games and the winners were given prizes. Besides, every child was given a gift as a token of our love. After the games, all were served a sumptuous lunch. We too joined them and made them feel they are important to us. A big thank you to Srs. Reena and Jessy for initiating a new way of celebrating the Institute feast!

14th January (Makar Sankranti) gave us the much needed time to make ourselves spiritually recharged. Fr. Paul C. gave an inspiring talk on Community life, heard confessions and celebrated the Holy Eucharist for us. Almost the whole day was spent in adoration, prayer and reflection. The day ended with a common prayer (an hour of adoration) before the Blessed Sacrament.

23rd January – The birthday of Nethaji Subhash Chandra Bose and Mother Mary Ward was marked by an inspiring and



enriching prayer service by Class 6-A. The assembly began with the garlanding the portraits of Subhash C. Bose and Mary Ward

by Srs. Jessy and Reena respectively. The students in a creative way enacted a few important scenes from the life of Mary Ward and thus depicted the ‘substance’ and the daring spirit of Mary Ward. The girls also presented Subash Chandra Bose as a great leader of his time and thus evoked love and admiration for him. In her message to the School Sr. Reena highlighted the contributions Mary Ward has made in the field of Education, especially to that of women. Mary Ward was a courageous visionary who was daring to imagine beyond history and willing to risk her life for a cause of her conviction without compromise. *With hearts full of gratitude we salute this great woman.*

23rd – 30th January The Mary Ward week was kept up with great fervour and devotion. Daily 3 prayer services were held: (i) by students during the Assembly (ii) by Teachers (Friends of Mary Ward) during the break and (iii) by sisters – the daughters of Mary Ward, in the evening. It seemed the whole compound reverberated with the sound of Mary Ward.

26th January: The 68th Republic Day celebrations began with the unfurling of the National Flag by Sr. Reena at 8 a.m. in the presence of a big gathering of teachers, students and co-workers. The Prayer Service that followed was mind blowing. The students





took us to different States of India introducing us to the beautiful culture of each State. The dancers captured the hearts of the audience when they (the Maharastrians, the Goans, the Tamilians and the Malayalees) danced together to the tune of ‘Ven Megham Mutham Muthum, Ponninte Vettamitta.....’

A splendid show of ‘Unity in Diversity!’

Sr. Jessy while addressing the gathering appreciated and applauded their performance and urged them to experience friendship, the music of harmony and unity in diversity by breaking through regional, cultural and linguistic barriers.

30th January – We paid tribute to Mahatma Gandhi and Mother Mary Ward on their death anniversary. Class 8-D organized an



impressive assembly to keep alive their memories...what they were for us and what they did for us. The students enacted a few scenes from the lives of both Mahatma Gandhi and Mother Mary Ward. It was an

invitation for us to inculcate and nurture their value system in our lives.

Being Mary Ward Day, a few students who have outstanding qualities like honesty, courage, generosity, forgiveness were honoured with ‘Daughters of Mary Ward’ Medals.

‘A child is born for us’ – Yes, on this day God gifted us with a young member – Sr. Josephine. Four of us were in the Cathedral to witness her Profession and praise and thank God for the gift of her.

31st January – A hearty welcome to Sr. Pratima, our Provincial Superior! May her presence bring abundance of blessing on us.

GOD BLESS YOU

Jesu bhawan, Del hi

Our student sisters brought a festive air in the community during their holidays. On the first day of the year we welcomed our new Parish priest - Rev. Fr. Scaria S.J. Our sisters heading to Manila came early enough to make sure they do not miss their flight to Manila. A quick decision to visit the neighbouring religious communities was well appreciated and a welcome-break for us the members of the community. During the second week of January, students returned to their respective places.

On 16th January, Srs. Pratima and Sanjita joined the Jhajjar Jesuit Community for the laying of the foundation stone for the XLRI unit. We were happy to welcome Srs. Vimla and Roshni on their way to Goa along with Sr. Pratima for the CRWI plenary session.

During the Mary Ward week, we spend quality time in reflecting on ‘Something different.’ We were also happy to have the mother, brother and niece of Sr. Joseline for

few days. Sr. Pratima left for Jhansi on 26th morning after her return from Goa. Sr. Rinalda was not in good health during this month. She was taken to Jeevodaya hospital and all investigations were done. She feels better after getting new spectacles as the power had changed and medicine for spondylitis.

On 29th we, the CJs and IBVMs, came together to celebrate the Mary Ward Week at



Mayur Vihar. It was a great joy to be together once again to experience the union of minds and hearts. We were happy to have Srs. Sherly and Annette. We spent the last day of the month reflecting on 'How to make Jesus the centre of my life'.

St. Mary'S Convent, nainital



The month of January was a relaxing one for us as the students, teachers and workers were away for their well-deserved holidays. Some of us visited the Eco cave garden which brought such merriment and enthusiasm to us in spite of the windy weather on the first day of the year 2017. This garden is situated in Sukhatal area in Nainital. It has several decreasing dimensions of caves where one needs to pass by crawling and climbing. The caves of different sizes look like a real natural habitat.

3rd January, our Congregation feast was celebrated in a creative way with the intention



of deepening our bond among the CJ cluster communities of Bareilly diocese. Our four communities - Nainital, Jeolikote, Rudrapur and Puranpur gathered together at Rampur - the Golden Tusk Resort - for a day out. All four communities reached the spot by 12 noon. Some games were conducted, some enjoyed singing and dancing, some sat in groups sharing views and news. After a delicious lunch we returned to our respective communities refreshed and with gratitude in our hearts wishing the same for the next opportunity.

On 17th January some of us had the privilege to visit St. Bridget's church, Canossa convent and the **Essex house** at Ranikhet. On the way we visited the FCC mission at Chaupathia. The enjoyable weather and the warm hospitality of Fr. Shaji the parish priest, Sisters and the staff at Essex House made our visit perfect and memorable. We visited the

Army public school and the Essex house in Ranikhet where we CJs had a holiday home



in the early 80's. Visit to the Essex House was truly a nostalgic experience to some of our senior members.

A spell of light snow was experienced at Ramnee in the New Year while the Birla Hills were buried in snow. On 25th January the community celebrated Sr. Deepa's birthday and feast day. A meaningful Eucharistic celebration, lively greetings, the presence of Fathers and Brothers and ours from Jeolikote, the delicious meals and the evening recreation all served to make sister's day memorable and special.

Class XII students began their final practical exam on 30th January and the theory exams will commence from 1st March onwards.

Mary Ward Week 2016 kept us engaged through out. The guidelines on 'something different' helped in reflection and created a new dimension to our vision and call as daughters of Mary Ward. Mary Ward quiz and reflections created a lot of enthusiasm and interest in us to know more about our Foundress. Each day Sr. Deepa put up two questions each on the bulletin board. Most of us were motivated to participate in the quiz by going through various books on Mary Ward.

The culmination of Mary Ward Week on 30th was indeed spiritually enriching with the prayers, reflections, and the Eucharistic

celebration. What made it more special was the Renewal of Vows by our junior Sisters Julianna and Sunaina. In the evening an



organized recreation was arranged during which **Mary Ward Housie** was conducted by Sr. Deepa. Winners were awarded with useful prizes.

By 2nd February our home birds returned to the community refreshed and relaxed. In the first week itself interviews and entrance tests were held for various classes. Everyone was involved in conducting these. By now the whole campus looks clean and ready for the students to be welcomed on 26th February as we reopen for the new academic session 2017.

RudRapuR

The First Children's Day in Rudrapur was celebrated with so much joy and enthusiasm. Outdoor games are a welcome activity for any age group. The little ones had so much fun and laughter with various games. After the games they had their first picnic in the lawn. We could see that some were eager to share their Tiffin while some others hesitant. They were happy for an early break as they were tired.

From the very next day intensive practices began for the Parents' Day. No child was neglected. The Annual Function (Parent's

Day) was on 30th November, Bishop Anthony



Fernandez being the Guest of Honour and the parents the chief guests. Truly speaking, the parents and grandparents were more excited than the students to witness the programme which was for three hours. A good number of sisters from Nainital and Jeolikote not only enhanced our joy but also was a great encouragement. Fathers and sisters from Rudrapur, Kathgodam, Kichha were present. Bishop in his speech appreciated the parents for admitting their children in our school and asked every parent to cooperate with the institution. It was a great success as everyone enjoyed the programme.

The very next morning after the function Srs. Rachel and Vandana left for Delhi to make their annual retreat. On 18th we had the carol singing in our house by the Rudrapur parish. We gladly joined them in going to a few houses, singing carols. On 22nd we conducted a meaningful Christmas prayer for all the workers and labourers. After the prayer, they were served lunch packets and Christmas gift.

On 23rd our tiny tots presented a short Christmas programme. The students were motivated to render help to the poor by way of distributing biscuits and other provisions. The parents contributed generously. Mother Theresa's Home for the aged and the labourers in our compound were the beneficiaries.

We welcomed the New Year with new hope and vision. On 2nd all of us went to the Bishop's House, Bareilly for Christmas gathering of all the religious. On 3rd we celebrated the Institute feast with our priests and sisters from Kichha and Rudrapur. Fr. Ashok Masih, our parish priest along with Fr. Julian Pinto offered Holy Mass and prayed for us. After the Eucharistic celebration a delicious lunch was served to all. Our sisters from Puranpur joined us for the cluster community picnic held in Ramnagar the next day. We were pleased to join ours from Nainital and Jeolikote. The winter holidays were extended by local administration and we could reopen the school only on 19th January. The little ones were too happy to be back after the long holidays.

Mary Ward Week was well spent with prayers and reflections. The students of class 1 learnt a few maxims of Mary Ward. Fr. Baptist, our chaplain, hoisted the National Flag and gave a stirring message to the little ones on the Republic Day.

PuranPur

On 3rd January, We celebrated the Congregation feast with a meaningful liturgy. The same day Sisters from Polyganj, along with two priests paid us a visit and joined us for breakfast. The community too got a chance to visit the Banda and Pipiriya mission stations on the same day in the evening. The very next day the community went to Rudrapur to join the cluster community

gathering which was held at Ramnagar. It was a time of being together, spending some relaxed moments, participating in group games and sharing the meal of love which refreshed our hearts.

The school re-opened on 9th January after winter vacation and on the same day Class 12 started with their pre-boards. On 14th Sr. Deepti went to Bareilly to attend a meeting of diocesan schools.

This year Mary Ward Week was celebrated in the school. Students were briefed about Mary Ward Week and a maxim each was read out daily during the assembly throughout the Mary Ward Week. In the same week a role



play competition was organised for all the classes on women empowerment. The children actively participated in it highlighting the social scenario of the present day, and the various ways in which women can empower themselves. The winning role plays were staged on 26th January as part of Republic Day celebration. On 28th January a well prepared farewell programme was arranged for Class 12 by the students of Class 11.

On 1st February Sr. Deepti attended the CRI meeting for the religious of Bareilly diocese at Kathgodam while Sr. Annette went to Delhi for her eye check-up at AIIMS. On 2nd we celebrated our manager, Fr. Sallu's Birth day with a short programme. In his honour toffees were distributed to students and the teaching and non-teaching staff

shared a delicious meal, provided by the manager himself. On 6th we got an assistant Parish Priest, Fr. Naveen, as Fr. Sallu requires someone to help him out in the parish.

On 12th the S.C.C prayer meeting was held in our convent. All the catholic families came together to spend some time in prayer. On 18th the community along with our Parish priest went to Jeolikote to celebrate Sr. Renata's golden jubilee. Meanwhile Bishop Ignatius came for Pastoral visit. He reached on 20th evening, stayed overnight and on 21st offered Mass in the convent and had breakfast with us. Later he addressed the students during the assembly inspiring them with the message 'love the work/mission we do to



make it fruitful'. He then met all the cabinet members and Social cell team and discussed in detail how the school could get involved in outreach programmes. He insisted that twelve outreach programmes need to be carried out within a year by the students.

Deanery wise recollection was organised on 24th in Polyganj for the clergy and the religious. The talk was given by Fr. Rudolf and ample time was given for confession and adoration followed by Holy Eucharist. We also discussed and chalked out some plans for the deanery. The Recollection ended by 2.00p.m. Sr. Sudeepti went to Rudrapur to fetch Sr. Annette who was returning from Delhi after her eye check up.

These days the students are busy preparing for their final exams which commenced on 27th February. For the first time in Puranpur, St. Joseph's School has become a centre for board Exam. All the neighbouring Schools will be coming here for exams but our own students will have to go to Pilibhit which is 40 k.m away.

St. Anthony'S Convent Jeolikote

In the New Year we had two weeks of holidays and all our boarders were very happy to go home. On 4th January our coworkers enjoyed a picnic to Saat Tal along with five of our sisters. They spent a few hours at Saat Tal and nearby lakes. On 5th Jan most of us joined the cluster community outing to Ram Nagar Resort, "The Golden Tusk". The four CJ communities had a wonderful time. We thank Sr. Deepa for arranging this grand picnic.

On 6th January Sr. Lucy along with 8 staff members of Child Fund had an excursion to Kerala and spent three delightful days in 'God's own country'. They visited Bharanaganam on the first day and on the following day were invited by Sr. Renata's brother and they enjoyed special Kerala style breakfast. Then they journeyed to Allapuzha, where Fr. Johny K V, our Jeolikote parish priest was waiting for them. They enjoyed lunch and tea at Fr. Johny's house. He accompanied them to visit Arthungal Church and a Hindu temple. At the Infant Jesus' Church they saw a cemetery with no special family tombs. A message written there tells us, "We all are equals". On the third day, they spent the day in a Boat



House in Vembanatukayal which was an exciting experience for them. They were served excellent fresh food with 'Karimeen' that added more joy to their boat ride. They also got a chance to spend some time at the shore of the Arabian Sea and watch the sunset. They returned to Jeolikote with relaxed spirit, cherishing memories of the wonderful experience.

On 1st February some of us went to Suchetana at Kathgodam to join the Bareilly CRI Recollection. There were 120 sisters and priests. The resource person for the day was Sr. Esmie, a Canossian Sister who spoke on the topic Religious Consecration.

On 2nd February we celebrated our religious profession anniversary with a special Holy Mass and prayed for each other and the entire CJ family. In the evening we enjoyed a delightful recreation to honour Sr. Renata, the Golden Jubilarian.

On 3rd February, we had the farewell programme for our outgoing students of class 12 a meaningful prayer service, songs and dances were the highlights of the programme. Each student was given humorous titles. Students of Class 11 and the teachers expressed their gratitude and appreciation for each of them. Sr. Vinita, the Principal, in her speech advised the students to entrust all their cares each day in the loving hands of God and

remember to live the values they have learnt in school.

The preparation for Sr. Renata's Jubilee kept us excited and busy. . Sr. Pratibha, Sr. Damian and her team decorated the church artistically. On 17th morning the whole school greeted the jubilarian with songs, flowers and cards and the staff and the students conducted a beautiful prayer service. In the evening we warmly welcomed Sr. Renata's 4 sisters, 2 brothers and the family members. We remembered Sr. Renata's eldest sister, Sr. Laslett Mary, who was unable to come due to her knee operation. The Jubilee Mass was celebrated by our Bishop Ignatius D' Souza, Bishop Anthony and 13 priests from our denary. The choir, well trained by Srs.



Deepika, Pratibha and Miss. Meenu Singh sang melodiously adding to the solemnity of the occasion. All of us and the parishioners joined the jubilarian in thanking the Lord. Many sisters, teachers, friends and the parishioners filled the church and prayed for Sr. Renata. Our Bishop gave an inspiring message on Sr. Renata's 50 golden years of religious journey in the company of Jesus as a CJ sister.

After Mass Sr. Renata was honoured with a shawl by Bishop Ignatius D' Souza, Sr. Pratima garlanded Sister and Bishop Anthony offered a bouquet of flowers. Gifts and bouquets were presented by her family members, teachers and parishioners and well-wishers. After the short felicitation and the

cutting of the cake we enjoyed a delicious lunch. In the evening our boarders entertained the jubilarian and the guests. On 19th after the Holy Mass our guests and Sr. Renata left for Nainital for sightseeing. On 20th morning all our visitors left for Delhi with grateful hearts and joyful memories. Sr. Renata thanks everyone who prayed for her and sent her greetings.

Please remember our Board Examination students of class X and XII in your daily prayers. We also assure our prayers and good wishes for you and your students appearing for their examinations. God bless you all!

Sr. Laura CJ



Sr. Shanti writes:

I had an opportunity to accompany the youth for the 10th National Youth Convention which took place in Mangalore.

I feel immensely happy and proud that I got a chance to be part of this 10th National Youth Convention. It was really a wonderful experience, a life-experience of 'unity in diversity'.

We, Frs. Julian, Bastin and I with 19 of our youth (Jhansi Diocese) travelled to Udupi on 12th January. We reached at Udupi railway station on 14th morning, where we received a warm welcome from the youth of Udupi diocese. Along with us there were youth from other dioceses of the North, specially U.P.

region. We had three days of DID (not Dance India Dance) but ‘Days in Diocese.’ There are about 52 parishes in the diocese of Udupi. We



were more than 450 youth from different dioceses. All were accommodated in different parishes. We were sent to a parish called ‘Gangoli’. There we stayed in different families. It was a great experience. Our youth



were touched by the life style of the people there. Though they were busy with their work and family, they found time for God, family prayers and the activities of the church. Most of the parishes are in the coastal area of the Arabian Sea and hence the weather was warm, soft and salty. We found the people very hospitable, peace loving, generous and

God-fearing: spiritually strong, firm in their faith and committed to their families.

On 17th morning we gathered in St. Lawrence minor Basilica, Attur, Karkala. There we had the Holy Eucharist and a short programme. In the evening we proceeded to St. Joseph engineering College Vamanjoor, Mangalore, where around 2500 youth, from 172 dioceses of India had gathered for the 10th National Youth Convention. The convention was inaugurated by Bengaluru Archbishop Bernard Moras. There were Bishops from all three Rites.

The convention dealt with issues on environment, harmony and peace in society and leadership. The main theme was “TOUCHED BY JESUS, WALKING HIS WAY”. Many honorable and leading personalities of politics, business and religion addressed the youth, shared their experience in life and how to be loyal to the ethics of life and be successful in life and in society.

Rev. Bishop Henry D’ Souza, bishop of Ballari, and chairman of CBCI Youth commission said,

With Dreams in our brains,
Compassion in our eyes,
Joy on our faces
Truth in our mouth,
Love in our hearts,
And Service in our arms ... we go...

On the concluding day, 22nd January over 6000 youth took out a peace march in the city. The march started from Rosario Cathedral and culminated at St. Aloysius College grounds where Justice Kurian Joseph, Supreme Court Judge, addressed the youth about their constitutional rights and duties and also their responsibilities. Cardinal Oswald Cardinal Gracias offered the concluding Mass and Most Rev. Henry D’ Souza, Bishop of Ballari, chairman of CBCI

Youth commission, Fr. Deepak Thomas National youth director, Most. Rev. Dr. Aloysius Paul D' Souza , Bishop of Mangaluru, Bishop of Belthangady Diocese, and Most Rev. Gerald Issac Lobo, Bishop of Udupi were present.

It was really a wonderful life giving experience. And whenever I entered a new church I remembered the whole of Delhi Province, as we know that each one of us represents the whole 'C J' family.

Sr. Sherly Writes:

On 10th January Sr. Sherly along with Fr. Francis Pinto left for Mangalore with twelve Youth of Bareilly Diocese to participate in the 10th National Youth Convention held at St. Joseph's Engineering College at Mangalore from 18th to 22nd January. Around 3000 Catholic Youth from 192 dioceses took part in it. 'Be touched by Jesus and walk in His footsteps' is the theme of the year. The National Convention takes place once in three years. Prior to the convention, the youth were put up in the Catholic families for 3-4 days in



Udupi and Mangalore to have an experience of faith and culture of the people. They were touched by the hospitality and friendship of the people around there. The Youth were given inspiring and challenging input sessions, prayer experience and discussions. On the last day 8000 Catholic Youth took part in the Peace March. Let us pray for our Youth to be committed and active Christian leaders,

to be the bearers of Christ's Message of peace, justice and love.

Mary Ward Week Celebration St Francis convent, jhansi

Class 6 under the guidance of Mrs. Mahima John conducted a very meaningful assembly on "Mary Ward".



Friends of Mary Ward meet during the recess



Mary Ward friends, 17 in number gathered in the Mary Ward Hall. Mary Ward's portrait was garlanded by Sr. Reena, the Manager and Sr. Jessy the principal, followed by the reflection on Mary Ward's childhood events and prayers and a hymn in honour of Mother Mary Ward. Prayer Assembly of 20 minutes was concluded with Sr. Reena's inspiring words on Mary Ward's life.

24th January : The recess again brought the Friends of Mary Ward together in the Mary Ward hall to reflect on her youth, departure

from England to join the religious order and the Gloria vision. A hymn was sung to honour Mother Mary Ward and Sr. Jessy spoke on the unshakable faith of Mary Ward in the midst of uncertainties and vicissitudes.

25th January: Mary Ward Friends eagerly collected themselves in the Mary Ward Hall to reflect on Mary Ward's outstanding qualities. The short assembly ended with a hymn in admiration of Mary Ward and Sr. Jessy having highlighted the importance of "Show yourself as you are and be what you show yourself to be".

26th January: The love for Mary Ward drew the Friends of Mary Ward to the Mary Ward Hall, immediately after the Republic Day Programme. Two of the Friends of Mary Ward shared their reflections on two maxims of Mary Ward. Sr. Reena spoke to the gathering about Mary Ward's forgiveness and the groups left the hall pondering over Sr. Vijaya's question, "What will be your identity as Friends of Mary Ward after the 30th January 2017?"

27th January: Two of Friends of Mary Ward explained two maxims one of which being "Be always glad and joyful for, the Almighty God loves a cheerful giver", followed by a hymn sung in admiration of Mary Ward. Sr. Jessy at the end told the gathering that to be a cheerful giver one must have the attitude of 'I want to do' rather than 'I have to do'. She also explained the reason for Mary Ward to be called a heretic and for her institute to be suppressed.

28th January: "Don't consider yourself a conqueror until you have conquered yourself", was the maxim reflected upon by the little group on this day. After two teachers shared their reflections on the same, Sr. Jessy told them how the world looks at or comprehends the word 'conquer' or

'conqueror' and how we must try to conquer ourselves.

Friends of Mary Ward on her Death Anniversary on 30th January



Having missed out the gathering on 29th being a Sunday, the fervor of our Friends of Mary Ward was doubled on 30th January. This day the venue was changed from Mary Ward Hall to the Chapel. Two of The Friends of Mary Ward spoke on the last days and the last words of Mary Ward. A hymn composed by one of the teachers on 'Mary Ward' was sung. The assembly was concluded with Sr. Jessy throwing light on Mary Ward's assurance of her prayers for each of us and her expectation of us as Friends of Mary Ward.

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St. Mary's health centre,
Mauranipur. Jpic programmes in
the year of 2016-2017

Counselling Pregnant Women

A one-Day programme was conducted for counselling and general check-up of pregnant women with the help of Dr. Kushboo. Around 57 women from the target villages were able to undergo the routine blood check-up and those who are very anemic were given the necessary guidance and help for the blood



transfusion and iron supplements. Sr. Julita instructed them on balanced diet and the importance of regular medical check-ups, taking medicines like Iron and calcium during pregnancy, how to take care of the new born babies, immunization schedules etc. . She also encouraged them to have delivery in the hospital and get tetanus vaccination on time. She persuaded them to breast feed the children for at least for six month. Sr. Kiran helped out with blood check-up. The participants were served refreshments.

Training On Nutrition and Hygienic Behavior



Another one-day programme was conducted for the teenage girls and young women on hygienic practices. Through the help of short videos they were given instructions on personal hygiene, cleanliness during menstrual cycle, use of toilets, perils of early

marriages, safe drinking water, and nutrition. 95 girls attended this programme.

Workshop on communicable Diseases

A workshop was conducted on



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ble diseases** like T.B, HIV/AIDS, Cholera etc. was attended by 96 women. Mr. Manish,

the resource person explained the causes of diseases and how to prevent them. They were also given instructions on cleanliness and use toilets in their homes. The workshop ended with refreshments.

One Day Program for the Disabled Boys and Girls



65 differently-abled boys and girls from 30 different villages participated in this programme. Mr. Lakhan and Mr. Manjul were the resource persons. The main purpose of this workshop was to motivate and guide them how to go ahead in the challenging situations of life and inspired them to acquire proper education to make their future bright. Mr. Lakhan Lal instructed them how to translate their dreams into reality. All the participants were served lunch.

After Lunch through LCD projector videos were shown on early marriages, positive results of hard work in order to motivate the youngsters to aim high and make a differenc

in their lives and in society. The participants also shared with one another their future plans.

Tailoring classes in the villages



To empower the economically backward people, six months tailoring course is conducted in different villages. Mr. Santhosh our tailoring teacher, visits the villages and teaches them tailoring. Daily he conducts the courses in two villages. The girls show much interest in learning tailoring.

Sr. Joselette CJ from the Allahabad Province visited our villages. She interacted with the people on different issues. She also addressed the boys and girls of our centre who are part of the skill training. Sister took classes for the animators on how to tap the government programmes for the welfare of the villagers.



Training On Nutrition and Hygienic Behavior

Sr. Julita conducted a programme for 67



adolescent girls. Sister talked with them about the physiological changes that take place in their body at this age, how to accept these changes etc. She also persuaded the girls to take care of themselves and to keep good diet so that they may live a healthier life.



We are giving partial help to Babloo, our driver to reconstruct his house on his ancestral property. It was very difficult for him to live in one-room house with his family – grown up girls and boys and his mother. Now they will have at least three rooms and a kitchen.

Sr. Julita CJ

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