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From the Provincial's Desk...

Hearty Congratulations to Sr. Mary who received the **BEST PEN** award from the Agra Region for her regular contribution to the Voice of St. Jude.

Request for Prayers

For those who have gone for their eternal reward:

- Sr. Assunta's brother, Joseph 69 on 4th September
- Sr. Georgina's mother, Mary 97 on 11th September

For those who are ill:

- Sr. Renata's sister, Sr. Laslet Mary FCC who is quite poorly and is in the ICU
- Sr. Divya's mother who has to undergo a knee operation
- Srs. Georgina and Vijaya who are recouping after the cataract operation

News and events From our communities

St. Joseph's Convent, puranpur

It is very important for a human being, occasionally to break away from the mundane routine and do something interesting and creative. We need to breathe in fresh air, rejuvenate our hearts, and recharge our batteries to move ahead. The summer vacation was a befitting time for it. Sr.

Maria, the new member, was welcomed to the community soon after the summer vacation.

Orientation for Teachers

The teachers had a one day orientation programme on 30th June by Fr. Francis Kollamkudy (Bijnor Diocese). The seminar motivated the teachers to be aware of their potentials to guide the students effectively. On the same day the new teachers were welcomed.

Fare well

Life is a combination of joys and sorrows, arrivals and departures and beginnings and endings. The school organized a farewell function for Mrs. Rekha Tomar who was a teacher in St. Joseph's from its inception. Though retired, she will always remain a part of this school and her loving services to the school at various capacities will be remembered.

Toppers honoured

The students of Classes X and XII, who scored highest marks, were honoured with medals and mementos by the management.

Environment Day/Go Green

Our environment is the greatest gift of Mother Nature to us. A clean environment is vital to have a peaceful and healthy life. But because of the negligence of human beings we have put Mother Nature in a dangerous threshold. In order to make the students more sensitive and concerned about their environment and to

reinforce positive attitude and values towards preserving it, an assembly was conducted to mark the Environment Day on 21st July, highlighting the importance of taking care of Mother Earth. Keeping in mind the theme of **‘Go Green’**, a special function was organized in the school. From the forest department the DFO, CO, and many other important officials were invited to the school. Each of them addressed the students explaining to them the need of keeping the



surroundings clean. The D.F.O gave to the school more than 1000 saplings of various kinds. They themselves initiated the ‘Go Green’ programme by planting the saplings in the school campus. More than a thousand students were given saplings to plant at home taking a pledge to care for them. The management, staff and students together planted few more saplings in the school campus.

School activities

There were various competitions conducted in the school like football match, Skit, Choral recitation, declamation, Storytelling, Drawing, folk dance and Fancy Dress. From 20th July students were busy with their unit test.

Silver Jubilee

On 9th August there was a lot of joy and excitement as the Purnapur Community celebrated the Silver Jubilee of Sr. Deepti.

The management, staff and students greeted sister Deepti during the morning assembly



and put up a short entertainment programme in her honour. The finale of the school programme was a delicious meal for all the teachers arranged by the school management. At 6.00 p.m. we had the Holy Eucharist at which Most Rev. Ignatius D’ Souza, the Bishop of Bareilly was the main celebrant. With his eloquence and talent for music, he made the Holy mass very devotional. There was a large crowd consisting of representatives from our communities of Nainital, Jeolikote and Rudrapur as well as priests and sisters from the neighbourhood. Sr. Deepti was felicitated by all at the end. We were happy to have Sr. Sheeba (another jubilarian) with us.

Feast Day

On 11th August we were happy to thank God for the precious gift of Sr. Digna as she celebrated her feast day. The children conducted a meaningful prayer service

imploing God's blessings on sister and her dear ones and it was followed by a short entertainment. In the evening a special Mass was offered for her after which we had dinner together along with the fathers and resident teachers. We thank God for the joy she brings through her very presence and service.

Independence Day Celebration

The day started with the Holy Eucharist at which all the parishioners were present. Soon after the mass we proceeded to the school for flag hoisting. The chief guest for the Independence Day programme was the MLA of Puranpur. After hoisting the flag, he exhorted the students to love our country and serve our nation with devotion. Soon after the March Past and Mass PT, a variety entertainment programme was put up by the students. Prior to the Independence Day various competitions like folk dance, skit, poem recital, fancy dress etc were conducted. The selected items from these were staged on the Independence Day which was both entertaining as well as educative. All the students got something to sweeten their mouth to mark the Independence Day.

Flood relief Fund

The staff and students generously contributed to the Flood relief campaign which amounted to one lakh rupees. The money was sent to the Bishop's House to be forwarded to CARITAS.

St. Monica's Feast

On the occasion of the feast of St. Monica there was a special mass offered for all the mothers .The parishioners celebrated the day under the guidance of Sr. Digna offering special prayers for the mothers. The women of our Parish took the initiative to make the Liturgy very meaningful. After the Mass, tea and snacks were served to all. The rest of the day we spent in prayer, reflection and adoration directed by Sr. Deepti.

St. Francis, Jhansi

SFC became alive with the fun and laughter of the children on 2nd July. They were excited to see the new toilets and renovated class



rooms and their joy knew no bounds. We also witnessed the rush and the pressure for admissions to class XI. Name and fame has its own side effects!

4th July, Sr. Isabel's feast day - The day began with the celebration of the Eucharist. Our Bishop along with his secretary and Fr. Denis offered the thanksgiving sacrifice. As usual Sisters from Nirmala Convent were invited to tea in the evening. Their presence, caring and sharing brought great joy to us. Before the day ended Sr. Isabel thanked each one for her contribution to making the day a memorable one for her.

“Whatsoever you did it to the least of my brethren you did it to me” Inspired by these



words of Jesus we built a house for one of our co-workers (Mr. Bhagwan Das). On 6th July we blessed it and Sr. Reena handed over the keys to him in the presence of Sisters Jessy, Isabel, Shalini, Regis, Amita and Mrs. Alice Vaz.

Sr. Isabel takes keen interest in the teaching of Moral Science. On 7th July she conducted a seminar for our teachers during which she explained the aims and objectives and the methodology of teaching Moral Science. The teachers really enjoyed the free interactions they had with her. In the end she gave them some home work and the seminar ended on an optimistic note.

On 9th July after what seemed ages we had a common recreation. We played housie and other games and enjoyed ourselves thoroughly.

10th July – Competitions – 4 students along with Mrs. Caroline Gahlot and Ms. Manju Pandey went to Lucknow to take part in the Frank Anthony Memorial Debate Competition while two others accompanied by Ms. Manisha Gardner and Mrs. Anju Mansharamani went to Kanpur to take part in the ‘Albert Barrow Memorial Creative Writing Competition’. Both the groups came

back enriched by the exposure and the various



experiences they had, though they didn't bag any prize.

On the 13th July Srs. Reena, Jessy and Shalini went to Delhi to attend the Principal – Superiors' meeting and returned on 17th. They were full of praises for Fr. Sunny Jacob SJ, the resource person whom they greatly appreciated for his knowledge and experience.

20th July was a memorable day for the newly elected office-bearers of the school and their parents. They were formally installed as the



Head Girl and Captains of the school on that day. A meaningful prayer assembly was conducted by the students of class XII on the theme 'Leadership'. During the prayer service they evoked God's blessing on their new leaders and reminded them of their duties and responsibilities. Through a dance drama they showed the difference between the effective

leadership of Mahatma Gandhi and the ineffective leadership of Adolf Hitler, the two great leaders who changed the history of the world. After this they were given the flags, badges and sashes, the symbols of their office – by Sr. Reena – the Manager, Sr. Jessy – the Principal and the House Moderators. This was followed by the oath taking of the Captains after which Sr. Jessy gave a speech inspiring them to be leaders like Gandhiji and to shoulder their responsibilities with utmost loyalty and dedication. The Investiture Ceremony came to an end with the singing of the school anthem.

22nd July was kept up as the recollection day. Sr. Isabel gave a talk on Community life. She stressed the need for building up good relationships in the community, the need for overlooking the faults and failures of our companions in the Lord, the need to forgive and forget. After the talk we had adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, each one taking her turn. We ended the recollection with a prayer service conducted by Sr. Isabel at 4 p.m.

Strange things were happening in the house of one of our teachers. So after the recollection Srs. Reena, Jessy and Isabel along with Fr. Sadanand visited her house, blessed it and its inmates with holy water and prayed for them with great fervour and intensity.

Under the supervision of Sr. Reena our evening school – Mary Ward School- is growing. Sunshine or rain, they are there in the school. Such enthusiasm have never been seen before

Our 'Friends of Mary Ward Group' is very active these days. They supplied books and

stationery to our Mary Ward School children. They take turns to teach music, computer etc to them. They are very faithful to their 15 minutes' prayer to Mary Ward on 23rd of every month. They also show great enthusiasm in spreading spirit of Mary Ward among our students.

We were happy to welcome three S.R.A. sisters from Lucknow – the Provincial and 2 of her consulters. They were on their way to Secunderabad to attend the meeting of the Provincials. They shared with us their mission and the difficulties they face in carrying it out.

Srs. Florine, Manju and Sushmita and her two brothers delighted us with their visits. We were happy to meet and chat with them.

Sr. Regis was very busy working with our co-workers to get the school ready for the reopening. The repair work, cleaning of the class rooms etc took a lot of energy from her. The intense heat added to her misery. On 28th July she took a break from the routine work and went to Kanpur along with Sr. Georgina and returned the same day with Sr. Isabel who had gone there to meet her cousins who were ill. The outing did a lot of good to her.

31st July was a special day, the 75th birthday of Sr. Regis. We celebrated it in a small scale, inviting our Bishop, his secretary and Fr. Denis for celebrating the holy Eucharist and Nirmala Convent sisters for tea.

August was a month of excitements and celebrations. We were privileged to host the ASISC District Inter School Kho-Kho Tournament on 2nd and 3rd August. To our

pleasant surprise our girls beat the other



teams in both senior and junior category – Congratulations Girls! Because of the upcoming examinations they withdrew from the State Level Competition.

Competitions are means to draw out and nurture the talents of students. With this in mind we organized poem and autobiography writing competition on 11th August.

We had the CRI meeting on 5th August in Carmel Convent, Hasari. Sr. Praveen from DSH, Lalitpur was the resource person. She enlightened and inspired us with her talk on the Value of Suffering. After reflection, Holy Mass and lunch we returned home having profited much from the meeting.

On 11th August Fr. Dominic (Sr. Amita's Uncle) from Jabalpur Diocese paid us a short visit. He had a pleasant stay with us and shared with us his wide knowledge and experience in the field of education and gave us some inputs on how to cope with legal problems. The next day Sr. Amita took him out for a short Jhansi Darshan after which he left for Jabalpur.

15th August – The Independence Day was celebrated with great joy and enthusiasm. The Bishop of Jhansi Rt. Rev. Peter Parapully –

the Chief Guest of the day's programme - hoisted the National Flag at 7:30 a.m. This was followed by an inspiring prayer service



conducted by class VII during which they narrated the story of the freedom movement, the struggles our leaders went through, and the sacrifices they made. They also requested the audience to do whatever they can to protect, preserve and strengthen the freedom bought at great price. After the prayer service an entertainment programme was held. It was a house-wise miming competition on the following topics:

- Politically un-free Independent India.
- Constitutionally un-free Independent India.
- Environmentally un-free Independent India.
- Communally un-free Independent India.

Each house did justice to the topic given. The celebration ended with the distribution of ladoos to all – the staff, students & co-workers alike.



The primary section had its competitions on the previous day. Classes

UKG – II had poem recitation and classes III – V had tableaux depicting four states viz

Kerala, Gujarat, Maharashtra and Punjab. We enjoyed watching their performance.

We joyfully welcomed Sr. Pratima on 21st August. She stayed with us till 23rd to take part in the common feast day celebration of Srs. Louisa and Vijaya. We are grateful to her for her presence, prayers and encouraging words. On 25th morning Srs. Marcellina, Amita and Maria Rose left for Mauranipur to attend the JPIC meeting.

A few of our students took part in the ASISC State Level Inter School Karate Competition held at Blue Bells Public School. They were determined to bring laurels to the school and



they did it by winning 2 Gold Medals, 1 Silver Medal and 1 Bronze Medal. Those who won the Gold Medals will take part in the National Level Competition which will be held in Bangalore in the month of October.

On 31st Sr. Isabel left for Delhi to attend the Educational meet. We wish her all the best.

Nainital

The showers of blessing from heaven came in such abundance that it wreaked havoc not only in Southern states, but also in the hilly regions of Uttarakhand. The age-old lower Mall Road in Nainital constructed during the British rule caved in causing much

inconvenience to tourists and residents. Heavy rains, landslides and traffic problems have become the order of the day. We empathized with Sr. Grace as her eldest brother's house was under water. We also feel with and pray for all our sisters and their relations who faced the fury of flood waters.

Sr. Seema attended a two day national seminar organized by AINACS for the head of the institutions in Bengaluru. The theme of the seminar was 'Global Trends in Education'. Six of us from the community joined the second group of PRSC sharing and JPIC in Mauranipur from the 25th to 28th of this month. After having celebrated the golden jubilee, Sr. Nirmala proceeded to Mangalore to have another celebration along with her mother who celebrated her 90th birthday.

As the nation celebrated its 72nd Independence day, the Ramneetes joined in the celebration. We unfurled the national flag at 9 am, in the presence of the teachers, students, sisters and co-workers. Thereafter the students assembled in the hall for the inter house competitions. Honorable Judge Sharad Sharma from the High Court graced the occasion with his presence. Prayer assembly followed by dances, debate and patriotic songs added color to the day. All dispersed after the celebration enjoying special Independence day 'laddus'.

Another important event of the month was an awareness programme organized by the Tourism Department on 'Swatch Bharat Abhyan' for the students from Class VI and above who pledged themselves to keep the mother land clean. The team was generous

enough to distribute stationery and snacks to the participants.

As inter-school competitions became the trend of the day, Bal Vidhya Mandhir, Nainital organized the inter-school competitions in which our students participated in few off-stage items and bagged some prizes. Another group of girls participated in the 'Literati' organized by St. Joseph's College in which the Ramneeites were the Champions. Well done girls!!

On 26th our boarders had a night-out to celebrate Rakhi, strengthening the bond between the brother and sister. On this occasion 22 athletes participated in the Monsoon Marathon organized in the town. Their performance was quite encouraging.

As 23rd of every month the Ramneeites reflect on the life of our Mother Mary Ward; this month the junior school had a competition on portrait making of Mary Ward. As the situation in the country is not that encouraging, the CBCI had requested all the schools to introduce 'My India Pledge' and the Ramneeites have smoothly switched over to the new pledge. Since a lot of natural calamities were taking place in the country, we found it appropriate to introduce the first part of the 'Jericho Prayer' (a prayer prepared by the National Charismatic Renewal in India), as part of the Morning Prayer assembly. The students also participated in the Albert Barrow and Frank Anthony competitions organized by the council.

In solidarity with the flood victims of Kerala the school organized a fund-raising in which the students, teachers, co-workers and well-

wishers contributed generously to reach out to the suffering people.

Jesu Bhawan

Sr. Camilla was given a fitting farewell on 9th July and she left for her new community on 11th July along with Sr. Georgina. Thank You, dear Sr. Camilla for your dedicated and loving services to all those who came to us and for your thoughtfulness towards each one of us!

We were glad to have Srs. Archana IBVM and Nirmala IBVM with us for our Superiors and Principals Meeting and PRSC sharing. There were altogether 35 participants; Mr. Sandeep and the three Friends of Mary Ward, one each school - Nainital, SFC - Jhansi and Mayur Vihar. They spent half a day sharing with us the activities carried out by them in their respective schools. Their sharing encouraged one another and they returned with much enthusiasm. Fr. Sunny Jacob S.J. threw light on various developments and how vigilant we need to be in our mission. The second half of the second and the third days were spent on listening to the sharing of the PRSC by Sr. Pratima CJ and deliberating on the questions in smaller groups and reporting in the plenary.

Sr. Kiran made her annual retreat at Navjeevan Renewal Centre, Delhi from August 4th to 12th. On 11th both communities of Rohini came together for a day of prayer.

The Education Meet was held from September 1st to 3rd. It was attended by 30 sisters in all including Sr. Anjuman IBVM from Lucknow. Fr. Sunny Jacob S.J shared with the group the current issues and

introduced the group to spiritual conversation. This was followed by PRSC sharing and group work.

Our next gathering was on 12th where ten sisters of CJ-IBVM involved in the ministry



of Social Work came together for a day of sharing and planning. Sr. Cynthia C.J. - our UN representative facilitated the group. After welcoming the group, Sr. Pratima left for Jhansi to attend the funeral of our dear Sr. Louisa. We were happy to have Sr. Prisca with us for a day on 13th on her way back to Rome.

We enjoy the nature around us, having home grown vegetables and chirping of birds around our house. We are also lucky to be able to keep a few fowls in the adjacent garden. After attending the Mary Ward Fest at Jhansi Sr. Pratima returned on 23rd and attended the Ignatian Family Meet at NRC. While Sr. Remya is away for the Formators' programme in Rome Sr. Kiran has gone to Jhajjar to help out in the school.

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Here we come after a long gap. Meanwhile changes have taken place and the responsibilities are handed down. Sisters Mary John and Rose have settled down fully to the new environment. They build on the foundations laid by Srs. Rayna and Vandana. So, Sr. Rayna, all the hard work, the

privations and hardships you faced as a pioneer are definitely yielding fruit slowly. Sr. Vandana too, in her gentle and understanding nature is very much remembered and appreciated by the parents, teachers and students. Some of the shopkeepers of our small town remember that soft spoken sister, who used to visit them almost daily with a small shopping bag hung around her. Both of you are missed and remembered around here.

The school is slowly, but steadily making onward progress. Besides the regular classes, the co-curricular activities are also on the time table. The Independence Day was celebrated with a short programme.



Competitions in speech and poem recitation were conducted to mark the Day.

The Teachers' Day was another occasion where the students and specially the tiny tots displayed their artistic talents. Each class had a short item to felicitate their teacher. The items of course, were prepared by the teachers themselves. Though small in size and age they displayed a lot of creativity and produced fantastic Greeting Cards for their teacher. The day ended with a high tea with the teachers in the convent. We were glad that Sr. Pratima contributed her share and regaled the company with her interesting anecdotes.

On 8th September, we celebrated the 'Girl Child Day' with a Fancy Dress Competition based on Save the Environment. The colourful flowers and vegetables came on the stage looking very smart and full of confidence. But when they saw their parents

in front of them they were dumbfounded and



forgot what they had to say. This did not minimise in any way the applause and cheers they received.

We are quite regular with the study of the Constitutions. The family visits had taken a back seat with the arrival of new members but we hope to resume at the earliest.

The community was saddened to hear the rather sudden demise of Sr. Assunta's brother. Sister reached home to attend the funeral.

Srs. Assunta and Mary John attended a 3 day workshop/seminar on Ignatian Discernment organised by Fr. S. Jeerakassery SJ. the Provincial, Delhi Province. They returned having gained more insights on Discernment and spiritual conversation (generative listening).

Sr. Assunta attended the Diocesan Pastoral Council meeting held at Kathgodam. The theme was 'Word of God and Christian Family'. The bishop explained the importance of the Word of God in the Family life and the power of intercession. The meeting concluded with a decision to implement/improve upon the 10 points of yesteryear. The Bishop further brought forth 18 points from the URU Region to encourage and equip our Catholics for better living and a bright future for our Catholic youth.

The administrative block of the school is getting a new face and would be ready within two/three months. With the incessant rain our compound is looking very green but wild, secure enough for crawling creatures.

We wish our each reader the blessings from Our Lady of the Rosary.

Nirma la, JhaNsi

The month of August brought to our students a lot of opportunities to bring out their talents as we organized a number of competitions during this month. The whole primary school participated in the fancy dress, poem and tableau competition. It was indeed wonderful to see the little ones dressed up as our national leaders, princes and fairies. They also exhibited their musical talents through songs. The senior students depicted their talents in the form of dances, group songs and quwalis. On 14th our children were invited to perform dances in Gandhi Sabha Bhawan. It was appreciated by one and all. We celebrated the Independence Day and Our Lady's feast in a befitting manner. The flag was hoisted by our assistant parish priest Fr. Arun Minj. It was followed by a variety of dances, skits and songs depicting the cultural and patriotic aspect of our country.



On 25th August Mrs. Archana the lady police in charge of the Thana gave an orientation to the teachers and students on the use and misuse of phones, and face book. A science exhibition was held on the same day in GIC and four of our students won the trophy.

On 18th August the students and staff planted a number of trees in our school campus giving the message of Green India and

environment protection. The children also profited by the tobacco eradication programme organized by Amar Ujala.

The month of September began with Novena and the Holy Rosary in the Cathedral in preparation for the Birthday of our Blessed Mother. The Birthday of Our Lady was celebrated with devotion and concluded with a fellowship meal.

On 5th September we celebrated the teacher's day, paid floral tribute to Dr. Radhakrishnan and recalled his contribution in the field of education. We also paid tribute to St. Mother Teresa. The students conducted a meaningful prayer service followed by a cultural programme to express their love and gratitude towards their teachers.



The Friends of Mary Ward which was formed in the month of March decided to have the meeting on every first Saturday of the month, to have reflective studies on Mary Ward and to do something concrete for the children and society. One of the action plans was to conduct special assembly on Mother Mary Ward on 23rd of every month. The maiden group conducted the first assembly on 23rd August and depicted some part of her life through dance drama which was very good and inspiring.

On 11th we got the sad news of Sr. Louisa's death and we went to SFC to be near her, praying to open the doors of heaven for her.

Throughout the month all were busy in correcting the examination papers and preparing for the Mary Ward Fest. Most of the groups arrived on 20th. We were very happy to welcome all especially the team from the Loreto schools who were joining the fest for the first time. In all there were 63 students and 15 Sisters/Teachers from ten schools.

The staff and students were taken for Jhansi "Darshan" on 20th by Srs. Jyotika and Sheryl. Many of them were happy to join the Jhansi Mela.

The Mary Ward Fest was inaugurated on 21st at 9 a.m. by the lighting of the lamp. Sr.



Pratima, our Provincial Superior declared the Fest open. Sr. Elsy the education Co-ordinator welcomed the gathering. Sr. Doreen specially welcomed the resource person Frs. Steven, David and Bastin. The two days were packed with sessions and games. Fr. Steven dealt with the themes "outlook on life, the attitudes to face problems, body, mind and subconscious mind". Fr. David motivated the children, on friendship, values and goals, how to handle stress, meditation and goal setting. Fr. Bastin enlightened the children on motivation, Attitudes and problems in life, choices that shape us, positive and negative thinking. Sr. Vinita enlightened the participants on Mother Mary Ward. All of them tried their best to make it interesting through games and interaction. We are grateful to Srs. Pratima and Elsy who spent

two days with us encouraging and



interacting with the children. We are also grateful to all the participants especially the Loretos from Lucknow, Delhi and Shimla and cementing the bond between the CJs and IBVMs. The presence of our SFC sisters both for the inauguration and the cultural evening added to the spirit of the fest. The Fest has enabled the participants to grow in love and friendship among the Mary Wardians - the CJ and Loretos.



On 24th September the Jericho Cross was brought to the Cathedral from the Allahabad Diocese. A large number of faithful from all the nearby parishes gathered in the Cathedral. We had the Jericho March seven times going around the Cathedral reciting the Rosary and other prayers. It was indeed a beautiful moment of grace and spiritual experience.

We had the sad news that one of parishioners Mr. Augustine, who worked in SFC Convent died due to pneumonia leaving the family members shocked and sad.

The JPIC Meet and prsc sharing

“Where there is creative response, there is life and openness to the new kinds of prophecy”

Jose Cristo Rey Garcia Paredes



I think that this quote aptly summarizes the purpose and the goal of the 18 CJs coming together in Mauranipur from 25th to 27th of August for the JPIC gathering and the PRSC sharing. It was indeed a joyful gathering as some of us met one another after long years. We were blessed to have Fr. Sunny Jacob SJ as our resource person for the first one and a half days. Father invigorated us to ‘go forth as prophets to the existential peripheries through a communitarian journey’, through his inputs on various topics. At the very outset the session was on the methodology of spiritual conversation and this method was practised throughout the gathering in all group discussions and deliberations. Through the inputs on SDGs, ecology, and the Christian social responsibility in the Indian context of Hindutva, fundamentalism etc. we were challenged to a renewed awareness of our call to be mystics and prophets and contemplatives in action through our commitment to justice, peace and integrity of creation, and being on the side of the less privileged.

The second half of the second and the third days was spent on listening to the sharing of the PRSC by Sr. Pratima CJ and deliberating on the questions given to us in groups. This was a time where we felt together as the daughters of the great woman Mary Ward and realized our greater responsibility to live up to our calling in today's world keeping in mind the call of the 'Magis'. The Power Point Presentation on the history of the CJs and the IBVMs brought us closer to each other in spirit with the yearning to be 'one' again.

The days were indeed greatly enriching and we bid good bye to each other with hearts filled with gratitude, magnanimity and love. We are grateful to Sr. Pratima and Sr. Lucy for all the arrangements and to the Mauranipur hospital community for their warm hospitality.

Divya CJ

The Education Meet and The PRSC Sharing

The Education Meet and the PRSC Sharing was held in the Provincial House from 1 – 3 September, 2018. We were very happy to have Sr. Anjuman IBVM with us these three days. The Resource Person for the first one and a half days was Fr. Sunny Jacob S.J. He enlightened us on the present political scenario



existing in our country. Through various video clippings we were shown the hidden agenda of the fundamentalist groups. All of us were shocked and challenged by these sessions. He

also threw light on the present education system, the new rules introduced and the need to be alert in our speech and dealings with students and parents. We also had the opportunity to understand the method of spiritual conversation. We used this method for reflection and sharing in smaller groups and the plenary.

The next one and a half days were spent in reflection and sharing. Through the PP Presentation on 'Trasna', Sr. Pratima invited us – to choose, to go back or to move on. She helped us to go back to our experience of Generative Listening and its effects in our daily living. The demographic study of the Congregation was really alarming. The question "how future fit our Congregation/Province is" made us think and reflect seriously on being future-fit. The awareness of the difficulties we face in handling the present day students, insufficient knowledge of the present political scenario, our slowness in keeping ourselves up to date etc. made us realize the need to update ourselves to be future-fit. We felt that as a Province and as a Congregation we are not yet future-fit.

Sr. Deepa took us on a journey of Mary Ward's Institute. We understood more clearly how the Irish and the Canadian branches came into existence and their unification. This prepared us to think more deeply about the union of the IBMV and the CJ. All the groups expressed their desire to have combined seminars, formation and the ministries of education, social work etc. Another step we need to take is to keep ourselves open to adopt the Volume - 2 of IBVM Constitutions.

The meeting ended with a note of thanks to Sr. Pratima and her team for arranging this eye opening sessions for us.

Sr. Rayna CJ

MARY WARD FEST 2018



As a follow up of the action plan towards greater collaboration with the Loretos we invited our IBVM schools – Loreto Delhi, Shimla and Lucknow to join us for our annual **CJ FEST**. To include all we re-christened our gathering as **MARY WARD FEST**. It was a very enriching experience for all the students and teachers present. Some of the topics dealt with during these two days were, Friendship, Motivation, Spiritual Integrity, goal setting, Body, Mind and Spirit, Meditation etc.

Both the students and the teachers appreciated the hospitality, friendliness, warmth, the delicious food, the homely accommodation and the Jhansi ‘Darshan’ (SFC, St. Jude’s Shrine and Rani Laxmi Bai Fort...), arranged by our sisters at Nirmala, Jhansi. When they departed there were tears of joy and friendship. We hope that this coming together will enable them keep connected as one Mary Ward Family.

The Ignatian Family meet

We had the privilege of attending the Ignatian Family Meet initiated in 2017 by POSA (Provincial of South Asia). This year it was organized by Fr. Sebastian Jeerakassery SJ, the Provincial of Delhi. It was open to all Provincial/Regional Superiors and their



councils who follow the Ignatian Spirituality. Out of 29 participants 17 were CJs. (Delhi - 6, Patna - 5, Allahabad – 2, Bangalore - 2, and Nepal – 2)

Fr. R. C. Chacko SJ, an authority on Ignatian Spirituality and Discernment was the resource person. His in-depth knowledge, able presentation and his practical session on Spiritual Conversation and Discernment helped us to go deeper into Ignatian Spirituality of affectivity, which touches the heart giving energy for action.

The sublime illumination of St. Ignatius at River Cardoner and the La Storta vision brought home to us once again the realization that we are called and consecrated and placed with Christ on His mission, carrying the Cross in the world of today. The practical session on discernment process following the spiritual conversation helped us to be aware of the movement of the spirit within us. The sharing done in smaller groups and the plenary was very enriching. It will help us when we are back in our communities to be Generative Listeners and Generative Speakers. Many of us felt that these days were equal to an eight- day Ignatian retreat. All of us are deeply grateful to Fr. Chacko SJ, Fr. Sebastian Jeerakassery SJ and Sr. Pratima for this golden opportunity.

Mary John CJ

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