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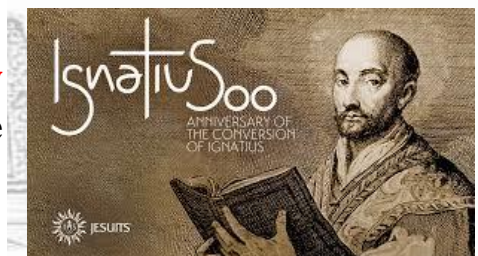
May - June 2021

## FROM THE PROVINCIAL'S DESK...

Kindly pray for the success of the Pre GC event from 14<sup>th</sup> July – 8<sup>th</sup> August 2021. 15 GC delegates from India/Nepal will gather at Loreto Convent, Asansol while the rest of the GC delegates of each province will attend from their own respective provinces/regions. In my absence Sr. Manjusha will be in charge of the province.

6 pre-postulants of the COIN will be received as postulants on 31<sup>st</sup> July 2021 in Krist Jyoti Niwas, Jhansi. Please keep them and Sr. Manisha (Patna), the Postulant Mistress in your special prayers.

I take this opportunity to wish you all a very **Happy Feast** on **31<sup>st</sup> July** on the special occasion of the feast of St. Ignatius during this Ignatian year.



### Request for prayers:

- Sr. Elaine who is recuperating in Nainital,
- Sr. Sherly who will be undergoing hysterectomy on 13<sup>th</sup> July in Kerala,
- Sr. Isabel's brother, Dr. Thomas who is ailing,
- Sr. Sudha (Patna) who had the knee replacement surgery.

### For those gone before us:

- Sr. Laura's sister -in -law, Lily who passed away on 3<sup>rd</sup> July
- Fr. Stan Swamy SJ who went to his eternal reward on 5<sup>th</sup> July.

## NEWS FROM THE COMMUNITIES

### St. Mary's Convent, Nainital

"God wills that all his gifts should come to us through Mary" (St. Bernard) The outbreak of the Covid - 19 pandemic has led us to a sudden shift from offline to online. We were unable to have the usual practice of May devotion, yet we had the joy of participating in the online Province Rosary, the Diocesan Marathon Rosary and chain Adoration, Eucharist and the Community adoration. On 9<sup>th</sup> we joined the CBCI for the National recollection and prayed for the covid -19 victims and for the end of pandemic.

We had great concern for those finding difficult to make ends meet due to Corona Pandemic. Since we were not allowed to move out, we approached the authorities with our desire to help out the suffering people. They appointed the police department to help us out in this venture. With the help of the police having identified the needy in various close by villages (Alukheth, Bhoomiadhara) and our locality, we distributed ration kits consisting of necessary provisions for a month. The other beneficiaries of our generosity are rag pickers, rickshaw pullers, boat men, needy catholic families of our parish and leper colony.

## सेंट मैरी कॉलेज ने बांटा राशन

शाह टाइम्स संवादाता  
नैनीताल। कोरोना संक्रमण की दूसरी लहर और कोरोना कर्फ्यू के चलते पर्यटन व्यापार से जुड़े लोगों की आर्थिक स्थिति चरमरा गई है। शहर के प्रसिद्ध सेंट मैरी कॉलेज की प्रधानाचार्य सिस्टर मंजूषा द्वारा पिछले वर्ष भी कोविड-19 के चलते सैकड़ों लोगों वह निर्धन गरीब लोगों को राहत सामग्री बांटी थी आज बुधवार को भी तल्लीताल थाना अध्यक्ष विजय मेहता के द्वारा चिन्हित नाव चालकों को सिस्टर मंजूषा प्रबंधक सिस्टर डिगिरा द्वारा संयुक्त रूप से तल्लीताल डाट पर पुलिस क्षेत्राधिकारी विजय थापा के समक्ष 50 नाव चालकों को राशन सामग्री बांटी गई। पिछले सप्ताह भी सेंट मैरी कॉलेज की प्रधानाचार्य सिस्टर मंजूषा द्वारा आलू खेत में पुलिस के सहयोग से 15 निर्धन परिवार के लोगों को राशन



सामग्री बांटी गई थी। इस कार्य के लिए पुलिस प्रशासन द्वारा उनकी प्रशंसा भी की गई है। सिस्टर मंजूषा ने बताया आगे भी पुलिस की मदद से चिन्हित निर्धन गरीब लोगों को हमारे द्वारा राशन सामग्री वितरित की जाएगी। उन्होंने कहा कि इस महामारी के दौर में सक्षम लोगों को

बढ़-चढ़कर गरीब व जरूरतमंद लोगों को मदद कर बढ़-चढ़कर हिस्सा लेना चाहिए। इस मौके पर स्कूल प्रबंधक सिस्टर डिगिरा, सीओ विजय थापा, एसआई दीपक बिष्ट, सोनू सिंह, विनोद यादव, शिवराज राणा, सुरेंद्र सिंह धामी, कुलदीप सिंह सहित अन्य पुलिसकर्मी मौजूद थे।

## 50 रिक्शा चालकों को राशन सामग्री दी



नैनीताल। कोरोना संक्रमण महामारी की दूसरी लहर में सरोवर नगर का व्यापार कोरोना कर्फ्यू के कारण बंद होने के चलते पर्यटन व्यवसाय पर निर्भर लोगों का परिवार चलाना काफी चुनौतीपूर्ण हो गया और उनकी आजीविका पूरी तरीके से चरमरा गई है। शहर के प्रसिद्ध सेंट मैरिज कॉन्वेंट की प्रधानाचार्य सिस्टर मंजूषा और सिस्टर डिगिरा लगातार ऐसे जरूरतमंद लोगों को तल्लीताल थाना अध्यक्ष विजय मेहता के द्वारा चिन्हित परिवारों को राखवार के दिन लगभग 50 रिक्शा चालकों को राशन सामग्री देकर इस संकट के समय पर उनकी मदद की है। कोरोना की दूसरी लहर में लगातार

सेंट मैरी कॉन्वेंट की प्रधानाचार्य सिस्टर मंजूषा लोगों की मदद कर रही हैं। इससे पूर्व भी लगभग 65 निर्धन गरीब लोगों को इनके द्वारा राशन सामग्री वितरित की गई है। और कोरोना संक्रमण की पहली लहर में भी इनके द्वारा लोगों की मदद की गई थी। आज सभी रिक्शा चालकों ने सिस्टर मंजूषा और सिस्टर डिगिरा का आभार व्यक्त करते हुए उनके ऊज्वल भाविक्य की कामना करते हुए उनकी भरी भरी प्रशंसा की है इस मौके पर थाना अध्यक्ष तल्लीताल विजय मेहता, उपनिरीक्षक दीपक बिष्ट, हरीश पुरी, हेड कांस्टेबल शिव सिंह राणा, राजकुमार, सुरेंद्र धामी, नवीन चंद, मौजूद थे।

We were shocked to hear the sudden demise of our Srs. Suchita, Jessy and Regis, sister of Mrs. Shailja, our teacher and husbands of our staff Mrs. Karnika and Mrs. Deepali, Rakhi Soni, our Ex-student and a few parents who went to their eternal abode leaving the family in sorrow.

On 29<sup>th</sup> we attended a webinar on Laudato Si organized by the Jesuits, on 30<sup>th</sup> an online USM prayer meeting conducted by Fr. Varghese Alangaden and on 31<sup>st</sup> Rosary organized by our Province. Sr. Sherly went for her home leave on 4<sup>th</sup> June. On 13<sup>th</sup> we had our recollection on the theme "Consecrated life and Evangelization". It was a very enriching talk given by Fr. Anil Dev IMS. A virtual farewell programme was conducted by our students and teachers for our sisters Amita, Shobha

and Vandana who were on transfer. Community also expressed our gratitude for their dedicated services to Ramnee family. A special thanksgiving Eucharist, a Prayer Service and an organised recreation were arranged for them. They left for their respective communities and we welcomed Srs. Deepti, Maria and Anima to our community.

On Saturdays students are motivated to conduct online assemblies. On a regular basis the staff meeting is taken and we have conducted two unit tests before the half yearly examination. One of our students Asmita Chhabra is selected for Finance Fellowship and she is attending the class conducted by Shri Ram College, Delhi. We wish her all the best. Nainika Rautela, one of our Ex-students is selected in the Navy as the Sub Lieutenant officer. She interacted with our Class XII students and teachers. She paid us a visit and expressed her gratitude to Ramee family.

Sr. Elizabeth Cotter was the resource person for this month's webinar for Friends of Mary Ward. Sister shared the process of the Cause of our Venerable Mary Ward and all the participants appreciated the work done by her.

The whole community attended various webinars conducted by JPIC office, Union Process etc., Srs. Nirmala and Caroline reached Sr. Amita to Puranpur community. Srs. Manjusha, Assunta, Nirmala and Caroline visited Sr. Elaine who was under treatment in Allahabad.

During this time of uncertainty let us remember the words of Marcus Aurelius who said, "You have power over your mind- not outside events. Realize this, and you will find strength".

Ramnee community

### **St. Anthony's Convent, Jeolikote**

The all-time sweet month of May was not all that sweet this year, but mingled with sad and painful experiences. Anxiety and fear filled the hearts and minds of everyone as news kept coming almost daily, of one's own family members, friends and acquaintances being snatched away by the cruel Pandemic while we could only stand by and watch or listen helplessly. We did the only thing we could do – we were on our knees more than ever imploring Heaven for mercy and help. Indeed, we thank our loving God for His timely help that most of our sisters who got into the grip of this Corona are freed now. Sr. Elaine is still struggling and we are keeping her in our daily prayers putting all our faith and trust in Jesus, the Mighty Healer.

For the whole of May lock down was enforced on us by the Government as well as by our Bareilly Diocese, hence we had to be content with online Holy Mass for the whole month and we had our 3 days Recollection.



This year being specially dedicated to St. Joseph we thought of honoring our beloved St. Joseph by erecting a small grotto in His name in front of our English medium school. We chose the 4<sup>th</sup> of May as the auspicious day for the blessing of the grotto as it was the ordination anniversary of our parish priest Fr. Uday.

May Devotions could not be carried on as is usually done in our parishes, but we as a community faithfully kept up our devotion and love to Mary our May Queen asking her to intercede with Jesus for the suffering children here on earth.

On 2<sup>nd</sup> May we closed school (the online classes) for summer vacation and we were happy to send the boarders home (students of class 10 and 12) as the Covid was rapidly spreading. We thank God, for all of us received the vaccination on time. We were greatly relieved and happy when Sr. Kanula returned after her home leave in the middle of May untouched and unnoticed by the invisible Virus. Nevertheless, she had to remain in quarantine for some days. After the holidays, on 23<sup>rd</sup> June we resumed the online classes and the teachers are once again busy with their books and students. Almost immediately after we closed the school in May, there was a call for Sr. Alka - her help was needed in St. Francis, Jhansi and so she said goodbye to us on 23<sup>rd</sup> May.

From the 1<sup>st</sup> of June the Diocesan lock down was lifted and we are having daily celebration of the Eucharist, but the Parishioners are still bound by the lock down rules. Since the Easter blessing of the houses had to be put off due to lockdown, on 6<sup>th</sup> June our parish priest blessed our house and compound.

On 5<sup>th</sup> June, Sr. Crispina joined our community and is already feeling quite at home and enjoying the cool mountain air. We are having good rainfall from the beginning of June. In fact, the incessant rain for a couple of days left our surrounding wall quite shaky, almost collapsing. They are being strengthened/renovated by our co- workers.

In spite of the lock down, we did not give up our devotion to St. Anthony, We had the Novena in full swing but the participants were only the sisters. Fr. Uday did make some arrangement so that the parishioners could join in the prayers online. On 13<sup>th</sup>, the Feast Day, was celebrated with due solemnity, but without the parishioners.

Once the feast of our dear Patron Saint got over, we began to think of the Corona victims as well as the lockdown victims. We were greatly inspired by the thousands of Good Samaritans around the world, reaching out to the needy and distressed with a desire to alleviate their sufferings,



even if it is only a wee bit. We too reached out to a few families in our neighborhood and the remote village Bana and distributed provisions enough to last them for a few weeks. This sharing of our resources with them has brought great joy and satisfaction to the receivers and the givers.

Sr. Lorna left for her new mission field- Nirmala, Jhansi. Our good wishes and prayers go with her as support and strength for the work ahead.

As we conclude the month of June, we wish to greet you with Jesus' own greeting. "Have Faith in me and have no fear."

Jeolikote community

### **Jesu Bhawan, Delhi**

The month of May brought us waves of grief, pain and fear. May our dear Srs. Suchita, Jessy and Regis rest in the company of all the saints and our dear elders who have gone ahead of us.

The zoom Rosary and the Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus conducted at province level bonded us to stand together at this time of grief and pain. The memorial service for our dear departed – Sr. Jane Francis, Suchita, Jessy, Regis, Julia and our teachers organised by FMW kept us united in love. Many hours of prayer raised to the Altar of God brought news of hope and strength to our sisters and family members who were down with covid – 19. We still continue to plead for the victims of this virus and for the team of health workers who toil day and night.

Sr. Elsy was away for a long time as she was in Jhansi communities being a solace to the sisters in SFC and Mauranipur. Soon after her return from Jhansi, she travelled to Falna for the final arrangements of the sale of land and the closure of the mission. On 16 June, the trio – Srs. Elsy, Doreen and Rayna bade farewell to Falna mission after 13 years of our ministry in the school.

We were happy to be part of the webinar conducted on 'Laudato Si' 7-year action plan (2021-2028) on 'Care for our Common Home' organized by CJ / IBVM JPIC team in Rome. Thank you, Pauline and Adina, for the great work done. As part of the Union Process the eight Ambassadors of South Asia Winifred Wigmore group united us through a webinar. Sr. Mariella and other seven speakers representing their respective provinces shared the dreams and challenges of the provinces which brought us a step further towards the union.

As Sr. Elaine who was under treatment in Allahabad had to be shifted to Nainital, Sr. Elsy along with Sr. Julita who was in Jesu Bhawan proceeded to Allahabad to accompany Sr. Elaine in the ambulance. We pray for a speedy recovery for Elaine.

On 20<sup>th</sup> June, Jesu Bhawan and Shahbad community came together for lunch to bid adieu to Srs. Renata, Reena and Tomsy who are missioned anew. On 26<sup>th</sup> June we had a meaningful thanksgiving Eucharist celebrated in honour of our dear sisters Renata and Reena. We invited our Jesuit neighbouring community for lunch, a sign of our solidarity which enhanced the occasion. On 27<sup>th</sup> Sr.

Reena left for her COIN mission in Chirag and on 29<sup>th</sup> Sr. Renata travelled to Mauranipur – a familiar place for her. Thank you, dear sisters, for your generous giving while you were here in Jesu Bhawan for the past two years and we wish you good health and blessings in abundance in your new place.

### St. Francis, Convent, Jhansi

After the sad, painful and shocking experience of the first week of May and the days that followed, life would have come to a stand- still or taken a new turn, had God not intervened in the person of Sr. Elsy who stayed with us being, “all things to all men”, giving us physical, emotional and spiritual support. We owe a great debt of gratitude to her. Thank you dear Sr. Elsy for being what you are to us.

Virtual memorial prayer services were held for Srs. Jessy and Regis, Yashika Gupta, a student and Mrs. Sheeba Singh separately by Teachers and students. Meanwhile we kept praying fervently for Srs. Elaine, Marcellina, Seema and Maria Rose. We rejoiced when Srs. Elaine and Marcellina were brought to Mauranipur health centre and Srs. Seema and Maria Rose to SFC.

Great was our joy when Sr. Alka arrived to be with us. A warm welcome and a happy stay with us, dear Sr. Alka. We ended the month with our Blessed Mother in the company of all the sisters of the province praying the rosary together.

Sr. Elsy left for Delhi on 1st June. Srs. Roshni and Marina visited us on the 5th affirming ‘God cares’. Thank you, dear sisters, for the trouble you took to be with us during this period of pain and sense of loss.

The month’s mind of Srs. Jessy and Regis was kept in a fitting manner. Fr. Vianney our chaplain was there to offer Holy Mass and bless their graves.

10th was a special day for us – Sr. Marcellina returned home after 40 days! A big thank you dear Sr. Lucy and community for nursing her back to health. Sr. Anjali arrived on 22nd and a warm welcome was accorded to her. We had a solemn high Mass and a beautiful prayer service appreciating and thanking our Srs. Shalini, Seema and Deepti for their dedicated service and we bade farewell to them on 25<sup>th</sup> June and on the same day we were happy to welcome Srs. Georgina and Rose.

26th to 29th was recollection days, the resource person being Fr. Freddy Mendonca. His talks on the Eucharist were enriching and enlivening.

Srs. Anjali and Rose were introduced to the staff on 30th. We wish all the best and God’s blessings on you dear sisters.

**“Believe in the power of your subconscious  
to heal, inspire, strengthen and prosper you.  
According to your belief it will be done to you.”**

## St. Mary's, Jhajjar

By the grace of God all four of us (Joseline, Grace, Vinita and Mariella) are keeping fine. In the month of May there was strict lockdown and hardly anyone found on streets. The temperature remained tolerable until the second half of June when it shot up to 47°C.

In June Sr. Joseline managed to go home for her long awaited home visit while Sr. Grace had to stay back as some of her family members were affected by Covid-19, but thanks be to God all of them have recovered.

Since a month and a half, we have daily Mass in our convent. Four Jesuits take their turns and every now and then they join us for breakfast. We then have very interesting table conversations. On Sundays we go to the Mass Centre at the Management Institute which has a hall big enough to accommodate all the Catholics in the campus. Social distancing is strictly followed.

Environment day was celebrated with an on-line assembly. Srs. Joseline and Mariella addressed the school. The significance of the theme of the year was highlighted. Children were assigned some projects related to environmental care and protection. Some are taking keen interest in growing indoor plants.



On 16th June Srs. Elsy, Doreen and Rayna stopped over on their return from Falna. On 17th Srs. Doreen and Rayna left for their new places of mission. On 18th Srs. Renata and Reena came and fetched Sr. Elsy. It was good to have them all here.

Srs. Grace and Mariella got the opportunity to visit the new Jesuit school and College in Nevta, Jaipur on 24th June.



Some of the online programmes we appreciated are:

- the Zoom Rosary of the province for the solidarity it promoted
- The Friends of Mary Ward meeting for the hope it offers
- The meeting called by the Union Process Ambassadors for opportunity it provided to know one another
- The Mary Ward Laudato Si Action Plan for the challenge it places before us to be more creative in the implementation especially in the lock down setting.

Jhajjar Community

## Mayur Vihar, Delhi

Believing that prayer is the greatest weapon in the troubled times of Covid -19, we responded to the invitation of Pope Francis and joined in Rosary Marathon Campaign for a quick end to the ongoing pandemic. At school level our catholic teachers and the students also became part of this journey. Province level zoom rosary and novena with special intentions also strengthened our hope in combating Covid 19. When the pandemic took many lives around us along with our sisters' lives and many of us getting infected by corona virus, an undue fear and anxiety gripped us and all the more, we turned to the Lord in prayer and adoration for hours.

On May 1st a meaningful digital assembly was streamed on our school's You Tube Channel as a Labor Day tribute to our support staff. Through songs, prayers and powerful messages we expressed our gratitude to the support staff and especially our guards for safeguarding us and doing the purchasing of kitchen things for us during the ongoing pandemic.

On account of Mother's Day students were given an opportunity to give a fitting tribute to their mothers with various activities like creating videos, performing duet with mom, cooking with mom etc. Through all these genuine gestures, they conveyed their strong bond with that of their mothers.



On 5th June World Environment Day was celebrated and students were motivated to remain connected with the earth and promoted environmental awareness. All the competitions were held online and aligned with this year's theme 'Eco System restoration'.

On 16th June our community took part in a webinar on 'Mary Ward Family living Laudato Si' 7-year action plan' organized by CJ / Loretto leadership from Rome.

The main objective of the webinar was to embark on a 7-year journey together as Mary Ward family towards integral ecology. It invited us to take action depending on the needs around us.

On 27th June we attended another webinar organized by the Union Process Ambassadors of Winfred Wigmore Region. This meeting enabled us to get some sense of the differences and similarities of each region. One representative from each province shared an overview of that particular region and it brought an understanding that we are one and we may be one always as Mary Ward daughters.

International yoga day was observed on 21st June. Our physical education teachers and activity coordinators took the initiative to get the schedule ready for all the classes and the students gave a positive response by actively participating in it.



On June 23 Sr. Rose was given a fond farewell from the school and community on her transfer and Sr. Tomsy was heartily welcomed to the community and the school on the same day. Sr. Rose left the community for her new mission in St. Francis Convent Jhansi on 25 June.

The summer vacation which was to start from May 15 and continue till June 30, was being rescheduled from April 20 to June 9 as per the order of Directorate of Education in view of the ongoing pandemic. So, after the summer vacation on 10 June online classes resumed for all the classes and the entire school had the periodic assessment from 14 June.

Community had the 3 days recollection from 30th June to 2nd July. It was a time of personal prayer and revival for the days ahead.

Sr. Merlin

### **Maria Bhawan Convent, Mauranipur**

As usual we honoured our Mother and kept up our May Devotion and pleaded with her for us, our people and our world. One hour adoration and the organized recitation of Rosary at the province level renewed our closeness to our Mother, her Son and one another.

Srs. Geetika, Anima and Divya from the School community were with us for a few days. We spent time together recalling and recollecting the memories of our dear Sr. Suchita. When we got the shocking news of the sudden demise of Srs. Jessy and Regis they also became the topic of our conversation.

As the young ones were recuperating from Covid infection in the community the eldest one Sr. Julita did a lot of travelling for various reasons. She was very upset that she could not attend the funeral service of Sr. Regis since she had gone to Allahabad to reach Srs. Seema and Maria Rose for their treatment in Nazareth Hospital. The sad news about our dear Srs. Julia, Alberta and Fr. Rolfie of Allahabad Diocese added to our sorrow. May their souls rest in peace.

Since all our sisters and staff were affected by corona the hospital remained closed for about a month and started functioning from 17th May. On 23 Sunday early in the morning Srs. Elaine and Marcellina were brought to our community by Srs. Elsy and Julita after their treatment in Ghaziabad for further nursing and monitoring. After reaching sisters here Sr. Elsy went to the school community to stay with them and went back to Jhansi on 27th May. Since 29th was the month's mind of Sr. Suchita Fr. David, our parish priest offered the Holy Eucharist for her. Sr. Divya gave a fitting introduction and Fr. David gave a message which he was unable to complete as he broke down saying we lost a good sister. And in the evening, we visited her grave in Jhansi and prayed for her.

We concluded our May Devotion by praying the Rosary online at Province level in which our Srs. Elaine and Marcellina also participated. It was a beautiful experience though there were technical problems.

Since Sr. Elaine was not showing the desired improvement, she was taken to Allahabad to get admitted in Nazareth Hospital. Srs. Julita and Pushpita accompanied her and did the needful. The former returned on the next day and the latter stayed back to take care of Sr. Elaine. We welcomed our new community member Sr. Sujata on 3rd June; Srs. Camilla and Mary accompanied her and we wish Sujata all the best and God's blessings in her mission.

Sr. Marcellina recuperated quite a bit and Sr. Julita reached her to her community on 10th June. On 26th Sr. Julita left for Delhi for some bank work and she along with Sr. Elsy proceeded to Allahabad to take Sr. Elaine to Nainital. On 27th we seven of us attended the webinar conducted by Union Process Group. Since both our doctors died of corona Sr. Julita was frantically searching for one and we are happy to have Dr. Anjali Patel from 30th June.

### **Nirmala Convent, Jhansi**

As usual in the month of May we accompanied Mother Mary by reciting the Rosary and praying to her. Three of us who were affected by Covid experienced Her powerful intercession in our life.

We bade farewell to Sr. Sujata by offering the Holy Mass and praying for her; we thanked her for the loving service she rendered to the community, the school and the boarding. The next day we reached her to Maria Bhawan, Mauranipur her new place of mission.

Srs. Roshni and Marina paid a short visit to us. A few of us joined the St. Francis community for the month's mind of Srs. Regis and Jessy. We also visited their graves and prayed for their souls.

A fitting farewell Mass was offered for Sr. Crispina before she left on transfer to Jeolikote. Thank you dear Sr. Crispina for your loving services to the school and community. Sr. Shalini and Sr. Lorna the new members were warmly welcomed to the community. We were happy to have two new priests, Frs. Mathew and John SDB who joined the Salesian community recently. The community made three days recollection under the able guidance of Fr. Mathew SDB.

Now the teachers and sisters are busy with their online classes. The education department asked us to plant certain number of trees every year. We were very happy to plant trees because recently we lost a big Neem tree due to rain and storm.



Nirmala Community, Jhansi

## St. Mary's, Rudrapur

We began the month of April with a joyful celebration of Easter. On Easter Sunday Sr. Nibedita left for Provincial House on Mission. We thank her for the loving services rendered to the community. In the 2nd half of the month Covid -19 entered our house leaving Mary John alone to take care of Srs. Elaine, Assunta & Josephine. She had the additional responsibility of running the school and taking care of the workers. Therefore, seeing the situation she declared the summer vacation from 24th April to 1st June.

On 24th, Sr. Elaine was taken for a check up to Dr. Raunak at Haldwani. Since she was diagnosed with pneumonia, she would require a liter of oxygen daily. This alarmed the community and Nainital community reached out to us immediately with oxygen cylinder for Elaine. By the end of the month Sr. Elaine had to be hospitalized in Ghaziabad. The updates from the hospital were not satisfactory as she was mostly on oxygen support. We in the community spent our days praying for all who were affected by the Covid especially our own. The sad and untimely demise of Srs. Suchita, Jessy and Regis left us downhearted. We had hoped that they would recover for we had intensified our prayers to the Lord who is the healer. The zoom Rosary was our united effort to save them.

On 23rd we celebrated the feast of Pentecost. We truly prepared ourselves for this feast with fervent prayers. The same evening, we started our online annual retreat. We renewed our vows on the following Sunday, 30th, Feast of the Holy Trinity. On 31st we received the good news that Mary Ward's Cause for Beatification has entered a new phase which made us happy. The zoom Rosary at province level was a fitting finale to conclude the May devotion.

Sr. Divya arrived to help us out for a few weeks. We were happy to welcome Sr. Rayna to our community on 18<sup>th</sup> June. We wish God's blessings on her as she takes up the responsibility of the school. Sr. Seema joined the community on 25<sup>th</sup> and on the next day the school gave a virtual Farewell to Sr. Mary John. We had a farewell Mass for Sr. Mary John on 28th. We had an hour of prayer in thanksgiving for the person of Sr. Mary John in the evening. We would like to place on record the loving services she rendered to the school and community. By her unassuming ways she spent hours guiding, nurturing, correcting, moulding the young minds and the teachers as well. She brought in newness, variety and standard into the activities. SMC Rudrapur would be ever grateful to her.

Sr. Elaine who was recuperating in Mauranipur hospital community was shifted to Allahabad Nazareth Hospital for further treatment. We are grateful to Sr. Lucy and Community for the care given to her. On 21st Sr. Assunta went to Allahabad to visit Sr. Elaine who was hospitalized a second time due to post Covid complications. Srs. Nirmala, Caroline and Manjusha joined her from Nainital. They returned on 24th evening. Assunta was happy to have visited the elderly sisters at 21 and 32, Allahabad and the community at Lucknow.

We were consoled to hear that Sr. Elaine was discharged from the hospital on 26th. We thank Sr. Pushpita for taking care of her so well. God bless you dear Sr. Pushpita.

We are grateful to Sr. Divya for helping us out for almost a month. We appreciate her availability. We take this opportunity to thank everyone for your prayerful support during our illness.

Rudrapur community



DEAREST LORD,

TEACH ME TO BE GENEROUS;

TEACH ME TO SERVE YOU AS YOU DESERVE;

TO GIVE AND NOT TO COUNT THE COST,

TO FIGHT AND NOT TO HEED THE WOUNDS,

TO TOIL AND NOT TO SEEK FOR REST,

TO LABOUR AND NOT TO ASK FOR REWARD

SAVE THAT OF KNOWING I AM DOING YOUR WILL.



**HAPPY FEAST !**