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PROVINCE NEWS LETTER

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From The Provincial's Desk...

In need of our prayerful support:

- ❖ Shaji, Sr. Deepa's sister who is undergoing chemo
- ❖ Sr. Mary who is recuperating from heart problems

Specially praying for all those who are attending various Renewal Programmes, Union Gatherings, Wisdom Group Gatherings etc.

Happy Holidays to all those on home leave.

News From our Communities



ST. ANTHONY'S, JEOLIKOTE

The month of March began as a day of prayer for the priests and religious of the Bareilly diocese at Jeolikote. The new Pastoral Center was blessed by Rt. Rev. Bishop Ignatius



D'Souza the Bishop of Bareilly, in the presence of a large number of priests and religious. Our Bishop gave an inspiring talk on prayer, forgiveness with meaningful stories as a preparation for Lent. In the newly blessed Chapel, we had the Way of the Cross well

conducted by the priests and sisters. The Way of the Cross is beautifully setup on the adjacent hill, most of us are familiar with it as the Provincial Hill. After the spiritual nourishment all of us enjoyed a delicious lunch in the renovated big dining room. It was a day of praying together as a strong united religious body and strengthening one another with closed bonds of love and friendship.

On Ash Wednesday a good number of the parish community were present for the evening Holy Mass. With the mark of ashes on our forehead, we entered into the spirit of Lent with eagerness to spend more time with the Lord in prayer, fasting and doing penance. From Ash Wednesday to Good Friday some of the devout parishioners made it a point to climb the Provincial Hill (re-christened Calvary) daily making the way of the cross. The Parish Priest Fr. Uday, Assistant Fr. Manoj, Sr. Sheeba and Sr. Damian took the lead being an inspiration for the others. On Fridays many more joined for the Mercy Rosary, Holy Mass and the Way of the Cross. Most of the parishes of the Kathgodam Deanery came on different days along with the parish priest, offered mass in the new chapel and climbed Calvary praying the way of the cross.

Sr. Patricia's feast was anticipated on 10th March, as she was going for home leave on the following day. Entrance exams were conducted on 12th for the new admission seekers for K.G. to Class-9. On 13th March Women's Day was celebrated by the parish and the women in the parish were honoured during the Mass. Sr. Deepika the animator of 'Mahila Sangh' of the Parish, conducted few games for the women and winners received attractive prizes.



Another important event for the Jeolikote parish was the 3 days Sadhana Prayer on 17th, 18th and 19th conducted by Br. Rajan in preparation for a good confession. His talks were very inspiring as he explained clearly the effects of sin and how to grow with intimacy with Jesus by sincere repentance. All of us gained much spiritually during these three days.

The outgoing students - the boys of class 10 and the girls of class 12 - were given a touching farewell on 26th March. Each of them was given a gift as well. The final exams were conducted in the last week of March after which all the boarders went home.





On 31st March we gave a sendoff to Mrs. Regina Harish who was helping the boarding department and taking care of their various needs. She has worked in this mission first 15 years in the CCF Project and 13 years in the boarding department. She also helped in all the school and church activities on special occasions. We are really grateful to her for her cheerfulness, readiness, generosity and dedicated

service to this mission. May Jesus bless her and reward her abundantly. She is lovingly remembered as “Anto” by all the boarders present and the past.

The 75th birthday of emeritus Bishop Isidore was celebrated on 4th April, with high Mass and special prayers imploring God’s blessings on the bishop. On 13th April we welcomed the Bareilly Youth Cross in our Parish with much devotion. Most of the Parishioners spent the evening in praise and prayer and venerating the Redeeming Cross of Christ. The Youth of the Parish led the people in prayer and worship. It was well appreciated by all the parishioners.



The Holy Triduum were days of prayer and special blessings for the whole parish community culminating in the Easter Vigil services on Holy Saturday at 10 o’clock. Most of the parishioners attended the Vigil Mass and also the Sunday morning Mass. Sr. Pratibha took all possible care to make the altar look angelic on Holy Thursday and on Easter Sunday. The choir led by Sr. Kanula was well appreciated by everyone. On 17th After Easter celebration Sr. Kanula and Sr. Rekha left for Mysore to attend a renewal course. On the following day Sr. Laura left for Kanpur to spend a few days with Sr. Mildred, her companion and batchmate. Sr. Laura along with Sr. Patricia returned home on 26th. Srs. Sheeba, Damian, Deepika and Mary John had a day out along with the school staff at the Fun City, Bareilly on 18th and on the following day the ‘Krusveer’ children were privileged and happy to have a trip to the Bana mission station in the company of Fr. Uday, Fr. Manoj, Bishop Isidore and Sr. Sheeba and Damian and Mrs. Neelam the Krusveer animator.



Sr. Damian and Sr. Mary John joined the silver jubilee celebration of Fr. Roman and Fr. Sebastian at Bareilly. They were our former parish priests here at Jeolikote. It was the day of Ordination of Decan Ajit Lobo in Bareilly.



After 3 weeks of holidays the boarders returned on 20th and the new academic session began the following day. On 25th the teachers conducted a meaningful assembly for the school. Ms. Deepshika, one of the teachers depicted in dance form the fear and terror of a seed that was sown by the farmer until it sprouted and grew into a new plant giving the message of golden opportunities awaiting the students in the new academic year. On

30th April we anticipated St. Joseph's Day/The Labour Day. The students showcased a short and meaningful programme and entertained the co-workers. It was followed by high tea for the workers and each of them received a gift. The co-workers were very happy and expressed their gratitude. We also thank God for their generous service towards this mission. God bless them all.



Sr. Mary John



ST. FRANCIS', JHANSI

2nd March was a special day for a variety of reasons: Srs. Alka and Teresa left for Bihar on vocation promotion, Srs. Vijaya and Divya returned after home leave along with Sr. Delna of Allahabad, Sr. Elsy arrived to proceed to Bangalore and most importantly the season of Lent began reminding us to 'Return to the Lord'. The next day Sr. Shweta the provincial of Allahabad was joyfully welcomed and we had a few warm and wonderful moments with her before she left for Bangalore along with Sr. Elsy to attend the COIN meeting. We also warmly welcomed Sr. Renata who had her second cataract operation and would stay with us until she would be fine and fit to go back to Mauranipur. We attended and appreciated the digital prayer service organized by the JPIC team of St. Mary's Nainital. Along with them we prayed for peace all over the world especially between Russia and Ukraine.

WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATION - To mark and celebrate the remarkable achievements and amazing contributions of women and to celebrate their struggles to create, nurture and transform the world,

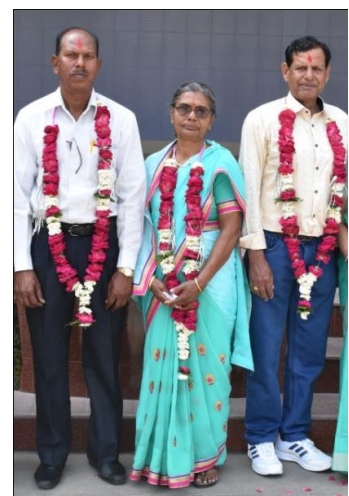
women's day was celebrated. The theme of the International Women's Day 2022 was 'Gender equality today for a sustainable tomorrow'. In spite of all the publicity we give to this day, gender equality is still a far cry for India's female informal workforce. Since the students were having their annual examination, we had no special celebration except that we attended the Women's Day celebration organized by the JPIC members of St. Mary's Nainital on a virtual platform and the catholic Women's Day celebration in St. Jude's Shrine which was indeed a unique one.

ON THE MOVE - Sr. Pratima was on the move quite often: sometimes to attend the Formator's meeting and other times to fulfill her duties as Junior Mistress or to carry her responsibilities as animator of the community. Sr. Divya too was on the move to attend the vocation promoters' meeting at Varanasi. She returned with new ideas and new hope for a bright and vibrant future for the congregation.

RECOLLECTION - 'Return to me with all your hearts...' (Joel 2:12) gave us enough material to spend the day in reflection/ introspection. Sr. Rose who guided us in prayer stressed the need to 'pause, see, and refrain' from what disconnects us from God so that we can mend our relationships with Him, to get healed and to return to Him joyfully. Truly it was an enriching experience! We felt forgiven, washed clean and made whole.

THE FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH - To honor our dear saint and to express our love, trust and confidence in him, we decorated the chapel beautifully and had a solemn high Mass offered. Fr. Vianney made it very meaningful and inspiring. The melodious singing added colour to the celebration.

FAREWELL - On 22nd March the school bade a loving adieu to Mrs. Barbara Philip and Mrs. Rashmi Mahendru who served the school for 32 and 18 years respectively. The prayer assembly followed by a short cultural programme was an apt tribute to someone who gave her best to the school. The fellowship meal to which their family members too were invited was appreciated by them.



23rd was yet another day of celebration. Three of our co-workers – Mrs. Elizabeth George, Mr. Morris Brown and Mr. Dhan Singh – retired on that day. We made it memorable for them by putting

up an entertainment programme, conducting a prayer assembly and finally by hosting a lunch for all the supporting staff in their honour. We also presented them with a gift each as a sign of our appreciation and gratitude to them.

The feast of Annunciation: As a preparation for the feast some of us kept night vigil. We had a special holy hour during the day to pray for peace between Russia and Ukraine. The consecration of Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary by His Holiness Pope Francis was a significant moment in the history of the church.

We reopened the school on 4th April. Prior to the re-opening an orientation programme was organized for the teachers from which they benefited a lot. 7th was a unique day for the students of class 12 as they said good bye to their Alma Mater with much to cherish having been moulded in the spirit of St. Francis and Mary Ward for over 12 years.



With the celebration of Palm Sunday, we entered the Holy Week to experience with Christ His passion and death. On Wednesday Sr. Marcellina went to our Parish Church along with some of our co-workers, got the carpets removed, swept, washed and made the church clean for the celebration of the Lord's Supper. The liturgical services on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday were very solemn and inspiring. We had the Easter vigil service at 7pm on Saturday. Like the apostles whose dreams were shattered, who felt hopeless and helpless became new people filled with zeal and enthusiasm for spreading the Kingdom of God after their encounter with their master, we too felt renewed in mind and spirit after taking part in the passion, death and resurrection of Christ.

To mark the Earth Day, an assembly was organized. The JPIC members through miming made the students aware of their responsibility towards mother earth- to protect and nurture it. Competitions such as poster making and nature photography were also held. To keep up the theme, 'Earth Day 2022 –Invest in our Planet'- JPIC members read out their slogans and explained the need for immediate action from all concerned.

On 22nd the NCC cadets accompanied by Mrs. Veronica and Mrs. S Panghal (GCI) and PI staff had a traffic awareness programme in the Elite crossing. They explained the traffic safety rules and the consequences if they were not followed. The cadets returned to school with a satisfaction that they did something for the society.



The feast day of Sr. Georgina was celebrated with enthusiasm and gladness. We had a creatively conducted holy hour for her the previous evening. The simple way by which we made her feel special gave her immense joy. In the evening we all attended the webinar on Discernment by Sr. Gemma Simmonds and were enriched by it. It gave us a better understanding of what discernment is all about. We remain indebted to the organizers.

Sr. Mary's deteriorating health distressed and disturbed us. We felt relieved a bit when she was taken to Delhi by Srs. Pratima and Julita for better treatment.

The end of the month saw us joyfully welcoming two of our candidates Usha and Laky from Odisha, Sr. Maria Rose's sister and her two nieces who were on their way to Mauranipur to celebrate the silver jubilee of Sr. Maria Rose. Our dear Sr. Suchita's first death anniversary was kept up in a beautiful way on 29th.

The family visits which we began in good earnest and continued with great enthusiasm came to a standstill as Jhansi came under the grip of severe heat wave. We look forward to a relaxed time in the month of May.

In any given moment we have two options: to step forward into growth or to step back into safety. Let's think over it.

SFC, Jhansi



MARIA BHAWAN, MAURANIPUR

'If an egg is broken by an outside force, life ends. If broken by an inside force life begins, Great things always begin from the inside.'

Srs. Shanti and Kiran attended the Alberione Bible Quiz conducted by St. Paul Biblical Centre New Delhi on 6th March and both of them scored good marks. We were happy to have Sr. Pratima with us who came to meet the juniors.

On 25th March we got a shocking news that one of our enrolled children in Child Fund project, Jeolikote, who had completed her nurses training and working in Nazareth Hospital as a staff nurse had a sudden collapse and put on ventilator. We stormed heaven with our prayers. But after a week she went for her eternal reward. We had to bend before the Almighty to fulfill HIS will for her.

On 27th March Sr. Maria Rose and Sr. Shanti went to Lucknow for the NOC. After that Sr. Maria Rose went to Banda to submit the NOC for her 6 months internship in Banda govt. hospital. She also got permission to practice in Mauranipur and once a week she has to go to Banda. It was a great help for us because we do not have a doctor for our OPD patients. At present we got one Gynecologist for

once a week. Other days Sr. Maria Rose takes care of the patients. In her absence we ourselves manage the OPD.

Sr. Lucy came back after a well deserved holiday spending a month at home with her dear ones. She feels refreshed, revived and ready to continue the work in His vineyard.

Birthdays of Srs. Shanti, Sujata, Sushmita and Teresa were celebrated in a fitting manner with a very meaningful Eucharist and prayer service. The dinner hosted was delicious and it was an occasion for both communities and our parish priest to be together sharing the joy of life.

All throughout Lent we had well conducted Way of the Cross on Wednesdays in the community in English and Fridays in Hindi in the parish followed by Holy Mass. On 3rd April the whole Jhansi diocese had a day of prayer and the sacrament of confession. Mauranipur region consisted of Gursuari, Panwadi, Mamna, Kulpahad, Rath and Mahoba. Around 200 Catholics from these mission stations including priests and sisters gathered in Mauranipur Church for the day. Fr. David gave an inspiring introduction on 'Value of the Eucharist' and Fr. Varghese Sindhu conducted a heart touching Way of the Cross around the school ground and Fr. Bastin guided the adoration to prepare ourselves for confession. Both school and hospital community helped together to make this programme a successful one.

Holy Week services were well conducted and we experienced the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Though we were few in number, the church was echoing with Easter Joy. Alleluia. Praise the Lord!

On 20th Sr. Sushmita left for Lonavala for a renewal programme called Tanmaya Sadhana. May she enjoy the programme. We wish her all the best.



On 23rd April one of our parishioners Asha Kiran, daughter of Mr. Francis and Abila Minz got married. In the absence of our parish priest Fr. David James, Fr. Kapil blessed the marriage.



On 29th April we commemorated the first death anniversary of our dear Sr. Suchita. Both the communities went to Jhansi, Prem Nagar parish for the Holy Mass. Sisters from SFC and Nirmala too joined for all the prayers at her grave. May she enjoy the eternal bliss and may she intercede for all of us.

We feel her presence in the hospital corridors. May she intercede for us. We miss you dear Sr. Suchita!

On the same day Sr. Teresa went to Pune for the one month retreat, and from there she will proceed to Bangalore for the preparation for her final vows. May God Bless you and keep you in good health. May you be a fitting instrument in his Loving Hands.

Srs. Pushpita and Kiran



ST. MARY'S, NAINITAL

In the month of March, we joined the deanery level recollection in the renovated pastoral centre which was blessed along with the Calvary hill. We had our bishop carrying the cross up the hill followed by all the priests and sisters meditating and praying the way of the cross. It was a deep spiritual experience for each one of us followed by the Holy Eucharistic celebration in the newly renovated chapel.

The boarders all reported back to school on time and the campus was filled and the Ramnee hill echoed with the laughter of children.

Teachers' orientation programme was conducted by Mrs. Manisha from Delhi with the relevant topic '21st century Teachers' Skill'. Women's day programme was organised on line under the guidance of the Srs. Manjusha and Deepti for the South Asian region. POCSO awareness was conducted for our students by the students of Law College, Moradabad. We distributed ration kit to fifty families of the rag pickers. They were very happy to receive it before their Holi festival. Sr. Manjusha went to Lalpur to give orientation programme to their teachers before the new academic session.



Sr. Elaine's sister and niece came for a week's holiday and they joined Holi celebration with the sisters, teachers and students. Each one was given a packet of herbal colours made by an NGO under the guidance of one of our teachers. The whole play ground was their venue to play with colours.

Our Bishop Ignatius D'Souza offered Holy Mass on St. Joseph's feast. He came with three Bethany sisters. They left after the breakfast.

Sr. Elaine left for home leave with her relations on 20th March taking the two hours flight from Bareilly to Mumbai. On 24th of March we bid farewell to Sr. Marisha who was with us for a very short period.

Care India group with the doctors and nurses came from BD Pandey hospital, Nainital to give Covid vaccination to our students. On the same day Nirmala school bid farewell to their Class VIII outgoing students. On 30th Primary school had their welcome assembly and the installation of their leaders for the year 2022 – 2023.



The roof of the church and the convent has a new look after painting. On the same day ration kit was distributed to 50 potters.

We were privileged to receive the Lenten Youth Cross. When it came to our gate Srs. Digna and Manjusha carried the cross followed by all our sisters and co-workers and reached it to St. Francis home. We entered the holy week carrying the blessed palm leaves. Easter assembly was conducted by our students. It was indeed a very touching one.



On 12th we had the investiture ceremony of the Student Council in the presence of their parents after a gap of two years. After the function and refreshments, the boarders went home for Easter holidays. Srs. Tarsicia, Maria

and Digna went Puranpur and Lalpur to wish them for Easter. On Holy Saturday morning Sr. Digna took our youngest members Adelaide, Coletta and Tarsicia to our neighbouring Parishes and Jeolikote to wish them for Easter. They very happy to be out after two years.

On the 19th Sr. Nirmala went to Allahabad to celebrate the Golden Jubilee of her Cousin Fr. Vasanth On 25th Sr. Sherly went to Delhi to take care of Sr. Mary who was hospitalized in Apollo Hospital.

On 27th we received the sad news that one of our students Ambika Kashyap of Class IX passed away due to fluid collection in her brain. We expressed our condolence to our family by visiting them and praying with them for the repose of the soul of their beloved daughter. The entire Ramnee family will miss her presence in the school. On 30th Sr. Elaine returned from her home leave.



Wish you all a very happy summer holiday.....



MOUNT ST. MARY'S, RUDRAPUR

The month of March was very significant for all of us as we prayerfully and patiently marched through the forty days of prayer, reflection, fasting and penance. To delve deep into the profound meaning of Lent and to renew our lives as well, the community spent a day in personal prayer and reflection on Pope's message for Lent 2022 - 'Sow seeds of goodness for the benefit of others.' It was an exhortation for us not to grow tired of praying, of doing good and of uprooting evil from our lives.

We joined the parish community for the Holy Week Services. The service on Good Friday was indeed very meaningful and heartrending as the youth of the parish enacted the way of the cross. During the way of the cross members from each ward, sisters from both the congregations, crusveer, youth group, parish council members, men and women's group carried the cross to each station in turns which helped us to experience the sufferings of Christ for our redemption. The joyful celebration of the Easter Vigil Mass offered by Fr. Sunil Crasta the rector of the Minor Seminary with the laity specially the many believers was a unique experience for all of us.

News from School corner: The annual exam commenced for all on 7th March and the final result was distributed to the parents on 28th March in a beautiful folder unlike other years. In a small effort to motivate the good students, a book each was awarded to the toppers in different subjects and this small attempt was appreciated by the parents.

The first staff meeting prior to the commencement of the new academic year was held on 30th March. Our hopes were raised and there was a sense of satisfaction as we were blessed with some good teachers including one ex-Ramneeite and some 80 admissions for the current session. On 1st April regular classes started for Nursery – Class VII. Once again, the school campus reverberated with fun and laughter of the children. Thanks to Sr. Manjusha for conducting an orientation for our teachers. They were motivated to give their best in all their services to the school and students. A time-table making competition was held for classes 3-7 and in which class 4 bagged the first prize. This year the students are introduced to Dramatics, Dance, JPIC, Music and Sports clubs. They are quite enthusiastic and keen about learning something new in their respective clubs. On 28th April Class VII conducted the first prayer assembly. It was very meaningful as they told the school what would be the expectations of the teachers from them this year. On 30th April the administrative block was blessed by Fr. Royal Anthony the Education Director of the Diocese of Bareilly. It was a long-cherished dream fulfilled. May God bless all those who worked hard to materialize this project.

This year the JPIC club took the initiative to celebrate the Labour Day. At the outset the teachers welcomed our workers with Tikkas. During the assembly they highlighted the importance of the day and also appreciated the hard work and dedication of the workers who toil hard to keep the campus clean and green. They also prayed for them and their families. At the end of the assembly Sr. Rayna

addressed the gathering and thanked the workers for all their loving services to Mount St. Mary's. Thereafter Ladoos (sweets) were distributed to them to sweeten their special day. All felt happy and proud about the celebration as it was the first time, the school was acknowledging the service of the workers.

We were happy to welcome a few of our own in the past months- Srs. Nirmala and Elaine with her dear ones, Srs. Digna, Tarsicia, Maria, Doreen, Pratima and some well-wishers from the locality. Though short your visits certainly doubled our joy.

All at Lalpur community wish all our readers happy days ahead. Let us

Smile often, Think positively
Give thanks, Laugh loudly
Love others,
And dream big during this summer break.
HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL!



Lalpur Community



ST. MARY'S, JHAJJAR

The first week of March was special. Sr. Marilla IBVM from Loreto Convent Entally, Kolkata was with us to have an experience of CJ Community life and mission. We not only enjoyed her lively and loving company but learnt quite a lot about the Loreto sisters and their mission. As we are reflecting on the merger of the two Congregations it was a welcome move.

On 8th March Women's Day was celebrated in School. Students presented skits and speeches highlighting the dignity and role of women in nation building and the development of society. On 12th March Sr. Mariella attended a seminar in Delhi organized by the Delhi CRI on 'Constitution under Threat'. 15th March was celebrated as Recognition Day in School. Meritorious students were awarded certificates; also all those who excelled in co-curricular activities conducted on-line. In the latter part of March students and teachers were kept busy with examinations and evaluations. Soon after the exams the XLRI students organized a creative activity for our seventh graders. Students enjoyed the fun but also learnt something new. XLRI students have gifted a trophy for the school.

We were glad to have with us Sr. Prisca, Deepa and Anne on 16th March though for a short while. On 27th March the whole community attended a day of prayer and recollection organized by the Jhajjar sub-unit of Delhi CRI. It was hosted by the Salesians of Don Bosco at Pahasaur, Jhajjar where they run a programme for about 900 children of Brick Kiln workers.

Sr. Joseline had the opportunity to attend a webinar on POCSO organized by the Generalate. In view of Earth Day Sr. Mariella conducted an orientation for the 'Eco- Friends' on Sustainable Development Goals.

Throughout the Lenten Season we and the small parish community had on every Friday the Way of the Cross.

This year we are blessed with many new admissions to various classes. Heat is increasing day by day but parents prefer to keep to the usual school timing. On 14th May we shall close school for summer vacations. We wish you all happy holidays at home/ in the convent wherever you are.

“A bird sitting on a tree is never afraid of the branch breaking,
because her trust is not on the branch but on its own wings.
Always believe in yourself”.



M. Vinita CJ



JESU BHAWAN, DELHI

The months of March and April with Lenten practices and devotions kept us spiritually rich and mentally happy and satisfied. Most of the time Srs. Anne and Deepa were the only members in the community as Sr. Elsy was in and out, going to the communities, for COIN meeting to Trichy and Bangalore which is part of her mission.

Apostolate of Hospitality - We welcomed many CJs and IBVMs; an opportunity which strengthened our bonds towards 'becoming one'. Sr. Sabrina, Province leader of IBVM, South Asia, with three of her sisters visited us, spent some time chatting, sharing and enjoyed a fellowship meal – one more step along the way we go... We were happy to welcome our Srs. Salesia, Florence and Jaya from Allahabad and Sr. Patricia from Jeolikote. After reaching Sr. Florence to Jesu Bhawan, Srs. Salesia and Jaya spent some time with their uncle Fr. Varkey S J. and then went back to Allahabad; Srs. Patricia and Florence proceeded to Kerala for their home leave.

Caring for the Sick – we were saddened to hear the news about Sr. Mary who was brought to Delhi for treatment. While in Apollo, Sr. Elsy spent 4 days along with Sr. Sherly taking care of Sr. Mary. And now she is here in Jesu Bhawan, recuperating and waiting to meet the doctor once again before she can move on to Jhansi. May the wholeness of life be yours dear Sr. Mary. Visiting the sick is one of the works of mercy; we were happy to see our sisters from Jhajjar and Rohini communities who came to see Sr. Mary and it was a gesture which boosted the one who is recovering. Sr. Sherly stayed with us for few days before she returned to Nainital community. Thank you for your availability dear Sr. Sherly.

Sharing of Joy and Celebrating Life – After a lively, meaningful and prayerful Easter Vigil celebrations the joy of Easter was shared with all the parishioners. On Sunday we enjoyed delicious meal with our sisters in Shahbad community. Birthday of Sr. Vandana, welcome of Sr. Marisha and farewell of Sr. Sanjana, three in one; occasion when we gathered together in Shahbad community to share our joys, love and gratitude for the lives of our dear sisters.

Meetings and Webinars – Srs. Elsy and Deepa were seen every now and then engrossed in zoom meetings organized by the Generalate/ COIN/ Ambassadors. The webinar on discernment by Sr. Gemma Simmonds for CJ and IBVM was greatly appreciated. In March and April, province leadership team came together for discussions, deliberations and decision making. The webinar on POCSSO organized by the General Leadership was very enriching and challenging. The prayer service for peace in Ukraine and Russia conducted by the JPIC club of Nainital was very inspiring and we appreciate the initiative taken by the students. As the whole Church prayed for these two countries, we too participated in consecrating these countries to the heart of Mary.

The Good Shepherd Prayer group of the parish had regular online prayer on Saturdays which was attended by Srs. Anne and Deepa. When mentioned about our sisters in Ukraine, the group was moved with compassion at the same time appreciated the courage of our sisters there. We prayed earnestly for them and for peace and continue to do so.

Pastoral Visit – On 20th March our Archbishop Anil Couto visited the parish. The vibrant youth conducted a meaningful liturgy. We the CJ sisters from both the communities were happy to have some time with bishop and of course to have a picture together. Before returning to the bishop's house, he visited Jesu Bhawan, chatted for some time and had a cup of coffee together.



NIRMALA CONVENT, JHANSI

In the month of March, we asked the intercession of St. Joseph, the patron of the month for his protection and guidance in all our activities. Thanks to everyone who had been a guiding light to us.

After the Covid fear we were fortunate to start our annual exams for classes 1 to 11. All the students from L.K.G to 11th seemed very serious about their studies and exams.

Sr. Alka joined Krist Jyoti Niwas after her final vows. Sr. Annette along with 2 candidates Monica and Smitha too shifted to Krist Jyoti Niwas after staying with the community for a month. We were happy to welcome our Provincial Sr. Elsy as she paid us a short visit.

We received a lot of new admissions to primary and pre-primary classes. It is a great joy to know that the number of English medium students have increased to 70, from L.K.G to class 1. Class 12 students were given a fitting farewell with a good programme followed by a small party together. They were encouraged to move ahead with hope and new aspirations of life.

Sr. Mary joined the parish team and visited many mission stations of Jhansi diocese and shared about the Synod and Synodal church and the importance of participation in the church activities.

We had the monthly recollection; it was a day dedicated to pray for the warring nations Ukraine and Russia. We surrendered these nations and prayed for peace and reconciliation between the nations.

It was a joyful occasion for the parents to get the result of their wards and they were happy with the performance and success of their children.

U.P State declared the date for the Board Exams of classes X and XII early which was very convenient for the school. Since our school was exam centre many students from other schools were seen daily in and out of the campus.

Month of April began with a staff meeting as the preparation for the opening of the new academic year. School reopened for the new session on 4th April. Sr. Alice returned after her home leave having renewed and energized in spirit and body.

All of a sudden Sr. Mary was sick and had to be admitted in St. Jude's hospital, Jhansi. Seeing that there is not much improvement she was shifted to Delhi (AIIMS) for a better treatment. After the investigation in AIIMS she is taken to Apollo hospital for better care and nursing. We are happy to know that she is discharged and is recuperating in the provincial house in Delhi.

The school celebrated the silver jubilee of Sr. Jyotika, the teachers Mrs. Sunita Srivastava, Mrs. Reena Chakravarthy, Mrs. Shashi Nigam and the office staff Mr. Anand of their dedicated service in this Institution. We bade farewell to Mrs. Sunita Srivastava as she completed her dedicated and



committed service in Nirmala. The students had put up a fitting programme to appreciate their selfless service to the institution. A delicious lunch was served for the whole staff which was much appreciated. The silver jubilarians were grateful to the

management, teachers and students for making the day a memorable one for them.

The summer heat is increasing and many of us are affected by it. Sr. Camilla suddenly fell ill and remained confined to her bed for few days so we took her to St. Jude's hospital. After 3 days she was discharged and brought her home now she is feeling better and taking enough rest.

Nirmala community



*Hail Mary Full of grace,
The Lord is with you,
Blessed are you among women
and Blessed is the fruit of
your womb Jesus.*

