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From the Provincial's Desk...

Remembering those gone before us...

Sr. Rekha's brother Mr. Mathew (70)

Sr. Deepti's father Mr. K C Yacob (89)

Dear Sr. Veronica and Team, wish you all God's abundant blessings as you begin your journey of leading and guiding our Institute...



News from Communities...

JEOLIKOTE



The month began with the celebration of Sr. Sheeba's birthday with a special 'Morning Prayer'. A meaningful prayer service was conducted by Cl. 12. Students

were given sweets, and the teachers and class four employees were served refreshments.



In the evening we had the Novena to our Blessed Mother Mary followed by Eucharistic celebration with the parishioners.

The teachers were specially welcomed by the students with traditional aarti, tikka, flowers and greeting cards on Teachers' Day. Children expressed their love and respect for their teachers through an organized assembly by cl.10 followed by a short cultural programme. The presence of Bp. Isidore and Fr. Uday added joy to the day. Fr Uday empowered the teachers and students with his inspiring message. The teachers were honoured specially with a title showing their outstanding quality and a small gift. On 10th, the Teachers' Day was celebrated in the Parish. Father specially prayed for the teachers during the Holy Mass. Everyone was gifted with a sapling.

On 7th the school premises were filled with lots of laughter and excitement. The school celebrated the birthday of Mother Mary, Feast of Srs. Mariella and Pratibha and Girl Child Day. Under the able guidance of Sr. Tessa, the students conducted a very meaningful prayer service followed by creative and inspiring dance drama on the importance of a girl

child. The Catechism exam for the catholic students was conducted at the diocesan level. The Reliance Nippon conducted 'Colour My Dream Contest' for classes KG-5 and 'Multiple Intelligence Test' for classes 6-12.

8th was a holiday in honour of Mother Mary's birthday. In the morning we had the Solemn Eucharistic celebration. 'Khir' was served to all the parishioners. Since it was also Onam, each one of us got into the kitchen to prepare one's own favorite dish and had the lunch on banana leaves. Bishop Isidore, Frs. Uday, Dominic and Jagdeesh SJ joined us. Some of us gathered after the lunch to have little fun and laughter with the traditional dances like Tiruvattira and Onam Kali. In the evening the hostel children put up an organized recreation for sisters who celebrated the birthdays, feast days and Teachers' Day. It was really a joyful musical evening for everyone. At the end all got 'Khir' which they enjoyed.

Our school was invited to celebrate the 135th birthday of Bharat Ratna Pt. Govind Ballabh Pant to Govt. Inter College, Jeolikote. Our children performed a dance drama on girl child. It was well appreciated by all.

A proud moment for Himani Raikwal of Cl.12 who secured 99/100 for Hindi in the academic year 2021-22 Board Examination.



She was invited to Dehradun on

14th September 'Hindi Divas' and honoured by the Language Minister, Mr. Subodh Uniyal. In the drawing competition conducted by Nainital Samachar Patra, Vidya Bhandari of Cl.12 won a prize for her excellent drawing.

On 25th Sr. Crispina went to Allahabad for her Golden Jubilee preparation and returned on 8th

October filled with rich experiences, joy and happiness in meeting many of her companions after many years.

Sr. Tessy's Feast was celebrated in a meaningful way. We specially prayed for sister during the Eucharistic celebration and the students greeted Sr. Tessy with a song, flowers and cards. A Very meaningful inter religious prayer service was organized by Cl.9 by on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti. A skit competition was conducted on different events from Gandhiji's life.

The Crusveer children of our parish went to Kathgodam for the Bible festival on 9th September at deanery level and 4th & 5th October at diocesan level. All of them won many prizes. Srs. Mary John and Sheeba accompanied them.



There was a lot of excitement among the students as they were

participating in 'The Khel Kumb' and Kho-Kho tournament at the block level on 13, 14 and 17 October. Our students grabbed many medals in 'The Khel Kumb'. Four of our boys are selected for boxing at state level.

On 4th September Srs. Sheeba and Shobha attended for a training programme for the Pastoral Council Members in Kathgodam. Fr. Rudolf helped them to become aware of the responsibility of a member of Pastoral Council in the parish. Some of us attended the gathering called by our Bishop on 19th Sep. It was mainly to familiarize the fathers and sisters of Kathgodam deanery with changes in the liturgical services. On 16th some of us attended the CRI meeting which was held in Moti Nagar.

Hostel children had the joy of being with their dear ones at home both for Dussehra and Diwali celebrations. On 22nd Oct. the students received

their half yearly examination result before they went for their Diwali holidays.



We had our annual retreat from 24th to 31st October. Fr. Jagdeesh SJ helped us in our journey with the Lord. Sr. Mary John left for

Delhi for the Wisdom Group gathering. We wish all a fruitful time in the company of each other.

JHAJJAR

“A good teacher can inspire hope, ignite the imagination, and instill a love of learning”. On 5th September, students put up a wonderful programme under the guidance of the captains. As the school has grown to class 8, captains took this as their pride to honour their teachers with surprises. Students enjoyed their class picnic, fun and frolic in the school along with their teachers.



8th September was a special day as we honoured Mother Mary as the patron of our school. Class 6 put up a short play depicting the life of Mother Mary and her virtues. School celebrated this day as Girl Child Day, where students of Class 1 highlighted the importance of Education of girls. On the same day community had Onam Lunch prepared by Sr. Damian with much love. The day ended with Rosary in the parish followed by Holy Mass. Ladoo was distributed to all after the Holy Mass.

On 14th, the Community had the monthly recollection guided by Sr. Damian on ‘The Mercy of God’. On 17th we joined the birthday celebration of Fr. Abraham S.J the administrator of XLRI along with our neighbouring religious communities. Sr.

Damian developed some problems in her eyes and was under the treatment. Now she is able to see well.

Students had their half yearly exams from 15th to 24th September. On 26th Sr. Damian celebrated her feast. Students put up a short cultural programme to wish her and they enjoyed ice cream as part of the celebration. Teachers too made the day special for sister by cutting a cake and enjoying the refreshments. We invited Jesuit Fathers for dinner.

Being the Education Co-ordinator Sr. Damian started her mission beginning from Puranpur. She returned after her mission with three of ours from Jeolikote - Srs. Mariella, Marcelina and Pratibha. They spent a few hours here with us and left for Delhi in the afternoon.

On 1st October, three of us joined S.D sisters at Farooq Nagar in celebrating the feast of St. Teresa of Child Jesus. They run a home for the destitutes. After the Holy Mass, the inmates – the destitutes - put up a colourful programme for all of us. Agape was a time to meet the religious of this area.

The school started with Karate classes for students. We are also blessed to get a Catholic music teacher for the school. School celebrated the feast of Dussehra with a special assembly. On 8th October we had Parent teachers meeting after the exams.



Srs. Damian and Grace joined a retreat in N.R.C Delhi from 15th to 23rd October and Srs. Vinita and Joseline joined the retreat in Jeolikote from 23rd to 31st October. We were happy to have Srs. Manjusha, Sheryl and Maria for a brief visit.



MAURANIPUR HOSPITAL

“Life is a long journey between Human being and Being human. Let’s take at least one step daily to cover the distance”

The month of September was welcomed with the celebration of the Birthday of Sr. Julita. We had a meaningful community prayer conducted by Sr. Pushpita. The joy of birthday was doubled by the presence Srs. Isabel and Vijaya from SFC. In the evening all of us along with the staff gathered together to wish Sr. Julita and Dr. J P. Italiya [Surgeon] on their Birthday. We had a well-prepared Holy Mass followed by delicious dinner. Fr. David, our parish priest and our sisters from school community joined us.

On 4th Srs. Doreen and Rekha along with two of our Jeolikote girls Rose Cutting and Shalini visited us. On the same day Sr. Kiran led us through recollection talk on ‘Religious life, an Integration of God’s mission with our ministry’.

On 11th September, some of us attended the CRI gathering in Judepur. Sr. Gladys was selected as the counsellor of the CRI president. On 23rd September Sr. Lucy went to Delhi for the Council meeting and returned after 3 days with Sr. Sushmita. On 25th, the parish anticipated the Birthday celebration of Fr. David. Feast day celebration of Srs. Renata and Pushpita on 1st October brought much joy to all of us.

Our sisters joined the feast day celebration of Jaria mission. It was an opportunity for our sisters to visit close by mission stations. Sr. Lucy attended the seminar on ‘Becoming a Star in New Evangelization’ at St. Jude’s Shrine Jhansi, conducted by Rev. Fr. Stephen Joy. Sr. Juliana attended the Juniors’ meeting from 7th to 11th October at Allahabad.

It was a joyful occasion to welcome Sr. Pratima Pinto CJ, the newly elected General Assistant

accompanied by Srs. Assunta and Theresa. We wished her all the best and assured her of our prayerful support for her new mission.



Srs. Lucy, Gladys and Kiran made their annual retreat in Jeolikote. Sr. Julita joined them for G.C sharing in Nainital.

It was a great joy for all of us to take part in the St. Jude’s Feast after a gap of two years.

During the month of October, we had daily rosary with our hospital staff and prayed for various intentions of our Congregation, Church and the world specially for peace between Russia and Ukraine.

Sr. Julita is busy with social work and D.B. Tech programmes such as computer training, spoken English, driving, tailoring, electrician’s course, and nursing assistant course.

25 girls completed Six months ‘General Assistant

Nurses’ course and received their certificates. A new batch of 30 girls have already joined the centre. 48 boys and girls completed their training and



have received the Learner’s License. Classes have already begun for the new batch with 65 youth. Twelve boys after the training in carpentry got employment in Noida. Sr. Lucy along with an animator often visit the villages and motivate and help the drop outs. Tailoring centers are opened in different villages.



From Sr. Maria Rose.....

I take this opportunity to thank God who walked all through the difficult paths during the B.A.M.S studies. I express my gratitude to my Provincials and superiors who supported, encouraged and helped me throughout my studies.

My dear sisters at S.F.C., you encouraged and travelled with me during the last five years. I am deeply indebted to all my community members for encouraging me to take up this study of medicine and for all the support I have received from each of them during my studies. I have already received the Registration and Degree certificate successfully. I thank all my sisters for their prayerful support and co-operation.

May the Good Lord Bless you all.

MARIA WARD BHAWAN, MAYUR VIHAR

School: - Teachers' Day was celebrated a befitting manner on 5th September with variety entertainment programme besides offering special prayers for them. On 8th September, students of Cl. 8B put up a meaningful assembly on 'Girl Child Day', guided by Sr. Alka. They highlighted the importance of caring for girls. The students from our school participated in the Folk dance competition and Personality Contest held at St. Xavier's, Rajniwas, Delhi and won 1st prize in both.

In the FISAF Aerobics Championship 2022 held at Nagpur, our students won 2nd prize. The students also participated in the zonal cultural and sports events and brought laurels to school. This month Fr. Richard from Delhi archdiocese joined the teaching staff. The month ended with a beautiful assembly on Gandhiji as Gandhi Jayanti was drawing near. On 1st October, the Christian students had a one-day retreat guided by Fr. Francis from Faridabad. It was a time for the students to make a good confession and have a spiritual renewal.

Befitting assemblies on Dussehra and Diwali were put up by the students, giving importance to the reason behind these festivals. On 22nd October, PTM was held for all the classes after the first term examination. On 29th, Sr. Deepti was privileged to attend a meeting in Vidhan Sabha where the Vidhan Sabha speaker interacted with the educationists and briefed us about the minority rights.

October, being the month of Rosary, all the catholic students prayed the rosary daily in the school. On the final day, 31st October all Christian students gathered before the finely decorated image of Mother Mary and recited the rosary. Every student was given a Rosary so that they could pray daily at home. National Unity Day was celebrated in the school with students taking pledge to uphold the unity of the nation.

Community and Parish: - In the first week of September, our parish was getting ready for the Parish Feast and we sisters were regular for the novena. These were days of grace and blessings for all the parishioners. On 11th September we had the feast day celebration. Rt. Rev. Archbishop Albert D'Souza was the main celebrant for the Holy Eucharist. Sr. Deepti returned from home on 6th September, after having spent a few days with her ailing father. We are grateful to God that he has recovered and is much better in health.

On the 18th we joined the SFS Malayalee association in celebrating Onam. On 21st September, Sr. Alka's Birthday was celebrated with a meaningful Mass in our chapel and later she was wished by the teachers. The pastoral visit of our Parish by the Auxiliary Bishop of Delhi, Bishop Deepak Tauro took place on 24th September. Bishop also visited the convent and prayed for us. On 3rd October, three of us were off to Agra for Taj Mahal darshan. It was a happy day for us.

On 4th October, the community spent a day in recollection reflecting on the theme 'Consecrated

life'. Sr. Deepti helped the community in this spiritual renewal. On 7th Srs. Tomsy and Alka conducted holy hour for the parishioners which was a unique hour of prayer and reflection. The Parish had cultural celebrations on every Sunday of the month. Onam, Diwali and Navakhani were celebrated by the respective cultural groups on a grand scale. On 25th and 26th we had a trip to Chandigarh. It was a long drive yet we had a new and rejuvenating experience. On 30th October, Sr. Deepti was happy to join Shahbad parish for a pilgrimage to Sardhana.

Amidst all these Sr. Alka was very busy in preparing children for their first Holy Communion which was held on 5th November. Sr. Tomsy was with the Youth for the MILAN competitions and our youth bagged a few prizes in Bible Quiz and Tableaux. On Sundays we managed to visit some families and attended the SCC prayer. The month of Rosary was concluded in parish with a candle light procession, singing hymns to Mother Mary and with the Holy Eucharist.

NIRMALA CONVENT, JHANSI

The month of September began with lots of excitement and enthusiasm among the teachers and children.



The teachers were excited with the thought of picnic and the students with the programme

for the Teachers' Day. The Teachers' Day began with the Holy Eucharist. During Holy Mass, we praised and thank God for the past and present teachers. We asked the Lord to bless our teachers with the spirit of self-sacrifice, commitment and dedication to mold the children as good citizens of our country. To make the day a little more exciting, some of the sisters and teachers went for an outing to Paricha Dam and came back in the afternoon. All

of them enjoyed the day very much. The students entertained the teachers on the 6th with a well-prepared programme



expressing their love and gratitude to their teachers. Sr. Poonam as the driving force behind lovely programme.

On the same day we were happy to welcome Sr. Neeta CJ from Allahabad who was on her way to Kerala for her home leave. We celebrated our Blessed Mother's Birthday with great devotion in our Cathedral Parish. Fr. David from Mauranipur was the main celebrant and the church was packed to capacity. During the homily, he spoke on the virtues and qualities of Mary with greater emphasis on her humility, purity and her firm faith.

On 11th Sept. some of us attended the CRI meeting held at Judepur. 15th September was a special day for us as we celebrated the B'day of Sr. Alice. As usual, the day began with the celebration of the Holy Eucharist. In the afternoon some of our sisters from SFC came over to share our joy and the day concluded with a meaningful prayer service. We had our monthly recollection on 18th Sept. Sr. Shalini guided us with the help of a video 'River Me'. It helped us to reflect back on our life's journey. On 23rd Srs. Poonam and Remya left for Delhi to attend the Council meeting. On 29th Sr. Poonam left for Spain to attend the Loreto GC, scheduled to begin on 4th October.

As the month of October dawned bright and clear, we were reminded of our devotion to the Rosary and we did recite the rosary daily for various intentions of the Church and of the world. We anticipated the celebration of Sr. R0emya's Birthday as she was going to Allahabad for the Formators' meeting. On 5th Sr. Josephine left for Allahabad to attend the Junior's meeting. On the same day Srs. Alice, Shalini and Mary attended a seminar organized by

the Bishop of Jhansi on 'Evangelization and Proclamation'. It was very inspiring, innovative and motivating to be preachers of the Good News in a new way.

On 6th Sr. Pratima paid us a flying visit. Our monthly recollection for October was on 16th and it was guided by Sr. Lorna. We listened to a video talk by Fr. Benny M.S.F.S. He talked about the qualities of required for a true missionary. The perfect model of course is Jesus, sent by Father and Jesus in turn sent His Apostles to do the same and now we too are sent to be missionaries in today's world.

After a break of almost two years, this year the celebration of St. Jude's Feast was very grand. Some of us attended the daily Novena & Mass at the



Shrine for 9 days. We had our turn for singing & organizing the reading and intentions for the Mass. Under the leadership of Sr. Lorna, the candidates and sisters sang well. There

was a 'Fete' too on Mission Sunday and we too had put up a stall. Everything went well and the sisters and candidates enjoyed the day by selling hot soup and Bhelpuri.

We had some guests too during the novena days. There was a family from Delhi. Sr. Linda from Bangalore and Sr. Anita from Shahbad Delhi were

with us. All of them have gone back happy after receiving St. Jude's blessings and also renewing old relationship with friends and well-



wishers. The Papal Nuncio from Delhi was the main celebrant this year for the Solemn Feast Day Mass. He met all the Religious, Priests and Faithful in

groups. The great day ended with the Procession through the town with the statue of St. Jude.

Sr. Poonam returned after a month long stay in Spain. After taking part in the GC of IBVM and meeting holy places and people, she is bubbling with fresh energy and enthusiasm. All of us join her in thanking our God for everything.

ST. MARY'S CONVENT, LALPUR

The month of September was full of celebrations and activities. It was a delight to see the students decorating the newly put-up House bulletin boards for the Teachers' Day. The house spirit was very outstandingly seen among the teachers and students. On 5th the students put up a very beautiful and meaningful assembly, cultural programme and games to express their love and gratitude to their teachers. After the programme, the teachers had a sumptuous meal together.

On 8th we had a solemn Eucharistic celebration honouring our Mother. 8th September is observed as Maria Jayanti and Girl child day in the Diocese of Bareilly and to keep up with the spirit of this event we had a prayer assembly highlighting the importance of girl child. Various activities like recitation, card making, slogans on girl child etc. were conducted. The students were very happy as it was a 'No Study Day'.

The JPIC Club conducted a well prepared 'Nukkad Natak' on 'Save Girl Child'. They depicted the various problems faced by a girl at different stages of life.

The first term examination was conducted from 13th to 30th September. The community had the monthly recollection on the theme 'Saint and Sinner'. Sr. Rose led us through the day.

Three of us Srs. Seema, Rose and Rayna attended the Liturgy meeting held at Kathgodam. Bishop

Ignatius explained the Apostolic letter of the Holy Father 'Desiderio Desideravi'. He exhorted the priests and religious to follow the do's and don'ts of the Liturgy.

On 28th September Srs. Elsy and Damian dropped in for a couple of hours, on their way to Puranpur.

On From 6th to 9th, we had incessant rain. On 8th October we had the PTM. Many parents were happy and some were disappointed with the performance of their children. They were very appreciative of the management for taking keen interest in imparting value-based education and knowledge, introducing sports and music for their wards.

On 16th October Srs. Camilla and Rose went to Moti Nagar for the CRI meeting of Kathgodam Deanery. On the same day Sr. Deepa along with Sr. Sudeepti came to reach Sr. Amita who was on a transfer. She spent a week with us and left for Delhi.

On 17th, House wise skit competition was held on the topic 'Media and its Impact'. The students acted quite well and brought out the message very clearly. On 19th, Spell buzz was conducted for the students of classes VI and VII. It was a good beginning indeed.

On 22nd, prior to Diwali holidays we had the assembly and various activities for all the classes. House wise Rangoli, bulletin board decoration, card making, poster making, lantern making, diya and candle decoration etc. were conducted. The school remained closed from 23rd to 27th October.

On 23rd October Srs. Seema and Camilla went to Jeolikote for their annual retreat and in their absence on 24th Srs. Rose and Rayna had the monthly recollection on the theme 'Integration of God's Mission with our Ministry'. We were happy to welcome our sisters back after their retreat along with Srs. Gladys and Kiran. They had a happy and relaxed time with us.

We thank each one of you for accompanying us with your prayers. We request you to continue your prayers as we are working for the NOC.

SHAHBAD

On 5th Teachers' Day was celebrated appreciating all the teachers and their contributions. The students of the junior school presented a meaningful assembly expressing their love and gratitude to the teachers. The half yearly exams began from 10th September. On 8th we had a special Rosary and Mass in the church in honour of Mother Mary. From 23rd September classes resumed with full zest. On 10th September, Sr. Anita returned from home after bidding farewell to her dear mother.

On 2nd October we went to Khera khurd for the feast day celebration of the Franciscan brothers. On 3rd Srs. Mariella, Marcelina and Pratibha from Jeolikote visited us. They left for Jeolikote on 5th morning. 8th October was the report card day for the entire school. The festival of Lights was celebrated to rekindle the light within. The students presented a meaningful assembly, depicting the Ram katha to show the religious importance of Diwali. Every one appreciated the special assembly as children looked colourful and creative in various special costumes. We could experience the Diwali vibes all around. On 12th we joined the provincial house in celebrating Sr. Divya's birthday.

A staff picnic was organised by the school to Pratapgarh. The entire group had a wonderful time. On 18th Sr. Vandana underwent a surgery for the removal of goiter. Sr. Anita went to Jhansi for her dental treatment and returned on 1st November. After the Diwali holidays classes resumed from 27th October. On 31st Sr. Marisha joined the parishioners on a pilgrimage to Sardhana. On 31st we had a special Rosary and Mass in the church to conclude the month of Rosary.



S.F.C. JHANSI

The much awaited and much looked forward day was 5th - the Teachers' Day, the students reached the school earlier than the scheduled time. Their excitement and enthusiasm were palpable. The teachers were welcomed with flowers and 'Tika'. To celebrate this auspicious day a prayer service was organized followed by an entertainment programme which was a blend of dances, skits, poems, songs etc. That was an apt tribute to the teachers for their loving and dedicated services. The beautiful day ended with a grand lunch hosted by the management.

8th was another special day – the birthday of our Blessed Mother which brought us together to her feet. The day was celebrated with fervor and enthusiasm in our parish church. The celebrations began with the praying of the Rosary followed by solemn High Mass and ended in a procession carrying the statue of Mother Mary to 52 Cantt.

The festival of Onam too was celebrated but in a low key. The presence of Fr. Joseph Pulikunnel, Srs. Roshni and Carola from Kanpur made it all the more delightful.



The CRI meeting which took place after what seemed ages due to the Pandemic, was a life giving one enabling us to renew the old relationship

and begin the new ones.

The funeral of Queen Elizabeth II was a rare event which we together as a community watched. On 22nd Sr. Anjali left for Delhi to attend the regional ASISC meeting and returned home enriched by the experiences.

25th was a day of prayer. We looked at the Beatitude on meekness from two different angles – the

teaching of Jesus on meekness and the various interpretations given by Jesus on meekness. The reflections helped us to understand the beatitudes better and to practice the virtue in a more authentic way.

The international day of the elderly people was marked by a meaningful and creative prayer assembly. Through soul stirring songs, dances and skits the students conveyed the message, 'Old is Gold', hence the need to cherish them, care for them and show our gratitude to them for what they are towards them.

On 30th three of our student s scripted history by winning the silver and bronze medals in the National Karate tournament held in Bangalore. Indeed, it was a moment of glory.



As the festival season – Dussehra, Diwali, the feast of St. Jude – kicked off there was excitement and expectation in the air. The celebration time had come! The feast of St. Francis, our Patron saint was celebrated in the school with a special prayer assembly. The meticulously planned programme was beautiful and heartwarming. After a gap of two years the day was celebrated with great joy in the convent too. Priest from nearby institution and our sisters from Nirmala and Mauranipur joined the celebration. On 5th Sr. Pratima was given a warm welcome. We were privileged to be with her for two

days. The girls who had gone to Agra to take part in the B-World Competition returned rejoicing having won some prizes.



International day of the Girl Child too was celebrated in a fitting manner. The school organized a seminar on General female health and hygiene

which was greatly appreciated by the girls. The resource person was one of our Ex- Students Dr. Namrata Singh and we felt proud of her.



An important event of the month was the bicycle rally and a walk rally of 5 km organized by JPIC/FMW

members to bring about awareness of the increasing carbon emission and the dire need to reduce it and to promote the use of Bicycle as a means of transport. The celebration of the 'World Students' Day' was another praiseworthy event.

We are happy to have re-opened our evening school after two years. The students were delighted when the members of USM celebrated Diwali with them.

The solemn novena to St. Jude began with the hoisting of the flag on 19th Oct. Most of us went to the Shrine daily and attended the services. We were privileged to organize the Liturgy on 22nd and helped to serve dinner for the pilgrims. As the month of October gives way to November let us pray for our dear departed sisters that the merciful Lord grant them eternal bliss.

ST. JOSEPH'S, PURANPUR

The month of September began with a lot of activities in the school. Teachers' Day was celebrated with much joy and enthusiasm; the students expressed their appreciation and gratitude towards their teachers through a well-prepared prayer assembly and a short programme. As a preparation for Maria Jayanti, 8th September, the parishioners attended daily novena and Mass in the evening; thus, grew in their devotion to Mother Mary. In the school, the students prepared short speeches on Mother Mary and it was an opportunity for them to gain knowledge about Mary.

Sr. Deepa returned from Rome on 11th September with the enriching experience of GC. From 15th September the students were kept busy with half early examinations and of course the teachers were busy evaluating the answer sheets. This year, Shahjahan deanery Bible festival was hosted by St. Joseph's, Puranpur. Priests, sisters, catholic teachers and children from the deanery gathered in our chapel for Adoration. Thereafter in procession we moved to the school hall for Holy Mass. After breakfast various competitions were held; everything was well organized by the hosting school. Everyone appreciated the children who put in a lot of hard work for various items. On 29th September we welcomed Srs. Elsy, Damian and Seema. The former stayed with us for few days while the other two returned the same day to Lalpur.

"How beautiful is the family that recites the rosary every evening" (St. John Paul II). The month of October, month of Rosary inspired us to visit every family and pray with them. It was really good to sit together and implore blessings for the family. Mahatma Gandhi, Father of our nation was honoured on 2nd October; being Sunday only the teachers were present for the flag hoisting which was done by Sr. Elsy. After a few days of stay with us Sr. Elsy was reached to Lalpur. Both the communities enjoyed some time together.

'The power of intercessory prayer' was the topic for our recollection which was guided by Sr. Amita. On 7th October the weather turned bad with continuous rain. Our school campus was like a river; the convent was surrounded by water because of which we could not get out for few days. The school was closed for a week for the safety of the students. Once the water receded, a lot of snakes were seen around. We thanked God for protecting and keeping us safe and sound.

On 16th we reached Sr. Amita to Lalpur as she is transferred from Puranpur. Thank you, dear Sr. Amita, for all your hard work and selfless service in

the school, parish and community. As you take up your new mission in Nirmala, Jhansi we wish you God's blessings.

On 18th the commission from the diocese visited the school and missioned Fr. Rajesh Jayasheelan as the Principal and Sr. Deepa as the vice principal of the school. We wish them God's blessings as they take up the new responsibility. The festival of Diwali brought much joy and light. The special prayer assembly conducted in the school was very inspiring bringing the message of Diwali to the students. Our visit to the families of teachers brought joy and blessings.

KRIST JYOTI NIWAS

As our time in Krist Jyoti progresses, we are pleased to meet and interact with our sisters from other communities. We had several opportunities to learn about and engage with Jhansi's rich cultural variety. We took part in the birthday celebration of Mother Mary with great enthusiasm, and Salomi came second in the drawing contest at the parish. Smita played for the school basketball team that competed in the district-level interschool tournament and was awarded as the top player since she made the most baskets throughout the tournament.



It was a happy occasion to have sisters from St. Francis and Nirmala Convent join us in celebrating Sr. Remya's birthday and to have them appreciate our gifts and teamwork. We were also elated to participate in St. Francis of Assisi's feast day celebration at SFC. Sr. Elsy visited us and spent an evening with us. She encouraged us to progress in our religious lives while purifying our motivations.



The Mission Sunday activities at the diocesan and parish level gave us a golden chance to lend our strength to the church's mission. We participated fervently in the nine-day novena in honour of St. Jude, something we had never done before. The happy picnic we enjoyed with our next-door neighbors, the DSH novices, at Matatila and Sukwa Dukwa, the two historical dams in the Bundelkhand area, is still fresh in our minds as we go into a new month.

JESU BHAWAN

The month of September began with a short visit to our sisters in Mayur Vihar community. The time spent with them relaxed us. Sr. Reena was privileged to attend a three-day Bible convention in Burari. Sr. Sushmita who was here to keep us company in the absence of Sr. Elsy took the opportunity to make her annual retreat in Shahbad under Fr. Varkey SJ.

On 10th the first batch of GC delegates from Delhi and Allahabad returned. Sr. Elsy and the rest of the GC participants returned on 14th. It was a joy listening to the happenings in Nemi and seeing the photos from Nemi and Germany. 24th and 25th were busy with Council meeting. Sr. Sushmita returned to Mauranipur on 25th along with Sr. Lucy. A big thank you to Sr. Sushmita for her availability and generosity. We visited Sr. Benigna's grave on her death anniversary. Our cluster communities were also present. During the last days of September, we had few visitors – Sr. Pratima for her visa interview, and Sr. Damian on her way to Puranpur. Sr. Elsy left with them to the hills on the 28th.

By 30th Sr. Divya was down with fever and tested positive for corona. Sr. Reena alone with the help of our domestic help held the fort for a week. On 12th October we celebrated the birthday of Sr. Divya. Shahbad community joined us for supper. It was undeniably a delightful time of fun and sharing. Fr. Vivian SJ, a friend of Sr. Divya gave us a flying visit

on the 13th. Sr. Elsy is on the move to different communities on mission.

Srs. Elsy and Divya visited the Wisdom Group in NRC on 2nd November. We were happy to welcome the wisdom group, 16 sisters (Nepal couldn't join the gathering due to the cancellation of their flight) to Jesu Bhawan after their Delhi Darshan on the 3rd. They had their sharing the next day. On 5th, the sisters returned to their provinces. Though their presence kept us busy, those were certainly grace-filled days too as we met some of them after many years. Jesu Bhawan echoed with fun, laughter, and sharing of wisdom.

FROM SR. ANU GEORGE

After three years of postdoctoral research, I have joined as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Communication and Media Studies at Marian College, Kuttikkanam (Autonomous) from 1 October 2022.

Before joining the College, I spent a few months collecting data for the postdoctoral research project. These months I organized visits to several places to meet people and interact with them. My study focused on three social groups - Tribals, Women, and transgender persons. At a time when the data collection plans were to be carried out, which demanded much field work Covid 19 had hit, and due to constant shutdowns, the research was on a halt.

My research is about development, a concept often associated with economic advancements alone. What I have been trying to establish is the correlation between development and human choices. It connects to Amartya Sen's concept of freedom - freedom to be and to do. In exploring this, I observed and interacted with the Kerala society and what got revealed to me went beyond the mere data for research. It influenced my worldview - how and what made sense. I came across human beings who told heart-wrenching tales of their existence. I

met people who posed questions back to me and before whose gaze I felt guilty. I met self-assertive and arrogant people who claimed to be educated. I recognized what privilege looked like and struggled with many unanswered questions.

I want to thank all who supported me during my research journey. They include Begur Community, where I stayed during the lockdowns; several religious communities, who accommodated me while I travelled across Kerala; Niveditha Center, Aluva, whose warm hospitality and care I am happy to recall; and individual sisters and friends, who showed interest in my work.

I have begun another phase and am getting used to the outcome-based education system the College follows. I teach at postgraduate level 13 hours a week this semester and am appointed as guide to three PhD scholars.

GC OF IBVMs

First of all, I would like to thank God for providing me this opportunity to widen my horizons and to think globally. I am indebted to Sr. Jane and Sr. Elsy for this golden privilege to mingle with the Loretos and to witness the GC proceedings. It was a historical moment for all of us especially for the Loretos when they unanimously voted for judicial merger of the Institute with us, the CJ's.



All the GC Members walked a journey of discernment in Cova Ignatia, Manresa, Spain where St. Ignatius became a new creation having contemplated over his life near river Cardoner. The able guidance of our facilitators constantly challenged everyone through questions such as, "What is becoming of you as you listen to the Spirit calling you?", "What is changing in you as you ponder these conversations?" Many pros and cons were discussed in detail. The concerns of the

members were openly shared and the canon lawyers dealt with these sensitive issues very gently. We could sense the struggles of the members to let go and lose their identity. Sr. Veronica C.J. too addressed the gathering. Her presence in the GC brought a lot of consolation as the head of the congregation. The time line that was shown was a great help.



We as C.J.s were part of all the proceedings that took place except the election procedure. There were 43 delegates and 5 C.J. representatives. There were other members who took

care of the communication and other external matters.

We also had the chance to visit the places of St. Ignatius especially Manresa, the cave where he wrote the spiritual exercises, Santa Maria church where he begged for alms before he left for Jerusalem and Montserrat where he stayed with the Franciscan friars. It was a joyful experience for us to have the Eucharist in the chapel of Our Lady of Montserrat which brought the bicentenary to an official and joyful close.

The province presentation by all the provinces clearly showed the mission areas where IBVM sisters are involved, their daring spirit to be part of challenging missions and carry on these missions actively with fewer numbers. It clearly spoke that they have learnt to be joyful not by being successful and flourishing but by being more compassionate, kind and loving towards one another and to the people on missions.

Along with these presentations, the sisters who are involved in JPIC, cause of Mary Ward, UN presentation and mission office which is newly set up etc., shared their experiences. We had many

plenary sessions after each discussion and group sharing.

We had the great opportunity to witness the election of the Institute leader and the leadership team. Everything was done in the spirit of discernment and prayer. Wonderful rejoicing and celebrations followed after each great event. Indeed, a momentous occasion with Joy that rippled the Institute.

During the free days, we had the chance to further explore Barcelona and Manresa and visit the places of St. Ignatius and also energetically trod the narrow lanes and paths of the pilgrim. This gave us an experiential knowledge of St. Ignatius.

I am indebted to Sr. Noelle and the Loreto family for accepting us as one of their members during the GC and allowing us to have this beautiful experience.

Sr. Poonam C.J.

JUNIORS' MEETING

“There is always light, if only we're brave enough to see it, if we're brave enough to be it”.

We, 26 Juniors of the COIN, along with our Junior directors, Srs. Teresina, Vinita and Chetana, gathered for the Juniors' Meet at 21, SMC, Allahabad, under the able guidance of Fr. Robin SJ, an expert in giving seminars and workshops on mental health and wellbeing, protection of minors and vulnerable adults, gender sensitization etc. The Juniors' Meet was for five days and we dealt with topics such as formation and emotional health, assertiveness, core values and

heterosexual/homosexual attachments etc. The key theme of the whole programme was the awareness of the core values namely: - ***I am loved; I am wanted;***



and I am accepted.

We thank the Almighty God for giving us this opportunity. We cherished the company of one another and enjoyed the sessions. The various things that we learnt through the different sessions and activities will ever remain in our hearts. We are grateful to our Provincial/Regional Superiors, Junior Directors, Superiors and all our sisters for giving us this opportunity. We are enriched and have benefited much from this workshop. We extend our special thanks to Srs. Shwetha, Jaya and all the sisters for their hospitality.

May Jesus continue to bless us.

COIN Juniors

GATHERING OF 1980 – 83 BATCHES

After a long gap of 38/40 years, 16 of us from 1980 – 1983 batches came together from 1st to 5th Nov. 2022 in Navjeevan Renewal Centre, Raj Niwas Marg, Delhi. Our sisters from Nepal, Srs. Veena and Jyoti were unlucky because of the cancellation of their flight; Sr.



Pratima had to leave for Rome and Sr. Premlata said, 'one mosquito blocked her way to Delhi'

(she was suffering from dengue). It was indeed very exciting, joyful and emotional days of sharing. For the first two days Fr. Joe Kootinal S J took us through 'The Spirituality of Personal Responsibility' challenging and exhorting us to be transformed by the renewing of our mind – (Rm, 12:2).

The outing in Delhi, visiting various places and finally concluding the day in Akshardam was enjoyable and very informative. The next two days were spent in Jesu Bhawan, Delhi Provincial House. Our bonding became strong as we listened to each

one's personal stories, joys and sorrows, success and failures which were part of our CJ journey.

We are grateful to the COIN provincials for arranging this gathering; thanks to our community members for relieving us and a big share of gratitude to Srs. Reena and Divya, Jesu Bhawan for the welcome and hospitality we experienced.

Sr. Deepa CJ

"The Lord is coming, always coming. When you have ears to hear and eyes to see, you will recognize him at any moment of your life. Life is Advent: life is recognizing the coming of the Lord."



Wish you all a fruitful Advent season!