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**Sharing IBVM News:**  
**March 2010**

**Reception to Novitiate:** *Seven Candidates were received into the Novitiate on Wed 10<sup>th</sup> March.*

*They are:*

***Greta Robert*** – Delhi (past pupil)

***Rajani Soreng*** – Jharkhand

***Rajani Tete*** – Jharkhand

***Rupatylli Dhar*** – Shillong  
(ex hostelite)

***Sanjyoti Kerketta*** – Jharkhand

***Swati Lakra*** – Jharkhand  
(niece of Sr. Leena)

***Veronica Kerketta*** – Jharkhand

*Let us continue to support them with our prayers and good wishes.*

**First Profession:**

*Srs. Benista, Jeba and Jency looked radiant on 13<sup>th</sup> March as they pronounced their first vows. The families of the 3 sisters, too, were eloquent in expressing their joy and thanks. Congratulations to Sr. Agnes Bhutia & Novitiate community, as well as to the Novices and support Staff, who were tireless in their preparation for the big event. Also, the support*

*of different Loreto communities was evident.*

**Final Profession in Mauritius:**

*We congratulate Sr. Clotilde of Mauritius who made profession of final vows on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2010. Clotilde's motto is: 'May they all be one'.*

**Joint Council Meeting in Champasari:**

*You have already heard of how meaningful the meeting had been, especially because of the process and facilitation conducted by Bro. Ward. Moreover, the occasion brought about a fresh experience of bonding and oneness between Province and Region.*

*The follow up is the forthcoming Community Leaders and Formators Meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> April 2010 in Loreto Entally.*

**Community Leaders' Meeting in**

**Oct:** *The Annual Community Leaders in October will be held as*

scheduled, from 15<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> October, with input from Fr. Kurien, and 2 days for business. The venue will be Abhilasha, Kolkata – our Novitiate house. A bus will take the participants to Abhilasha on 15<sup>th</sup> Oct.

**Visit to Goa, Satarda, Bangalore & Trichy:** I spent some restful days with my sister, Julie, in Goa before proceeding to Satarda. There, I was amazed to hear Arokia talking fluently in Konkani to the children and conducting excellent study classes with them. In fact, when I was praising the children and youth for the entertaining variety programme presented by them, they announced in one voice: “...And the credit goes to Sr. Arokia and Sr. Euphemia”!

In St. John’s Medical College, Bangalore, I found Sr. Nirmala Minj well settled, confident and happy. She sends regards to the sisters, and expressly states: “The support I have received from different sisters has helped me immensely to give of my best.”

In the Study House in Trichy, I was very conscious of the exams that our students are facing at this time: Sr. Anitha has MA final exams beginning from 6<sup>th</sup> April; Sr. Nirmala Minj has pre-final exams before and after Easter, and Sr. Sharmila is in the midst of her final Science

practicals, and pre-tests for 2<sup>nd</sup> year Finals. We wish them and all of our student Sisters heartfelt support in prayer and good wishes.

**Health Bulletin:** This has been a challenging time in the area of health.

- ✧ The following underwent surgery in Kolkata, but are thankfully on the road to recovery: **Sr. Cecily & Sr. Regina,**
- ✧ **Sr. Maeve** is in Kolkata for medical treatment,
- ✧ **Sr. Molly** underwent a number of tests in the Calcutta Medical Research Hospital,
- ✧ **Sr. Anita Braganza** has also tests in Delhi.

At times like this we remember that sickness and suffering have their own consolation of taking us deeper into the mystery of God and of life.

**R.I.P.** Our sympathy and prayers go to:

- ✧ **Sr. Claire Mc Farland**, on the sudden death of her nephew, Mark Munroe – youngest son of Beryl, sister of Claire,
- ✧ **Sr. K. Clara**, who lost her maternal grandfather quite suddenly earlier this month,
- ✧ And **Sr. Anita Lakra**, who lost her brother-in-law tragically on the 30<sup>th</sup> March.

**Margo's itinerary:**

*Sr. Margo will be visiting the houses as a member of the MWDC Office in Kolkata. She will familiarize herself with the developmental programmes of each community/ministry, document what is being done, and assist with help and advice, as required. Her itinerary is:*

*4-8 Mar Satarda  
11 Mar Mukulika, Kolkata  
18 Mar Lucknow  
23 Mar Delhi  
26-30 Mar Shimla  
17 Apr Asansol  
21 Apr Ranchi  
28- Apr Shillong  
18 May – 14 June  
Darjeeling/Region*

**JPIC venture in Loreto College:**

*Besides the usual relief given to the cyclone hit victims of the Sundarbans, Loreto College JPIC planned for long-term livelihood and environment sustainability in Netroberia village of the Sundarbans by distributing 1200 coconut seedling with compost and micronutrients to the victims. What was impressive was that the soil and water of the area were chemically tested for salinity, the village visited on more than one occasion and scientists consulted before this reach-out programme could be embarked on. Annual follow-up visits to observe the growth of the coconut trees, to*

*conduct workshops to train residents in the use of leaves and coir-craft are envisaged for the future.*

**International Women's Day:**

*8<sup>th</sup> March saw the introduction of the Women's Reservation Bill in Indian Parliament, reserving 33% seats in the Lok Sabha and State Assemblies for women. The resulting chaos in the Rajya Sabha caused by a few members left the 15 year old Bill hanging fire for one more day. The next day, on 9<sup>th</sup> March, it was passed by an overwhelming majority, but not without stormy scenes by a handful of protesters, who had to be bodily lifted from the scene! The question now is: How do we prepare for this opportunity for women empowerment and gender justice - gained with such difficulty?*

**Birthdays & Feastdays  
in April**

5 <sup>th</sup>	Easterla Badwar
16 <sup>th</sup>	Bernadette D'Rozario
21 <sup>st</sup>	Conrad D'Souza
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Anjali Tirkey
25 <sup>th</sup>	Baiadarmy Lyngkhai
26 <sup>th</sup>	Consuelo Murphy Eithne Mc Donald
29 <sup>th</sup>	Mable Rudum

*In union of love and prayers,  
Mantoinette Rodrigues*