



News From Abhilasha Novitiate

Apostolic experience

Isilda was happy to go to Jesu Ashram. She was asked to go to the Leprosy Ward and be a presence there. Slowly she learned to move around and listen to their deepest yearnings despite language difficulties. She was able to perform humble tasks with love and compassion. What touched her most was their deep gratitude to all those who cared for them.



Neelam spent time in different wards in Jesu Ashram. In the General Ward she moved around freely but spent more time with two women who were mentally disturbed. She listened patiently and with loving kindness to their problem. The Leprosy Ward evoked her love and pity. The patients were lonely and rejected by their families. She was impressed by the atmosphere of love and care among Fathers, sisters and staff in Jesu Ashram.

Mann Veronica found that the destitute children in Ashalayam may disagree and fight among themselves but that basically they are united. They helped their friends to avoid punishment by getting them to do the right thing. Veronica also went to Howrah Station to rescue children. This was hard but she knew she was learning to protect them. She feels her experience was very valuable.

Biviyana was actively engaged in both Ashalayam and Howrah Station. She was deeply touched by the love and compassion of Priests and brothers there. Despite the hard and demanding work she felt energized by the example of those running Ashalayam bringing hope into the lives of so many homeless, helpless. This deepened her own love for God.

Sarita felt that in Kritonkhola, Baruipur home for TB patients she encountered Christ washing the feet of His disciples. She was reluctant at first but she threw herself into the work whole heartedly. She returned physically and spiritually strengthened.

Holistic Therapy

The Novices felt that they had gained a lot from the Holistic Therapy sessions conducted by Fr. Joe Kootinal sj. This is what they had to say “We learnt that when we interact with people we experience feelings both negative and positive. These feelings are not enemies. By approaching all feelings with a friendly attitude we grow in maturity. Feelings which we accept will transcend and those which we resist will persist. The session also helped us to see

how we value ourselves, whether we have high or low self-esteem. **“The Glory of God is a human being fully ALIVE”**.

Intensive Journal given my Br. Samuel MC

During these four days of Intensive Journal we have learnt to live in the Present Moment through various awareness exercises. Our Mother Earth symbolizes Christ, so if we stand firm we will never fall. All our difficulties are stepping stones for growth. Negative and Positive experiences are the indicators of the movements of our lives that go beyond our conscious goals. Every event has got something to contribute and we need to explore its meaning in our lives. We all have the ability to face every problem if only we are aware and go deeper within ourselves. Our body is the temple of God, each body has its own life history and the purpose of our life is to Praise God.

News from Mukulika



On 19th of July 2012, eleven young women began their candidacy. Their names are - Anuranjita Kullu (Jharkhand), Binita Surin (Jharkhand), Divya Rose Soreng (Jharkhand), Luci Meeta Rai (Sikkim), Noela Tamang (Kalimpong), Malti Lomga (Orissa), Madhuri Lakra (Jharkhand), Maxima Toppo (Gumla), Raina Minj (Jharkhand), Reshma Minj (Jharkhand), Sosan Ekka (Jharkhand)

The theme for the day was “ To be Wholly God’s” These 11 young women wish to give themselves wholeheartedly to God like our foundress Mary Ward.

Mass was celebrated by Fr. Cyriac SJ, from DhyamAshram. During mass the candidates did a role play “ The Eaglet” which helped them to believe in themselves. God has also blessed us with 8 Pre-Candidates - Anima Kerketta, Franciska Dhanwan, Mariam Ekka, Odil Lakra, Prafulit Bilung, Sumitra Dhanwan & Victoria Soreng. All are from Jharkhand.



Please pray for all of us

News from Morning Star College

We the theology students of Morning Star College, Barrackpore attended the inaugural Mass on Friday, 29th June’12. The main celebrant was Bp. Salvador Lobo (Baruipur), concelebrants were four bishops from different dioceses of west Bengal and 17 other priests. We had a beautiful Eucharistic celebration which was followed by breakfast and an inaugural talk by Fr. Patrick Walsh (Rector), who warmly welcomed the first year theology students. The other speakers for the day were Bp. Cyprian of Asansol, Fr. John Romus, The Dean of Theology and Bp. Salvador Lobo.

We began our first week with a lot of enthusiasm and a little bit of nervousness. Fr. Lord Winner, CMF conducted a one week orientation programme for the first year students. The programme helped us to get to know our classmates as well as the subject. We had a lot of activities and group discussions during the course of the programme. We were divided into groups of six, each group was allotted a day to lead the prayers in a creative way and other such responsibilities. Fr. Winner made the classes very interesting and effective with audio visual - power point presentations, documentaries etc. We also had a bible quiz, debate on the topic 'in today's context which kind of leadership is more meaningful for priests- Spiritual or Social leadership' we also had a skit on the relevance of the prophets of the bible in today's world. We enjoyed taking part in all these events. The week long programme ended with a class on time management, methodology to study theology and evaluation of the orientation. The feedbacks from both sides were good.

We were more than excited to get back to the juniorate for the weekend and share our experience with Sr. Philomena and our two companions and the Entally community. We had a wonderful time catching up with all that we missed during the week.

Greta & Swati.