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**Sharing IBVM News:
December 2009**

Province Assembly 09-10:

The Province was privileged to have all four General Consultors facilitating the Province Assembly and leading us into the 2nd phase of the Provincial Consultation. The well-planned, harmonious process followed by the General Consultors left nothing to be desired. Also, it must be admitted, the enthusiasm and participation of the members was wholehearted and entire.

Public Recognition given to Mary Ward: *On 19th Dec. 09 his Holiness, Pope Benedict XVI, promulgated the Decree conferring on Mary Ward the title “Venerable”, which enables her cause to go forward to the next stage in the process of beatification and eventual canonization.*

It gives us tremendous joy to hear Mary Ward publicly acclaimed by the Church as ‘Venerable’ and a woman of “heroic virtue” - a belief which has sustained Mary’s

companions and subsequent members through the long years past. It is our turn now to witness to heroic virtues! The story goes on...

Celebration in Bangladesh in honour of Mary Ward’s 400 years: *Dec 3rd was reserved for making Mary Ward and IBVM known to the Clergy and Religious of Bangladesh. So well was this purpose fulfilled, and so high was the appreciation of ‘Loreto’ that priests of different dioceses and parishes in Bangladesh were making earnest requests to us to come to their parish and work with the people there!! Besides the evidence of the good training of the students and the whole hearted involvement of the teachers and parishioners in the day’s programme - which consisted of a meaningful Eucharistic liturgy, a short variety programme, an exhibition and DVD on Mary Ward, and lunch for all – we were*

pleasantly surprised to hear the Bishop of Chittagong, in his 'Thank You' speech, express that Loreto's unique contribution to Bangladesh, which he has not seen done in the same way before, is the imparting of values in everything that is done, whether it be in the classroom, on the stage, in the parish, or in just sharing a meal together. Well done Yvonne, Archanna, Maloti & Rani for the impact you have made in Bangladesh!

We have 4 pre-Candidates in Pdrishipur, who are doing well under the guidance of Sr. Rani Minj. They, too, have made quite an impact on the Govt. College, where they study XI & XII.

Mary Ward Symposium in the Region: *Sr. Elaine Mac Donald, ibvm, of the Irish Province has been invited to be the main speaker at a Mary Ward Symposium to be held in the Region.*

Date: June 05, 2010.

Venue: Loreto Convent, Darjeeling.

It would be good if as many as possible from the Province are present to support this venture of the Region. Official invitations will be received later. This prior information is being given to enable members to book tickets on time.

Jubilees: *2010 is a special year for:*

- *Sr. Consuelo Murphy, who celebrates 60 yrs of Entrance on 8th Dec*
- *Sr. Maria Bastian, 50 yrs of Entrance on 21st Jan*
- *Sr. Molly Francis, 25 yrs of Entrance on 19th July*

Assignments:

- *Sr. Ursula Darcy will hold responsibility as Sister-in-Charge in Trichy from 15th Jan 2010,*
- *Sr. Alma Toppo will continue as Sister-in-Charge of Bowbazar-Thakurpukur Community,*
- *Sr. Flora Anthony will take over as Director of all the Rainbow Homes from August 2010,*
- *Sr. Joan Smyth has been in Thakurpukur since November 09, assisting with the training of the Candidates,*
- *Sr. Christopher D'Souza will continue as Co-ordinator of Junior Schools, while assisting in the Junior School of Loreto Asansol,*
- *In the Provincial Office, Mrs. Noreen D'Cruze has replaced Mrs. Dagma Evans as Office Secretary from 1st January 2010.*

Noreen is a past pupil of Entally.

- *Sr. Igora Pinto had been part of a team with Frs. Abe Puthumana and Joe Kootinal for the Leadership Retreat and Workshop in Atma Darshan, Patna for a 7 days workshop followed by 5 days of Retreat in Nov. This involved taking sessions during the workshop, and directing the retreat of a number of the participants. Igora found this a very enriching and growth-filled experience. In end January 2010, Igora leaves for Berkley, California, for a 4 months' Renewal Programme there.*
- *Sr. Margo Mulvey, of Ireland, is arriving on 21st January to work for 6 months in the Indian Province. She will be attached to the Mary Ward Development Office and, as part of her work there, will go around the houses following up on work done in each place.*

RIP: *We extend heartfelt sympathy and prayers to:*

- *Sr. Anita Braganza on the death of her dear father, Sebasteano Jose Santana Braganza, on 9th Dec 09. Prayers are requested especially for her mother.*

- *Sr. Lourdes, who lost her aunt, Mrs. Maria Sebastiana Justina Rego, 98 years, who is also the mother of Mr. Rego - Accountant in the Province Bursar's Office. May they rest in peace*

Novitiate: *After making a discernment Retreat, Anuradha Pradhan, Novice, has made the decision to return home. This leaves three 2nd Year Novices, who are preparing for First Profession on 13th April, 2010. Please continue to support them by your prayers.*

Birthdays & Feastdays
in January

5 th	Sushila Tirkey
9 th	Molly Francis
11 th	Alma Toppo
14 th	Yvonne Gomes
21 st	Agnes Bhutia
23 rd	Monica Suchiang
26 th	Shalini Rosario
27 th	Priyanka Toppo

Like Mary, may we give birth to Christ in our world, here and now, through our own living of the Gospel.

In union of love and prayers,
Mantoinette Rodrigues

