



Loreto (IBVM) reaching out.....



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A BLESSING

May you know the dignity of difference as a source of blessing.
May peace, order and good governance mark your use of power.
May you rejoice in knowing your broken rocks.
May dancing lights and colours bring light into your darkness and your shadows.
May the God of newness invite you to dream new dreams and see new vision
(Shared by Elizabeth Davis RSM in Toronto)

Dear Sisters,

I want to thank you for your prayerful support during our **Extended Leadership Meeting** held at Loreto Mary Ward Centre, Nairobi from Monday 16 – Friday 27 April, 2012.



1st Row Sr Monica Affonso (Darjeeling), Sr Isabel Gortázar(Spain), Sr Beatrice Stuart(Generalate), Sr Tressia Aricatt(India), Sr Linda Prest(South Africa), Sr Winifride Doyle (Peru), Sr Geraldine McAleer(Institute Treasurer), Sr Evanne Hunter(Canada). **2nd Row:** Sr Margaret Mary Flynn(Australia), Sr Christine Jaffarally(Mauritius), Sr Kay Foley(USA), Sr Barbara Murphy(Generalate), Sr Sandra Perrett(Generalate), Sr Anne McEvoy(England), Sr Carmen Diston(Generalate), Sr Marian Moriarty(Generalate), Sr Seraphine Oweggi(Eastern Africa), Sr Noelle Corscadden(Ireland).

Sr. Catherine Ryan OSM was the Facilitator.

The meeting began with an opening ritual and words of welcome from Seraphine,ibvm. Sr. Marian Moriarty,Institute Leader spoke of the key purpose of these annual meetings which is to provide opportunities for us to connect with each other at some depth, to share experiences and to support each other. The international meetings ought to do at least three things for us:

- expand our perspective
- broaden our vision and
- re-energize us for the sacred mission of leadership.

As we begin to look towards GC 2014 let us be very real in our preparation. How can we walk the talk at province/region level and at local level?

The Formators Meeting will be held in Nairobi from 16th September to 8th October 2012 inclusive. This will be an in-service for formators including a process enabling them to adapt for province/region needs. Srs. Barbara Murphy and Stephanie O'Brien will facilitate this meeting. Srs. Elizabeth Cotter and Mary Gitau and the Jesuit Provincial in East Africa will be resource persons with an emphasis on process. Srs. Agnes Bhutia, Molly Francis, Philomena Dowd, Nirmala Minj and Gloria Lakra will attend this meeting.



vows in Hindi, Oraon and English in the presence of Sr. Marian Moriarty in Sacred Heart Church, Thakurpukur at the 10.30 a.m. Mass. Bishop Salvadore Lobo concelebrated with Frs. Panneer Selvam, Arul Sundaram and Patrick Vincent, SJ.

After Mass a delicious lunch was served. From there, those not rushing home went to the school hall for the programme prepared for the families by the novices and pre-candidates.

First Profession -19th March 2012

“I will look to Him and be radiant with joy” Ps. 31

The quotation above was the theme chosen by the four novices and this expresses best the spirit that prevailed on profession day- a spirit of joyful hope.

Our four sisters Sanjyoti Kerketta, Greta Robert, Rajni Tete and Swati Lakra pronounced their



Loreto Convent Ranchi

To highlight the 8th Millennium Development Goal: **“Developing Global Partnership For development”** a debate was organized in which various schools participated. An inspiring dance based on global partnership set the mood for the main event.



UDAAN : Towards A Better Future

A material development and adaptation workshop (22nd , 23rd & 24th March 2012) was organised by CEDPA (Centre For Development And Population Activities) for receiving and adapting draft modules for classes VI, VII & VIII of UDAAN curriculum. With an intention to familiarise participants hailing from various walks of life namely Loreto Convent,Ranchi , St. Xavier's College, Ranchi Bethesida B.Ed College,Ranchi, Ranchi Women's College , many NGOs dealing with the adolescent problem in India, Group Work, Group Presentations were done based on the UDAAN curriculum for classes VI, VII & VIII.

Regional Prabhu Jishu Mahotsab - 2012 was held from 26th-28th March at Sacred Heart Church, Thakurpukur. Most Rev. Thomas D'Souza, the Archbishop of Calcutta, inaugurated the event in the presence of Regional Chairman for the Proclamation Commission, Rt. Rev. Stephen Lepcha and host Bishop Rt. Rev. Salvadore Lobo. There were some 200 delegates from 7 dioceses of Bengal and Sikkim Region which included Priests, Religious



Sisters, Youth and lay faithful. The Climax of the Mahotsab was the concelebrated High Mass by the Apostolic Nuncio, Archbishop Salvatore Pennacchio, along with the Regional Bishops and priests. Let the light of Christ shine throughout the Bengal and Sikkim region. The Sisters and the girls stayed in Mukulika and Loreto St. Vincent's School for the whole programme.

Historical solemn procession of the Holy Bible was taken out on Mother Teresa Sarani on March 11th, 2012 from St. Xavier's College grounds to Don Bosco School, Park Circus culminating in a Eucharistic celebration. A large number of students, religious, priests and laity participated.

All the Loreto Schools took part. Loreto Entally sang in the choir. Loreto Bowbazar Rainbow were dressed in their various costumes depicting the various outreach programmes they have Loreto Sealdah.



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LORETO DAY SCHOOL, ELLIOT ROAD.

The teachers were sent on various seminars and workshops like the Communicative Language Teaching Course, Stress Management Course, Graphology, Personality Development, Catholic Teachers' Meet, workshop on Peace and leadership in School Administration to revitalizing their energy.



Loreto Elliot Road lays stress on cultural roots and therefore the portrayal of "The Child" written by Rabindranath Tagore was a manifestation of that.

Latent talents are encouraged to come to the fore when innovative measures or activities are put up to remind all that the environment needs attention in this highly mechanized and polluted world. The Best of Waste competition was an effort in this direction.

The Crowning of our Lady was held with reverence and the support Staff Day with lots of gusto this May.

Loreto Convent Lucknow

Mass of the Holy Spirit

Mass of the Holy Spirit was offered on 13th April, 2012 by Fr. Ellias Cordoza in the beginning of the academic session for the blessing of the College. It was attended by the entire Staff and Office Bearers. After the Holy Mass the entire College was blessed by 5 priests. The ceremony marks the blessing of everything and everyone around us so that the coming session experiences a happy successful achievement of the set targets.



with a floral tiara and the students and teachers alike prayed for her blessings.

Crowning Of Our Lady

The month of May is dedicated to Mother Mary. A beautiful prayer service was held to mark this occasion on 1st of May, 2012. The Junior School girls, dressed up in beautiful white frocks and carrying baskets of flowers, candles and lamps, moved in a procession to the statue of Our Lady and offered their unconditional love and devotion to her. The girls sang melodious hymns. The Virgin Mary was crowned



Loreto Day School, Sealdah

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Loreto Sealdah was fortunate to have **Zuleikha – The Story Dancer**, from New Mexico, to share her expertise with both staff and students on 11th and 12th January 2012. She helps women and children ravaged by the atrocities of war, disease, poverty and loss of family through her ‘Story dance Project’. Anushmita, Swasti, Srijita and Purbasha of Loreto Sealdah joined her for a collaborative presentation on ‘Peace’ at the American Centre, Kolkata on 20th January along with students from other Loreto Schools, effectively demonstrating the richness of cooperation over competition.

Teach Peace to Reach Peace

The State Alumni forum of the U.S. Department of State announced 38 projects which would be selected as an Alumni Engagement Innovation Fund and the “Teach Peace to Reach Peace” project was selected from India. The team consists of 9 members, many of whom are Loreto alumnae.



Peace Workshop

Thanks to the gracious support of Sister Mercy and Loreto Principals, Loreto Convent, Ranchi, all Loreto schools of Kolkata and Loreto Convent Asansol participated in the workshops for Peace for both students and teachers held on March 24th, 25th and April 20th and 21st respectively.

At Loreto Sealdah, the entire school from Nursery to Class XII was involved in the Peace project

Through a myriad of different activities which included peace assemblies, a peace dance choreographed by the students, a peace picnic and a food for peace festival, the entire school was transformed into a whirl of peace trains and peace chains of happiness.



Peace Chain



Food for Peace

Loreto Day School, Bowbazar

On 5th September 2011, Loreto Bowbazar received the No Objection Certificate from West Bengal Board of Secondary Education Department to change the Board.



On 24th October 2011, the Application Form for Provisional Affiliation was given by CISCE.

The two Inspectors, Mrs. Bidyutlata Ojha and Mrs. M. Rizvi, visited the school. The Inspectors were very meticulous and thorough while going through the documents. They visited all the classrooms, laboratories and library. They interacted with the students, teachers and non-teaching staff. They gave very valuable suggestions and advised to apply for Permanent Affiliation and for ISC next year. Thank you for your prayers and support.



GOOD NEWS FROM THE JUNIORATE

Srs. Rani Regina Hembram, A. Kavitha Rosy Mary, Anita Nayak, Ganga Jyoti Bridewa, Renata Mistry, Banisha Sohkhlet and Ranjeeta Kerketta had their yearlong Juniorate experience from 28th March 2011 and it was a joyful and a growthful experience. Throughout the year they were busy with different kinds of activities. They gained a lot from different courses and classes.

The Juniorate was not focused only on learning English and preparing for further studies. They received a deeper knowledge and love of Mary Ward and the Institute. The Constitutions became more familiar to them.

They were happy to have had Sr. Eileen from England with them and enjoyed her way of teaching and her jovial attitude. Sr. Philomena journeyed with them giving them love, hope, support and encouragement.



The year's experiences will help them start their studies and mission from 1st April 2012.

Clara and Anjuman made their **Final Profession on the 5th May, 2012 Loreto Convent, Entally.**

Clara and Anjuman returned from Bhopal where they had had an enriching nine months of lectures and companionship with sisters from sixty-one other congregations. This was followed by a retreat with Fr. Maurice Dullard in Sitagarah.



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Fr. Liam Lawton's Irish Eucharistic Congress Mass was sung along with the vernacular hymns in Sadri, Hindi and Tamil. The ceremony and Mass was prayerful and both Clara and Anjuman recited their vows with all their hearts in the vernacular. In his homily Archbishop Thomas combined their choice of readings with the life and charism of Mary Ward and obviously he knows and admires Mary Ward greatly.

We were happy to have had many members of Clara's and Anjuman's families for this happy occasion.

We thank God for the new life in the Province and we thank all who have supported and nurtured these two young women in their years of preparation for this great day.

The Community Leaders' meeting will be held at **Bandel Retreat House**. We will leave for Bandel on the morning of 22nd October and leave for Kolkata on the morning of the 26th October 2012.

Sr. Shalini Rozario is at the moment attending a 12 week course from 23rd April – 19th July 2012 at **Hawkstone Hall, Redemptorist International Pastoral Centre, England**. As part of the course from 31st May – 10th June 2012 she will go to the Holy Land on pilgrimage.

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Sr.Molly Francis is attending an International Immersion course on Ignatian Spirituality - **THE IGNATIAN CHARISM FOR THE WORLD OF TODAY- at the Spirituality Centre, “The Cave of Saint Ignatius”, MANRESA, Spain** from Monday 30th April to Sunday 10th June 2012.

Sr.Maloti Thakur is attending the summer course in **VISVADEEP, Bangalore** from April 30 to May 26,2012 at the Institute of Youth Ministry and Faith Education, Kristu Jyoti College, Bangalore – 560 036.

There is a seminar on **‘Praying the Psalms’ at Seva Kendra, Kolkata from 21st May-25th May 2012**. The resource persons are E.Francis Pinto CSSR, Ms.Ruma Ray and Fr.Franklin Menezes. Anyone wishing to attend the course should please register by 14th May, 2012.

Congratulations

Sr. Igora Pinto will be celebrating her **silver jubilee** of entrance to Religious life on 2nd July 2012.

Sr. Nirmala Kujur passed her MBBS examination from St.John’s Medical College, Bangalore. At present she is doing her internship there.

Sr. Cyril Mooney will be receiving an Honorary Doctorate in Education from Manitoba University on 31st May 2012. She will also be receiving an Honorary Doctorate in Humane Letters from Liverpool Hope University on 19th July 2012.



Sr. Monica Rozario was felicitated on 15th april 2012 for the outstanding contribution to the development of the society Asansol Durgapur Police.

Sympathy

Sr. Claire Mac Farland’s eldest brother Alan aged 86 died 24th April 2012 in Canada. May his soul rest in peace. Please keep the family in your prayers.

Itinerary

9 th -12 th May	Delhi
18 th May – 2 nd June	Kerala
15 th June –18 th June	Ranchi
20 th -26 th June	Shimla
30 th June	Provincial Council meeting
13 th -18 th July	Lucknow

JUNE

FEAST DAY	NAMES	B'DAY
	Sr. Therese Curran	5th June
	Sr. Aruna Kujur	5th June
	Sr. A Anitha	7th June
	Sr. Deepa Biswas	8th June
	Sr. Initha P	8th June
	Sr. Matilda Lakra	8th June
13th June	Sr. Antoinette Rodrigues	
	Sr. Maeve Hughes	15th June

	Sr. Alice Mary Martyris	20th June
	Sr. Marian Moriarty	25th June
27th June	Sr. Cyril Mooney	
	Sr. Pushpa Ekka	29th June

JULY

FEAST DAY	NAMES	B'DAY
6th July	Sr. Maria Bastian	
	Sr. Goretti Tirkey	9th July
11th July	Sr. Benedicta Gomes	
	Sr. Mercia D'Souza	19th July
	Sr. Cyril Mooney	21th July
	Sr. Antoinette Rodrigues	22nd July
22nd July	Sr. Magdalene Munro	
	Sr. Stella Lahiry	23rd July
25th July	Sr. Christopher D'Souza	
26th July	Sr. Anita Cardozo	
26th July	Sr. Anita Maria Braganza	
29th July	Sr. Beatrice Stuart	

AUGUST

FEAST DAY	NAMES	B'DAY
	Sr. Maloti Thakur	4th Aug
	Sr. Bidalin L. Marshilong	5th Aug
	Sr. Philomena Dowd	6th Aug
	Sr. Abhay Ekka	7th Aug
	Sr. Barnadette D'Rozario	7th Aug
	Sr. Shakuntala Kujur	8th July
	Sr. Archana Gomes	10th Aug
11th Aug	Sr. Claire McFarland	
	Sr. Eileen McDonald	14th Aug
	Sr. Marion Vase	15th Aug
	Sr. A. Kavitha Rosy Mary	15th Aug
15th Aug	Sr. Alice Mary Martyris	
	Sr. Rani Minj	19th Aug
	Sr. Joan Smyth	21st Aug
	Sr. K. Clara	23rd Aug
	Sr. A Arockia Powlin	26th Aug
27th Aug	Sr. Monica Rozario	

With this letter Srs. Mercia D'Souza, Molly Francis, Flora Anthony and Archana Gomes send their greetings to you.

Let us continue to support each other in prayer,

M. Tressia T. Aricatt

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8th May 2012