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*Sharing IBVM News:  
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*Terror in Mumbai:*

*The incidents connected with 26/11, in Mumbai, will forever be scarred in the memory of this generation of Indians and others. Most would still be grieving over the loss of lives so innocently ended, and the mindless rampage at heritage sites in Mumbai. Coming so soon after the agony of the Assam blasts, has caused many to question the state of security and vigilance in the country. It took 10 highly trained terrorists, targeting 4 well-studied targets and carrying huge quantities of arms, ammunition and explosives to change the lackadaisical 'chalta hai' attitude in India. We applaud the NSG Commandos, the Police, the Security Forces, and also the faithful Service Staff of the Hotels and the Railway, whose courage and selfless service saved the lives of many. Call it foresight or intuition, but on the day of the attack, before it actually took*

*place, I had prepared a paper on Crisis Management for the Province, and sent it to the Council for vetting and making additions. It does look like we would all need to take more precautions and be more vigilant on these matters, in our schools and college.*

*Human Chain in Kolkata for Orissa victims: A three-day programme of relay fast and prayers was organized in Kolkata, not only to show our solidarity with the Orissa victims, but also to proclaim our stand on secularism, peace and human rights. The three days culminated with a human chain across Chowringhee Road, leading well into Park Street. Passers-by and other well wishers - peoples of all religions and backgrounds - were eager to take their place at the prayer, and join in the Human Chain. Sr. Christine Coutinho supervised the registration*

for the 3 days, and was tireless in her service to this cause.

### Loreto All-India-JPIC

Meeting in Kolkata: For the first time a meeting of all JPIC representatives of our schools in the Province and Region was held in Kolkata, on 6<sup>th</sup> Nov. It was an opportunity to come to grips with the principles that underline the concept of JPIC, to hear of the inspiring activities conducted by different schools, and to draw up a plan of action for the future. This meeting was a boost for the JPIC movement in the schools. We look forward to more such meetings in the future. For your information, Mrs. Reena Mazumdar is the Province Coordinator for schools and Sr. Christine Coutinho continues to remain the link JPIC Coordinator for the communities and the international JPIC network.

### Development Meeting in

#### Darjeeling:

The MWDC of the Region organized a Workshop on 'Redefining Development' at end October. All the Region members were present, including some priests and social workers of the

Darjeeling hills. Srs. Flora and Shanta represented us from the Province. The concepts of development and justice were clarified during the workshop and presented in the context of the Biblical perspective. A decision was made to take up "Rights based approach in the development programmes" in all Loreto missions in the Region.

### 30 Days Retreat by 1<sup>st</sup> year

Novices: The 6 first-year Novices, along with Sr. Igora, as Director, completed their month-long Spiritual Exercises at Atma Darshan, Patna, during the month of November. The 1<sup>st</sup> year Novices are: Lourencia Ddungdung, Binista Kerketta, Kamal Fayeda, Anuradha Pradhan, J. Jeba and V. Jency.

We pray that they may be strengthened and confirmed in their personal vocation.

### Visitors to India:

It is a joy to have Srs. Barbara Murphy and Beatrice Stuart here in India with us again. We were aware that Sr. Beatrice was in Mumbai all through the days of uncertainty and fear connected with the events of 26/11, but is now

*safely landed in Calcutta, staying at the Provincialate till medical treatment on her knee/leg is completed. A warm welcome to Barbara and Beatrice!*

*It was also a joy to have my niece-in-law, Lyn Bufka Fernanades, from America, for a few days' visit to Kolkata. It was a good opportunity to get to know one another and discover that we are of one mind and heart, though from different nationalities!*

*News from Deepa in Peru:*

*Deepa is now working in Lamud, a hill station, which Deepa says is "like Lalay or Sadam. Throughout the year it is cold, and now it is raining. We go to Chachaypoya for shopping, phone or internet. I like it very much here. The people are very good."*

*In Sympathy:* *We grieve the death of:*

- *Sr. Lynette's brother-in-law, Carlton, husband of Audrey. Lynette was fortunately able to make it to Lucknow for the funeral.*
  - *Sr. Soria's grandmother, who died recently, in her village home in the Jainthia hills.*
- May they rest in peace.*

*Medical Bulletin:*

*Your prayers are requested for:*

- *Sr. Archana's father, whose condition is fluctuating,*
- *Sr. Philomena's nephew, who is still waiting for a liver transplant,*
- *Sr. Bridget in Toronto, who is on the road to recovery and sends you her love and thanks.*

*With warm greetings for the Advent season of longing and hope,*

*Mantoinette Rodrigues*