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“Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and He will say, ‘Here I am.’” (Is.58:9)

Greetings to each one of you and all the very best as we prepare for the coming **Province Days**. A warm welcome awaits you. The Province Days are a **significant meeting for the life and growth of the province and fosters the union of minds and hearts among the members.**

Srs. Barbara Murphy and Beatrice Stuart together with the Provincial team spent three days in **Bandel** to review how things were in the Province, to listen deeply to where the Spirit is calling and in this way to prepare for the forthcoming Province Days.

Province Days will be from **3rd-6th October 2011** at **Loreto House School Hall**, Kolkata. The theme for these days is **‘Mission is at the heart of who we are and love is the driving force that urges us on’** (Vol. II Const.2.1). The meeting will take up on some of the themes from our last province meeting in December 2009. Please inform Sr. Cecily Wong about your travel arrangements if you need accommodation at Loreto House. Please bring your Constitutions with you.

On the 3rd Oct. we will concentrate on **Mission**. Eucharistic Celebration will be at 7:00 am led by **Entally Community**. On the 4th Oct. we will reflect on **Interpersonal Relationships**. Eucharistic Celebration will be at 7:00 am led by **Bowbazar**. On the 5th Oct. we will reflect on **Formation**. Eucharistic celebration will be at 7:00 am led by **Ranchi community**. On 3rd to 6th we plan to end the sessions with prayer at 6:00 pm.

On the 6th Oct. we will have a programme to commemorate the ending of the **400th anniversary of the vision of Mary Ward – ‘Take the same of the Society’**. This will begin at 9.00 am and will be led by the Formation communities. The Eucharistic celebration will begin at 11.30 and will be organized by the Loreto House community. Jubilee celebrations for **Sisters Conrad D’Souza, Eithne McDonald and Stella Lahiry** will follow. The province days will conclude at 2.30 pm on the 6th Oct.

Community Leaders meeting will be held on the **8th and 9th Oct. 2011** in the **Provincialate**.

The Seminar for the Temporary Professed will be held in **Loreto Entally** from **7th -9th Oct.2011**.

L&P Financial Trustees Ltd. Ireland (Helen Harrington and Shane Cowley) will be helping to **review not simply our finances, but the whole mission – our life and ministry.** We welcome all coming for this assessment to **Loreto House, Kolkata** from **27th-29th September 2011:**

Ms. Helen Harrington – L&P Financial Trustees Ltd.
Mr. Shane Cowley – L&P Financial Trustees Ltd.
Sr. Barbara Murphy – General Consultor
Sr. Beatrice Stuart – General Consultor
Sr. Geraldine McAleer – Institute Bursar
Sr. Margaret Mary Flynn – Australian Province Leader
Sr. Margaret Sculley – Australian Province Councilor
Mr. Noel Curtin – Australian Province Accountant
Sr. Monica Affonso – Darjeeling Region Leader
Sr. Carmella Coelho – Darjeeling Region Accountant
Sr. Teresa McGlinchey – Darjeeling Region Councilor
Sr. Helen Borneo – Darjeeling Region Councilor
Sr. Sabrina Edwards – Mary Ward Development Centre

Loreto Principals and Secretaries of the School Managing Committee had their meeting in **Loreto House** on the **13th and 14th August 2011.** The meeting was well organized by **Sr. Mercy D’Souza** and the **Education Board.** It was greatly appreciated by all.



The Temporary Professed sisters from **Gyanayalaya** attended the workshop on **“Faith that does justice in Paschimbanga (West Bengal) today”** . Fr. Irudaya Jothi, who organized the sessions on behalf of the Conference of Religious of India said the Church’s social teachings encourage Catholics to take sides with the poor. “There is a fire in the young Religious, and if the fire is kept alive, it would help them change the situation they live in,” Fr. Jothi concluded.

Five Loreto sisters attended a workshop delving into the 450-year-old spirituality of St Ignatius of Loyola, founder of the Society of Jesus. The workshop was organized on August 20-22 by the **Commission for Ignatian Spirituality of Calcutta Jesuits** and it helped the participants to study **the text of the spiritual exercises and understand the wealth and depth of the annotations.**



All the temporary professed and few of our finally professed sisters in Kolkota are presently attending **a one year certificate course on the four Gospels** at Archbishop's house. These sessions are held **every Saturday from 4:00 pm to 6:00pm**.

Retreats: Lucknow community will be having their community retreat from **25th October - 1st November**. **Fr.Zacheus S.J**, the retreat director, is from the Darjeeling Province, just returned from Spain after a course on Ignatian Spirituality. Those interested in making the retreat there may kindly inform **Sr. Stephanie Rodrigues**.

Fr. Kurien Kunnumpuram, SJ from Pune will be directing the retreat in **Loreto House from 12th December evening till 21st morning**. Please inform **Sr. Cecily Wong** if you would like to make this retreat.

Sr. Marian Vase writes from Loreto Convent, Ranchi about the **SMART CLASS** they have introduced. Smart class is a comprehensive solution designed to assist teachers in private schools in meeting day to day classroom challenges and enhancing student's academic performance with simple, practical and meaningful use of technology.



We have introduced it in 10 classrooms so far, so the girls move from one room to another if they want to avail of the smart class. The children at the moment find it very interesting. There is a resource room and a resource person on call the whole day to help the various teachers with their lessons. By next year we hope to introduce it in more classrooms.

Formation Personnel: We welcome **Sr. Stephanie O'Brien** and **Sr. Eileen McConnon**. Both are coming towards the end of October to help with formation.

Prayers are requested for :-

Fr. Gene Dowd, brother of **Sr. Philomena Dowd** who is recuperating from major surgeries.

We remember the sisters, staff, students and their parents of **Loreto Msongari, Kenya** as they try to cope with the tragedy that befell them. We appreciate the effort made in all our schools to **respond to the appeal made by Kenya**.

Srs. Elizabeth Chatterjee, Geraldine Moktan, and Celine Pinto will be coming soon for medical treatment and will stay in Loreto House.

Condolences:

Sr. Angela Rodrigues lost her sister-in-law **Mrs. Rose Rodrigues** on 25th August 2011 in Australia. **Sr. Abhay Ekka** lost her brother-in-law **Mr. Emmanuel Xalxo** on 31st August 2011 in Ranchi.

Congratulations to all those who have passed their examinations :-

Monica Suchiang – LLM 3rd semester
A.Nirmala – B.Ed.
Shanta Xalxo – B.Ed.
Arokia Mary Dass – B.Ed.
K.Clara – T.T.C.
Mariyal Sharmila –B.Sc.
Amia Tete – B.Sc. 2nd year
Bernadette Lepcha – B.A 1st year
Bidalin L.Marshilong – B.A. 1st year
Powlin A. – B.Com. 2nd year
Aruna Kujur – B.A. 1st year
Balika Pal – B.A. 1st year

OCTOBER

FEAST DAY	NAMES	B'DAY
1st Oct	Sr. Therese Curran	
1st Oct	Sr. Tressia Aricatt	
	Sr. Sudha M	1st Oct
	Sr. Jeba T	3rd Oct
	Sr. Moira Cunning	4th Oct
	Sr. Bridget Nazareth	5th Oct
2nd Oct	Sr. Angela Rodrigues	8th Oct
	Sr. Arockia Mary Dass	10th Oct
	Sr. Cecily Wong	14th Oct
	Sr. Soria Nongtdu	16th Oct
20th Oct	Sr. Irene Ribeiro	
	Sr. Lourdes Noronha	21st Oct
	Sr. Jhuma Purkait	26th Oct
	Sr. Aruna Kujur	27th Oct

NOVEMBER

FEAST DAY	NAMES	B'DAY
	Sr. Flora Anthony	5th Nov
	Sr. Nirmala Kujur	7th Nov
	Sr. Consuelo Murphy	7th Nov
	Sr. Sushila Tirkey	12th Nov
22nd Nov	Sr. Cecily Wong	
	Sr. Celina Pinto	23rd Nov
	Sr. Christopher D'Souza	30th Nov

Itinerary

October 2011	3-6	Province days
	8-9	Community Leaders' meeting
	7-10	Temporary Professed sisters' seminar
	22	AGM Asansol
	25-28	Regional C.R.I at Bandel
November 2011	31Oct. -11Nov.	Kerala
	15-18	Nav Sadhana, Varanasi
	20-24	Nav Jyothi Niketan, Patna

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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14 September 2011