



Loreto (IBVM) reaching out.....

June, 2011



Loreto Provinciate , 7 Middleton Row, Kolkata - 700 071 • Ph. 2229-7054 • Fax : 2249-7767 • E-mail : proressiat@gmail.com, loretopro@vsnl.net

We tend to believe that most of us cannot and do not make much difference in the great scheme of things.

The reality is that, noticed or not, every conscious act that gives witness to the new possibilities and greater awareness contributes to the transformation of the whole...

No matter what we do, we are always affecting the energy around us, in either a negative or positive way.

Why should we not then become aware of our power and choose consciously rather unconsciously how we will shape our world?

Judy Cannato

Sedos Conference

Srs. Helen Boneo and I attended the **SEDOS RESIDENTIAL SEMINAR 2011 at ARICCIA in Rome from 17–21 May**. Theme: *“The Asians among us” CHALLENGING AND OPPORTUNE TRENDS FOR MISSION* .

Some of the sessions were on: Cultural and religious diversity among Asians: reflection from the churches of Asia, Asian mission landscape of the 21st century, A theology of mission appropriate for the churches of Asia in the 21st century, Mission work among continental Asians and Mission work among Asians overseas.

We were invited to see accurately, judge truthfully and act effectively. Mission in Asia requires that we know who the *Who the Asians among us* are in their contemporary socio- political and religious context and that we work together for the reign of God. This gave me insights into Migrants everywhere and how we can be a part of their process of transition.

International gathering in Toronto May 30- June 7, 2011

Those of us who attended the International Gathering, ‘**Lovers of Truth and Doers of Justice**’ committed ourselves to share the outcome of the meeting and facilitate its implementation at grassroots level. We decided to follow two steps given below:

First step

The following persons will address the Community or Staff of our Schools:

Abhilasha & Mukulika	16 th June	Agnes Bhutia
Entally Community	21 st June	Phyllis Morris
Loreto House Staff	27 th June	Mercia DeSouza & Marie Gasper
Thakurpukur Staff	27 th June	Reena Mazumdar & Flora Antony
Elliot Road Staff	28 th June a.m.	Mercia DeSouza & Marie Gasper
Loreto House Community	28 th June p.m.	Flora, Christine, Mercia & Tressia
Sealdah Staff	29 th June	ReenaMazumdar & Flora Antony
Ranchi Community	1 st July	Flora, Mercia & Tressia
Ranchi Staff	2 nd July	Flora, Mercia & Tressia
Bowbazar Staff	4 th July	Marie Gasper & Flora Antony
Dharamtala Staff	4 th July	ReenaMazumdar & Mercia DeSouza
Asansol staff & Community	5 th July	Mercia DeSouza & Marie Gasper
Delhi Staff & Community	5 th July	Tressia T. Aricatt
Shimla Staff & Community	5 th July	Moira Cuning & Tressia T. Aricatt
Lucknow Staff & Community	5 th July	Moira Cuning & Tressia T. Aricatt
Shillong Community	21 st July	Mercia DeSouza & TressiaT. Aricatt
Shillong Staff	22 nd July	Mercia DeSouza & TressiaT. Aricatt
Loreto College		Sr. Christine, Marie, Reena & Tressia

Second Step

The movie **Cosmic Voyage** will be shown followed by reflection. A Synopsis of the Book 'Field of Compassion` along with reflections will be given to the schools by Srs. Moira Cuning, Philomena Dowd and the Principals. Aspects of Migration and Music will be dealt with by Srs.Christine Coutinho and Flora Antony.

Transfers

In addition to the placement sent in May 2011 we have the following:

Anjali Tirkey from Shimla to Asansol

Goretti Tirkey after Tertianship to Chennai for M.Ed. (Hostel)

Euphemia Fernandez after her surgery in Goa to Loreto House to recuperate.

As Sister Ursula has to undergo a cataract operation in Kolkata, Sr. Maria Bastian is in Trichy until Sr. Ursula`s return.

Visitors

Srs. Barbara Murphy and Beatrice Stuart will have meetings with the Provincial and Council from 6th Sept to 10th Sept 2011(both days inclusive) at Bandel.

Sr. Stephanie O` Brien,ibvm will be coming to India in the 1st week of November *to support Director of Novices and Candidates.*

Capacity for life and ministry: Institute resource assessment.

The overall objective of a Resource Assessment is to enable the Institute Leadership to assess the current and likely future capacity of resources in the Generalate, Provinces and Regions to support the overall Institute mission, based on their current realities and future plans. Thereafter, this information should assist the Institute and Province / Regional Leadership to examine the various options available to them as a result of, not just current resources, but more significantly the projected future level of resources (personnel, material and financial).

For this purpose the meetings with **Helen Harrington and Shane Cowley from L and P Financial Trustees Ltd**, Ireland will occur in four places (Ireland,India,U.S.A and Kenya) in September/October and in Rome in November.

India/Darjeeling/ Australia will form the 3rd group for the meeting which will take place in **Loreto House Kolkata from 27th – 29th September 2011.. Province/Region leaders and Treasurers** will participate in these meetings with **one other person**.

Srs. Barbara Murphy, Beatrice Stuart, Institute Consultors and **Sr. Geraldine McAleer**, Institute Bursar, will also be attending this meeting.

Province Days will be from **3rd Oct to 6th Oct 2011 at Loreto House Kolkata**. Please note that you are requested to **arrive by 7:00 pm on 2nd October** and may leave **after 7pm on 6th October 2011**.

Jubilee Celebrations of Sisters Conrad D`Souza, Eithne Mc Donald and Stella Lahiry will be held on **6th October 2011**. 7th Oct will be a free day

Community Leadership Meeting is scheduled for **8th and 9th Oct 2011 in Loreto Provincialate**.

9 is Mine Campaign (Child`s Right to Education and Health.)

The **NINEISMINE** campaign finds its roots in the Millennium Declaration that aims at eradicating poverty and hunger by the year 2025 (and halving it by the year 2015). Bro. Steve Rocha, a Christian Brother is focused on training and education of children and teachers in social justice and advocacy

Sr. Flora Anthony will attend the preliminary meeting on the 23rd of July in Delhi and will coordinate the national children's campaign in West Bengal, to ensure that every child has access to quality education and basic health care.

Vocation Promotion: Sr Archana Gomes , the Director of Vocation Promotion, will request a sister in every Community to be the contact person for vocations. She will arrange a meeting shortly with all Vocation Promoters.

Mukulika

“Pluck this little flower and take it” was the desire of the seven young women who began their religious life as **candidates** on 28th of June 2011. They are **Margaret Beyapy** from Bangladesh, **Nithya Mary** from Tamilnadu, **Rajkishori Ekka** from Jharkhand, **Rajat Dang** from Jharkhand,, **Sangeeta Surin** from Jharkhand, **Valeria Mundu** from Kolkata. and **Sangeeta Madhuri Jojo** from Orissa (Region) Fr. Cyriac Sj from Dhyana ashram celebrated Mass during which they had a role play where each one resembled a seed wanting to die to oneself in order to bring life to others.



Loreto Abhilasha sends loving Greetings and thanks from for your prayerful support for our 2nd Year Novices who have just returned to the Novitiate after their one month **apostolic experience**. They are so

grateful to God for their powerful experience of being in the midst of helpless, unwanted, rejected people including children. At first faced with such suffering some were at a loss and felt reluctant to enter into the experience. Soon, however, they realized they had much to contribute. It was with sadness they said goodbye at the end of the month and returned carrying these broken people in their heart. Some of them have been an inspiration and source of encouragement to the inmates and the staff. It was good to get positive responses from the people in charge wherever they went. Some of our novices had courage to speak for the sake of the vulnerable whom they felt had been the victims of negligence and were sometimes treated harshly. In some cases they were able to bring about changes for the better.

Now our novices are in their inner journey of “**Group Therapy**” with Fr. Peter Lourdes SDB, from 1st to 8th July. Fr. Joe Kootinal SJ will be taking them **for Human Development** from 25th to 29th July. On 31st July 2nd Years leave for their **Community Experience** and the 1st years to their **30 days retreat**. Please remember them in your daily prayers.

Gyanayalaya Sr. Philomena left for International Gathering in Canada and home holiday in Ireland on 26th May 2011. by 16th June.

The following programme was arranged for the seven sisters: 26th May till 16th June home holidays, 16th June to 2nd July:- Loreto Sealdah Experience; 4th to 22nd July Commercial classes with Sr. Angela in Loreto House; 23rd to 31st July :- Eco Spirituality in Tarumitra, Patna; 1st to 5th August Media and Communications in Ravi Bharti Patna; 6th August ‘Emerging changes in religious life today’ with S Dorothy PBVM in Patna. 10th August return to Kolkata.

Sr.Molly Francis stays with the sisters while they are in Gyanalaya in June and July and S Sudha will accompany them to Patna. I will stay with them in Abhilasha after they return from Patna.

Fr Joseph Paraket, S. J. will have TGroup Therapy sessions with the sisters in Gyanalaya from 7th to 17th September 2011

Temporary Professed sisters’ Gathering has been scheduled for **7th Oct to 10th October 2011** at Loreto Convent **Entally**. **Sr. David Delany csj** will be the resource person.

The Temporary Professed Sisters will have further sessions at **Bandel** from **27th December to 8th January 2012**.

An Intercongerational formation programme for sisters in Temporary profession on ‘**Consecrated life - its challenges and possibilities in today’s Socio- Economic - Political scenario**’ 2011 is being organised by the Regional Major Superiors of W. Bengal. **Srs. Amia Tete, A. Sharmila, A. Thivya , Baidya Mary Lyngkhai and Edelin P. Kujur** will be attending this programme.

Sumedha programme an inner journey in quest of the greater peace and wholeness. Participants begin from where they are, looking at what is happening on their spiritual journey. They then move on to explore the psychological dynamics that affect their spirituality and integrate them in healthy ways to create more satisfying and more productive life patterns. **Srs. Alma Toppo** and **Anita Lakra** attended this in Jeolikot from 19th May till 30th June 2011.

Education Board Meeting

Meeting of the Principals and Secretaries of the School Managing Committee will be held at Loreto House on 13th and 14th August 2011. This meeting will be facilitated by Father Norbert Menezes, S.J.

Congratulations to:

Nirmala Mnj	M. Sc.	in Holy Cross College, Trichy.
Sushila Tirkey	1 st Year	Nursing in Holy Family Hospital, Patna
Nirmala Kujur	3 rd Year	MBBS in St. John's medical College, Bangalore.
Bidalin Lyngdoh Marshilong	1 st year	B.A in St. Edmund's Shillong



Most Rev. Thomas D'Souza, Bishop of Bagdogra, appointed as Coadjutor Archbishop of Calcutta on **14.03.2011**. Bishop Thomas D'Souza was the First Bishop of Diocese of Bagdogra which was created on January 25 1998.

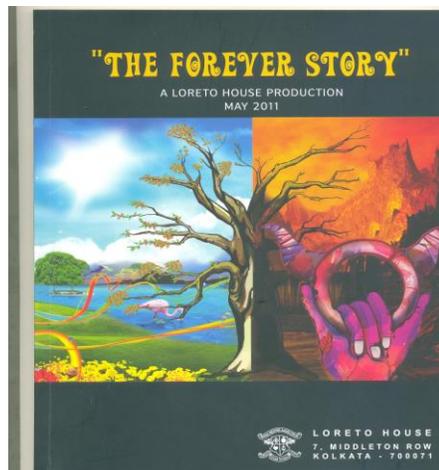
Prayer Requests

Umphyrnai, Shillong :We are having some difficulty with our land where our School and Dispensary is situated in Umphyrani. No one is residing there at this moment. Do pray that some settlement happens soon.

For all our family members and sisters who are ailing.

All our young sisters sitting for examinations. .

Loreto House Annual Day Musical: "The Forever Story"



Loreto House School staged 3 shows of an original musical "**The Forever Story**" on May 10, 11 and 12, 2011. The play was a dramatization of the eternal struggle between good and evil, presented in a novel thought-provoking and skillful manner. The use of popular songs to highlight the theme was noteworthy, as were the colourful dances. It was entertaining and relaxing and brilliantly executed.

The action of the play spanned eons and spaces, beginning with the Fallen Angels in the Garden of Eden, referring verbally to the Battle in Heaven, going on to a regular day in the office for the Devil two thousand and eleven years later, and moving on further to humble rustic quarters giving us a glimpse of simple rural folk who derive joy and sustenance from “**the wonderful world**” alone, and what happens to them when evil makes an appearance in this veritable paradise on earth. The play was based on realistic situations of pride, jealousy, temptation and real-life values of love, integrity and moral courage.

Condolences

Sr. Aruna Kujur’s mother, Mrs. Selestina Kujur passed away on 7th June, 2011 at 8 p.m. after a period of illness. Aruna had spent time earlier with her ailing mother. She was present for the funeral. Sr. Benedicta lost her mother on 19th June 2011 at 11.30 p.m. The whole family was by Mrs. Gomes bedside when she passed away – a grace that they are deeply grateful for. The funeral Mass was held on 20th June 2011. Our sympathy and prayers are with our Sisters Benedicta and Aruna on the loss of their dear mother. May God grant Mrs. Gomes and Mrs. Kujur the joy of beholding Him – face to face

<u>July</u>		<u>August</u>		<u>September</u>	
<u>Feast Day</u>	<u>B'Day</u>	<u>Feast Day</u>	<u>B'Day</u>	<u>Feast Day</u>	<u>B'Day</u>
6th July Sr. Maria Bastian	Sr. Loyola Lakra – Darj 7th July	11th Aug Sr. Claire McFarland	Sr. Margaret Mulvey 3rd Aug	8th Sept Sr. Stella Lahiry	Sr. Leena Lakra 2nd Sept
	Sr. Shakuntala Kujur 8th July		Sr. Maloti Thaku 4th Aug		Sr. Amia Tete 8th Sept
11th July Sr. Benedicta Gomes			Sr. Bidalin L. Marshilong 5th Aug		Sr. Shanta Xalxo 10th Sept
	22nd July Sr. Magdalene Munro		Sr. Philomena Dowd 6th Aug	8th Sept Sr. Ponnamma Nadaackal	Sr. Ponnamma Nadaackal 11th Sept
Sr. Goretti Tirkey 9th July			Sr. Abhay Ekka 7th Aug		Sr. Lynette Daniel-Palmer 14th Sept
25th July Sr. Christopher D'Souza	Sr. Mercia D'Souza 19th July		Sr. Barnadette D'Rozario 7th Aug		Sr. Mary DeSouza 15th Sept
	26th July Sr. Anita Cardozo	15th Aug Sr. Alice Mary Martyris	Sr. Archana Gomes 10th Aug	Sr. Beatrice Stuart 18th Sept	
Sr. Eileen McDonald 14th Aug			24th Sept Sr. Mercia D'Souza	Sr. Anita Lakra 21st Sept	
26th July Sr. Anita Maria Braganza	Sr. Cyril Mooney 21st July			Sr. Marion Vase 15th Aug	Sr. Prabina Rudum 22nd Sept
	29th July Sr. Beatrice Stuart	Sr. Antoinette Rodrigues 22nd July	Sr. Rani Minj 19th Aug	Sr. Tina Farias 23rd Sept	
27th Aug Sr. Monica Rozario			Sr. Joan Smyth 21st Aug	24th Sept Sr. Maeve Hughes	Sr. Anita Cardozo 26th Sept
	Sr. K. Clara 23rd Aug		Sr. Tressia Aricatt 27th Sept		
	Sr. Stella Lahiry 23rd July	Sr. A Arockia Powlin 26th Aug	Sr. Conrad D'Souza 30th Sept		

My Itinerary

June	17 th	Return from International Meeting
	21 st	Mukulika
	29 th – 2 nd July	Ranchi.
July	5 th – 8 th	Delhi
	8 th - 14 th	Shimla
	14 th – 19 th	Lucknow
	20 th – 24 th	Shillong
	25 th – 30 th	Provincialate
August	1 st – 31 st	Abhilasha with TPs

Sr. Mercia DeSouza, Sr. Molly Francis, Sr. Flora Antony and Archana Gomes join me in greeting you,

M. Tressia T. Aricatt

M. Tressia T. Aricatt, ibvm