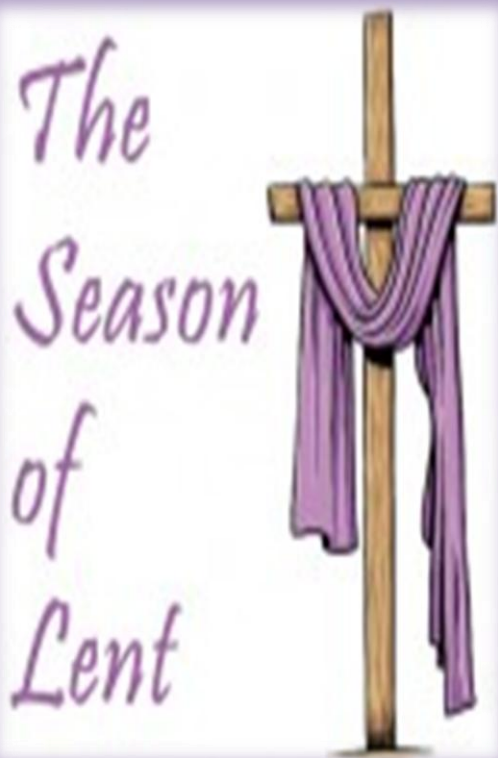




Loreto (IBVM) reaching out.....



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Lent is a fitting time for self-denial; we would do well to ask ourselves what we can give up in order to help and enrich others by our own poverty.

Pope Francis

LONG HAVE I WAITED FOR YOUR COMING

HOME TO ME AND LIVING DEEPLY OUR NEW LIFE

LORETO ELLIOT ROAD

JUNIOR SCHOOL SPORTS –
2014, TEJASVITA

The Annual Sports Day of Loreto School, Elliot Road, was held in Loreto Convent, Entally grounds on February 7.

The occasion was honored with the presence of Minti Roy as the chief Guest,



Kuntala Ghosh Dastidar as the Guest of Honor, Superior, Sr. Mary DeSouza, Sr. Marion and other prestigious guests.



The programme commenced with the March Past. The inauguration began with the lighting of the torch and the oath taking ceremony. The winner of the March Past was Mary Ward House and the Best House was C.V.Raman . Nikita Culpeper of class IV won the award for the best athlete of the day. The Chief

Guest's speech emphasized the need for girls to move ahead steadily to prove their mettle in today's world.

Principal, Sr. A.Nirmala proposed the vote of thanks.

It was truly a celebration of "Tejesvita"- dream, drive and deliverance.

Lord, when I become indifferent towards poor remind me ...



Lord, when I grumble about food remind me.....



Lord, when I can't distinguish between my need and want remind me



LORETO SADAM – WINTER YOUTH CONVENTION 2015

Youth Commission of South – West Sikkim ICYM and North – East Sikkim ICYM under the leadership of their co-ordinators Rev. Fr. Antuny Dewan, Sr. Matilda Lakra IBVM and Fr. Marcelino Sukden Lepcha jointly organized “Winter Youth Convention – 2015” in St. Francis’ School, Jorethang, South Sikkim from 12th to 15th January, 2015. Altogether 156 Catholic youth from different parishes of Sikkim participated in this convention. The theme of the convention was ‘Be Blessed, Be a Blessing’.

The prominent resource persons were Rev. Fr. Michael Singh (Diocesan Youth Director), Mr. Rajen Banerjee (member of Family Commission of the Diocese of Darjeeling-Sikkim), Mr. Mathias Tamang (Principal of Rateypani Senior Secondary School) and Mr. Sushil Tamang



(President of Self Employees Worker Association/SEWA and a successful village tourism operator). They delivered their respective talks on the topics namely ‘Youth to Youth Evangelization’, ‘Youth Empowerment’, ‘Socio-Political Leadership’ and ‘Scope of Tourism in Sikkim’. At the gathering Sr. Matilda gave an informative and inspiring talk on Mary Ward and IBVM vocation, which was well received.

St. Peter’s Church, Lingee Payong bagged the first prize in Inter Parishes Cultural items competition. Group “Simplicity” was adjudged the Winner of the Inter Groups Presentation. There was also Inter Deaneries Volleyball match (for boys) and Throw ball match (for girls).

The spiritual ambience of the convention was well maintained with the celebration of the Holy Eucharist, ‘Praise & Worship’ prayer service, adoration of the Blessed Eucharist and the Sacrament of Reconciliation.



*Santa met with an Accident..!
 Doctor: 'U Need Stitches..
 Santa: What Will be the Cost..?
 Doctor: \$8000!
 Santa: Oh hello...I Need Stitches, Not
 Embroidery Work!!!*

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SARDAR JOKES - "PARKING FINE"



Sardar comes back 2 his car & finds a note saying

"Parking Fine"

He writes a note and sticks it 2 pole "Thanks 4 d complement"

OUR CHAMPASARI COMMUNITY

and satellite communities began our Mary Ward celebrations in Dharan 25th January 2015. Along with the CJ sisters and all the religious from Eastern Nepal, six of us from India joined them for the celebration –Philomena, Barbara, Leena, Initha, Clara and Amber our faithful guide. The program started with a beautiful Mass at 11 am. The hostel girls and the Dharan community sang melodiously. Ponnamma welcomed the guests and Flora gave the vote of thanks. Philomena did the first reading and the CJ sisters did the second reading and the bidding prayers.

Fr George SDB was the main celebrant and gave a wonderful homily on Mary Ward – he had certainly done his homework! He presented her as an extraordinary woman, criticized and maligned for her efforts to expand the role of women in spreading the faith. He said she stood as a beacon of hope. He explained how her resolute and faith-filled spirit shone through all the difficulties of her life. She lived with the true inner freedom she encourages in her followers.

The venue being Loreto we saw to the celebration of the Eucharist and the delicious Lunch which followed the games were organized by the CJ sisters. All participated enthusiastically and in

typical Mary Ward generosity all won prizes!



The Centre celebrated Mary Ward day on 28th. The community, staff, field supervisors, animators, teachers and representatives from the different projects – Collective Voices, Safe Migration, and Ethical



Enterprises for Youth were all invited. The celebration started with a welcome speech by Binita Mothay. Sr. Leena led the prayer and made a power point presentation on Mary Ward

emphasizing the three Insights as well as the role of some of her great followers – Teresa Ball and Delphine Hart. As Binita continued the

Benefits Of MEDITATION



Reduces pain and enhances the body's immune system.



Reduces feelings of depression, anxiety, anger and confusion.



Increases blood flow and slows the heart rate.



Provides a sense of calm, peace and balance.



Helps reverse heart disease.



Helps control thoughts.



Increases energy.



Reduces stress.

reflection she asked the participants to mention some of the great graces we enjoy today. All were delighted with Manju's answer "The fact that we women are working here today!" Binita wanted them to mention more graces and another special one was "that we have Loreto sisters working here today"

On 29th January our sisters from Lolay, Sadam, and Darjeeling started arriving for the Loreto House celebration on the last day of Mary Ward week January 30th. All pitched in to help with decorations, sandwich-making, and welcome boards which were very tasteful and pleasant to the eye. The notice board in the foyer of Loreto House

proclaimed in pictures and captions a message about Mary Ward's vision of freedom and how she envisioned her sisters' work and mission in the Lord's vineyard.



Mary Ward's feast day was celebrated on 31st January in Loreto School Panighatta. It was very well attended by most of the parents and some friends and well wishers.

The program of events in the form of an enactment of the song "Lead us on Mary Ward", and a power point presentation on her life was very enjoyable, and all chatted amiably over refreshments and expressed their pleasure over it all..

LORETO RANCHI

On Sunday, February 01 the entire community from Loreto Doranda gathered on the playground of St. Xavier's School, Doranda for a very special occasion. The first vocation to the Society of Jesus from St Xavier's, Ravi Bhushan Xess was being ordained to the priesthood in his Alma Mater. The entire parish of All Saints, Doranda was invited. Cardinal Telesphore Toppo and Bishop Charles Soreng sj performed the ceremony assisted by the Jesuit Provincial of Ranchi and about 100 priests, old and young, from near and far. The choir was excellent and the entire Liturgy was reverent, well rehearsed and the responses from the huge congregation were whole-hearted. Seating arrangements, sound and choir were excellent and the decorations in the school colours very tastefully arranged. The meal afterwards was like the feeding of the five thousand and all were surely satisfied!



Garlands, hugs, handshakes, songs, dance and tributes galore went on right through the afternoon and evening. Our community gave all the support possible to this event - sacristy assistance, sandwiches for the celebrants, our presence, encouragement and vocal support.

MARY WARD WEEK CELEBRATION – JANUARY 2015

We celebrated Mary Ward Week with usual enthusiasm and gusto. Two teachers were deputed to arrange for various activities which involved, Mary Ward's life, her teachings, relevance of her Maxims in today's world and activities related to social dimensions.

Apart from the weeklong detailed assemblies, there were power point presentations on Mary Ward and a talk was given by teachers to the students. Activities like a quiz, jumbled words, crosswords, singing competitions, skits were creative and the various dormant talents of the children came forth.

The songs were all original compositions on Mary Ward's life and her Maxims. The Panel Discussion saw the presence of eminent Loreto Sisters and teachers who along with the students brought out the relevance of Mary Ward's teachings in the 21st century.

We believe that unless we learn to give and serve others, Mary Ward's teachings have no meaning. Keeping this in mind our students prepared teaching aids like mobiles, flash cards, work cards, bookmarks, information cards and teacher made books. These were handed over to schools for the underprivileged students in the rural sector.

NATIONAL KALARIPAYATTU CHAMPIONSHIP 2015

Keralian Martial Art (Indian) Kalaripayattu is an ancient Martial Art. This was the first time five of our Rainbow Girls appeared for the State Level which was held in Kerala on the 12th and 13th February, 2015. They were accompanied by Mr. Mishra, their coach.

Eighteen states participated in the Championship.

Congratulations to our girls for bagging the 3rd Position. They won 3 Gold and 2 Silver Medals. They have made us proud! They have lived up to the words of Mary Ward "WOMEN IN TIME TO COME WILL DO MUCH"



LORETO HOUSE

MARY WARD CELEBRATIONS- 23rd January 2015

The celebrations of Mary Ward began with a Special Assembly presented by Class VII (1). The Assembly beautifully highlighted the exemplary life and teachings of our Foundress. The second day of the celebrations began with a Mass. What was particularly memorable, was not only a moving Eucharistic celebration but also the inspirational homily of Father Saju SJ which once again brought out the essence of a life of service and dedication, embodied by our Foundress, Mary Ward.

Other events organized by Class XI students were Inter-House Competitions on Book Mark designing, Poetry Writing, Sketches, Painting and Powerpoint Presentations on the life and maxims of Mary Ward. The same was displayed in their respective classrooms. We are blessed to have such a courageous Lady as our Foundress who has always inspired every Loreto student to follow in her footsteps.

REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATIONS- 26th January 2015

As part of the tradition of our School, we celebrated the 66th Republic Day of our nation on 26th January at 8 a.m. in our school premises. We were honoured to host our Province Leader, Sister Anita Braganza as our Chief Guest for the morning.

The theme for this year's Prayer Service was, "Purity of thought, word and deed".

Drawing inspiration from our national "Swaachh Bharat"- or "Clean India Campaign", the students prayed for inner purity and cleanliness of thought, word and deed. The programme concluded with a vibrant dance performed by the Class XIs, paying homage to our motherland.

Our Chief Guest, followed by our Principal, addressed the gathering stressing the need to dedicate ourselves to the progress of our nation.

The service concluded with the national song, "Saare Jahan Se Accha".

Gyanalaya News: February – March 2015

Five days after our First Profession on 28th January, we Binita, Malti and Reshma joined Gyanalaya, Loreto Juniorate. We were formally welcomed by our outgoing Temporary professed sisters Sangeeta JoJo, Valeria, Sangeeta Surin and Nithya and we gave them a Farewell on 31st January 2015. They explained and handed over the various charges of Gyanalaya with great patience and kindness. On 1st February they left for their new missions in various places.

We had a day of orientation on 4th February 2015 in being introduced to the life of Gyanalaya. On the very next day we were privileged to have Sr. Tina taking us for some sessions on our Constitutions. She asked us to compare the Chapters of Constitutions in Vol I and Vol II. We enjoyed finding out the difference in both the volumes. She helped us to understand our Constitutions in a deeper way by her explanation and simple examples, the focus being on "to know it, to desire it and to endeavour for it" It is a pathway to God, when we give to God we give freely and totally.

Sr. Archana very kindly gave us sessions on 'Journal writing' from 10th – 13th February. We have journeyed into our past life and gained much self knowledge. We have realized the value of journal

writing and how to keep a journal, which helps us in our growth mentally, psychologically and spiritually.

We managed to do some Vocation Promotion in Raghampur, Kalyanpur and Thakurpukur. There are lovely girls in those schools and parishes, but we need to be faithful in our follow up. Now from the month of March we have begun our Study minding of the Borders on Sunday mornings, which is challenging yet we look forward to it. When the Borders go home for holidays we will take up our vocation promotion work on Sundays by going to various parishes.



We had the wonderful opportunity going on the 'Kolkata Tour' on 28th of February 2015. We visited the Indian Museum, Victoria Memorial, Dakshineswar Temple, Belur Math, Jain Temples (3), Raja Ram Mohan Roy Museum, Police Museum which was the residence of Raja R.M. Roy, Vidya Sagar Setu etc. It was a day of rich experience and we gained much knowledge.

On 2nd March we began our English classes with Mrs. Hena Ahmed and Political Science classes with Sr. Alice Mary. We are enjoying



both the classes as we have already learnt so many things in two weeks time. We are enjoying learning about

the world and the Indian Politics. We are fortunate to have such wonderful dedicated teachers teaching and guiding us in learning the English language and the various subjects. Every morning we listen to the news followed by news analysis. Once a week we watch a good English movie and have movie analysis which we enjoy thoroughly.

LORETO ASANSOL

At the beginning of a windy March we were delighted to have Sr Anita Braganza with us for a few days to enjoy the wide spaces and wonderful greenery of Loreto Asansol. Sister met EVERYONE: students, student council, senior catholics, teachers, group D staff and our neighbouring religious sisters and priests. We even found time to drive down to Maithon Dam one afternoon to dip our feet in the Damodar waters

Mary Ward Week was dedicated to paying homage to our foundress Mary Ward through various activities. The life of Mary Ward was read in the Value Education classes by the students. The Junior school had a special Assembly to inaugurate the week. Classes VI, VII and VIII put up skits based on various phases of Mary Ward's life.

The Junior school had a quiz competition, Mary Ward collage, book mark, card-making competitions. The Senior school had drawing and maxim writing competition.

On 30th January a special Mass was celebrated. The Mass was attended by all our Catholic children, our entire staff, ex-teachers and students, some parents and religious friends. All enjoyed the beautiful singing and afterwards a tasty lunch.

LORETO HOUSE COMMUNITY went on a picnic to a resort on Diamond Harbour road in February. The day was very enjoyable. The following week we took our workers for a picnic and they enjoyed a game of cricket and housie. They sang and danced in the bus going and coming. On the 1st February we had an ecumenical prayer service in Loreto House where we invited the pastors of the other churches for prayer



and dinner. A number of the sisters joined the protest march in regard to the happenings in Ranaghat on the 16th March in Allen Park. The staff and students from the college and the school also participated.

MARCH

FEAST DAY NAMES B'DAY

Mar Sr. Euphemia Fernandes 10th

Feast of Sr. Christine Coutinho 10th
Mar
Christ the King

Sr. Balika Pal
12th Mar
Sr. Claire McFarland
22nd Mar
Sr. Geraldine Moktan
26th Mar

APRIL

FEAST DAY NAMES B'DAY

Sr. Marilla D'Souza 5th Apr
Sr. Binista Kerketta 13th

Apr
16th Apr Sr. Bernadette D'Rozario
Sr. Baishakhi Mondal
21st Apr
Sr. Baiadamary Lyngkhoi 25th
Apr

26th Apr Sr. Mary Consuelo Murphy
Sr. Eithne McDonald
26th Apr
Sr. Mable Pramila Rudum 29th
Apr

MAY

FEAST DAY NAMES B'DAY

31st May Sr. Elizabeth D'Souza
2nd May
Sr. Monica Rozario 4th
May
Sr. Anita Maria Braganza 7th
May
Sr. Stephanie Miketinac 7th
May
Sr. Binita Surin 10th
May
Sr. Neelam Kindo 12th
May
Sr. Gloria Lakra 13th
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Sr. Nirmala Minj 16th
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Sr. Biviyana Lepcha 17th
May
Sr. Teresa McGlinchey 18th
May
Sr. Bernadette Lepcha 20th
May
Sr. M. J. Ursula Darcy 20th
May
Sr. Sarita Horo 25th
May
30th May Sr. Joan Smyth
30th May Sr. Celine Pinto

HAPPY BIRTHDAY