



Loreto (IBVM) reaching out.....



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Novitiate News

Sr. Agnes says that the Thirty days Retreat for the 1st year novices went well. They were sincere and entered into it seriously. The novices were so open and free in their sharing that it became a channel of grace for them as well as for her.

She was overwhelmed by the hospitality of the M.C. sisters especially Srs. Nirmala MC, successor of Mother Teresa and Ancy who were so welcoming and very happy to have them. The M.C. sisters in West Point opened their big hearts and provided everything needed. Our novices were able to make their retreat peacefully and did not have to worry about anything. Their readiness to follow Christ was expressed in their evaluation and in the depth of their sharing during Holy Hour.



While at the retreat Sr. Agnes had asked the 2nd years to prepare an exhibition on St. Ignatius. They depicted the story of Ignatius “WALKING IN THE FOOT STEPS OF INIGO” from his defeat in Pamplona through his conversion at Loyola, Montserrat, Manresa and Jerusalem; his student days in Barcelona and Paris, begging tours to Flanders and London; his companions, ordination, La Storta; Papal approval and constitutions. To achieve this the novices had gone into deep study and reflection. Sr. Molly’s coming before the official display enhanced the presentation and gave an added depth.

From Sr. Cyril

In Sept. S.M.Cyril was invited by the Christian Brothers (EREA -Edmund Rice Ed. Association) to Australia to be Resource Person at their Congress to speak on 'What are the calls of our times from an educational perspective that would urge us towards creating an appropriate framework for our future Catholic Educational Endeavours'. It was a wonderful three days, with 200 Principals and teachers from all the 49 Christian Bro. schools in Australia and another fifty International delegates. What was most interesting was the spirit of listening and the prayer which permeated the entire Congress and only in the last session were people invited to set down what they felt the future direction should be.

S.M.Cyril spent a night with the Loreto sisters in Australia and had dinner with them twice. They send loving greetings to the Indian Province.

A further invitation from Prague at the end of October saw Cyril off to give workshops and talks on Inclusive Education and be present to answer questions at the screening of a film on Loreto Sealdah made two years back.

Currently Cyril has been taken on by the W.B.Govt.Ed.Dept. as consultant and is busy getting ready to open 10 Rainbow Residential Homes to be run in Govt. schools on the Loreto Model.

LORETO CONVENT ENTALLY

THE LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FOR A TEACHER

Name: MS. GILLIAN ELLIS

MS. GILLIAN ELLIS has been a teacher of LORETO CONVENT ENTALLY since 11.01.1979 and given her dedicated service to the school for 34 yrs. She has excelled as an educator of the Junior Section, leaving a mark in every class that she has taken. For her every child is special. She delves into the student's mind and spirit, locates her potential and shapes it to perfection. She is well versed in every subject, makes her classes interesting, instils the spirit of exploration and projects her thoughts beyond the horizon. Her enthusiasm is infectious. There is never a dull moment in her company. No wonder therefore that all parents wish to have her as a class teacher for their children. She is also skilled in singing, dramatics, games, athletics. Many a Concert of our School has attained its perfection under her guidance. She has also shown her expertise in organizing drill displays and sports. Her spontaneity in everything is commendable.



Ms. Ellis is amiable by nature, straight forward and believes in calling a spade a spade. Her integrity is her strength. She is a true friend, maintains a good relationship with all her colleagues and the management. She is very helpful and never hesitates to go an extra mile for the benefit of the human kind. She is always, a true warrior of light.



Mrs. Radha Devi has been a treasured employee in Loreto Convent Entally since 1976. During the last thirty-six years Radha Mashi as she is affectionately called, has been a witness to the truth that one does not need to do great things to be acclaimed great but that greatness means doing ordinary things extraordinarily well.

And so..... Dear Radha Devi has day after day cleaned and swept putting her all into her work to achieve scrupulous cleanliness – so much so that all knew which department was her responsibility.

She rarely missed work and with her characteristic calm and was ready to fill in for another.

Every week she has served as portress and is content to walk the miles around the campus to search for a child or a sister who is called to the parlour. Her graciousness with all is a quality which one would like to see more of in our world today.

She has attended to children, little ones and big ones especially when they were ill with sensitive care. All tasks were equally big for dear Mrs. Radha Devi for nothing was beyond her or below her dignity.

Mrs. Radha Devi is truly the shining star employee of Loreto Convent Entally.

SIXTY YEARS IN THE SERVICE OF OUR LORD.

The 8th September 2012 was a day of joyful celebration and thanksgiving at Loreto Entally, for it was the ***DIAMOND JUBILEE of our dear SISTER CLAIRE MACFARLAND.***

Sixty years ago on 8th September 1952, on the feast of Our Blessed Mother's birthday, Claire, then a young girl of eighteen, left all to follow the Lord in our Institute. There was no Novitiate in the Indian Province, during the Second World War, and no one had entered in India from 1939 to 1952. Claire and her two companions, were the first postulants of the new Novitiate at Entally, under the guidance of Mother Ursula McTigue, the Mistress of Novices. Her two companions did not persevere, so Claire was the only novice for several months.

On the eve of the Jubilee, the Entally Community gathered in our Oratory for special Evening Prayers, prepared by Sister Claire. Sister Tina had this beautiful prayer service printed as a leaflet and it was entitled JOURNEYING.

The Jubilee began with Holy Mass on the 8th morning, celebrated by Fr. Ramesh sdb. Sister Phyllis, Sister Molly and our young sisters decorated the altar beautifully. All the boarders attended Mass that day, as it was the feast of Our Blessed Mother's birthday. The children sang very well thanks to Sister Celine's excellent training. The rendition of the Salve Regina was particularly moving.

After Mass, the Community moved into the refectory which was decorated tastefully for the occasion and after greeting the Jubilarian we enjoyed a special Jubilee breakfast. A Jubilee Board was creatively done by our four Junior sisters. It went down Memory Lane and it had a number of photographs of Claire, from the time she was a tiny tot to the present day.

All the Loreto Communities of Kolkata were invited for lunch and at 12 noon, about forty of us were gathered in the Community Room . Claire cut the Jubilee cake and the Sisters sang the ***Jubilantes*** and ***Congratulations*** with great gusto. Sister Tina raised the toast and spoke beautifully about Claire, paying fitting tribute to her accomplishments and gifts of mind and heart. The Sisters then moved into the refectory where they enjoyed a delicious lunch organized by Sister Alice Mary and prepared by Johnny and Peter and their helpers.

Before the guests departed, they each received a souvenir leaflet and a small take away gift.

Diamond Jubilees do not come our way frequently. We praise and thank God for blessing us with the gift of Sister Claire for 60 years and we pray that He may bless her with good health for many more years to come.

ONCE UPON A TIME

The Junior School had a delightful concert ONCE UPON A TIME. There were four shows and two casts and all six hundred children took part. We were privileged to have Sisters Marian and Beatrice with us for the final performance and Sister Marian's speech at the end was most encouraging and inspiring.

The Nursery were gorgeous performing an intricate ***Ballet***. We were in stitches watching them pirouetting on their tiny toes and raising their little arms gracefully to the clouds. Suddenly one or the other would stop and wave to her parents.

The Class Ones sang a delightful *Family Song*, full of rhythm, and got us all joining in the refrain. The Class Twos were hilarious—plump little Teddies, prancing around to the familiar *Teddy Bears' Picnic*. The K.G., III, IV and V stole the show with their excellent performance of *SNOW WHITE AND THE SEVEN DWARFS*.

Mrs. S. Bhattacharya, our Junior School co-ordinator, Sister Celine and the Junior School teachers went to great trouble to train the children. The part-singing was commendable and the choirs deserve special mention. The props, colourful costumes, light and sound, etc. were all very well done.

Sister Phyllis gave a heartfelt vote of thanks at the end of the show after which the little ones sang the Loreto Chorus with full gusto – a difficult piece for small children, but they got the notes most accurately.

Our invited guests were then led to a delicious spread of snacks and coffee and all were enthralled and delighted with the children's entertainment.

MAY GOD BE PRAISED

Sister Alice Mary had a cataract operation on the 17th September 2012. It was a great success and she can see very well once again. She extends a heartfelt **THANK YOU** to all our sisters who prayed for her

REPORT ON 'AUDENTIA'

On 31st August, 01st September and 02nd September 2012, the Junior Section and the Rainbow section of Loreto Day School Bowbazar, presented an enthralling concert 'AUDENTIA' – *Latin for courage*. This theme was chosen as a tribute to our beloved foundress, Mary Ward, who in her life time was a perfect embodiment of this virtue.

The programme began with an inspiring prayer service, highlighting the contribution of great personalities like Mother Mary, Florence Nightingale and Mother Teresa. This was followed by a Welcome Dance performed by the cheerful and carefree Nursery children.

The rest of the programme consisted of colourful dances from some of the countries in which Loreto has established roots.

The fascinating voyage across the globe began with the Britannia Coconut Dancers from England, followed by a lively dance from Ireland. Of course, it gave us no mean pleasure to subsequently step on the soil of our beloved motherland, India, and to be treated to a mesmerizing selection of various dances, beautifully representing the essence of celebration and spirituality.

We then sailed across to the sunny land of Mauritius for another scintillating performance, before proceeding to South Africa to watch 'Joanna' – a dance which was a sobering reminder of the pain and trauma caused by apartheid. This was followed by a brief sojourn in Spain, where we tapped our feet to the graceful rhythms of the vibrant flamingo.

The girls from the Rainbow provided a fitting finale to the concert with an inspiring and beautifully synchronized 'Fusion' based on a song dedicated to Mary Ward composed by Sr. Anita and Sr. Igora.

The concert would not have been possible, had it not been for the initiative, guidance and support of the Principal, Mrs. M. Gaspar. We are also grateful for the generous help rendered by the Loreto international community, with regard to information about the various countries whose dances figured in the concert. The teachers of the Junior section, ably assisted by the Senior Section teachers, also did their share of research and worked tirelessly to train the children. The dances were choreographed by two very talented past pupils of the school Ms. Rituparna Ghosh and Ms. T. Paul. The Rainbow girls worked hard under the guidance of Mr. Majumdar. The impact of the concert was greatly enhanced by

the melodious singing guided skillfully by our Music teacher Mr. P. Gomes. The parents of our participants, as always gave their unstinted support and cooperation.

Junior Seminar

From the 17th to 21st October 2012 thirty two temporary professed sisters met in Loreto House for their annual junior gathering. Sr. Stephanie O'Brien and Sr. Philomena Dowd were the resource people for those days.

Community Leaders' meeting

Was a great time of bonding, sharing and listening to each other. The Formators shared their experience at the International meeting in Nairobi. The L & P assessment report was studied at depth and time was given for personal reflection and group sharing.



The Community Leaders will now present the L & P Report to their Communities followed by the cluster meetings.

We are happy to welcome Sr. Jane McDonell, ibvm as facilitator for the Joint Region/Province cluster meetings in November.

The Community Leader's meeting ended with the installation of Sr. Shalini Rozario as Community Leader of Loreto Asansol.



On 26th of October we celebrated the 25 years of Sr. Igora's dedicated life in our Institute. We had a thanksgiving Mass at Loreto Bowbazar. We were blessed with the presence of her Mother, Brother, Sister, a family friend, her little nephew, Jo and our sisters from various communities. The Lady of the day was full of gratitude towards all the people who journeyed with her. Above all she was thankful to her BELOVED GOD.





my heart fills with gratitude today for the abundant blessing you have generously showered my way.....My beloved all-embracing God you have held me secure in Your embrace. In all that life has to offer to me I see Your face.” Together with her, we too thank Our Loving God for gifting her to us. May she always be secure in His love.

Congratulation to **Sr. Monica Suchiang** passing her LL.M examination from Nalsar University, Hyderabad.

Sympathy

We ask you to pray for the repose of the soul of our dear **sister, M. Conrad D'Souza, IBVM**, who died on 4th October, 2012 in her 98th year and in the 77th year of her religious life.

NOVEMBER

| FEAST DAY | NAMES | B'DAY |
|-----------|--------------------------|----------|
| | Sr. Flora Anthony | 5th Nov |
| | Sr. Nirmala Kujur | 7th Nov |
| | Sr. Mary Consuelo Murphy | 7th Nov |
| | Sr. Sushila Tirkey | 12th Nov |
| | Sr. Ranjeeta Kerketta | 12th Nov |
| 22nd Nov | Sr. Cecily Wong | |
| | Sr. Rajni Tete | 18th Nov |
| | Sr. Celina Pinto | 23rd Nov |
| | Sr. Christopher D'Souza | 30th Nov |

DECEMBER

| FEAST DAY | NAMES | B'DAY |
|-----------|-------------------------|----------|
| | Sr. Edelin Pompa Kujur | 1st Dec |
| 8th Dec | Sr. Phyllis Morris | |
| | Sr. Magdalene Munro | 9th Dec |
| 10th Dec | Sr. Alma Toppo | |
| | Sr. Mary Irene Ribeiro | 16th Dec |
| | Sr. Rina Ekka | 19th Dec |
| | Sr. Anjuman Gidh | 21th Dec |
| 26th Dec | Sr. Stephanie Miketinac | |
| | Sr. Stephanie Rodrigues | 26th Dec |
| | Sr. Benedicta Gomes | 26th Dec |
| 29th Dec | Sr. Tina Farias | |