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NEWS LETTER

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Maria Sadan

In month of May 25 sisters from the Region gathered in Mysore for Inner Transformation



Retreat directed by Fr. Tom SJ. It was a very effective retreat where many of the sisters experienced physical and emotional healing.

Congratulations to Srs. Seema and Sanjana for the excellent performance in their final year B.A. Exams. And Srs. Sharadha and Sheetal in their B.Ed. Exams.



-Srs. Shradha & Sheetal at their B.Ed. Convocation ceremony.

Mary Ward, Pizhaku

A number of our students participated in camps for D C L (Deepika Children's League) and KCSL (Kerala Catholic Students' League) at Mulamuttam and Pastoral Centre, Pala respectively and were very happy and came back with life full of energy and enthusiasm.

In the month of May we were privileged to welcome our sisters from different Provinces of the C J family. Four of our community made our Retreat in Mysore . Thanks Sr. Gladys who joyfully took care of Sr. Ursula and our house, in our absence.



A day of retreat was organized in all the parishes of our diocese. Srs Ursula and Gladys attended the retreat. Bishop Emeritus Joseph Pallicaparambil shared his faith experiences with the faithful.

We Congratulate Sr . Daisy and the Staff who worked hard to attain 100% result in the Board examination. We are grateful to Sr. Sabina C.J. from Allahabad province, for enriching our teachers on how to make Value Education classes more effective and meaningful to the students. sharing your valuable knowledge with our teachers.

A team from Calicut conducted communicative English programme for our teachers and students. Now they are able to communicate to others in better English..

The new academic year commenced on 3 June with the blessing of the students and the school by our Vicar Rev. Fr. Kuriakose Vellachalil.

The school celebrated the Environment Day on 5 June by planting trees and plants around the school campus.



We welcomed Sr. Rose Mary to our community and bade fare well to Sr. Vidya who has joined tertianship programme.

Mary Ward Illam, Mittappally

On 2 April, the school celebrated the correspondent's day with a meaningful prayer service and thereafter with a colourful programme. The students thanked the Srs. Theresa and Basilia for their guidance and help.

We welcomed Sr. Anjali to our community. She is in-charge of the primary section of our school and guides the catholic children in their faith.

Srs. Mercy, Anjali and Divya made their annual retreat in Mysore under the guidance of Fr. Tom Kottackal SJ and experienced a lot of inner healing.

Our community is complete with the arrival of Srs. Shradha and Seema, to march ahead. Welcome dear sisters.

Our Class X students did well in their board exams. 29 students from Mittappally village and all passed with high percentage. Some of them got 100/100 in Science, Social Science and Mathematics. Congrats to our students and also teachers who worked hard!

Toppers



Due to extreme heat this year school reopened only on 10 June. Once again, the campus is full of life.

Our parish feast of St. Anthony was celebrated with much fervour and joy. Rt. Rev. Dr. Lawrence Pius was the main celebrant. He urged us to be tolerant with one another and build up affectionate relationship.

Sr. Mercy C.J.

Mary Ward Sadan, Puthenvelikara

In the months of April–May we experienced scarcity of water as our well ran dry and we had to depend on municipal water and that too was unreliable. Then on 24 May we received the first rain and the Lord really opened the heavens for us, after much prayer. After that practically daily we have abundance of rain. As a result some of the class rooms have springs and our little cultivation is under water.

We were indeed very happy to meet our sisters from the North and renew our acquaintance with them.

We gratefully bade farewell to Srs. Annette, Sherly and Seema and we welcomed Srs. Lima and Sheetal to our Community. They are getting used to the new situation, place and people and we wish them **all the best**.

The Attappady Team organized a beautiful Bible convention and our Srs. Francisca and Alma were very happy for the blessings they received those days.

Srs. Sherly, Seema and Sheetal had their retreat at Mysore and said that it was indeed a new experience, very different from the usual retreat. Before the school reopened an orientation was conducted for the teachers by Fr. Stanly SJ to revitalize and reorient them and they seem to have benefitted from it.

Sr. Alma C.J

Shantisadan, Begur

A Great Blessing

We have been in search of water in our land for years, digging a number of bore wells. With prayer and other efforts, the Lord blessed us with wellsprings of water. Another bore well was dug near the convent after having confirmed about the water resource by a diviner. We request all of you to join us in thanking and praising the Lord.

Farewell and Welcome

Sr. Teresina left for her home province, Allahabad in the month of April. We thank her for all the services she had rendered to our Region especially in our community and school here.

We gratefully remember the services rendered to the community and the school by Sr. Rose Mary for the last 4 years. We wish both of them God's choicest blessings in their new Mission.

We welcomed Srs. Bernedette and Lucia as our new community members. Srs. Lourdes and Maria Rose paid us a short visit during the holidays.

Courses and Retreats

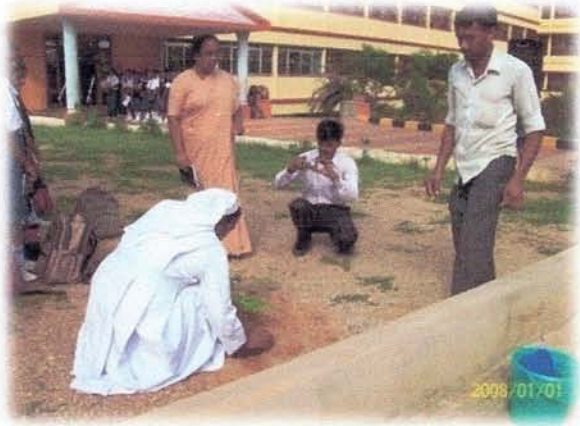
Sr. Rose Mary attended accountants' course in April. Three members of our community made the inner transformation retreat in Mysore conducted by Fr. Tom Kottackal. His sharings, teachings, guided meditations and inner healing exercises are very helpful for our all round growth. Sr. Lucia attended the 'Teacher Today' seminar at Prerana in Bangalore which was very practical and enriching.

Fr. Jossie SJ, the program co-ordinator of Prerana, Bangalore, conducted an orientation program for the teachers of our school. It was well appreciated by all. On 25, 26 June Srs. Elsa and Lucia along with Sr. Feby attended the Ignatian Seminar in Prerana. Many teachers from Jesuit schools and colleges attended it. It

was a chance for us to know the richness of Ignatian Spirituality.

We congratulate our class ten students for the excellent result for the ICSE exams.

We celebrated Environmental Day in our school on 5 June by planting trees in our school



compound and cleaning the up the surrounding of the school and the road in front our school by the students and the staff. Our school had demonstration of how to extinguish fire by the Cease-fire agency.

Sr. Lucia C.J.



Srs. Amala and Daisy share their experience in Sydney:

Boarding Thai Airlines, via Bangkok, we reached Sydney in Australia on 20 June 2013. We were ten C. J. Sisters from the five Provinces of India and Nepal, to attend the Loreto

International Education Conference. Mary Ward is the Foundress of both The Congregation of Jesus and the Loretos , who share the same Ignatian Spirituality. There were more than hundred and fifty representatives from fifteen



countries. It was exciting to see the Indian Tricolour Flag fluttering as one representative from each country carried her respective Flag at the beginning of the Solemn Eucharistic Celebration.

The Loreto Province of Australia has developed an award – winning model of Education which is innovative and dynamic and fosters critical thinking, curiosity and joy in learning – an Education which prepares students for an exciting and challenging future. “*Learning by doing* “ is the Method followed in all these Schools. As a result , education is imparted in an interesting way. The students are enabled to delve deep in to the subjects, acquire knowledge which enhances their personality.

We had the opportunity of visiting four of these seven Schools owned by the Loreto Sisters. It was wonderful to experience the warm welcome and hospitality of the students , teachers and the management. Australians are very warm–hearted people. A sculptural portrait of Venerable Mother Mary Ward (our Foundress) taking a forward step is placed in a prominent area in all these Schools. Surely, all those who pass by

draw inspiration , energy and strength from her. The Spirit of Mary Ward is very much alive in the students as well as the teachers.

The Key-note Speakers in their address provided the stimulus for much thought and conversation. The two day course on Ignatian Spirituality was also offered to deepen our relationship with Jesus and walk on the footsteps of Ignatius and Mary Ward.

Australia is a beautiful country. We had a chance to visit some of the important places like the Opera House, Wax Museum, Taronga Zoo, Aquarium, etc. The Taronga Zoo gave us some idea about all the animals especially those animals found only in Australia like the Kangaroos with their babies in their pouches , Koalas, Kiwis, Emus etc. The flora and fauna and the green pastures , the cattle especially large cows and sheep and the Kangaroos attract the attention of all tourists. The aquarium is a feast to the eyes. Many people will not feel like moving out of that place. The Wax Museum presents famous personalities of the world as though they were in their real life situation.

“Seeking and finding God in all things “ is the Charism of St. Ignatius and in Mary Ward’s own words “ **REFERRING ALL THINGS TO GOD**”. This was a God - given opportunity for us to see the beauty of the Almighty God reflected in His creation. The Creator continues His work and it is for us to admire the beauty of this world. May every forward step we take bring us closer to this Great Reality – **GOD !**.

The theme of the Loreto International Education Conference was “**WARD WORKS WORLDWIDE**”. We were strengthened by the shared commitment to Mary Ward by building connections across the Institute in the following aspects: Excellence in Teaching; Excellence in Leadership; Excellence in Pastoral Care and Excellence in Justice for Women.

We would like to extend our gratitude to Sr. Jane, our superior general, the Loreto general superior, Sr. Marian Moriarty for making it

possible for us to attend this International Education Conference in Sydney. We have experienced the generosity and hospitality of Sr. Margaret Mary Flynn, the provincial of Australia, her sisters and staff.

We also would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to our Region of Bangalore, specially to Sr. Feby for giving us this opportunity to take part in this Conference.

“Be seekers of Truth and Lovers of Justice”

Mary Ward

Srs. Amala and Daisy CJ

