

# REPORT OF JPIC/FRIENDS OF MARY WARD ACTIVITIES BANGALORE REGION: 2021-22

The schools in Bangalore Region tried to carry out the Laudato Si goals as well as the JPIC activities, with full vigor and enthusiasm as we started with the offline classes.

## ***NIRMALA PUBLIC SCHOOL, PIZHAKU***

World Education Day was celebrated on 24<sup>th</sup> January. Students of both the clubs (JPIC & FRIENDS OF MARY WARD) celebrated this day with great enthusiasm.

As a part of their program some of the JPIC students visited St. Augustine's school at Kadanadu and were happy to teach drawing skills to the children.

On 8<sup>th</sup> March JPIC students and Friends of Mary Ward conducted a beautiful prayer service to honour the women in their life. During the prayer service they asked for God's blessings on women for their betterment. They also thanked their teachers for the selfless service rendered to them. On the same day they honored the non-teaching staff by giving gifts as a token of love and affection.

They also visited the aged and mentally retarded women. The students entertained them by putting up a short cultural program and their presence made a difference in their life.

The students also visited Navajeevan Cancer



Centre at Kottayam where 250 patients are looked after and taken care of. As a token of their love and concern, they donated some cash, clothes and toilet accessories to them.

## MARY WARD ENGLISH MEDIUM SCHOOL, PUTHENVELIKARA

We celebrated 5<sup>th</sup> June as the World Environment Day. A prayer service was organized by the JPIC members. We gave them awareness on making use of the waste materials, by conducting competitions. The theme was 'best out of waste'. Students prepared bags, mats etc out of waste material. The students of classes IX and X were asked to compose a poem on climate change. On girl child day, JPIC members prepared a program.

Students took an oath against drug abuse. On 8<sup>th</sup> March Women's Day was celebrated in the school.

Students through their poems, speech, song, and dance gave awareness about the contribution of women. On the same day JPIC members participated in a webinar organized by Sr. Manjusha on women's day. They were asked

to honour the women in their life. Constant reminders and awareness are given to children to keep their surroundings clean and save water.



## ST. MARY'S CONVENT HIGH SCHOOL, MULUND.

We were happy to announce the HYBRID MODE opening of schools from the 2nd term onwards.

1. Planted Trees and Saplings on Environment Day.
2. The students took an active part and conducted a cleanup drive.



They were encouraged to do the same in their own society too by Cleaning the surrounding of their buildings, closest bus stop sweeping the public places in their locality.etc.

3. The child Protection helpline number is being provided to the girls and is also displayed in prominent places on the school campus.

4. We prepared a documentary on **Save Girl Child** and was shown to them. The documentary was also posted on social media by our teachers, students, and ex- students to create a wider awareness about the preciousness of life and to voice out injustice and discrimination against women.



## ST. MARY'S CONVENT SCHOOL, BANGALORE.

For the year 2021-2022 we decided to practice goal no.1.Response to the cry of the earth from Laudato si 7 Goals. Accordingly, we had planned a series of activities for different classes. In the past few months, we practiced the activities below.

1. We prepared a power point presentation to give awareness to our students about the seven goals.
2. **Goal: 1 Response to the cry of the earth**

### SAY NO TO PLASTIC



3. We integrated an item of JPIC in all the programs of our school to enlighten our students regularly about JPIC. On Children's day we dedicated a song on Climate Change.
4. On 25<sup>th</sup> November we celebrated International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women. We illustrated our students through speech, drawings, and dance drama.
5. To practice the first goal, "*Response to the cry of the earth*" we took the students around our school campus to create in them the taste for planting and to care for the plants.
6. On 24<sup>th</sup> January 2022 we celebrated **World Education Day** through online activities such as Audio content, Power Point Presentation, Collage Making and Digital Poster Making.
7. We had a short prayer service on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2022 to Mark **St. Bakhita's Day**. We thought of all the children all over the world who are abused, ill-treated, child labors etc...and prayed for them.
8. On 8<sup>th</sup> March 2022 – **International Women's Day** was celebrated in our school through various programs like Fancy dress competition depicting the important personalities, Drawings based on Women's Day, Speeches and Quotation based on International Women's Day etc....



## MARY WARD SCHOOL MATRIC HR. SEC. SCHOOL MITTAPALLI

On 8<sup>th</sup> Feb on St. Bakita day morning assembly was on theme against slavery and human trafficking of minors and girls. On 8<sup>th</sup> March International women's day was celebrated in the school giving short speeches and recitation Std 8 & 9 students on gender equality and violence against women.

Primary school students took an enthusiastic part in making the best out of waste materials. It was being displayed during morning assemblies.



There are volunteers from std 5, 6, 7,8 & 9 to water the plants in the school premises. It is done on alternate days so vigorously as the class teachers monitor. Though it is very hot, we are blessed with sufficient water this year.



## CJ BANGALORE REGION'S RESPONSE TO LAUDATO SI' 7 GOALS.

CJ Bangalore Region has been implementing the Laudato Si goals in a concrete manner in our communities and schools. So, as per the guidelines of Mary Ward JPIC office, we propose to build on what is already done. We are determined not to abandon all that is being done through various clubs, such as Friends of Mary Ward, Environmental club, scouts club, Social service club etc. I, being the coordinator of Bangalore Region

felt the need for motivating our Sisters and teachers to work for the cause of JPIC in general and Laudato Si in particular. So, we had a joint webinar by Nepal and Bangalore Region, where maximum number of Sisters and the teacher representatives could participate. The resource person was Nirmala Arul IBVM. She explained to us the structure and functioning of JPIC in Loreto schools in India and instilled in the members the Zeal and enthusiasm to work whole heartedly in practicing JPIC in our schools, communities and in the society, in which we live. The participants showed so much eagerness and cleared a lot of their queries and they came to an understanding that it's inevitable to have collaboration with the NGO's, government and likeminded people for better results. All the participants were motivated to do their best in the practice of JPIC, which integrates all the other issues which is faced by the world today. The Sisters and teachers were of the opinion that we have been doing a lot in relation to Laudato Si in our schools, communities and society, but it's also the need of the hour to connect ourselves with the rest of the world to have collaboration with outside of our circle like NGO's, net working with other schools, and other organizations to plan better and execute well.

We had a meeting of the principals and JPIC in charges of our schools in Bangalore Region. Everyone showed so much interest in working for it, though they too were of the opinion that we have to just build on what has been already done. The richness of JPIC movement in our schools and the enormous good that is being done was shared many in the group. We decided to give some time to the local coordinators to study the Laudato Si 7 goals and draw action plans for our schools according to their circumstances. They came out with very creative and challenging action plans for every school. They have taken all 7 goals of Laudato Si into consideration and many of them are planning to have network with NGO's and the elected members of the government through whom they can have greater achievements. They are also getting connected to other schools, various social clubs, women's groups etc. Along with these we are also eager to celebrate the important days of the UN calendar, such as, the seasons of creation, International Literacy day, and international day of peace. All the Schools have formed JPIC club where the students are guided and motivated by the teachers to initiatives and contribute wherever needed. In some of our schools, they provided the necessities of life to those who were affected by the pandemic. The students continue to practice JPIC in their homes by planting saplings on Environmental day, on their birthday's etc.

We also had a meeting with the animators of all the communities and asked the members to read, reflect and draw the action plans based on the Laudato Si goals. Most of the communities responded to it positively and our Regional Superior too had a meeting with the local superiors and encouraged them to give our best in our initiative to save our common home Mother Earth. We emphasize the methodology – SEE, JUDGE, and ACT. Unless we see the situation around us, we can do little to help the situation. So, it's necessary to know the reality. We too need to judge the authenticity of the need, the pros, and cons of acting upon it. And finally, we venture into actions. As the saying goes” Small drops make the ocean,” we are determined to contribute to humanity and mother earth which is in need in our own small and greater ways which will indeed make a huge difference.

But I should definitely mention the drawbacks and the hurdles we face due to the covid 19 pandemic. In South India, we are still under the clutches of the virus and some of our teachers and students are affected and are in quarantine. We still continue with the virtual classes. It's impossible to carry out all these activities planned by us in a concrete manner. So, as for now, we have decided to do our best through online medium such as, create a platform for debates, competitions, and webinars on various social issues. We organize general assemblies to celebrate the important days and give knowledge and awareness to the students on Laudato Si Goals.

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