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Maria Sadan, Bangalore



28 January 2012 was indeed a very special day as Srs. Sheetal, Usha and Shradha took their final vows in St. Mary's Basilica, Shivaji Nagar, the parish Church. Our sisters made their final commitment during the parish Mass. The church was packed to its capacity. Msg. Jayanathan officiated the Holy Eucharist along with 15 priests.

The presence
of the
relations and

well wishers added colour to the celebration. The main celebrant stressed on the importance of consecrated life, and the meaning of saying Yes to the call of God. It was a very inspiring and touching moment for all those present in the Church.



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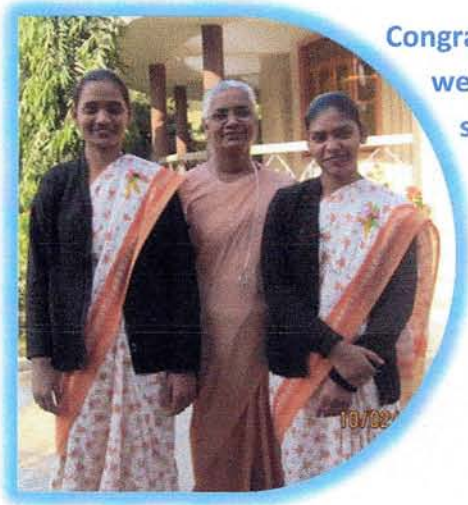
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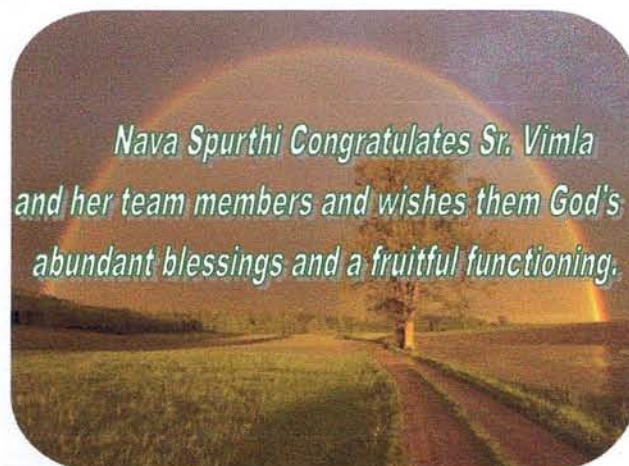
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Congratulations to our postulants, Srs. Rita Pushpa Mary and Agnes who were received into the Novitiate, along with six others during a solemn High Mass on 2 February. May you grow more close to Jesus and be more like Him.



Nava Spurthi Congratulates Sr. Vimla and her team members and wishes them God's abundant blessings and a fruitful functioning.

A glimpse of our Tertianship

"The journey of knowing God begins with journey of knowing ourselves."

This was our experience for the past 7 months of our tertianship. As we journeyed through, we were able to discover our own inner selves, created in the image and likeness of God. It was a time of God experience where He allowed us to come closer to Him and to be united with Him. It was also an experience of deepening and strengthening our relationship with Christ.

We were inflamed with the Spirit of our Constitutions and Charism of our Congregation. It was a time of grace and growth which enabled us to see the realities of life with the eyes of God and to love the world with the heart of Christ. We were deepened in the spirit of Mother Mary Ward and St. Ignatius and their singular love for Christ and were enkindled by their unshakable faith and trust in God. During our exposure we were like glow worms who brought a little light and hope in the lives of the orphans and the old by our loving service. It was an experience of encountering God in them. 30 day Spiritual Exercises were an inner journey of faith which deepened the experience of Abba in our lives. This Abba experience helped us to be like Him in loving everyone unconditionally.

We take this opportunity to thank all of you, our dear sisters for accompanying us with your prayerful support throughout our tertianship, and gratefully we remember Sr. Deepa and the team in Jhansi who had a greater share in walking by our side during these months. We surely remember and pray for all of you.

Thank you.

Srs. Sheetal, Usha and Shradha

St Mary's convent, Mulund

The Annual program of the school, both of the primary and secondary sections, was held on 10 Dec. The P.T. Display of the Primary was interspersed with dances of Maharashtra, put up by the secondary.



Before the school closed for Christmas vacation we conducted a funfair and Christmas get-together which brought in a lot of excitement and joy.



On 22 Dec. Sr. Carina visited the prisoners and distributed Christmas cards which our students had made for them and attended the Christmas Mass and celebrations there.

Sr. Sunita completed her mission in Namchi, Sikkim and paid us brief visit before Christmas. She was then busy with another mission of hers, of getting her sister, 'Pinky' ready for her marriage which was on 28 Dec. Some of our sisters were part of the celebration and everything went off beautifully.

We are happy to inform you that on 4 Jan 2012, CCTV was installed in the school through the benevolence of some of our parents.

For SMC, January is the month for picnics! Every class was out at different times to various places enjoying the



fun and frolic that this event offers. But Cl.10 was busy writing away pages and pages of answers as they had their Preliminary exams at that time!



An exciting event was the Teachers' Sports Day on 18th, the teachers as well as the students had a real enjoyable time together.

-Sr. Mary Jude

Mary Ward School, Tamil Nadu

We began the New Year with a fresh hope and resolution. An important event took place in the ongoing process of mission, was an orientation programme for our parents in (nearby village) Singarapettai hall on 7 January. Around 800 parents participated in it. The resource person was Fr. Sagayaraj SDB, the administrator of Sacred Heart College. They were made conscious of certain important aspects of life in the following points through power point presentations.



- Give importance to female children
- Avoid superstitious beliefs
- Tap the resources of their ward tactfully
- Career guidance
- Tips for the parents to lead an exemplary life.
- And be selective in watching TV. serials / films

The parents appreciated the lively and interesting sessions and thanked the management. On the same day the class X teachers of 2011 were awarded for their hard work put in to reap a better harvest.

On 14 January we celebrated the Harvest Festival of Pongal, with a lot of enthusiasm and religious fervour. The staff prepared Pongal, a sweet dish from newly harvested rice and distributed to the children.



The Republic Day was celebrated in a fitting manner with a prayer for our country, its leaders and with colorful patriotic dances. Fr. Joseph, our Parish Priest gave away the prizes of the previously decided events.

Mary Ward week was observed in our school by highlighting her values in the form of prayer services.

-Sr. Mercy CJ.

Mary Ward Sadan, Puthenvelikara

With mid-night Mass we welcomed the New Year and asked for God's blessings on all of us throughout the year 2012. At the end of Mass the parish priest blessed one rupee coins and distributed a coin each to every family wishing them God's blessings and prosperity in the New Year. Believe it or not, we experienced the work of the Lord the same evening. A couple with their two children (studying in our school) visited us and gave us Rs.10000/- as building fund. Yes, "All things are possible for those who believe in Him". We were indeed lucky to have Fr. Jose Thayil S.J. for the Congregational Feast Day. He offered Mass for us recalling to mind the special charism SJs and CJs share. Bearing the name of Jesus he highlighted the importance of following the values of Jesus in our lives.

From 23 - 30 Jan., we kept up the Mary Ward week with prayers and celebrations both in the community as well as in the school.

2 Feb. was chosen for blessing the newly erected school building. Though the work was not yet completed, we combined the blessing ceremony and the annual day

celebrations in the school. Sr. Feby inaugurated the building and Msgr. Dominic Pinheiro prayed and blessed the new structure in the presence of priests, sisters, engineers, some parents and well wishers.

On 3 Feb. we welcomed our sisters from various communities who came for participating in the GC. 2011 sharing. Thanks to Sr. Feby for taking the trouble to prepare it well and present it in a receptive manner.

Sr. Alma

Shanti Sadan

Christmas was celebrated on 23rd Dec. Our students acted out a beautiful drama on birth of Jesus, accompanied by Christmas carols and Christmas Mass. Sr. Linda gave Christmas message to students and staff. The air was filled with excitement as all the children wanted to dance with the Christmass papa. A prayer service was conducted for our teachers and co-workers and lunch was served for all.

Our annual day was well organised by Sr. Suma and the teachers. Mr. Rego, our Advocate and Benefactor appreciated Mary Ward and her mission which is continued today by our sisters. We were delighted to have the presence of Srs. Feby, Vinaya and Suchita at the function.

Mary Ward week was celebrated in the school and the community, reflecting on the life and work of Mary Ward. As a part of the celebration the students visited a Home for the Aged and distributed things that could be used by them.

On 28th we joined Maria Sadan community in thanking and praising God for three young sisters who took their final vows.

Our teachers had prepared a meaningful prayer service to bid farewell to the tenth class students, Sr. Linda gave a short message and Sr. Suma said a prayer of blessing over them and at the end of which the community sang the hymn God will take care of you.

Nava Spurthi wishes all its readers a blessed Season of Lent . May it bring all the blessings and graces needed for your mission. Have a blessed and fruitful Lent.



Your prayers for:

Sr. Jaya's mother, who was knocked down by a bike, broken both bones of one leg.

Sr. Anupa's mother (Allahabad Province) who expired on 25 Dec.

Sr. Florence's nephew who died on 8 January.

Sr. Manju's nephew Mr. Jose who expired on 14 January

Sr. Regis' elder brother who expired on 18 January.

Sr. Borgia's Nephew who expired on 30 Jan. He was 17 years old.

Sr. Rashmi's Brother, Bernard who died on 5 Feb. He was 42 years old.

Sr. Amala who had to undergo an operation to remove the rod from her ankle.

Sr. Mariella's father Mr. Mathew who expired on 10 Feb. He was 98 years old.

*Sr. Stella's brothers Mr. Pappachan who expired on 22 Feb. He was 67 years old. And
Mr. Joseph who expired on 24th Feb. He was 75 years old.*

