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" Be convinced that God will always give you what is best for you " - Ven. Mary Ward

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Maria Sadan Regional House, Bangalore

Significant events and joyful occurrences marked the month of April at Maria Sadan. We bid farewell to Sr. Daisy, our former Regional Superior, and Sr. Christine, the Secretary. The Holy Mass celebrated by Fr. Anand Raj CMF, appropriately expressed gratitude to the Lord for Sr. Daisy's leadership over the past five years in the Bangalore Region.

We warmly welcomed Sr. Shradha CJ as our new Regional Superior of the Bangalore Region, along with Sr. Nelcy CJ, who assumed the role of Secretary. The missioning of Sr. Shradha and her team, comprising Srs. Lima, Edwina, Rosemary, Mahima, and Nelcy were a joyous event on 12 April. Sr. Daisy and her team conducted a solemn ceremony where the mantle of leadership was passed on to the new team in the presence of sisters from all the communities. Fr. Josy D'Mello SJ celebrated the Holy Eucharist, invoking God's blessings, and emphasized the divine origin and purpose of our congregation and its leadership. The beautiful hymns led by Sr. Japa CJ and the choir further enhanced the celebration. The following day, Fr. Joseph Lobo SJ from Ashirvad, Bangalore, conducted an orientation for the new leadership team.



Sr. Lilian CJ from the Nepal Region who stayed in our community for treatment left for Kathmandu. She was accompanied by Sr. Daisy.



The new team at Maria Sadan paid an official visit to Bangalore Archbishop Rt. Rev. Dr. Peter Machado and the Parish Priest and Rector, Fr. Martin Kumar.

Srs. Pratima (Patna Province) and Rupali (Bangalore Region) successfully completed their B.Ed. Degrees with good percentages from Al-Ameen College, Bangalore. Meanwhile, Srs. Christine and Nelcy embarked on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Additionally, Sr. Auxilia was assigned to a collaborative mission with the Loreto sisters in Trichy.



We had the pleasure of hosting a visit from some of our sisters from Nepal while Sr. Monica joined the Indian Institute of Theology for a course.

The birthday of Sr. Shradha was celebrated with her mother and family members, and she commenced her busy schedule of visiting the communities within the Region.

Noteworthy transfers and programs also took place in April. Sr. Biyona, our youngest Junior, was transferred to Begur, and on June 20, Sr. Rupali left for her tertianship program in Namchi. We extended a warm

welcome to Sr. Sabrina IBVM, the Provincial of Loreto, and her team, who visited our house.

Shanthi Sadan Convent, Begur

In April, the foundation was laid for the extension of our school. Fr. Jason MCBS celebrated the Eucharist, invoking God's blessings on this new project and for its successful completion.

Our Class 10 students made us proud by securing 100 per cent results. Well done, students! We are proud of you!

The New Academic year 2023-24 began with a five-day Orientation Programme for the Staff highlighting Life skills, Orientation on NEP and Teachers' Interactive Digital Panel Training. Action plans for JPIC and FMW were formulated for the academic year 2023-24.



The school reopened on June 1, wherein the new students were warmly welcomed through a prayer service. The school was blessed on the same day by Fr. Jason.



Sr. Shradha came on her visitation along with the new animator of the community, Sr. Edwina. A solemn and meaningful installation ceremony was conducted by Sr. Shradha, followed by Holy Eucharist.

On June 15, we had the solemn Investiture Ceremony of the High School section. The office bearers of the student council pledged their oath to render their services with total commitment. Sr. Edwina, the manager delivered a message to the students on this occasion.





Later the Primary section, too, had the Investiture Ceremony.

Students of Std X B initiated Seed Bank and Sapling Bank as one of the activities exhibiting their love and care for Mother Earth. The primary section celebrated green day.



Sr. Irene (Patna Province), the pioneer in Begur, visited us. She was delighted to see the progress that has taken place. She was happy to meet her old friends.

Sr. Edwina, along with Srs. Anjali and Georgia attended a five-day training program at Ashirwad on Leadership and Governance. It was very informative and enriching. Sr. Biyona teaches Catechism for students of our parish at Chikkakamnahalli.

On June 24, JPIC and FMW Clubs were inaugurated for High School Section.



On the same day, the tiny tots of the Pre-Primary had their Green Day celebration.

Bannerghatta CRI Zone organized a Prayer Meet imploring God's intervention and blessings on the people of Manipur at Mount St. Joseph on 25th June. We joined the prayer meet in solidarity. A large number of priests and religious attended it.

Mary Ward Illam, Mittapalli.

The school bade farewell to Sr. Divya, Sr. Auxilia and teachers Mrs. Reshma Singh and Mrs. Menaga on April 10. We thanked them all for their sincere and dedicated the service to the school. Sr. Divya left Mary Ward Illam on May 1. On May 4, the community bid farewell to Sr. Auxilia, who completed her term of office as an animator. On May 6th Sr. Angeli was installed as the animator of community by our Regional Superior, Sr. Shradha.

Sr. Suma joined our Mittapalli community as the Principal of the school.



On June 3, Sr. Divya's Silver Jubilee was celebrated. Her parents and relatives, friends neighbouring priests and religious were present on the occasion, thanking the Lord for her 25 grace-filled years in God's service.

The academic year 2023-2024 began on June 12. The newly appointed teachers were welcomed.



Environment Day was celebrated in the school to instil in the students an awareness of the protection of Mother Earth, and class XII students planted trees in the campus.



The Investiture Ceremony was held in the school on June 15. In her message, the manager, Sr. Angeli, encouraged the students to uphold the school's legacy and spoke of the importance of leadership qualities.



International Yoga Day was observed in the school. The theme of this year made it all the more special - *Yoga for Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam*, which signifies "the world is one family".

St. Mary's Convent Mulund

Sr. Prasanna attended a renewal program at Lonavala from April 12 to May 27. She came back refreshed and renewed. On April 17, the community gave farewell to Sr. Edwina. The day

began with the Holy Eucharist. We sincerely thank Sr. Edwina for her generous service to the students, Staff, and the community.



Sr. Mary Jude left for her eternal reward on May 29. We miss her presence.

School Activities

In June, the ICSE School reopened, bringing excitement. A notable highlight was the newly furnished classrooms in the new building, where the UKG students to Grade II classes had their classes for the first time. Parents and students were delighted to witness the beautifully decorated classrooms, colourful furniture, and smart TVs. The following day, the LKG students were warmly welcomed, and an orientation on parenting was organized for their parents.

On June 16, the State Board School also commenced its academic year, coinciding with a special blessing ceremony conducted by Fr. Aaron, the assistant priest of St. Pius X Church, Mulund, for both the schools and the convent. Additionally, on June 21, we observed Yoga Day, with students from the primary and secondary sections participating in a one-hour display of yoga exercises under the guidance of our physical education trainers.

April was a bustling month with exams and new admissions, while June marked a fresh start for us with the appointment of Srs. Sherly as the school's Principal, and Divya as the Vice Principal. Their leadership brought renewed energy and enthusiasm to the institution. Furthermore, our 10th-grade students, totalling 259, achieved remarkable success in their exams, performing exceptionally well.



To enhance the professional development of our teachers, an orientation on the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 was conducted by Beena Sabastian, the Principal of St. Xavier's College of Education.



This orientation provided valuable insights and updates to align our teaching practices with the latest educational framework.

At the Staff meeting, Srs. Sherly and Divya led the entire Staff in prayer. And the Staff welcomed the new Principal and the Vice Principal.

We had the first PTA meeting of this academic year. There was an election conducted in each class by the respective class teachers. And the elected members had the executive body meet in the AV room. Students and teachers are in full swing with the academics.

Mary Ward Niwas, Umralla

On May 1, the feast of St. Joseph the Worker, the patron of our parish, was celebrated. The youth staged a colourful cultural program in the late evening. The youth put up many stalls for food items and games in the church campus. The presence and co-operation of sisters were an encouragement to the youth.

On June 4, the youth of our parish had a mini program arranged by the parents of the youth to encourage them to work for the parish and build up their self-confidence. Our sisters were part of this venture.

We are very active in our pastoral ministry by taking the Holy Communion to the homebound, teaching Catechism, visiting families, and working with the youth.



Mary Ward Convent and Nirmala Public School, Pizhaku

Thanksgiving Day was observed on April 4 as we closed the school for summer vacation. April and May were a time of relaxation and renewal for us since most of us went on holidays and made retreats in different places. We attended our neighbouring community blessing ceremony of CSSR fathers.



We are privileged to have the visit of our sisters from our provinces and some other guests from Karnataka. We were blessed with 100% results. Thirty-five students appeared for the exam. On May 31, an orientation programme was conducted for the teachers, the theme being 'An Effective Classroom Teaching'. All the teachers appreciated the informative and inspiring session. With renewed energy, the new academic session of 2023-24 commenced.



The students conducted a meaningful prayer service during which we had the opening ceremony for the **Silver Jubilee year** of the school.



The entire school was blessed, and Holy Mass and Confessions were arranged, seeking God's blessings upon the academic year and on all of us.

June 5 marked World Environment Day. JPIC club members conducted a prayer assembly. The JPIC AGM report was presented by the school representatives who attended the AGM in Calcutta. At the end of it, we announced the

theme of the year, '**Water Conservation**'. Specific sign boards are placed near the tap and on

the bulletin boards to give awareness to save water. Every class brought a sapling to plant in the school premises.

An orientation was conducted for the students by Frs. Bijo and Jisoy CSSR on psychosexual integration.



Our school manager, Sr. Lucia, was the chief guest at the solemn Investiture Ceremony. The captains and various club leaders took oath in the presence of the entire NPS team. The moderators were

honoured and congratulated.

On June 12, we welcomed 20 tiny tots to our play school and 50 little ones to LKG. They were welcomed with a crown and balloons.

On National Reading Day, June 19, the DCL club members conducted a prayer service and gave a message in English and Malayalam to instil a thirst for reading in the students. We wished our librarian on this special day. Sr. Suchita, our Principal, inaugurated the day by distributing books to the students in the library. Students took turns to read the books in the library.



We welcomed Sr. Shradha, our Regional Superior, to our community and the school. A colorful programme was organized to welcome her, and in return, she gave them a message, encouraging them to be better persons in the Society. After that, Sr. Shradha met the Staff, teaching, and non-teaching, separately and the Parish Priest. The senior members of our community accompanied her to our communities at Thuruthipuram and Puthenvelikara.



The Annual General Body meeting was conducted on June 24, and our parents had the privilege of attending a session on 'Happy Parenting', the current situation and the importance of safeguarding.

House-wise poster-making and caption-writing competitions were held on Anti-Drug Day

Mary Ward, Puthenvelikara

Jubilee celebrations – In April, our community celebrated the Diamond Jubilee of Sr. Francisca and silver jubilee of Sr. Rosemary. Our parish priest Rev. Fr. Noel Kurishinkal, was the main celebrant. We were happy to have him for the celebration. Some of their relations, Staff and well-wishers were also present.

Hearty Congratulations to you, dear sisters!



Sr. Georgia was installed as the new animator of our community on May 4th by Sr. Shradha. Sr. Susan joined the community.

Some of the parishioners from Umralla had come for a retreat at Muringoor, and a few visited us. They had a pleasant time with us.

At the beginning of new session the teachers were given training and practice for using

the interactive Panel in the classroom and an Orientation on Ignatian Pedagogical Paradigm (IPP) and leadership.

The school reopened on June 1. The new academic year began by seeking God's blessings upon the school. Rev. Fr. Noel Kurishinkal, the parish priest of Lourd Matha Church, offered Holy Eucharist and blessed the children and the whole compound.

The school band welcomed the little ones of Kinder Garten and their parents. They were taken to their classrooms and then taken home by their parents after a while.



The school celebrated Environment Day, and the students of class IX highlighted the importance of protecting our environment and saying no to plastic. The children and Staff welcomed manager Sr. Georgia and Principal Sr. Vidya by giving a bouquet.



The Investiture Ceremony was held on June 13. The chief guest, Mr. Mohan Das, Inspector of Police, Puthenvelikara, gave an inspiring message to the students.

National Reading Day was highlighted at the class assembly conducted by Class IX with the help of their class teacher Mrs. Preethi.

The Excise Preventive Officer conducted a class on ‘Narcotic Substances and Adolescents’ for the parents of high school students.

St. Mary’s Convent School, Alakode

The school was bustling in April. Report cards and books were distributed. The community and the school bade farewell to three of our sisters whose services were well appreciated and welcomed our new Principal Sr. Rose Mary, and new members Sr. Christine and Sr. Elsa were added to the community.

During the recollection days, one of the Dominican priests enlightened the community on the importance of the Eucharist, Mission and Community Life. A one-day orientation was organized for the teachers, and the topic was ‘The Teacher is a Mentor.’ On June 1, the school welcomed the new academic year with a pop show. All the classrooms were decorated. It was a joy to see the beaming faces of our children as they entered the campus. Fun, laughter and noise on the campus added more energy to our life. Our Parish Priest blessed the entire school building.

On June 5, our little toddlers entered the campus, and our primary school children welcomed them with a beautiful program. On Environment Day, the Eco Club arranged a meaningful program. Mrs. Anju M. Sunny (Krishi Officer Alakode), the Chief Guest, made the students aware of the importance of avoiding the use of plastic in our daily life. Our teachers put up a miniature forest on the stage.



Class XI students were welcomed to our school, gifting them



each a plant.

On June 16, a short but delightful program was



arranged to welcome Sr. Shradha, or regional superior to Alakode. She enlightened the students on the Charism of Mary Ward. Sr. Shradha met the sisters, all the teaching and non-teaching Staff of the school and community.



Reading Day was observed to mark the importance of reading. The Language Club put up an enriching program. The students of class XII arranged a reading corner and a book exhibition. Now we see students use their free time joyfully reading books.



On International Yoga Day, Yoga exercises were shown by our former student Kumari Aishwarya Vinoy, a Yoga Champion. She enlightened our students on the importance of daily exercises and
Surya
Namaskar.

School Parliament Election was conducted on June 22. The school campus was in a mood for election as candidates moved around canvassing for votes. This year students of classes VI and up had digital voting. House captains and vice captains were elected, and Head Boy, Head Girl and Games Captains were appointed.

P T A General Body Meeting took place on June 24. P T A Executive members were elected. The Auditorium was packed with parents who were given a talk on Effective Parenting. All the parents appreciated the talk. The resource person stressed the topics of childhood, adolescent problems, and Drug addiction. On June 26, we had a drug awareness program for classes seven and up. Sr. Dr. Lucia FCC gave a talk on drug abuse which the teachers and students appreciated well.



As per the instructions of the CBSE Board, we started Pre-KG. At present, we have 14 tiny tots. The school continues its daily routine in full swing.

Jyothir Bhawan Convent, Thuruthipuram

Our great benefactor Rt. Rev. Mgr. Sebastian Kunnathoor left for his eternal reward on April 14. He was a great support and help to us at the initial stages of our mission over here. May his soul rest in peace!

We were happy that many of our sisters on holiday visited us during April and May. On June 11, we attended the Thanksgiving Holy Mass offered for the bishop of Kottappuram, At the retirement of Rt. Rev. Joseph Karikkassery, Rt. Rev. Alex Joseph Vadakumthala was appointed and installed as the Apostolic Administrator of the diocese.