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Region Assembly

Bangalore Region had its first **Region Assembly** in two groups. 25 of our sisters had gathered in Maria Sadan from 2 - 4 May and 20 sisters from 7 - 9 May. Fr. P.D. Mathew S.J. (Supreme Court Lawyer) was our resource person. The first day was dedicated to reflect on our Vision and Mission, stressing the importance of having the **vision of Jesus**, looking through the eyes of Jesus. If our vision is self oriented,



our mission will also be self oriented, in which case, there is the danger of the Congregation of Jesus (CJ) collapsing into Congregation of Judas (CJ). Mary Ward had the vision/spirit of Jesus. **Divine Love** was the driving force that helped her to labour strenuously for the Glory of God. Fr.

PD Mathew exhorted us to be rooted in the Love of Jesus, be united in Love and march ahead in Love, to the future to fulfil our mission of love.

The next two days were spent in reflecting on **Human Rights**, in general and very specially in **Education**. He stressed the importance of knowing our rights so that we can give life to the lifeless and bring justice to the marginalized. During the three days we had very meaningful Eucharistic Celebration based on our mission and the spirit and life of Mary Ward.



We stole half a day to explain how to draw up a budget. Sr. Japa explained to the audience how to move ahead with it and how we could build up the region financially.

Diamond Jubilee

May 10, 2011 was a great occasion for us, celebrating the **Diamond Jubilee of Sr. Alphonsa**. The presence of all our sisters who were gathered for the Region Assembly doubled our joy on this special occasion. All of us CJs, together with the relatives of Sr. Alphonsa, thanked God for His wonderful gift of the person she is, to the Institute and for all that He has accomplished in and through her.



Seminar on Discernment of Spirits & Prayer

From 15 - 22 May, twenty five CJs from the Indo Nepal provinces attended a course on **Discernment** at Mount St. Joseph's, Bangalore. Every one appreciated the wonderful opportunity offered to so many of us.



Discernment means separating God's voice from other voices in one's heart, and by being in touch with one's heart.

Fr. Terrance SJ, a senior and experienced person in the spirituality of Ignatius, **explained to us:**

A Foundations of Discernment of Spirits:

1. Why some people have wrong idea of God?
2. God has a plan for me. (Gen 12:1)
3. God speaks to me in my heart. (Deut 30:11-14)
4. Satan too speaks to me. (Mk 1:12)

B Spiritual Feelings:

- (i) **Consolation** (ii) **Desolation**

The forces of **Good Spirit** and **Evil Spirit** continually influence our heart. Human heart is a battle ground. **Good Spirit** is God himself - good angel and good desires. **Evil Spirit** is Satan, - my selfishness, the influence of the sinful world.

C Three Degrees of Consolation

First: Experience of spiritual tears when one is touched by God's goodness, touched by the passion of Jesus or one's own sinfulness.

Second: Experience of increased faith, hope and charity.

Third: Experience of deep peace and joy which attracts one to heavenly things. Consolation goes deeper as we progress in prayer life.

The seminar was very much informative and enriching. On behalf of all the participants, I take this opportunity to thank the COIN for making it possible for us to attend it. *Sr.Japa*

Mary Ward, Puthenvelikara

A meaningful Eucharist was celebrated to bid farewell to Sr. Thomasina and in appreciation for all the services rendered to the community, school and the parish. Sr. Alma took over as the animator of the community in the presence of all the members of both the communities in Puthenvelikara and Thuruthipuram.

All of us, except Sr. Seema, who had gone to Bombay for her exams, attended the Region Assembly. The topics dealt with, gave us spiritual insight into our life as religious and also the importance of Law in

Human Rights. On our return from Bangalore, Sr. Alma, directed a three day recollection for both our communities that helped to re-charge our spirits.

The long awaited results of Class X was declared on 17 May, all 35 students passed, 25 with distinction and 10 with first division. Congrats to all our sisters and teachers and especially to our Sr. Nilima.

It was a joy for us to meet our sisters from the North as they were on holiday to Kerala. Their visit was a kind of reunion. Sr. Thomasina left for Mittappally after spending some days with her ailing father. Sr. Annette joined our fold on 31 May.

The heat was so intense that we prayed for rain. The Lord heard our prayer, our whole compound and some of the classrooms were flooded as we have no proper drainage system. On 1 June, though it rained cats and dogs, we welcomed the little ones to the school, wishing them a happy and fruitful academic year.

News from Umralla

The month of May was filled with celebrations and activities. 1 May, being the Feast of St. Joseph, the patron of our parish, was celebrated on a grand scale with Holy Eucharist, fellowship meal and a very colourful entertainment by our parishioners.

We were kept busy in the parish at various occasions such as the Final Vows of three OFM brothers, first communion of thirty four children, etc. 15 May was a grace-filled day for all of us in the parish. We were privileged to welcome to our parish over 300 physically challenged, from different parts of our diocese for a **Snehamelava**. It was organized by ABHANGA, an association run by the Vasai Diocese. We, together with our candidate, Rupali, were happy to serve them and to see to all their needs.

From 15 - 31 May, our parish celebrated the **CROSS Feast**, that is, the members of every zone gathered before the Cross, celebrated the Eucharist and recited the rosary daily.

Once again our house vibrates with life and joyful utterances with the presence of the tiny tots who have taken admission in the nursery.

Mary Ward Illam, Mittappally

13 May was a great day for our community. Sr. Georgia CJ was installed as the superior of our community. We wish her God's blessings and all the best in guiding our community. On 19th, a civil engineer, Mr. Mathew started the drainage work in our school premise. Another exciting event was the declaration of the result of the second batch of Class X students. 19 students appeared for the examination, 10 students secured distinction, and 9 first division, the highest percentage being 95. On 29th, we bade farewell to Sr. Angeli. The community is grateful to both Srs. Angeli and Elsa for their whole-hearted service to the community and the school. On 30 May, Sr. Smitha CJ of Nepal, the pioneer of this mission, paid us a short visit.

On 1 June, Sr. Thomasina joined our community. On 6 June the school staff, officially welcomed Sr. Georgia, the correspondent of the school, Sr. Thomsina and seven new teachers. Rev. Fr. Praveen SDB and Prof. Arokiaraj conducted one day orientation programme for our Class X students. They highlighted on

personal growth and academic excellence of the students and how to face challenges in this modern competitive world. The orientation for our teachers made them aware of how they can achieve the best in their teaching career.

Sr. Mercy CJ

Silver Bells

The Silver Jubilarians of 2012 **Srs.Vibha, Nisha, Annie, Grace, Jessy, Seema & Suma**, attended a program in Kochi, at SANTIGRAM on Psycho Spiritual Integration, Inner Healing and Renewal of Consecrated Life, from 4 -12 June, in preparation for their Jubilee Celebrations. They had time to reflect on **the spiritual aspects of their life**, that is, their relationship with God and one another in their twenty five years of their spiritual journey. Prayer life, service to one another in the community and to the people and cultivating social qualities were much stressed.

Nava Spurthi congratulates and wishes all our jubilarians God's abundant blessings and many more years of fruitful and loving service to the needy and the marginalized in the CJ.

Congratulations to our dear sisters Sheetal, Ajaya, Chetana, Shradha, Pragya and Vidya who passed in their B.A. final Exams.



Please pray for the repose of the souls of -

Sr. Annette's sister-in-law Marykutty (60) who expired on 11 May

Sr. Alma's father (94) who expired on 13 June

Sr. Borgia's uncle, Mr. Joseph (88) who expired on 16th June.

Nava Spurthi wishes all our Schools a very delightful beginning and a fruitful Academic Year!