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Nava Spurthi

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all its readers

Merry Christmas



Avery Happy

&

Prosperous

New Year 2012!!



## A Very Big Thank U

Sr. Rashmi has left for Patna on 18 Dec. via Bangalore. We are grateful to Rashmi for her committed service to the communities in the region. May the Lord bless her and we wish her God's abundant blessing in her future ministry.

## St. Mary's, Mulund



Beauty of Nature energizes one. So, as soon as the school closed in Oct., off went some of our sisters to a

farmhouse at Palghar where flowers of rare beauty were blooming. They also went to Mahabaleshwar – a hill station – to relax and revitalize their spirits.

Another group went with Sr. Theodora to her nephew's place in Colaba. Theodora stayed on with the family and the others moved on to enjoy the soothing waters of the seaside nearby.

22 to 24 Oct. saw Srs. Lima and Smitha in Delhi attending a seminar on '**Educational Rights of Minorities**' given by a team of advocates organized by ISI. The team consists of Fr. P.D Mathew S.J.; Advocate Jessy Kurian, Dr. K.P Raju and Dr. Bhatti.

From 25 Oct to 2 Nov the sisters at SMC were in deep silence and reflection as Fr. Jose Thayil S.J led them with his inspiring talks and guidance to the conclusion of a much appreciated retreat. Childrens' Day celebration was spread over three days this year as the whole school could not be accommodated at one stretch for the celebration in which the teachers entertained the students.

On 26 Nov. the students celebrated Sr. Lima's birthday, a unique feature of which was that many students brought potted plants instead of flowers to wish her. These plants are now part of

students' garden "MARIA" which is entirely looked after by themselves.

Sr. Mary Jude returned after having conducted a seminar on '**Education Ministry through the eyes of Mary ward**' to the teachers of our schools in the Region. In between, on 5 Nov. she lost her brother 'Joy' and so rushed to Kerala to attend the funeral. She expresses her deep gratitude to each one of you, dear sisters, for your precious prayers for him and to the sisters in Kerala who attended the funeral. Special thanks to Sr. Georgia who made all the



arrangements for the tickets and accompanied her to Kerala.

The ex-students of 1981 and 1982 batches met in November, at SMC. This is the first of a series of meetings with ex-students which Sr. Mary Jude will be having as preparation for the formation of the '**ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION**' of SMC. They were very excited as they met one another after many years and are eager to use their knowhow and expertise in various fields to help the school and the society.

*Sr. Mary Jude*

## Mary ward, Puthenvelikara

The grand opening ceremony of the silver jubilee of our Kottapuram Diocese was on 9 October 2011. In the course of the year various meaningful activities are organized, such as the couples whose Silver Jubilee fall this year, were honoured by the Diocese with a meaningful liturgy followed by token gifts, mementos and lunch for all. The couples were indeed thrilled by this gesture.

In the middle of October, Sr. Mary Jude conducted a seminar on Education Ministry for our teachers who found it very enriching. We do admire your enthusiasm and good will in imparting your knowledge and helping others.

Side by side Fr. Dias gave an orientation to our senior students based on 'Personality Development'. It was well appreciated by our students.

Sr. Esther had the privilege of spending some time with her friend Sr. Stephanie C.J. and also visiting her sister. Sad to say that many of our sisters lost their dear ones in the recent past. Wherever possible we do attend the funeral services. Sr. Alma accompanied Sr. Francisca to Amala hospital as she got the news of her brother's serious illness. Since the hospital couldn't do much for him he was discharged and he breathed his last at Vayanad. R.I.P.

Srs. Alma and Sherly attended a meeting of the heads of ICSE schools at Kottayam. The main issue was the raising of the salary of the teachers equal to that of the state schools. In the rural set up of our schools, it is indeed a herculean task.

The teachers wished and entertained the students on Childrens' Day. At the end of the programme the children were served sweets.

On 21 November at the combined celebration of the Feast Day of our sisters Imma, Alma and Jyotsana from our two communities, the parish priests of both Puthenvelikara and Thruthipuram concelebrated the Holy Mass. Our candidates were part and parcel of all the celebrations. Thanks to our sisters of both the communities who arranged everything so well. In the last week of November, Sr. Sherly attended a course in Hyderabad, the film city, conducted for the principals of ICSE schools.

**Sr. Alma**

### **Mary Ward, Mittappally**

The community in Mittappally celebrated the 60<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of Sr. Bernie on 19 October. Our parish priest Rev. Fr. Joseph offered a meaningful Holy Mass imploring



God's blessing upon her.

Sr. Mary Jude conducted an orientation programme on Ignation Padagogy for our staff. It was very helpful and enriching for our teachers. We appreciate Sister Mary Jude's enthusiasm and eagerness to improve our education ministry.



Another important event was the silver jubilee celebration of Sr. Mercy on 12 Nov. The priest who was instrumental for her vocation, was the main celebrant.

Twelve of our students participated in the interschool Art Competition conducted by Lion's Club Association in Uthangarai. Our students secured first and third positions.

Two of our teachers and students attended **Live Skill** training programme conducted by Krishnagiri AIDS control Unit, enabling them to become aware of HIV and growth development among teenage students.

14 November, the Childrens' Day was celebrated with a prayer service followed by a colourful programme by our teachers to entertain the students.

### **Maria Bhawan, Umralla**

At this time, our small compound in Umralla is teeming with 43 nursery children who keep us busy and active. It is a matter of great joy and satisfaction to see their eagerness to learn.

Celebrations filled the months of November and December. Sr. Cyrilla's birthday was celebrated on 18 Nov. with a meaningful Eucharist and a fellowship meal in the company of our Srs. Lima, Smita & Divya from Mulund.

25 children of our parish received their first Holy Communion. We are now busy preparing for the

Priestly Ordination of 8 Deacons which will take place in our parish.

Sr. Prasanna together with the Sunday school children are on the move for carol singing in preparation for Christmas.

*Sr. Prasanna*

### **Shanti Sadan, Begur**

The month of October was a month of activities, retreat, picnics, etc. Our LKG and UKG children were the first ones to go for a picnic followed by other classes.

Sr. Deepa, the tertian director and our tertians paid us a short visit. The latter had come for their long retreat. We had many surprise visits of our sisters and their relations.

On the 8 Nov. Sr. Mary Jude shared with us Mary Ward's way of education. Our teachers were touched by her enthusiasm and service at this age.

A children's festival was organised with many games, entertainment programmes, food stalls, etc. The teachers prepared a meaningful prayer service and put up a short entertainment programme on Childrens' Day. It was a joyful day for children. They also had inter school completions in Christ College and they won 2nd & 3rd prizes. Sr. Suma attended a seminar in Hyderabad for the heads of ICSE schools.

Srs. Linda and Suma attended the sharing of GC 2011 in Alakode. The staff and students celebrated the feast of Sr. Suma on 8 December with a meaningful prayer service and a short programme by the students. On 17 December was the Christmas get together of the religious of this area. Each community contributed a short item. This helped us to come to know each other better.

*Sr. Linda C.J*

### **Your Prayers for:**

Sr. Christa's younger brother, Nevile who died of a massive heart attack.

For Sr. Gemma's nephew who expired last week.

For Sr. Crescence and all ours who are sick.

For our tertians who will be taking their Final Vows on 28 January 2012 in Bangalore and for our postulants, Rita and Agnes who will be received into the novitiate on 10 February in Patna.

*All shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of things shall be well.*

*Julian of Norwich*

