



ALLAHABAD NEWS LETTER APRIL -JUNE 2023



Wishing you all an awesome April starting with awe inspiring Palm Sunday, known as Passion Sunday. "There is nobility in compassion, a beauty in empathy and a grace in forgiveness." April has put a spirit of youth in everything. May this Easter season bring us renewed faith, immense healing and unlimited love. As the Risen Lord greeted the Apostles, Peace Be with you!

On 11th April, the New Academic Year 2023-2024 started from 7.00 a.m. to 12 noon as per D.M.'s order. Sr. Sumita left for home leave the same night. Prior to her departure, Mother General's letter was read out, announcing the reappointment of Sister for a second term. With our greetings and prayers, she left, Sr. Vinaya was the acting superior in her absence.

Sr. Annie brought her Mother, brother and his family who were on a holiday trip. Sr. Grace's brother, sister and brother-in-law just dropped in for a short visit and took her out with them for a few hours. A few sisters went to the Vianni Home to wish Fr. Kamath on his Diamond Jubilee. Sr. Regina joined the '21' group to Rihand Nagar for the Silver Jubilee of Fr. Baptist.

Sr. Preeti had a black out and fell in the chapel just before she was getting ready for Holy

Communion. She sustained a cut on her head which is not very serious. Of late she had shown tremendous improvement by frequenting to the Chapel for Mass and at times for community prayers too. Praise the Lord! Sr. Tara's brother, sister-in law with their baby were with us for a day.

On 26th by 5.30 p.m. we were given the shocking news of Bishop Emeritus Isidore Fernandes' sudden demise by a massive heart attack. To pay the last homage to the departed soul, each Institution was given an hour and ours was from 7 to 8 p.m. His body was laid out in the bishop's house. On 29th at 10 a.m. the final rites were conducted live streaming in the Seminary open ground and the body was interred in the sacristy of the Cathedral, next to Bishop Mudartha. Thus, a saga has come to an end, but he will remain in the hearts of the faithful for a longtime to come, for he was a person-oriented Bishop reaching out to those in need. May his soul rest in Peace. R.I.P.

The Friends of Mary Ward group I completed their social work activity by distributing personal hygienic items like tooth paste and brush, oil, shampoo bathing soap and detergent bar to the leprosy patients, at TLM Hospital, Naini. God bless you, FMW! Never walk away from someone who deserves help; your hand is God's hand for that person.

Monthly Malayalam Mass was in our Chapel. One of the Parishners, an SJC student Shreyas Thomas Sebastian received First Holy Communion from the hands of His Excellency Most Rev. Bishop Joseph Kollamparambil- Auxiliary Bishop of the Eparchy of Shamshabad and he and his elder brother were confirmed by his Excellency. Dinner was served for all in our lower hall while we were treated to dinner in our dining room with the Bishop and the visiting priests. Fr. Baiju Varghese was assisting the Bishop.

“We think, we listen, but very rarely do we listen with real understanding, true empathy. Yet listening, of this very special kind, is one of the most potent forces for change.” Carl Rogers. The month of May dawned with an aura of dignity of work. The feast of St. Joseph the worker. We had Solemn High Mass in his honour and the school greeted the workers with prayers and a short program. Each was given a token gift by the students as a sign of gratitude for all that they do for them. A very good gesture from the side of the students! The Rosary month – we faithfully recited the Rosary with great devotion, believing that the Rosary is the most powerful weapon against the devil.

Sr. Deepa CJ came from Puranpur representing the Delhi Province to complete the drafting of Safety measures in schools, in formation houses and in all our Coin Institutions. Sr. Monica’s two nephews spent two days with their aunt and returned on 6th Saturday. They were a bit disappointed to meet their aunt in that poor state, she did not even recognize them. Sr. Carola was reached here on transfer by Srs. Prabha and Sheela.

Another ‘Octogenarian’—Sr. Delphine! The previous day celebrations started with special prayers and the next day, Fr. Baiju Varghese from the Seminary offered Mass for Sister. Sr. Surabhi’s choir gave a melodious effect to the singing. Fathers from nearby houses and sisters



from 21 and Rajapur came to join in the fun and laughter with Sister. Since Saturday was Night Vigil, the organised recreation was on Sunday.

The ISC, ICSE results are excellent! Congratulations to the Principal, staff and students! Sr. Sumita came back from home. She was bitten by their own dog mistaking her to be an outsider. By the grace of God, it averted a serious accident. Alsatians are very good watch dogs, but very ferocious too. When he realized the mistake, as a mark of remorse, he stopped barking for some time it seems. Poor chap! The wound is fast healing. Sr. Vinaya left for Jhansi to attend the LOP (Life Orientation Program) for the youth, on 18th.

“Strength grows when we dare, unity grows when we pair, love grows when we share, and relationship grows when we care.” On 24th morning, Sr. Monica took a bad turn. The Parish Priest was informed and the Asst. Parish priest, Fr. Anil Abrew administered the last sacraments. By 8.15 a.m. Sr. Monica joined her Lord and Master peacefully. On 25th at 8.15 a.m. the coffin was blessed by Fr. H. Tauro the parish priest and The Requiem Mass started at 9 a.m. by Fr. Thomas Kumar along with 3 other priests. By 11 a.m. Sr. Monica was laid to rest in the Rajapur cemetery,

thus the last member of the first batch from Kerala bade good bye to us. Bye Monica, till we meet again.



Welcome June! May you bring peace and love. Sr. Vinaya left for Sadhana Sadan for the ADLOP- 2023 from 1st to 10th June. Sr. Alma joined our community after her graduation in



Bhopal. She would be pursuing the B.Ed course in ECC, Prayagraj, with Sr. Grace. On 2nd at 5 p.m. some of ours attended the Inauguration of the LOP.

The Summer Camp for the little ones in the school was closed with a grand finale.



Sad to hear of the sudden demise of Sr. Hildaguard, a true lover of nature and environment and a committed daughter of Venerable Mary Ward. R.I.P.

The auditors have come to check the accounts after almost two years and they were happy and radiant at the a/c presentation. Sr. Sumita had a quick visit to Patna with Sr. Shweta to inquire about our Novices and came back after two days. Srs. Grace and Alma had a spiritual break in '21' in the 'Juniors Meet' before their college reopens.

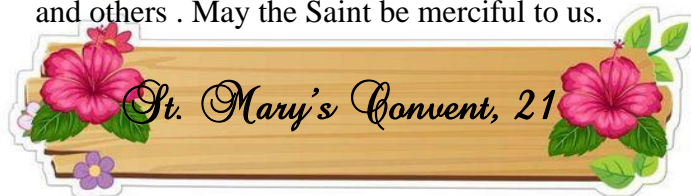
A historic Day in the history of the Allahabad Diocese! It was on this day the Holy See announced the name of the Bishop - Elect for the Diocese—Msgr Louis Mascarenhas. Almost two and a half years' experience as the Administrator of the Diocese has groomed him well. Congratulations, dear Lordship!

Sr. Lissy was reached by Srs. Mariette, Anupa and their assistant Parish Priest. She would succeed Sr. Jyoti. The community arranged for farewell, Holy Eucharist and Dinner for Sr. Jyoti on 23rd. Fr. Rector concelebrated the Mass and offered special prayers for her with rest of the Chaplains. A well prepared organized recreation is the best way of expressing our love and gratitude to her and we did it. On 24th was Sr. Monica's Month's Mind. After the Eucharist and a visit to the graveyard, the community reached Sr. Jyoti to '21'.

The Triduum was conducted by Sr. Celine from 26th to 28th and renewal of Vows was on 29th—the

feast of Sts. Peter and Paul- the two great warriors of Christ. Oh Holy Apostles, Peter and Paul intercede for us. We are deeply grieved at the Manipur massacre and have intensified our prayers, especially during the recollection days.

30th June was another significant Day for us in Allahabad. The Relic of St. John Paul II was received at the entrance of Sadhana Sadan at 8 a.m. today as 'Intercession Journey'. A prayer Service was conducted by 'Jesus Youth' representatives at 6 .00 p.m. in the St.Joseph's College- Hogan Hall followed by Mass. Intercessory prayers were offered especially for the trouble torn areas such as Manipur, Ukraine and others . May the Saint be merciful to us.



The holy season of Lent was observed very prayerfully by fasting, praying and penance. The Holy week was a time of deep reflection and prayer for all in the community. All these observances added meaning to the celebration of Easter. On Easter day house was blessed by Fr.Isidore and Fr.Manoj followed by a homely celebration in honour of our parish priest who is celebrating his silver jubilee.

Summer season decreased the total strength of the community as many left for their home leave. Our sisters spent quality time with their dear ones and joined back the community. Some of us joined for the Jubilee celebration of the priests of our diocese. It was a joy for all of us to celebrate their dedicated lives.

God is too gracious to us and he has blessed us with five new vibrant and energetic candidates. Srs. Martha, Arpita, Alma and Scholastica had gone to bring them. Now we have eight candidates including the three students.

A number of our sisters and their relatives visited us during the holidays. Sr.Josita from Trichi was with us for a day sharing her mission experiences. She left for Sagar and on the following day returned to Trichi. Wish you all the very best dear sister.

We had three days recollection guided by Fr. Eugene. It was a renewing and rejuvenating experience for all of us. The spirit of God was guiding and leading each one especially during those days.

The relic of St. Jhon Paul II was brought to St.Joseph's College- Hogan Hall on 30th June . It was a moment of grace and blessings to all. Many of us attended the prayer service and obtained blessings through his heavenly intercession.



The Chosen

The diocese of Allahabad is blessed with a Bishop after a long prayerful waiting. Hearty congratulations to the Bishop elect, **Msgr Louis Mascarenhas**.



Rest in Peace

We were shocked to hear about the sudden demise of Bishop Isidore. All of us joined for the funeral Mass to bid farewell to him. We are indebted to you Swami ji for your dedicated and selfless services. Our Sr.Monica went for her heavenly abode peacefully. We gratefully remember her contributions to our congregation. Sr.Shweta lost her dear father Mr.Mani. Some of us joined in his final journey to the heavenly home. We were also saddened by the death of our dear Srs.Hildagard and Mary Jude who served our institute tirelessly. May all of you rest in peace.

Achievements

After the long hard labour our Sr.Neeta has become Dr. Sr. Neeta. Some of us from the community were present for her final thesis paper presentation. Well done Sr.Neeta and congratulations.



Meetings

Juniors of our province had their five days juniors meeting in 21.Fr.Pius Thekemury was the



resource person. Sr.Teresina the junior directress too took sessions for them. Sr.Cecilia left for Guwahati for the national level meeting of ACRC (association of catholic rehabilitation centres) on 28th April.

Farewell and Welcoming

We bid a fitting farewell to Srs. Teresina and Pushpa who are missioned anew in Sagar and Varanasi. The day's celebration began with the Solemn Holy Eucharist, prayer service, and ended with recreation. Thank you, dear sisters, for all that you had been to us. Sr.Teresina left for Sagar with Srs.Jane and Tina. We also thanked our chaplains Frs. Manoj and Isidore as they are entrusted with a new Mission. Thank you dear fathers for your selfless services to us.

We warmly welcomed our new community member Sr.Joyti into our 21 family. We also welcomed Frs.Valerian and Joel into our midst as our new chaplains.

“Keep looking at the sacred heart. Why worry? You are His.”

St.Teresa of Calcutta



The month of April was filled with joy, enthusiasm and smile as we began the new academic session 2023. On 12th April 2023, SMC family bid farewell to their esteemed teacher Mrs. S. Silas. Miss has not only honed the skills of the students but also imparted valuable ethics for 15 years. The students conducted the farewell ceremony and expressed their heartfelt gratitude through dance and songs. We pray for Mrs. S. Silas that she is blessed with good health, prosperity and joy in all her future endeavours.



Earth day was celebrated in the school by conducting various activities to express our love for mother earth. It was organized just to remind them of their duties towards their "Mother Land". The tiny tots took an oath to keep their environment clean and plant more trees. They were indulged in craft activity in which they did



lady's finger stamping. It gave us a message to "Plant More Trees ". It was celebrated around the world with a beautiful message – "Our continuing efforts in our everyday lives will make this beautiful planet thrive." Earth Day is a proof that even one person can make a global impact in a positive way. Echoing the same- The students of the Primary School participated in various activities such as poster making, bookmark making and slogan writing with great zeal and enthusiasm showcasing their artistic and creative skills.

Interschool Athletic Trial

It is rightly said, 'Every champion was once a



contender that refused to give up'. Our athletes stood by this quote and brought laurels to our school by performing tremendously well at the Interschool Athletic Trial which was held in our school on 27th and 28th April,2023. It consisted of 180 participants from 24 schools all over Kanpur. Our athletes scored various positions and have proved themselves eligible by qualifying for the UP and UK Athletic Tournament which will be held in Varanasi. The athletes bagged a total of 42 medals which included 23 gold,11 silver and 8 bronze medals. Well done dear students!

Labour's Day

This day was celebrated with gratitude by acknowledging the great contribution of our supportive staff in our mission of education. Labour is the strong foundation of any institution.



They contribute their service with hard work, determination and enthusiasm. To acknowledge

and honour them, we celebrate 1st May every year as Labour's Day.

The students put up a prayer service to express their gratitude to our supporting staff. As a token of appreciation, they gave them gifts and sweets and thanked them for their invaluable and dedicated services to our school. The sisters in the community wished our co-workers and had lunch with them.

Since it was month of May we had Rosary with our Christian co-workers in front of the grotto.

Watermelon Party by Pre-primary Students

A Red Colour Day and Watermelon Party was organized for the pre- primary children. The children enjoyed the juicy melon bites and relished the yummy summer fruit. They were



made aware of the nutritive value of this fruit. Watermelons are the smiles of summer. Life is like eating a watermelon, you know you are going to get some seeds, just spit them out and take another bite. Overall, it was a day full of fun and excitement.

Inter School English declamation competition

“Speech is power: Speech is to persuade, to convert, to compel “ Ralph Waldo Emerson

Public speaking is an art of delivery and influence presented with utmost mindfulness and creativity.

An Inter School Declamation Competition was conducted by Seth Anandram Jaipuria School on 12th May 2023 in order to enhance the element of public speaking in students. It comprised participants from 11 different schools from the North Zone.

It was a proud moment for SMC as Huda Fatima of Class XII bagged the Second position in the Senior Category. The winners were given Novels as prizes while all the participants got Certificate of Appreciation. The day finally ended with a beautiful and inspiring quote from one of the judges that



“If you get a prize, you are a Winner. But if you don't, you are a Bigger Winner.” Winning and losing is just a part of the game, what really matters is the courage it takes to go up the stage and perform in front of the spectators.”

Mango Party / Yellow Day

To celebrate and relish the season of the king of fruits “Mango”, our school organized a fun filled Mango Party for class II on 19th May 2023, where the students were clad in the shades of yellow with handmade crowns and props of mango. They also recited rhymes and songs on mango on this occasion. The teachers displayed variety of mango delicacies such as Mango Shake, Aam Panna, Frooti, Mango Jellies and Diced Mango. They were given importance about this popular “King of Fruit” and its varieties. Overall, it was a delectable day full of fun and learning.



Mary Ward Quiz activity

The student members of Friends of Mary Ward (Class 8) conducted a quiz based on Mother Mary Ward's life and her teachings. The FMW students hosted the quiz in their respective classes, under the supervision of their respective class teachers. The students actively participated in the quiz. It



comprised four rounds, having five questions each. The objective of this activity was to help the students to learn new values from the life of our foundress, Mother Mary Ward, thereby making her their role-model

Congratulations!

The long-awaited Board Examination results were declared of classes 10 and 12. All the students passed with flying colours. Congratulations to all the sisters, teachers, parents, supportive staff and children for the combined efforts in achieving it. Well done!

Happy Nurse's Day

This day was celebrated with much joy by honoring Sr. Annie our ever-ready nurse. Thank you, dear Sr. Annie, for your selfless service to the sick and the aged. You take utmost care of each one of us. We thank God for your healing hands dear Sr. Annie.

Summer Camp

Summer Camp is a great opportunity to explore new things or dive deep into areas that we like. Under the guidance of our Principal Sr. Prabha, SMC has taken the initiative of developing new skills set in the students of Classes LKG to 8. It's a platform for them to try new adventures away from home in a safe environment. Various activities such as games, sports, music, art, craft, non-fire cooking, martial arts and music aim to impart new skills and foster personal growth in children.



Welcome and thank you!

We joyfully welcomed the new member of our community Sr. Bridgit accompanied by Sr. Sagaya from Rihand Nagar. Hearty welcome and a pleasant stay in SMC Kanpur dear Bridgit. Sr. Carola after having served the school, community and parish at varied capacities for long 8 years in SMC Kanpur left for her new community '32' accompanied by Srs. Sheela and Prabha. We are grateful to you dear Sr. Carola for all your loving and cheerful services rendered in this community. May God bless you with good health and

fulfilment in life. We do remember you in our prayers. Sr. Sheela also was reached to her new community SMC Sagar for her new mission by Sr. Bridgit. We thank God for the gift of you and is grateful to you for your generous service in this community. May the good Lord accompany you always.

The summer vacation was very hectic for the community as we were busy with painting and cleaning of our house. We enjoyed and beat the summer heat relishing the Mangoes given by Lucknow and Fatehpur community. Thank you dear sisters!

Sr. Prabha and Kiran joint the community after a refreshing home leave. Three days were set apart to spent with Lord helped us and renewed us spiritually to begin anew.



Having observed the Holy Week in all its sacredness by spending quality time in personal prayer and reflection; and by participating whole heartedly in the Church Services, we celebrated the feast of Easter on 9th April determined to spread Easter Joy, Peace and Hope to those around us through our thoughts, words and actions.

In preparation for venturing into the new academic year 2023 – 2024 with renewed vigour and enthusiasm, we held a staff meeting on 10th April based on the theme of the year, "Dialogue as a Guarantee for Peace."



The new session began for classes 1 – 12 on 11th April. The tiny tots of class prep along with their parents came to school on 12th April. An orientation programme was conducted for the parents to familiarise them with the key aspects of CJ Education.

With hearts full of joy and gratitude we celebrated the Diamond Jubilee of our dear Sr. M. Sabina on 14th April. The presence of our Provincial Superior Rev. Sr. Shweta CJ, Rev. fathers, sisters, teachers and relatives of Sr. Sabina added to the solemnity of the occasion. After the Solemn Eucharistic Celebration in our beautifully decorated convent chapel, we assembled in the lower hall for a short felicitation programme, followed by a sumptuous fellowship meal. Hearty Congratulations dear Sr. Sabina.



April and May were months of activities for the entire school. Class assemblies on the theme of



the year and other relevant topics; Talent Hunt activities like Solo Singing, Solo Dance, Recitation, Declamation, Pencil Sketching,

Drawing, Reel making, and Photography; Inter House competitions in Foot Ball and Chess.

These activities provided a matchless opportunity for our students to develop their inherent talents and to express themselves creatively. Well done dear students.

On 30th April Sr. Rosaria crossed an important milestone in her life's journey – the 80th Birthday. We celebrated this day gracefully and prayed for the blessings of good health and strength for our dear sister.



A creatively prepared assembly was staged by class 12 B to celebrate Workers' Day on 1st May. While thanking our co-workers for their dedicated service, the students honoured them with garlands and gifts. We also celebrated the silver jubilee of Mr. Regie our lab assistant on this day. To



express our gratitude and appreciation for them, a festal lunch was hosted in their honour.

Having set aside 8th May as A Day of 'Loving Appreciation, Deep Gratitude and Joyful Welcome,' an excellent programme was staged by our students to express our appreciation and gratitude to Sr. Lissy for leading and guiding



SMCIC on the path of progress during the past five years; and to extend a warm welcome to dear Sr. Marina as she is missioned to be our new principal. This event showcased the spirit of Teamwork, Unity and Togetherness that prevails in SMCIC. After partaking in the festal meal hosted in honour of Sr. Lissy and Sr. Marina everyone left with a feeling of appreciation and gratitude towards Sr. Lissy and a promise of Co-operation and support to Sr. Marina.

Acknowledging the Vision and Legacy of Rev. Fr. Varghese Allengaden, a memorial service was



organised by the members of Universal Solidarity Movement (SMCIC) which was attended by sisters, teachers and students. We began the Solemn Prayer Service by listening to a song composed by Rev. Fr. Varghese – 'Ek Sapna Hai Mera...encapsulating his vision of a united India. This was followed by reading from the Sacred Scriptures; and prayers seeking God's Divine

intercession. The Speakers of the day greatly appreciated the untiring efforts of Fr. Varghese to build a universal family where love, justice, peace and reconciliation reign supreme. Having paid floral tribute, the audience left the hall with a resolute mind to cherish the ideals propounded by the Legend Rev. Fr. Varghese Allengaden.



The members of the Old Students' Association (OSA) along with the sisters and some of our former Teachers assembled on 17th May in our lower Hall to bid farewell to dear Sr. Lissy. During this well organised programme, the OSA expressed their appreciation for all the initiatives taken by SMCIC to bring them together. They thanked Sr. Lissy for inspiring and guiding them to re-organise the OSA with a new team of office holders and promised to keep alive their enthusiasm to be in touch with their Alma Mater at every phase of their life. Long Live OSA.

The SMC family set aside 19th June to celebrate the great life our dear Sr. Lissy lived in this community for the past five years and bid Good Bye to her. The lovingly prepared Eucharistic celebration, community prayer, co-workers' prayer and the evening gathering spoke volumes about how Sr. Lissy is loved, honoured, appreciated and valued by one and all. Dear Sr. Lissy, may your courage, conviction and commitment to mission come alive with new possibilities as you assume the sacred responsibility of the Principal in SMC '32'.

The Unnao community along with Rev. Fr. Alwin the Principal and members of the office staff came

to reach Sr. Marina on 22nd June. We extend a joyful welcome to you dear Sr. Marina, as you take up the new responsibility of being the Principal of SMCIC, Lucknow. May you build God's family of love, justice, peace and reconciliation in this little corner of the world through our education ministry. Let your 'Effort Spell Success.'

13 of our students accompanied by Ms. Steffy Lawrence and Mrs. Aditi Pandey went to Universal Solidarity Movement, Indore on 22nd



June to attend the 'Leadership Training Programme'. They returned on 30th June full of enthusiasm to strive to be the best version of themselves to build a civilization of peace and love in our world.

The three days of recollection on 26th, 27th and 28th June, creatively guided by Rev. Fr. Christopher SJ were grace filled days for all of us. During these days we reflected on the Purpose of life, the Cost involved in the attainment of this Purpose, and how this Purpose can be achieved in our community life. Refreshed in spirit and renewed in heart, we move forward building God's family of love, justice, peace and reconciliation in our own hearts, in the hearts of all who are in touch with us and in the heart of our troubled world.

All for the Greater

Honour and Glory of God.



Holy Week celebrations – starting with Psalm Sunday; we had procession from St. Joseph’s School to our parish, giving witness to the people of other faith. We spent time in prayer at Matridham Ashram on Good Friday. The Way of the Cross was enacted and for some of us it was first time experience. There were many Khrist Bhaktas who attended the same with great devotion.

On 22nd, ours and Kanudhi co-workers together, went for an outing to Meja. Most of the Sisters joined them and had a great time together with Kapoori & Tarau communities.

On 28th April, Sr. Bhavana left for Guwahati to attend the National Conference of Association of Catholic Rehabilitation Centres /ACRCI. Sr.



Cecilia too attended the same and at the end of the meeting Sr. Bhavana was elected as the Treasurer of the association.

After the meeting, Sister left for home for her holidays and came back on 2nd June 2023. Sr. Bhavana visited many of the pilgrim centers of Kerala and prayed for all of us especially the Allahabad Province.

During the entire month of May we prayed the Rosary in common asking Mother Mary to shower

her special blessings upon us and all who are dear to us.

Rev. Fr. Benedict D’Souza MSFS, who was the Novice Master and CRI President, has been transferred from here to Bhusaval. He was very helpful and whenever asked for any help he was always available. He offered Holy Mass in our chapel on 24th evening and after a high tea we bid farewell to Father. On the same evening Sr. Christine came by flight after her holidays. Next day early morning we went to Allahabad for attending the funeral services of Sr. Monica.

Srs. Scholastica and Alma came from Allahabad by bus to go to Ranchi and then to Rourlela. They were on their way to fetch candidates from there.

Sr. Maria Goretti went to Allahabad on 9th June to attend juniors’ meeting and came back on 15th. The next day, i.e. on 16th she had her BSW IInd Semester Exams.

On 25th June, the members of CRI Varanasi Unit and the members of UP Justice and Peace Forum organized a special meeting at Anjali (IMS Provincialate) to plan out some Action Plans for the people of Manipur. Some Fathers explaining the situation of Manipur and at the end of the meeting we drew up some Action Plans among them one was to have prayer on a particular day in each community. Signatures of each participant were taken and will be sent to CBCI, CRI National Secretary etc.

We had our Three Days’ Recollection on 28th, 29th and 30th June. We joined the Kanudih community. Rev. Fr. Vinoy S.J. of Shanti Sadan , Prayagraj , gave us the talks and other spiritual guidance.





The main event that took place in the month of April was the spiritual renewal in the parish as a preparation for Easter. Many parishners, some Catholics and 'Khrist Bhaktas' from other parishes participated in it. The charismatic team from Allahabad led the prayer and helped us to draw close to God and increase our faith in God.

Sr. Joan left for Kerala to join in the celebration of her elder Sister's Golden Jubilee.

All were happy with the good result that we received in CBSE and state board examinations. The hard work of the teachers was rewarded with hundred fold. Congratulations to the team of teachers and students.

Sr. Joan returned from home after the Jubilee celebration and family reunion. We were happy to spend a day with Rajapur Community who came for an outing to Chunar. Sisters Salesia, Joselette and Geeta were happy to be with the Community. Sr. Sybil too joined them.

We were sad to bid farewell to Sr. Rosita who left for Ghazipur on transfer. She spent 2 years in Chunar and served the community, school and in parish activities. Srs. Manisha and Namita reached her to new Community 21st May. May Sister continue to serve the people of God.

The feast of Pentecost was celebrated very solemnly in the parish. Srs. Manisha and Namita went to Allahabad to participate in the month's mind of Emiritus Bishop Isidore Farnandes. We were over whelmed to welcome Sisters Freda, Melanie and Naveena who paid a short visit to Chunar.

Though the school remained closed, yet children were kept busy with various activities. The

summer camp that was conducted for the children, helped them to overcome the monotony of



summer days and spent the time productively honing the skills of their interest. Students were given opportunity to learn dance, key board, painting, volleyball, cricket and taekwondo. Thanks to Sr. Namita who spent her time in the school seeing to the smooth conducting of these activities.

Sr. Neetika, the new member joined the community on 17th June. She is at home with us and is active in the Community, School and parish. We wish her all the best. Srs. Jean Mary, Aniceta, Prerita and Archana paid a short visit on their way to Kanudih. They were to reach Sr. Archana to Kanudih.

All were happy to receive the good news that after many prayers, we got a new bishop Louis



Mascarenhas. So, our parish priest and all of us sisters went Allahabad and wished him. May God's spirit lead and guide him.

June 22nd to 24th, the community spent the time in prayer and reflection. Rev. Fr. Vincent Pereira gave the input sessions and led us into reflection.

The summer holidays have come to an end, as the school re-opened on 26th June and all are busy once again with various activities scheduled for the year ahead. May this academic session bear fruit and God's spirit protect us.



New academic session:

The new academic session 2023-24 began on 3rd April. A special assembly, invoking the blessings of God upon us and hearty welcome extended to the new comers, both the teachers as well as the students was indeed a fitting beginning. We received hundred percent results in ICSE and ISC exams.

We honour our co-workers:

Students prepared special assembly to honour our co-workers on the occasion of the 'Labour Day'. Tilak and special Arti were performed, cards prepared by the students were handed over, while the choir sang 'Hum Mehanatkash Duniya Se', which highlighted the importance and the dignity of labour. There after a sumptuous meal was served to them by the staff.

May devotion:

Even though the parish community had dwindled to half during the summer vacation, the sisters kept up the May devotion by praying rosary. We concluded the May devotion by conducting a rosary in the convent chapel led by Fr. George Rodrigues, our parish priest, followed by a special 'Kheer' lovingly prepared by Srs. Florine and Maria.

Laudato Si Week 2023:

We were happy and enthusiastic to study and observe the Laudato Si week, as we reflected

through the 7 goals. In order to care for our common home, we got actively involved in the garden work.

Farewell:

On 21st May the Parish Church bid farewell to our dear Sr. Lata and Eva, as Sr. Lata was moving out for her home leave. Srs. Florine, Maria, Eva and Shilpa continued serving the mission till Sr. Lata and the coworkers reached back from the holidays. Dear sisters, Fatehpur community, Parish and School can never forget the dedicated services rendered with much devotion. May God continue to bless you!

We said goodbye to our Parish Priest Rev. Fr. George Rodrigues, and welcomed Rev. Fr. Prakash Dantis in St. John's, Fatehpur.

Welcome June:

In spite of the scorching heat we welcomed the month of June with drops of hope in our hearts. As this month is devoted to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, a special holy hour was prepared by Sr. Florine on the theme 'Abundance of Mercy from the heart of Jesus'.

Special Rejuvenation:

We had set aside three days of recollection to revitalize ourselves spiritually. After a relaxed time at home Sr. Lata came back to the community refreshed and renewed.

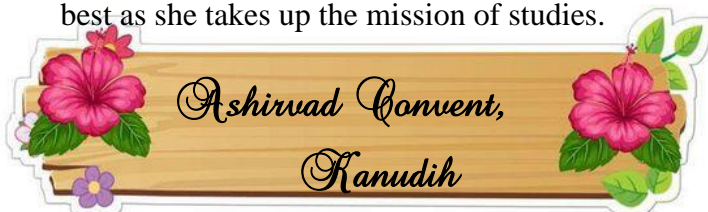
Wish you all the best dear Srs. Shilpa, Lata, and Eva:

On 22nd June we gladly welcomed Rev. Sr. Shweta, our Provincial superior who came on her special mission of installing Sr. Shilpa as the new animator. In the morning, in a simple, meaningful and a prayerful atmosphere, the installation ceremony was conducted. Best wishes to Sr. Shilpa, as you shoulder this challenging mission of animating the community and igniting the young minds in the school. On 23rd the community

bid farewell to our former superior Sr. Lata as we thank her, we wish her hearts best in her new community and in the school. We also bid



goodbye to Sr. Eva, as she had been transferred after her one year stay with us. We wish her all the best as she takes up the mission of studies.



The new academic year 2023-2024 began on 3rd April. It was a lovely and beautiful sight to see the new comers and very specially the little ones coming for the first time to school with so much



of eagerness in new dresses and with a colourful bag.

We had a very enriching Holy Week celebration in the Ashram. The preaching of different priests and the faith of the simple people inspired us. The passion of Christ enacted on the stage, touched our hearts to understand the sacrificing love of Christ. We celebrated the Maundy Thursday very meaningfully by breaking the traditional bread,

remembering the breaking of the body of Christ. Our sisters from Asha Niketan too joined us.

The co-workers had an outing to Kapoori and Koraon on 22nd April. We went to see a dam which was close to Kapoori. Since the water level had gone down, we could get into the water and spend some time, enjoying the coolness of the water. The co-workers enjoyed the day and they were grateful for providing them this chance.



As the month of May is dedicated to mother Mary, we recited the rosary daily. Our girl in the kitchen too joined us to pray the rosary. We concluded the month by offering special prayers to Mother Mary and praying the rosary together. Mr.Cyril and family joined us on the last day.

The school celebrated the Inter National Labours Day on 1st May. The students conducted a beautiful prayer assembly in which our co-workers were honoured and respected. They were gifted with a small token of love.

We were happy to welcome our sisters from Koraon who had come for community outing. As in the month of June all are busy with transfer as well as welcoming, we too were busy and eager to welcome our new member Sr.Archana. Those who had gone for vacation to home were back by 16th June.

Sr. Fernanda the new animator of the community took charge on 24th June. We wish sister God's blessings and best of luck to lead our community in the spirit of God.



We had our three days recollection on 28th, 29th, and 30th of June. Fr. Vinoy S.J from Allahabad guided us. Our sisters from Asha Niketan joined us for the recollection.

As the heat was extreme this year, we specially prayed for the poor in our country.



We commenced the new academic session for 2023 – '24 on 3rd April. During the assembly the Principal Rev. Fr. Baptist D'Souza appreciated the students and the teachers for the outstanding performance of the last academic session and prayed for the forthcoming session during the morning assembly.

The Sacerdotal Silver Jubilee of Rev. Fr. Baptist D'Souza, the Principal and the Parish Priest of St. Joseph's School and Church, Rihand Nagar was celebrated with a solemn thanksgiving Holy Eucharist at Indradhanush on Thursday, 20th April 2023. Rev. Fr. Baptist along with his companion priests Rev. Fr. Deepak Oswald D'Souza and Rev. Fr. Rajesh Simon Thakur thanked the good Lord for the numerous blessings he has received during the last 25 years of his priesthood. About 35 priests and 40 Religious joined the celebration along with the parishioners. The presence of his parents and the relatives made the occasion more meaningful. The dignitaries and the guests from the NTPC added colour to the celebration. The solemn Eucharistic Celebration

was followed by a Felicitation programme which was well appreciated by all. Rev. Fr. Louis Mascarenhas – the Bishop Elect gave the homily and appreciated the Jubilarian for his dedicated service to the Church. Mr. Ashesh Kumar Chattoupadhayay, the CGM (Chief General Manager) of NTPC felicitated the Jubilarian and congratulated him for the noble service rendered to the humanity. The celebration came to an end with the sumptuous fellowship meal.

We bade farewell to Sr. Bridgit on 2nd May and reached her to Kanpur on 3rd May. She served the school and the community for the past one year. We wish her good health and a relaxed time.

Sr. Christine went on home leave on 8th May and joined the community after being refreshed by the well deserving holiday.

On 8th June, Sr. Sagaya lost her sister Mrs. Fathima Mary aged 41, who had a heart attack on 20th February and underwent angioplasty. While she was recovering, she developed pneumonia twice due to which her heart had become very weak. On 29th May, again she was admitted in ICU. Her heart rate was very slow and the BP was also very low. With intense medical care also there was no improvement and on 8th June early morning she breathed her last. Sr. Sagaya thanks all of you dear sisters for your prayerful and moral support during these months of her sister's illness. Please pray for her soul, also for her husband, the son and her relatives. On 22nd June, we reopened the school in spite of the scorching heat. No heat would diminish the spirit and enthusiasm of the students. The corridors and the classrooms came alive with the presence of the children.



Every day begins with God's grace and end with God's blessing. Last three months we experienced in our community peace, joy, celebrations,

struggle, hardship, disappointment, anxiety above all we experienced God's protection and guidance.

We prepared ourselves in prayer and fasting to experience Easter joy. With great joy welcomed Sr Annis and her dear ones as they came to see the places in Allahabad, they joined for the lunch in our community. Jubilee is a celebration not only for the jubilarians but all so those who take part in it, Srs. Salesia and Joselete joined the jubilee celebration of our Fathers at St. Joseph College.

After every Easter we eagerly wait for the Easter blessing of our houses. Fr. Anil Abrew, our Assistant Parish Priest came for the Easter blessing, after the house blessing, he offered Eucharist. Soon after the mass Fr. Anil and Fr. Ronald joined us for the delicious dinner. The following day Sr. Salesia left for her home leave.

The sudden demise of Bp Isidore Fernades was sad and shocking news for all of us and following day Srs. Geeta and Joselette spent in prayer as the body was placed in the bishop house chapel.

In the first week of May we went through lot of anxiety, hard ship and even fear as Mary Ward Bhawan was used as election booth. Every hour police and officials were in the house and demanding many things and the previous day of the election 25 police stayed overnight in the house.



On 22nd May, was the ordination anniversary of Fr. Anil Abrew and our Community joined him for the thanksgiving mass in our chapel and

special prayers were offered for him. Celebration of his day ended with delicious dinner in our community.

Going for an outing adds the joy in every one's life. Our community got a chance visit our sisters in chunner and we spend some relaxed and happy time with them.

Month of June brought joy to all the people in Allahabad diocese After a long waiting our Diocese got a new Bishop. Our community wished and congratulated Fr. Louis Mascarenhas the Bishop elect in Nazareth Hospital



The community spend three days in prayer and reflection Fr Vinoy S J was kind enough to guide us during the recollection days.

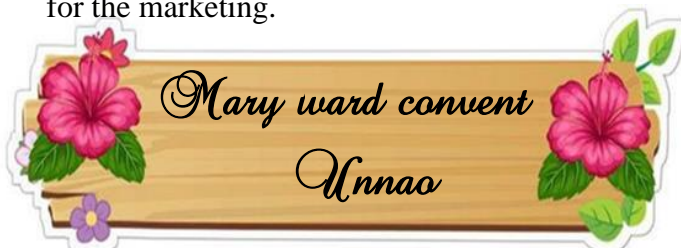
Social ministry

Non formal education centers are having regular activates and studies. On 9th May, Sr. Joselette conducted an orientation program for the MWSSC staff making them aware of the roll that they have in society building. Each one of them is having the responsibility of guiding and helping the children in the slums and they have to take special care of our centers as the crime is increasing in the slums.

In the month of May 15 girl children who are studying in our slum NFEC centers were admitted in our Ashadeep school, 32. All their expenses and conveyance are taken care by SMC 32. We highly appreciate our sisters in SMC 32 for their support.

Month of June was scorching heat and since there was no electricity in the slums and many of them were sick, we closed our non-formal canters for 10 days

To bring up our social Service Center and Development of Women Group, we started small income generation program in Rajapur by making readymade kurties and preparing phenyl. Sr Joselette and the animators are trying their best for the marketing.



Moments of grace.

The season of lent with all the small and big Lenten practices the community set out on a journey, looking into oneself, the desire to improve and to remain in the company of Jesus. The effort made by the sisters to read the history of Mother Mary Ward and the daily adoration, Way of the cross, Recollections, Confession and spending extra time with Lord inspired the members to celebrate the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. On 6th Rev. Fr. Lancy Lobo came to help out Rev Fr Alwin all throughout the Holy Week. Rev. Fr. Alwin along with the parishioners, celebrated, Fr Lancy Lobo's Golden Jubilee. The month of May brought blessings in abundance as the community unceasingly prayed together the Rosary for various intentions.

Flares of Life.

On 14th the Unnao community joined for the solemn High Mass and a shared delicious meal with the Lucknow community on the occasion of the Diamond Jubilee of Sr Sabina.

On 1st May the school celebrated the Workers' Day. A meaningful prayer service was conducted by the students there after the well-organized

outdoor games and the preparation of the delicious meal were enjoyed by all.

Cleanliness is equal to Godliness

On 1st June the convent started its painting under the able guidance of Rev. Fr. Alwin. In spite of the heat Srs. Rajini and Alisha spent their time and energy to keep the house clean and in order. The Unnao community is indebted to Rev. Fr. Alwin, for his generosity.

On 14th to 16th were the recollection days, Sr Rajini led the community in prayer and on 17th the Community renewed their Vows during the Holy Eucharist.

Good Byes and Farewells

St. Lawrence Church community and the sisters expressed their gratitude to Sr. Scholastica for all her loving service to the parish and the community for one year and wished her all the best in her studies.

On 13th May the principal, Staff and the Students gave fare well to Sr Marina who served the school for six years. A heart touching programme was prepared by the teachers and students. Rev. Fr. Alwin thanked Sr Marina for her dedicated, hardworking and diligent ways with which she served the school.



On 18th June St. Lawrence Church community and the sisters expressed their gratitude to Sr Marina for all her loving service to the parish and

the community for six years and wished her all the best in her new assignment.

On 20th the community gave a fitting farewell to Sr. Marina who spent six years, as the pioneer and Headmistress of St. Lawrence School Unnao. Sr Rajini conducted a meaningful prayer service and thanked God for Sr. Marina's selfless and loving service. Holy mass was offered for her intentions and thanked God for her dedicated service. The community along with Fr. Alwin enjoyed the dinner and shared precious memories of Sr. Marina.

On 22nd Srs. Rajini, Alisha, Rev. Fr. Alwin and the office staff reached Sr Marina to Lucknow, St. Mary's Convent. Sr Mariette and the community welcomed us and we enjoyed their hospitality.

On 23rd we welcomed Sr. Lata to our community, Srs. Shilpa, Florine and Maria came to reach Sr Lata.

with Sr. Teresina to Hathi Park and Company Bagh. We spent a quality time in the company of one another.

Rest of the sessions were taken under the able guidance of Fr. Pius Thekemury who is an expert in scripture. We once again accompanied Jesus through His life's journey along with the Gospel of St. Mark. This journey helped us to experience the person of Jesus more closely, enabled us to understand the scripture more deeply, and inspired us to become more familiar with the word of God.



We are grateful to Sr. Shweta and Sr. Teresina for giving us this opportunity and for planning everything so meticulously. Thanks to all our superiors for setting us free from all other responsibilities and making it possible for us to attend this meeting. A special thanks to Sr. Jaya and all the sisters in 21 community for the warmth and hospitality. We are enriched and have benefited from this meet.



We, the eight juniors of Allahabad province along with our junior directress Sr. Teresina C.J gathered in S.M.C 21 for the annual Juniors meet. It was for five days. The first day's sessions were taken by Sr. Teresina on community life. It was very enriching and applicable to our daily lives. It will surely help us to live a joyful and meaningful community life. In the evening we had an outing

