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St. Mary's Convent, Lucknow

Easter Celebration amidst the Pandemic

“Let us heal Mother Earth and all the living beings that reside upon her and within her, with every breath that we take”

With this hope and wish in our hearts, amidst the devastating Covid- 19 pandemic that was spreading wide across the country, we welcomed the month of April with hearts full of gratitude for the blessings received in plentitude. The sacred days of the Holy week were spent in quietness and prayer, each day beginning with an inspiring reflection on the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus, viewed from the Famous film’ Jesus of Nazareth’ under the insightful guidance of Sr. Lissy. Unable to attend the Holy week services in the parish due to the restrictions imposed, we participated in the liturgical celebrations online and prayed for the health and healing of the entire world, suffering due to the pandemic. In the midst of the prevailing gloom, Easter brought us much joy and together as a community we made it a day of rejoicing

Farewell !!!!!

Having spent 22 long years of her dedicated service our dear teacher Mrs. Madhulika Srivastava retired from her service on 25th March. At a very meaningful, creative and heart touching Prayer Service conducted by the teachers and a short programme that followed, we thanked Madhulika ma’am for her 22 years of faithful service and total commitment.



On 5th

April, we also bid farewell to one of our supporting staff Mr. Sabit Ali who was retiring from his service after rendering eight years of his service to SMCIC family. During a short programme organized to mark the occasion Mr. Sabit Ali was honored.



Jubilee celebration....

We were happy to have our dear Sr. Christina who joined the Lucknow Community for a well-deserved change of place for a few days. She spent these days of relaxation following a disciplined time table and rendering her loving services when we required it. On 14th April we celebrated the Golden Jubilee of Sr. Christina with a meaningfully prepared Eucharistic celebration officiated by our Parish Priest Rev. Fr. Peter Castelino and a festal meal hosted thereafter. Thank you, dear Sr. Christina, for making the choice to be with us during our challenging days.

Challenging Days of April....

Facing all the odds and struggles of the pandemic the new academic session began with an offline staff meeting conducted on 6th April. During a creative interactive session, Sr. Lissy and Sr. Renu introduced the theme of the year “Together we can bring peace” and explained the Vision and the CJ culture and wished all the teachers the very best for the New academic session.

Though the online classes commenced for all the students on 7th April, since the pandemic started to take an aggressive turn, which eventually began to affect the families of many students and some teachers too, we gave a break to the online teaching from 15th April which later on had to be extended up to June 2nd. These were tragic days for all of us.

On 15th April, having observed mild symptoms of Covid Srs. Sabina, Anupa, Lissy and Renu were advised by our family Doctor, for an immediate quarantine. Srs. Mariette and Cecilia, though anxious, bearing a brave front administered medicines without any loss of time and in consultation with the doctor. We could experience a sudden silence and gloominess enveloping the entire atmosphere.

Painful goodbyes.....

In the midst of all these the untimely demise of our Computer Sir, Mr. Jawed Ansari on 17th April due to Covid, send a shock wave to all of us. SMCIC family can never forget the generosity and total dedication of Jawed Sir for whom service was a passion. Had he been careful of the mild symptoms of Covid he began to develop and taken treatment, we are sure Mr. Jawed would have been with us today. May your soul rest in peace dear Jawed Sir.



The community was also saddened by the sudden demise of our dear Sr. Julia who was hale and hearty until 14th April.

Noticing a gradual deterioration in her health, although doctors were consulted and medicines were administered, we could not bring her back to her original state of health and liveliness. Since her health was deteriorating rapidly, Sr. Mariette requested Fr. Peter to administer the Anointing of the Sick which Sr. Julia received as a fully conscious person. The whole community continued serving her to the best of their capacity. Thanks to the generous and healing hands of Sr. Cecilia who almost became a trained

nurse and the guidance of Sr. Mariette who left no stone unturned in taking care of every need of Sr. Julia. The days that followed were days of struggle for Sr. Julia until God called her to enter the sacred portals of her eternal home on 11th May while the whole community was present around her death bed praying. The mortal remains of Sr. Julia were laid to rest on 12th after a short funeral service presided over by Rev. Fr. Peter Castilino, in the presence of the community members, co-workers and two of our parishioners.

A joyful day celebrated

Purified and strengthened by the painful realities of the past month we entered the month of June with a new hope. On 1st June Sr. Mariette was re-appointed as the animator of SMC Lucknow for a second term. The sacred event was observed by the community with gratitude and joy. A solemn thanksgiving Eucharistic celebration, community Prayer and organized recreation were the highlights of this special day..

Hearty Welcome.....

The season of transfers has begun. Happily, we welcomed Sr. Mahima who accompanied by Sr. Manisha and Sr. Rosita arrived at Lucknow on 21st June. Sr. Salomi, joined us on 23rd. Sr. Jaya and Sr. Janet reached her here safe and sound. In the evening of the same day, we were also glad to welcome back Sr. Teresina who arrived from Nepal, after completing her mission there. Having refreshed themselves with a good night's sleep, Srs. Teresina, Jaya and Janet left for Allahabad the next morning.

Outreach activities

In collaboration with the Lucknow Diocese Small Christian Community (SSC) group, we were glad to distribute 100 kits containing necessary provisions worth of Rs. 750/- each, for 100 families.



The 87 families of Aadarsh Kushtashram were our other beneficiaries for whom provisions are provided every month as per their need.

The families of Mary Ward School students are our next target to be reached. 'Let no child who is enthusiastic about education be deprived of educational facilities.' Keeping this in mind, our

teachers are conducting a survey by visiting their families in order to find out the deserving families that need our immediate attention and help, in the form of medicine, food and educational devices.

Other School Activities

Overcoming all the challenges the curricular, co-curricular and extra-curricular activities of the new session 2021-2022, are being conducted smoothly through

Micro Soft Teams, Zoom App and Google Meet. Having been trained in the skill and usage of all these online platforms, the teachers have become experts in handling this new normal situation.



In order to break the monotony of the virtual classes a number of online

activities such as speeches, declamation, singing, dancing, storytelling, drawing, debate etc. have been organized for all classes. 'Earth Day' was celebrated by organizing a Slogan Writing and Poster making Activity. The FMW, USM and JPIC groups have their regular meetings and interactive sessions to create awareness about various issues and their social responsibilities.



activities such as

We are glad to have received the sanction for beginning the NCC from this year. We are also happy to receive Permanent Affiliation of Mary Ward Junior High School for which we were working for the last few months. Thanks to all those who have rendered their support at various occasions enabling us to achieve this goal.

All for The Greater Honour and Glory Of God!





St. Mary's Convent, Chunar

In Spite of the increase in covid-19 cases we spent some time with ourselves and received the sacrament of reconciliation in preparation for Easter.

We were about to start the new academic session in the month of April, but the second wave of Covid-19 hit our area. It infected a large number of people in our area and forced every one of us to cancel our preplanned activities in the school. However once again we began with online classes for both the [English medium and Hindi medium] schools.

We learnt to cope with stress in a healthy way, it made us to care for people around us with prayers. It is true we experienced fear, sadness and worries, but the Lord's words reminded us that "The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases , His mercies never come to an end , they are new every morning , great is your faithfulness."

It is said , taking care of yourself can better equip you to take care of others , with the tragic atmosphere around us, we sat before the Lord pleading for a quick healing of all those who were affected with sickness, that the world be free of this virus. We were shocked to hear about the people whom we knew very closely, unexpectedly saying good bye to us forever. Keeping physical distancing, we were connected to the entire world, specially our family members, friends and sisters through our prayers and phone calls.

The month of May brought our province on one platform, as we prayed together the rosary. We experienced powerful intercession through mother Mary, and we raised our hearts, imploring the Lord to heal this world. We were happy to see on Google meet all our sisters. We are privileged to have regular Eucharistic celebration, however the Parishioners are deprived of it still.

The community witnessed welcome and goodbye. On 15th June we welcomed sister Rosita to our community and on 21st June we bid farewell to Sr. Mahima and reached her to Lucknow. Thank you sister Mahima for your selfless service to the community, school and parish.

We had our 'Tridium' under the guidance and direction of Fr. Vincent Pereira. Fr. Vincent graciously agreed to enrich our spiritual journey, From 26th to 28th June. The recollection experience was based on the Dharma of Jesus. The days of recollection were days of renewal and blessing.



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The Lord is Risen, alleluia, alleluia! Have faith in Him and He will be always there for you.

The month of April began with the glorious Holy Week celebrations and we did celebrate Easter with great joy, in the midst of the deadly Covid restrictions.

On 6th April, Sr. Jyoti conducted the staff meeting for the next academic year and planned programmes for the year ahead and motivated them to do their best.

The Easter blessing took place on 11th by Rev. Fr. Harold Tauro, our Parish Priest. We thanked him for the great effort he had to make to bless the multi storied buildings in the campus.

We were shocked to hear about the sad news of one of our staff, Mr. Nitin Bhargava, the Maths teacher of the College Section who passed away due to Covid- 19. May his soul rest in peace! Our heartfelt condolences to the family members and friends.



Many of us were down with fever, headache and back pain, thus were confined to our own rooms and Covid medicines were administered to all. On 22nd Sr. Jyoti was admitted in the Nazareth Hospital and on the same day Sr. Benita from Sagar was also brought to be admitted in the hospital. The pandemic caught hold of most of us one by one. With the timely and able guidance of Sr. Vinaya and round the clock service of both Srs. Vinaya and Regina and with intense prayers from all corners, we came out of it safely.

When sadness fills your heart, when tears flow from your eyes, remember- “God is with you, still with you, always with you . Amen.

The absence of Sr. Sumita who had gone on home leave was keenly felt these days. It fell heavily on Sr. Vinaya to see to the needs of those in the hospital as well as at home. God bless you Sr. Vinaya for your untiring, selfless, nursing care, braving the lockdown protocol and scarcity of medicine, to reach out to each one of us.

The month of May, Our Lady’s Month was very significant to us. On 1st of May, The new Provincial Sr. Shweta Kalapurackal CJ took charge of the Province. We had a prayer service for Sister and her team, conducted by Sr. Sumita.

Sr. Serephina’s condition was deteriorating, and so we requested our Parish priest to give her the anointing of the sick, after which her condition improved. Praise the Lord!

Srs. Roshini and Shweta came to visit the sick and the ailing sisters. The untimely deaths of our sisters, Jane Frances, Suchita, Jessy and Regis were indeed shocking to all of us and we miss their presence in our CJ Family. May their souls rest in Peace. R.I.P

“Faith does not mean trusting God to stop the storm. It means trusting Him to strengthen us as we walk through the storm.”

On 8th of May we began the common rosary on Google meet. We were happy to be united as one family under the mantle of our Blessed Mother, for the May devotion.

On 5th May Srs. Naveena and Neetika were admitted in the hospital with Covid. On 11th May they were discharged and were in quarantine in S.M.C 32. In the evening we got the sad news of the demise of Sr. Julia in Lucknow. May the good Lord reward her eternal rest.

Sr. Christina was in Lucknow for a short holiday, intending to return after Easter, but God willed it otherwise. The second phase of Covid gripped the RDSO colony fiercely, all the inroads were sealed, making the movement outside the house next to impossible. So, Sr. Christina could represent the Province at the funeral service of Sr. Julia. Sister took it as a blessing in disguise, for she could be with Sr. Julia in her dying moments.

On 14th May we received the sad news of the untimely death of Fr. Rolfie D'Souza. The entire diocese felt a sense of great loss at the departure of a dynamic, spiritual and loving person. Though lock down, we attended his funeral service online. May the Lord grant him eternal rest.

1st June, the month specially dedicated to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, began with offering ourselves totally to Jesus. A digital assembly on 'Global Day of Parents' was conducted. On 2nd June, Srs. Sumita and Vinaya brought Sr. Christina back after two months of holidays in Lucknow, making sure that both sides were free from the deadly Pandemic. On 12th Sr. Tara came back from Kanpur.

We had a short celebration on 14th as Sister Sumita had completed her 1st year as the animator of the community. We had a Solemn High Mass followed by breakfast and in the evening an organized recreation as a mark of our gratitude and appreciation for her, for holding the responsibility faithfully and quite efficiently too. On that day Sr. Damascena celebrated her 88th birthday. So the celebration had a two-fold purpose.



A digital assembly 'A loving tribute' to the departed Teachers and Parents of S.M.C. was held in the School.

Sr. Elsy (Sr. Caritas- meaning **Love**) celebrated her feast on the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Sr. Delphine from Asha Nikethan came for a medical checkup. She had a few cysts on the scalp which were removed in the Nazareth Hospital. The biopsy report is awaited. Sister is improving fast. Thanks for your prayers.



21st June, 'International Yoga Day' was kept up through a virtual assembly. It was the feast of St. Aloysius, the patron Saint of the Junior sisters. We honoured Srs. Tara and Grace on this holy occasion. It happened to be Sr. Christina's birthday too. We had a combined wishing.

Sr. Sarita who was on transfer to Sagar was given a simple, yet meaningful farewell. Sister went on 22nd morning. We express our gratitude to her for all the hard work she had put in as the

Principal of the Teachers' Training College which is closed down for good, due to some drastic changes in the Educational Policy of the State.

Srs. Nirmala, Assunta, Caroline and Manjusha from Nainital paid us a visit while they came to give solace and comfort to Sr. Elaine, who was under treatment for a long period in the Nazareth Hospital.

The Tridium was on 25th, 26th and 27th June. We ourselves were the resource persons. Srs. Vinaya, Marion and Sumita helped us to reflect and pray better on these days. The topics dealt with were, 'Our Call and Response' based on the call of Abraham, our father in faith, 'Eco Spirituality and our connectedness with the Cosmos', based on Pope Francis' **Laudato Si'** and 'Revisiting our religious life in the light of post Covid'. Each day's input and prayers were really inspiring and we enjoyed our intimacy with the Lord in a very special way.

With the Solemn feast of Saints Peter and Paul, the two strong pillars of the Church, the month of June has almost come to an end. Sr. Sumita, accompanied by Sr. Vinaya went to Meja Kapoori to install Sr. Sunita as the sister in charge.

"All's well that ends well." Stress comes in when we try to do it all on our own. Peace comes in when we put it all in God's hands. Wishing you all a stress free July,



Mary Ward Bhawan - Rajapur

Last year we were not able to celebrate Easter due to the pandemic. But this year we were fortunate to celebrate Easter in the community.

After Easter, on 7th Sr Joselette went to Varanasi to help out in Ashanikethen. On 8th Sr Annies started with mild covid infection. After her our working girl also was infected.

In April-- May many in our locality lost their lives. On 15th April we closed all our ministries and till today it remains closed. On 16th April Sr Joslette came back from Varanasi. Since we were sick SMC 21 provided us with food and other essentials. We are grateful to Sr Rosily and community. A very special thanks to Sr Roshni for arranging everything.

Sr Joslette came back with a mild covid infection. She took some precautionary medicine but that didn't help her. So Sr Roshni took her for a test on 26th April and the test showed that she was positive. Once Sr Joslette was OK sister contacted most of our Christian families and with the support of SMC 21 we could help them. In the 2nd lock down we were not able to do much.



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Covid visited many of us. We were kept at home and looked after by Srs. Daya and Janet. The very serious ones were treated in Nazareth hospital. Srs. Maria Rose and Seema from Delhi province got alright and went back to Jhansi. Sr. Elaine is still under treatment in the Nazareth Hospital.

We had a number of visitors from different communities who came for various purposes. Sr. Sharon came along with Sr. Benita who was suffering from Covid 19. She was admitted in Nazareth hospital and is improving.

May 1st, Worker's day could not be kept up due to Covid 19. We began devotion to the Holy Rosary in the month of May. Every day one of the communities of our province conducted the Rosary in their unique way and we prayed with them.

Sr. Roshni went to Unnao for a short break after 6 years of leading the province. Sister was reached by Srs. Martha and Janet.

We received the sad news of Sr. Joan's brother in law's death. He was a diabetic and was under treatment. May his soul rest in peace.

On 31st May, the last day of Rosary was concluded with great devotion. All of us with grateful hearts thanked the Lord for the gift of mother Mary and for all the blessings she has showered on us.

The month of June which is dedicated to the sacred heart of Jesus began with devotion to the heart of Jesus. During the mass, Father emphasized the qualities of compassion and forgiveness which is a characteristic feature of the heart of Jesus. Due to the long lockdown because of Covid 19, normal life had come to a standstill. Now we have daily mass and community exercises as usual.

Community gathered together in the hall to bid farewell to Srs. Rosily, Salome, Christine, Rosita, Alisha and Kiran. A well-organized recreation along with lively games, dance, songs kept us active. Sr. Joan entertained us all with jokes and riddles. All enjoyed thoroughly and Sr. Rosily thanked us profusely.



On 15th June, Sr. Rosita was reached to Chunar by Srs. Christine and Martha. Sr. Rosily and Alisha accompanied Sr. Christine to Rihand Nagar.

From 16th to 19th the Community made the three days' recollection. Sr. Jane led us into reflection and prayer. The three days spent with the lord helped us to come close to him and receive many blessings. During the well prepared liturgy, we renewed our vows. Fr. Anil, our Chaplain gave the homily on consecrated life and the vows.

We wished Sr. Janet a belated happy birthday. Sr. had gone to take care of Sr. Sales who was sick and hospitalized in Varanasi. Srs. Assunta, Nirmala, Manjusha and Caroline came to visit Sr. Elaine who was hospitalized in Nazareth hospital. Sr. Pushpita is taking care of her in the hospital, the 21 community also takes turn to relieve her during the day so that sister can have some rest.

Sr. Benita after her treatment went back to Sagar. Sr. Sharon was welcomed by 21' community as the new member. Srs. Shweta went to Kanpur to attend a meeting. They returned the next day. We welcomed Sr. Teresina who returned from Kathmandu after 2 years of dedicated service. Sr. Salome who is transferred to Lucknow was reached by Srs. Jaya and Janet.

Sr. Kiran's birthday was celebrated by the community with a well prepared liturgy and a prayer service in the evening. We were happy to have plenty of mangoes so generously shared with us by Sr. Celine and the Kanpur community. May God bless you for your generosity and love.

As the nationwide lockdown due to covid -19 pandemic affected people, the St. Mary's 21 community reached out to people by distributing the dry ration kits, including rice, wheat flour, cooking oil, pulse and sugar. We have reached out to 17 deserving families.

Realizing the importance of using masks we also involved our Mary Ward Bhawan tailoring girls to stitch the masks. The masks were distributed to our co- workers and in Rajapur village, making the people aware of the use of mask and supporting the tailoring girls by paying their stitching charge.



Sr. Neetika returned after holidays at home with 3 candidates. We welcomed them in our midst. Four of our candidates put up a Cultural show to welcome the new comers. The Community joined them and all appreciated the program.



St. John's Convent, Fatehpur

Challenges of COVID-19 are all around us. Despite this reality faced by all, life has to move on. Therefore, strengthened by the support received from one another, and encouraged by the cooperation experienced from parishioners, on 1st April, Holy Thursday, Holy Mass was offered in our church concelebrated by Frs. Sunet, Praphul, Abhishek, Joy and George. On Good Friday, we had the way of the cross at 3pm on our school verandah conducted by the youth of our parish. During the passion ceremony, Fr. Joy gave us a meaningful sermon in a reflective manner, leading the faithful to meditate on the passion of Christ. The Easter Vigil Mass was a joyful celebration held at 7pm. After the mass, tea and cake was distributed to the parishioners. Easter Sunday Liturgy was well attended by our parishioners and some guests. Our house was blessed on Easter Sunday at 7 pm. Thereafter Fr. George joined us for dinner.

After a break of 10 days, the new academic year began on 7th April, so the teachers and students were busy with online classes. On Divine Mercy Sunday, three children- Maria, Alphonsa and Sanchit from our parish received Holy Communion for the first time.



On 12th April, Sr. Florine got the second dose of vaccine and Sr. Lata and Sagaya got the first dose of vaccine. On 23rd April, Sr. Sagaya was diagnosed with Covid 19 and therefore she had to be kept in isolation, while she underwent treatment. On 1st May Sr. Anjana came back from Chandigarh after her home leave. Following the order of the government, the school was closed suddenly on 3rd May due to the increase of Covid cases. The school was closed for summer

vacation from 17th May to 9th June.

The online virtual memorial prayer service for our dear departed sisters conducted by the Friends of Mary Ward on 23rd May was attended by all of us and we prayed for the repose of the souls of our beloved sisters. On 25th May, our community conducted province level online Rosary and prayed for the suffering humanity. On 30th May, Jyoti, a protestant woman was baptized during the mass in our chapel and on 19th June Jyoti was married to Mr. William, one of our parishioners in our church.



7th to 9th June was recollection days, the resource person being Fr. Praphul IMS. His talks on Community life and mission were enriching and enlivening. Having given a break to the students and teachers from online classes, the lessons resumed on 10th June. On 13th June, Srs. Celine, Carola, prabha and Roselette paid a short visit to us. We had a lot of fun and laughter together. After the dinner they returned to Unnao and on 22nd June, we were happy to welcome our provincial, Sr. Shweta and Srs. Benita, Neeta, Sarita and Sharon who dropped in for a short visit on their way to Kanpur. As our cook and the gardener had resigned from the job, we brought a couple from Ranchi to work here on 27th June. The lady will be working in the house and the man will be working in the garden. On 29th June Sr. Sagaya conducted the Staff Meeting. Thereafter Fr. Deepak conducted an orientation programme for the teachers to become effective in their teaching profession.



News in capsules

Despite the alarming news that the second wave of Covid 19 was already on its destructive prowl, we had Easter services in the church, though on a low key. On Easter Sunday morning all of us attended Holy mass, in the parish church, celebrating the resurrection of Jesus. At noon our chaplains blessed our house and school and had lunch with us.

On 4th April the teachers of Mary wad School came to attend the staff meeting and were delighted to find a new and spacious staff room awaiting them. Sr. Divya had taken pains to renovate the old wood godown next to Mary Ward School office into a beautiful, airy staff room for Mary ward School teachers. The Silver Jubilee of Sr. Shilpa and the Silver wedding Anniversary of Mrs. Sangeeta (Teacher of Mary Ward School) and her husband, Hari (our driver) was also celebrated , although the celebration was rather a subdued one, on account of the pandemic.

On 5th April the new school session began, hoping against hope, in spite of the alarming news of the spread of the pandemic, that we will have at least some days of normal classes. Classes IX up started coming for regular classes but soon this hope was nipped in the bud as we had to close the school as per Government orders. So once again they switched over to on line classes to the disappointment of children and teachers.

By the end of the first week of April, Corona struck our community, its first victim being Sr. Roselette. Once again all of us had to take the Covid test and fortunately all except our two working girls were free of the disease. Sr. Roselette and the maids were quarantined, while the rest took precautions to ward off the illness.



Sr. Celine gave us a few anxious days when her B.P. went down alarmingly low. Though sister was taken to the hospital for investigations she was brought back home as the hospital was no more a safe place for treatment in the pandemic season. Sr. Shilpa used all her skills to nurse Sr. Celine back to health and wholeness while the community prayed hard for her recovery.

April- May were months of tension and worry as we began getting news of the sudden passing away of people close to us, due to the corona. Mrs. Seema Trivedi, a teacher who had left our school only a couple of years ago, suddenly died, we don't know due to what, leaving all who knew her shocked and bewildered. She was absolutely healthy until then. The news of the demise of Sr. Jane Francis of Patna Province plunged us all into grief. Then the next sad news was the passing away of Sr. Suchita , followed by that of Sr. Jessy and Sr. Regis of Delhi Province. Fr. Rolfie, a beloved priest of Allahabad diocese, a close friend and spiritual guide to our community too, bid goodbye to the world, leaving everyone who knew him in deep grief and sorrow. There were other deaths in our parish of people we had known and loved. The months were terrible, fear, shock and anxiety taking a toll on us all. In the midst of the terrifying situation all of us turned to the Lord for refuge, reassurance and comfort and slowly we limped back to normalcy though the scars left by the loss of those dear ones will be felt for a long time.

After a long gap we had the first Mass in our chapel on Pentecost Sunday. Sr. Shilpa received news that her entire family was down with covid and that her Mother's condition was very precarious. So on 26th May she flew home to be with her Mother; her father too was admitted in the hospital while all the other family

members who were also suffering from the virus remained at home, under medical care. We stormed heaven for a cure although the reports from Shilpa were not very encouraging, After anxious days slowly her Mother's condition improved and finally the day came when she could be discharged from the hospital. The others of her family had recovered in the meantime. Once the family was back on the road to recovery, Sr. Shilpa returned on 11th June.

The month of June is a time of change, of transfers and of new beginnings for some. Kanpur community too had its share of changes: Sr. Divya was transferred to Deori (Sagar) and Sr. Tara back to Allahabad. Sr. Divya, after completing all the work in school as well as the construction/ repairs, went home for a well-deserved holiday. Two of her elder sisters were seriously ill and one of them had to undergo a surgery. Her presence must have been of much comfort to them in their period of suffering. Sr. Divya returned from home on 15th June and immediately went into quarantine for a few days

We were really sorry to bid goodbye to Sr. Tara, who is kind- hearted, lively and ever ready to help, especially the older members. Sr. Tara left for Allahabad on 12th June.

On 23rd June Sr. Shweta accompanied by Srs. Neeta, Sharon, Sarita and Benita arrived from Allahabad. The 1 three latter were bound for Sagar while Sr. Shweta and Neeta came to discuss some matters concerning the construction at Sagar.

Sr. Divya was given a farewell by the community on 24th June; Holy Mass was offered for her intentions and the community had a special hour of prayer in the evening, thanking God for all her dedicated work and the painstaking efforts she put in to bring about much growth and development in the school. The next day, early in the morning Sr. Divya left for Sagar accompanied by Srs Rajni and Roselette.

27th to 30th June were days of prayer and Recollection under the expert guidance of Sr. Celine. Through her insightful reflections on the Lord's method of leading and guiding Mary Ward, St. Ignatius and Mary Magdalene on their pilgrim journey, sister made us aware of the Call of the Lord to each one of us from being a sinner- turned- penitent- turned seeker to union with the Divine. They were indeed days of deep silence and rejuvenation.



Sr. Celine, our Superior is also on transfer and is awaiting the arrival of the next Animator of the Community – Sr. Roshni, who at the moment is at home with her family and may come by the middle of July. Sr. Celine will leave, after handing over the charges, for a two weeks' holiday in Jhansi prior to going to her new community, St. Mary's, 32, Allahabad.

As we continue our earthly pilgrimage in these uncertain times amidst fears of still another wave of Corona, let us be united in prayer and love and trust ourselves to the mercy and loving kindness of the Lord!

*even the
darkest night
will end
and the sun
will rise*

“The peace of God which transcends all understanding will guard your minds and hearts in Christ Jesus!” **Philippians 4:7**

