

ALLAHABAD NEWS LETTER JULY- SEPTEMBER 2021



SMC 21, ALLAHABAD

During the summer many changes took place in our community. In the month of July Sr. Jaya was installed as the new superior of the community. Sr. Shweta conducted a meaningful, prayer service and all of us prayed for her, after which a solemn high Mass was offered for her intentions .

On 4th July, the Feast of St. Thomas was celebrated. On this day we invited our chaplain Fr. Thomas and he celebrated the holy Eucharist for us during which we prayed for his intentions .

Sr.Pushpa joined the '21' Community as the dietician. She also extends her service in Darshana Special School. We wish her a happy stay in '21'.

Sr. Rosily, after completing her term as the superior is transferred to Ghazipur. Sr Shweta reached her to the new Community. May Sister experience joy and peace in her new Community.

The three GC delegates Srs. Shweta , Jane and Sumita went to West Bengal to attend the Pre GC Event.In the absence of Sr.Shweta, Sr.Martha took up the responsibilities.

We were happy to spend a few hours with Archbishop Raphy Manjally who paid a short visit. He shared with us his concerns and we promised our prayerful Support to him. Sr.

Teresina, the Junior Mistress, spend 3 days with the juniors, Sr. Pushpa and Sr. Grace preparing them for the renewal of vows. They are grateful for her guidance and help.

We were happy to receive the good result of Sr. Ruby. Sister passed the TTC with distinction. Congratulations Sr. Ruby! Priyanka, one of our candidates who appeared for the ISC examination passed with 80%. She has joined the postulants in Jhansi.

In preparation for the Feast of St. Ignatius the community made a day's recollection and adoration. In the morning we had a meaningful celebration of the Holy Eucharist. We were happy to have our Sisters from Rajapur and '32' with us for tea.

Reaching out to the Flood victims

Due to the flood many families suffered loss of property including their houses. Most of the families were shifted to St. Joseph's Girls Wing and YMCA school. Allahabad Diocese joined hands with the Government to reach out to the flood victims. Our Sisters went with the Diocesan Fathers and distributed food items to the families who were affected.

We were happy to welcome Srs. Isabel and Celine in our midst. They spent the day with us.

DARSHANA SPECIAL SCHOOL: Soon after joining the 21 community Sr.Cecilia began her mission of meeting the Darshana special school parents by visiting their families and also calling them to school to motivate them to send the special children to school. Parents were very co-operative and they gave full support to Sr. Cecilia. On 8th September, on the 5th anniversary of Darshana special school Sr. Cecilia prepared a scintillating video on the various activities conducted

previously in the school and posted it on Youtube which enthused the parents to



send their wards to school. Sr. Cecilia along with Sr. Sales allotted time slots to the students and they were busy

in catering to the individual needs of these special children. By



God's grace now students are coming

regularly to school for four hours. At present Sr. Cecilia, Sr. Sales and Sr. Pushpa are managing the school.

Sr.Cecilia was warmly welcomed by the youth director and the youth of the Allahabad diocese as the lady youth animator. On 8th September the youth of Allahabad zone had a half day orientation programme. Sr.Cecilia addressed the Youth and had an interactive session with them.

Celebrations

Sr. Marietta's feast day was celebrated in the community. Sisters from '32' and Rajapur joined

us for tea. All of them visited her and assured their prayerful support.

Our chaplains Fr. Anil and Fr. George's birthdays were celebrated. We greeted them and prayed for them.

Webinars: Our Sisters attended a number of webinars during these months. Sr. Jane and Sharon attended a discernment programme by Rev. Fr. Terrance S.J. Srs. Cecilia and Martha attended a seminar on Social Justice by Fr. Cyprian Tellis SJ.

Sr. Shweta and Jane went to Rihand Nagar to attend the Jubilee Celebration of Sr. Savita .

Sr.Delna returned to Mangalore, as she has to continue her studies. Sr. Bharti one of our Junior Sisters joined the Nazareth Hospital for the Nurses' Training.

We felt one with our C.J Body as we witnessed the Pre-GC event on important dates besides having access to all the materials posted on the website. It was a unique experience for each one of us.

Candidates Corner

26th June 2021 was a joyful day for us candidates, as we welcomed Alisha and Sheetal to the group. On the arrival of these, we, the candidates arranged a freshers' day programme., and all the sisters of SMC 21 were present to witness it and enjoyed it thoroughly.

We commemorated the 75th Independence Day of our country and the Assumption of our Blessed mother in a befitting manner. It began with the celebration of the Holy Eucharist and followed by flag hosting and in the evening ended with a small cultural programme, conducted by the candidates.

August 16th was a holiday for three of our candidates as the other two student-- candidates had to leave for school as it re-opened for the

first time this year. They were bubbling with joy and excitement to see their teachers and old friends in the school.

On August 17th five of our candidates joined the community in packing the food items for the flood victims and thereafter joined in distributing them to the affected which gave them an exposure to the suffering of the flood-victims.

20th August was set apart as a day of prayer and penance when we reflected on the theme “Gratitude leads to joy.”

21st August was a day of celebration for us as we joined the community for the Onam celebration. Sr. Jane gave a small message on Onam and the importance of this celebration.

On the 23rd August, Pooja a new candidate from Odisha joined us. On the 28th we had a small outing to Rajapur community along with Srs. Martha and Janet. We also had a chance to interact with the girls who came to learn computer and tailoring.

Along with Sr. Delna, we the candidates anticipated the Teachers’ Day and celebrated the same on 4th September. We put up a cultural programme, in which all the sisters were honored with a photo frame – we had an opportunity to wish our school teachers and serve them refreshments. We also watched the video programme by our little school children wishing their teachers on this auspicious day.

SMC Nursery School

A webinar by Ratna Sagar was conducted on Saturday 10th July 2021. The resource person for this day was Mr. Abid Akhtar Ansari. The topic of the webinar was ‘online teaching the need of the hour’. The foremost point that we were told was to make the online class interactive and interesting by exploring more and more platforms for ideas and interconnecting teaching with other subjects. We should integrate the subject by using the cross curriculum method.

The teachers were also introduced to reading ‘egg’, a very resourceful and helpful website by Ratna Sagar for the students and teachers which has videos followed by interactive questions. It also provides a library with audio books and activity sheets.

The first meeting of JPIC was organized on 7th August, 2021 in St. Mary’s Convent inter college. St. Mary’s Nursery school 21, and St. Mary’s Inter College has a combined JPIC and FMW group. Radhika Sethi is the Teacher representative of St. Mary’s Nursery school. The meeting was organized to make everyone familiar with Pope Francis’ Encyclical ‘Laudato si’ and care for our common home. Sr. Surbhi explained the purpose of creating this group and 7 goals of JPIC. As it was decided in the group that we need to make our students and parents aware of the crises the whole creation is facing, the different activities were decided.

Students of LKG and UKG with the help of their teachers and parents took part in –

- Paper bag making activity- say no to plastic bag.
- Conservation of natural resources
- Stop pollution in the form of fancy dress.

The teachers, parents and children are really taking it very seriously and trying to live the JPIC goals in small ways. In order to respond to the cry of the flood victims, the toilet articles were collected by LKG and UKG students.

The FMW group is also very active. They are taking part in all the meetings. They are learning the Spirituality of Mother Mary Ward, the Charism and imbibing the qualities of Mother ward. It was decided in the FMW group that every month there will be an activity conducted. So, ‘do a good deed’ activity was conducted among the students. The students and parents went out of their way to help the people in need. The students learned the quality of being concerned about the one who is in need.

Women Empowerment

The Independence Day was celebrated with full gusto and enthusiasm. The teachers and co-workers worked together and prepared the assembly. The Flag was hoisted by Rev. Sr. Shweta our Provincial Superior. The staff and co-workers on behalf of the entire school gave a formal welcome to Sr. Shweta, our new provincial and Sr. Jaya, our new superior, as during the lock down it was not possible. Keeping in mind the 7 goals of JPIC, we welcomed them with saplings and after the programme it was planted with the help of the teachers and our co-workers.

The teachers were honoured on 6th September with a short prayer service, tea party and a small video programme prepared by the students of LKG and UKG to honour their teachers.



Responding to the 7 goals of JPIC we are collecting the kitchen waste such as- tea leaves, vegetable peels and egg shells and preparing the manure. With the help of our co-workers Sr. Martha prepared the cocopeat out of coconut shell. We are trying to make our compound green and fruitful.



The PC 2019 garden has yielded fruits. Thanks to Sr. Roshini and the team and all those who planted the saplings. The saying goes right, 'someone plants, someone waters and someone enjoys its fruit'.



Sr. Martha attended a 5 days online course on 'Project Planning for Fund Raising with LFA' conducted by Adhwana.

St. Monica's day celebration: St Monica is the patron saint of wives, difficult marriages, widows, mothers disappointing or wayward children and victims of adultery and abuse.



Mothers' day was celebrated on 28th August in different parishes and interceded for all the mothers so that they may draw their children to God and remain close to their children even the prodigal sons and daughters who have sadly gone astray.

Girl Child Day celebration

We need to combat social discrimination and exploitation that girls face every day in the modern India.



Empowering girls for a brighter tomorrow is the need of the hour. At every step of her journey, she is challenged and threatened from progressing forward. Even before she is born, the girl child comes face to face with a challenge. As she continues through life, she faces rejection, discrimination and fear if she expresses ambition. With this view we celebrated the Girl Child Day on 8th September 2021 in different parishes.



ASHA NIKETAN CONVENT

We had a special Thanksgiving Holy Mass on 11th July for Sr. Sales for her selfless services as the Animator of the community for the past 3

years. On 12th, Sr. Fabiola was installed by Sr. Martha as the new animator of our community during a special prayer service after which Holly Mass was offered for her intentions. The same day Sr. Sales said good bye to Asha Niketan and left for Allahabad along with Srs. Martha and Daya.

We received the sad news about Sr. Delphine's elder brother, Mr. Joseph aged 80 who passed away on 19th July due to a cardiac arrest. A special Mass was offered for him the next day.

On 21st, the Missionary Meeting of Varanasi Zone was held at Nav Sadhana Regional Pastoral Centre. Srs. Fabiola and Bhavana attended it. We celebrated Sr. Maria Goretti's birthday on 27th along with our Kanudhi community.

On 28th Srs. Teresina and Grace came from Allahabad for the 3 days recollection in preparation for the renewal of vows of Srs. Pushpa and Grace. They renewed their vows in the hands of Sr. Fabiola on July 31st. On the same day we had the cluster community gathering at Ghazipur, beginning with Holy Mass followed by games and lunch. We were happy to receive a token gift given by the Ghazipur community. The same evening a special Prayer Service on the occasion of 500th Anniversary of the Conversion of St. Ignatius of Loyola and the Martyrdom of Rev. Fr. Stan Swami S.J. was held at St. Mary's Cathedral, Varanasi. We attended the same.

Srs. Maria Goretti and Pushpa had their exams from 2nd to 14th August. On 7th, we attended an on line International Prayer for the Peace in the world. On 17th August Sr. Pushpa left for Allahabad and Sr. Maria Goretti for her home leave.

After a long gap on 1st September, we re-opened our Asha Niketan Special School. There were 12 students on the first day of school. Deo Gratias.

Sr. Shweta came for Visitation On 13th Sept. and spent 3 days with us. Sister made a special visit

to the Bishop with regard to the mission at Asha Niketan Special School. She also paid a short visit to our Parish Priest.

We are happy to inform you that the road in front of our Convent is under repair and soon will be ready for use.

May our Blessed Mother keep us close to Jesus in this chaotic world.



After the lockdown was lifted, people started to move around with less fear. We had been fortunate to have the Holy Eucharist once a week, offered by Fr. Linto. On 5th July Srs. Surbhi, Tara, Grace and Asha Deep teachers came from 32 to meet the Asha Deep students of Rajapur area and their parents. Around twenty students and their parents were present for the meeting. With the permission of the parents they decided to conduct the offline exams for the students who have not got smart phones. After the examination teachers remained with the students and helped them in their studies. But we could not continue this good work due to some objections from people outside. But one or two students from nearby continued their studies here. We thank Srs. Shweta, Roshni, Jaya and Tina for their visit to our community.

We are grateful to Sr. Shweta and Fr. Louis for making arrangements with the St Joseph's college Frs. to have Eucharistic celebration in our chapel 3 days in a week. On 13th August Sr Annes took part in the flood relief meeting which took place in Sadhana Sadhan and our community also contributed ration kits for the cause. We also helped the 21 community to pack the ration kits for the flood victims after the Independence Day celebration there. Sr. Joselette joined the team for the distribution of the ration kits in different areas.

Along with Sr. Janet and Sr. Martha our candidates came to our community to share a cup of tea with us. For our candidates it was their first visit to Mary Ward Bhawan Rajapur. On 30th Srs. Celine and Isabel made a visit to our house. On 5th September Srs. Salesia and Joselette attended the Inter Religious Prayer Meeting in St Joseph's college. In September Sr. Joselette was appointed as the youth lady animator for the Cathedral parish.

MARY WARD VOCATIONAL TRAINING AND SOCIAL WORK CENTER

On 2nd August we reopened our tailoring, computer, Mehendi and spoken English classes. Tailoring classes are very much appreciated here in Rajapur. In the evening we help a few Asha Deep students to do their home work

We have begun our outreach program from the first of September. Sr. Joselette visited the nearby colonies and seeing the greater needs she moved to the slums. With the financial support of Fr. Babu, Sister has begun the first non-formal education center in the Sanjai Nager slum.

On 8th September, the birthday of Our Blessed Mother we started our 2nd non- formal education center in 32 Chatham Lines and on 15th September we began the 3rd non- formal education center in Jawahar Nagar. At present all three non-formal education centers are having more than 40 student each.



The joyous June is out and the jubilant July is in.

“People with a purpose, goals and visions invest their energy in creativity and focus on living a positive life.” So here we are on a positive note. The month of July dawned on a jubilant key-- Sr. Jyoti's birthday. A virtual assembly was held by the students to greet sister. Our co-workers were

happy to greet her too. They were treated to a lunch at 1.00 p.m. after which they got half holiday.

‘Dukrana’- the feast of St. Thomas, the Apostle of India was celebrated with a Solemn High Mass highlighting the traditions and history of St. Thomas, his mission in India, and his martyrdom in South India.

Fr. Raymond had extended an invitation to the sisters to his place, to break the monotony of the Covid Pandemic. A few sisters went for an outing to Fr. Raymond's place and enjoyed the day as he has a mini Zoo with different animals and birds. Sr. Sumita accompanied Sr. Shweta to Ghazipur on 4th July to install Sr. Gretti as the animator of the community. They came back the next day, ‘mission accomplished’.

The sad demise of Fr. Stan Swami SJ in the Holy Family Hospital, Mumbai, shocked us all, at the same time gave us a sense of relief. Father's lawyer had applied for a bail, but was refused. Then God intervened and bailed him out to a place where there are no jails. Let us pray to this martyr, Stan Swamy who tirelessly worked for justice to the tribals of Jharkhand.

Sr. Bridgit was on transfer to 32' and the Ghazipur Community along with the fathers and a few staff members reached her ceremoniously. The newly built ‘Guard Room with an attached toilet was blessed by Rev. Fr, H.Tauro. Sr. Sumita along with Srs Shweta and Jane went to Asansole for the Pre GC preparatory meetings. All the Indian GC delegates would be assembling there for this purpose.

Under the guidance of Sr. Jyoti and Sr. Surabhi, some of the Ashadeep staff visited the homes of a few students to identify the really poor and needy children. On an appointed date, they distributed ration to the deserving families. Each family got a five kg. packet comprising rice, wheat flour, pulses, sugar and oil. They also arranged online classes for the Mary Ward Bhawan, Rajapur students who have no internet

facility. Twelve families benefited from this project.

Sr. Sarita's birthday celebration began with a solemn High Mass followed by wishing. For the evening community prayer, the analogy of a drop of ice leaving the mountain peak was used to depict the life journey of Sr. Sarita.

13th July was a very significant day, for Sr. Bridgit, who was officially welcomed as the Principal of St. Joseph's



Girls' College, Mumfordganj by Rev. Fr. Louis Mascarenhas, the Administrator of the Diocese of Allahabad and Fr. Manoj Stephen, the Manager of the school. In the absence of the students due to the pandemic, the teachers put up a beautiful program to welcome the incoming principal and to express their gratitude to the outgoing Principal Mrs. Geeta Srivastava. Amidst cheers and flowers, the keys were transferred to Sister. All the best!

Sr. Grace's brother Mohit paid a visit to his sister and the following Saturday, Miss Ashadeep, the younger sister of Sr. Tara, working at the Medanta hospital, Lucknow as a staff nurse came to spend the weekend with her sister

Sr. Marion, being invited as the Chief Guest, went to inaugurate the Grand Opening of THE TEACHING POINT, an Innovative Coaching Institute, at ADA colony in Naini.

Yet another jubilant occasion for Sr. Bridgit was her feast day, on 23rd July. On that Day after Mass and breakfast sister went to the college where she was joyfully greeted by the entire school.

Sr. Regina went to Shanti Sadan to make her annual retreat under the guidance of Fr. Joy Pulikkunnel S. J. Friends of Mary Ward Meeting was attended by some 30 members. More and more members are joining the group. After her

surgery and rest Sr. Delphine was reached back to AshaNiketan by Srs. Marion and Sybil.

The community wished Sr. Elsie on her 85th Birthday. Special prayers were offered for her health and well-being. Sr. Preeti celebrated her Birthday; turning 69 is a real reason to thank



God for the gift of life granted to her. Her presence among us for Mass brought joy to everyone. She joined us for breakfast. The community was prompt in

capturing those moments in still photos.

Sr. Regina came back after spending 8 full days of quiet time with the Lord. She looked fresh and wore a bright 'halo', the after effect of the Retreat. ICSE & ISC Results are declared. All passed. The students and teachers deserve hearty congratulations, along with the Principal who gave moral support and other facilities for the smooth functioning of the classes and online exams.

Sr. Tara, prepared the talk on St. Ignatius, 'God has a plan for all of us' for our monthly Recollection. This was in preparation for the feast of St. Ignatius. The four significant stages in his life were highlighted. It was concluded with the community Holy Hour and surrendering all that we are and all that we have in His service. "TOTTO AMARE E SERVIRE" It was indeed a fruitful day. Thank you, Sr. Tara, for your enriching presentation.

Feast of St. Alphonsa was a matter of double joy for us since Sr. Vinaya's patron saint is St. Alphonsa. Our sisters and some fathers from the seminary came to wish her. Sr. grace went to Asha Niketan for the Renewal of her vows. 30th July was a penance day, so we, as prescribed, conducted the Holy Hour with the theme 'Our Charism.' 31st July was a peaceful, happy day, and we honoured St. Ignatius on his day. The climax of the day, was the tea in 21 and we took Sr. Tara along as she was to be in 21 for her Tertianship preparation.

Our TTC students from Patna Province, Srs. Rita Singh and Jacintha arrived by 1.00 p.m. to get their mark sheets and left for Patna the next day.



The 'Amazing August' began with Sr. Monica walking to the community room for her birthday prayers. She enjoyed the cake cutting ceremony

after the prayer. The next day she was wheeled into the chapel for Mass. Sister has stepped into her 9th decade of life, quite hale and hearty.

On 7th Aug. we took part in the National Prayer Service for the healing of the world, organized by CCBI from 8.30–9.30 p.m. Nine brothers were ordained Deacons on 8th Aug. Only a few of us could attend the Diaconate and the others had to be satisfied with Online Mass.

The angry clouds darkened the lovely blue sky and a storm accompanied by lightning struck overhead. The rivers crossed the danger marks and the whole of Allahabad was flooded inundating the mud houses and huts along the river banks. St. Joseph's College Girls Wing was a shelter of refuge for the flood victims.



12th was a flood relief day. A team headed by Fr. Manoj Stephen, Fr. Ronald, Srs. Sumita, Bridgit, Marion and some teachers and supportive staff went

to distribute food packets to the marooned people on the house tops in the Bailey area. Archbishop, His Eminence Rt. Rev. Dr. Raphy Manjaly, paid a visit to our community in the evening and spent some time with us. He also met the older sisters who are confined to the rooms and gave them his blessings.

Srs. Sumita, Bridgit and Jyoti attended a meeting organized by Fr. Eugene, Dean of Allahabad Zone, at Sadhna Sadan to decide about some concrete ways of providing ration and other relief materials to the flood victims at the different relief camps. Suchita medicals arranged

a free Health Camp in our SMC Lower Hall for the Staff, sisters and all the supportive staff. Sisters from SMC 21 and Rajapur also came for general checkup.



The 75th Independence Day was celebrated with much joy and enthusiasm. Fr.

Wilfred Moras, the Rector of the Seminary, after offering the solemn High Mass for the community and praying for the nation, hoisted the flag at 8.30 a.m. Around 200 students and all the staff members along with the Sisters witnessed a short but inspiring prayer service and meaningful cultural program prepared by the students of class 9. The Chief Guest for the occasion, Fr. Wilfred, enlightened the students and staff with his motivational speech



The friends of Mary Ward of SMC together with our Srs. Jyoti, Regina, Surabhi, Rose and Delna went to distribute relief materials and food packets to the flood victims residing in the slum areas



under the Naini old bridge. The JPIC team led by the Coordinator Sr. Surabhi along with Srs. Rose, Grace, SMC teachers and NGO representatives went to Sangam Leprosy Mission to distribute relief materials and food packets. The experience of reaching out to the needy was indeed a treasured moment for them. **May their tribe increase!**

Sr. Jyoti left for home leave by Sangamitra express. Sr. Sarita left for Sagar accompanied by Srs. Theresa and Vinaya. At last she managed to reach her new community with the satisfaction of having completed her M.Ed. examination.

The JPIC team, along with Srs. Surabhi, Rose, Grace, SMC teachers and NGO representatives went to Bikar Ganga Ghat Village, where sand mine workers who lost everything due to the recent flood, and also the flood victims living in the interior area of Rajapur were given relief materials and food packets.

Double celebration set the tone of the day, as the community celebrated the feast day of Sr.Sybil and Sr. Rose along with the grand celebration of Onam, the traditional harvest festival of Kerala. The carpet of flowers which is known as 'Pookkalam' adorned the refectory floor with the traditional diyas bringing in joy and festivity. The Onasaddya (onam meal) was served on banana leaves. The aroma and the sight of the variety of dishes were indeed appetizing and a wonderful celebration brought a lot of joy, and togetherness among the sisters.

Sr. Celine, the new member to the community, was warmly welcomed by us as she begins her new mission at SMC, Prayagraj. She was accompanied by Srs. Isabel, Prabha and Shilpa. The next day a special Holy Mass was offered for the intentions of Sr.Celine. Later, after supper, the community organized a fun filled recreation, to honour them.

The Allahabad Province organized a JPIC webinar on 'Empowering girls by amplifying their voices for a better future.' The representatives were Principals, teachers and students from the schools of Prayagraj, Kanpur, Lucknow and Sagar who were enlightened on 'Stress Management, Cyber Crimes and safety measures to be taken to safeguard them' by our guest speakers. This was done at the initiative of our Province co-ordinator Sr. Surabhi.

On the occasion of Teachers' Day which coincided with 24th death Anniversary of St. Mother Teresa of Kolkata, there was an inter-faith prayer meeting at St. Joseph's College auditorium. Seven of us attended it. The pandemic, though troubled us in many and sundry ways, has taught us valuable lessons too.

The Nativity of our Bl. Mother was celebrated with much joy and enthusiasm and Sr.Preeti was greeted soon after Mass since it was her Feast Day. Fr. Thomas Kumar offered Mass and reminded us the services Sr. Preeti rendered to

all of us and also to him. The day culminated with novena, rosary and Holy mass in the Cathedral.

Christi, Sr. Damacena's grandniece paid us a visit with her husband. She came to submit her resignation letter in the Agricultural Institute as she was going to join her new posting in Kerala. The aunty and the niece spent quality time with each other before they bade goodbye to Prayagraj.

Sr. Kiran, the Provincial Superior of Patna along with Sr. Anita visited us.

Our Recollection was on 12th September which was conducted by Sr. Regina and the theme was 'Seeing everything new in Christ'. Mother Mary was our model and the day was over by Campus Rosary, starting and ending in the chapel where adoration was going on by the senior sisters.

No more seminars, only webinars. Srs.Sumita, Vinaya and Surabhi attended one, for all those in social health and pastoral ministries. Sr. Ancy CJ from Patna gave the input session on the possibilities, challenges and also briefed them about her approach towards Social Action. Our sisters too shared their concerns, aspirations and dreams for better effectiveness in mission.

On the Feast of the exaltation of the Cross, light was thrown on the love of Jesus for each broken but loved individual. The next day being the feast of our lady of Sorrows, we reflected on the 7 sorrows of our Bl. Mother and how they can benefit us in our day to day life. The SJ fathers of Shanti Sadan welcomed our sisters for an afternoon break to their place for a few hours and we returned refreshed.

21st was a day for 'Friends of Mary Ward'. Sr. Celine spoke on 'The Charism and Spirituality of Mother Mary Ward.' It was geared to strengthen the teachers and sisters of the Allahabad Province. The teachers were extremely happy because Sister gave it in a nut shell. She also stressed the point, "To be seekers of Truth and doers of Justice". It was a very fruitful and enriching session. Thanks a million times to Sr. Celine.

Sr. Rose was reached to Kanpur by Sr. Marion to join Sr. Rajni and to proceed to Mysore to attend a course in Spirituality. Sr. Grace joined them so

that she could have a day's break with her people in Fatehpur. 26th Sept. was the day of Migrants and refugees. It reminded us that we must become a 'We' that is ever wider and co-responsible.

The feast of St. Vincent de Paul, was a special day for us as it was the feast day of Sr. Vincy. The very first visitor was Fr. Joseph Mascarenhas whose memory is fading due to sickness and age. Srs. Vincy and Vinaya went and brought him to the convent, serving breakfast and administering medicine, thus imitating St. Vincent de Paul helping the poor and the helpless in a small way.

Sadhana Sadan hosted the SCC (Small Christian Community) council meeting on 29th and 30th Sept. We were asked to accommodate a few sisters here. 28th was the feast of Our Lady, 'undoer of knots.' Let us ask her to liberate us from all the knots satan keeps us bound. The feast of the Arch Angels, Michael, Gabriel and Raphael was celebrated solemnly. May St. Michael defend us from all evil, St. Gabriel bring good tidings and St. Raphael heal us from bodily ailments. With this greeting, we bring the successful September to a close.

The Optimistic October is calling us. Let us open the doors wide. Wish you all, Our Lady's special blessings in this Rosary month.



SMC CHUNAR

The month of July began with celebrations. On 4th July we had a grant celebration of the feast of St. Thomas, the patron of this mission as well the birthday of Sr. Manisha. We had the Holy mass in the evening in our convent chapel offered by Fr. Louis Mascarenhas along with Fr. Jacob Bona and Fr. Vincent. Our parishioners and the hostel teachers also joined us in the celebration which was followed by dinner. On 31st we celebrated the feast of St. Ignatius. After a short break, on 5th August we started our online classes. On 7th August Sr. Namita went to Kanpur for her M.Ed exams and returned after a week. After a long time the Parish Church was re-opened for the Sunday services on 8th August and the parishioners were very happy to attend

the services once again. Due to rain and opening of the dams, the Ganga water entered the school campus, and it flooded the entire Chunar town. The water remained in the campus for four days after which it slowly receded. The flood added to the misery of the poor who live near the riverside. We, along with Fr. Vincent and the teachers reached out to the flood affected with necessary provisions. Independence Day was celebrated with enthusiasm though on a small scale.

Meja and Taraon communities along with Fr. Prabhunath made a short visit to us. We congratulated our students of both Hindi and English medium schools for their good results. On 23rd August the Feast day of Sr. Rosita was celebrated. On 23rd August the offline classes for classes 9-12 started which was followed by classes 1-8 on 1st September. The classes were held in two shifts, so we were very busy in the school. The Teachers' day was celebrated for the staff of both the schools under the guidance of Sr. Namita, with a symbolic and meaningful prayer service depicting the noble responsibility of a teacher as a gardener which was followed by some games. Fr. Vincent and Sr. Namita conducted the games which all enjoyed, and the winners got prizes and the celebrations ended with lunch. At present the half yearly exams are just over and all are busy with the corrections.



SMC KANPUR

News in Capsule

July is a month of newness and freshness for many reasons: Schools resume academic session; in normal circumstances children return to school excited and eager to meet their friends; some sisters get transfers and newcomers come to take their place. For us too July was a special month for all of the above reasons and we did look forward to the beginning of another school year with all its surprises. The dry and scorching heat

of May - June gave way to the humid, sultry weather of July – August, the sporadic brief spells of rain increasing the discomfort and fatigue common to this season.

We, sisters, often have to bid goodbye to those we lived with, worked with and loved as the words of Poet Tennyson remind us:

“The old order changeth, yielding place to new
And God fulfills himself in many ways.”

Sr. Celine, our Animator for the past three years was also among those who received transfer this year. So we decided to invite the two nearby CJ communities to an evening of togetherness, fun and laughter on 8th July. Our sisters from Fatehpur and Unnao arrived punctually and after sharing a cup of tea with them we moved to the music hall which was prepared for the occasion. We spent a happy, lively time chit chatting and playing a few games and thus worked up an appetite for a delicious dinner, prepared with much love. It was indeed an evening of cordiality, frolic and laughter at the end of which the two guest communities bade farewell to Sr. Celine and left for their destinations.

On 9th Sr. Neeta arrived from Allahabad along with Mr. Parmanand, the engineer to pick up Sr. Sheela and proceed to Deori where they were to discuss some matter connected with the construction of the school building going on there.

Sr. Celine had been a member of SMC Kanpur for a number of years and during the past three years had served as its Animator. With her giftedness and leadership qualities she had done much to lead and guide the community and so we decided to keep 11th July as a Thanksgiving Day in honour of her. The day began with a special liturgical celebration thanking God for all that the community had received through Sr. Celine and asking for God’s blessings on her future mission. The day concluded with a prayer service and a delicious dinner.

July 11th was also a special day for our carpenter, Rajesh. Though quite advanced in age, he had remained unmarried as there was no one to make the necessary arrangements. But finally through the intervention of some of our sisters and co-

workers he succeeded in tying the knot. Fortunately the girl, a widow with a child, is smart and seems to be competent and we hope she will save him from his slovenly habits.

On 13th July we warmly welcomed our new superior, Sr. Roshni to our community. The next day Sr. Martha brought Sr. Kiran, our newest and youngest member from Allahabad. On 15th morning Sr. Martha installed Sr. Roshni as the Animator of Kanpur community during a prayer service. The installation was followed by the Eucharistic Celebration offered by Frs. K.K. Anthony and Louis Mascarenhas, who turned up unexpectedly. To celebrate this occasion and to welcome Sr. Roshni as well as a gesture of gratitude to Sr. Celine we had a special evening celebration – a cultural fiesta of songs, dances, skit etc. The day thus ended on a happy note.

Soon after, Sr. Celine left for Jhansi to spend a few days of relaxation with all our sisters in SFC and Nirmala.

Towards the end of July at the request of Sr. Lynnette Srs. Sheela and Kiran went to Kanudih, to share their expertise in accounting. From 8th August onwards for a week, our B. Ed and M. Ed students- Sr. Shilpa (B. Ed) and Srs. Sarita and Namita (M. Ed) appeared for their final year exams. They seemed to have done remarkably well in their exams

Tree Plantation on Feast / Birthdays

We celebrated the 81st Birth day of Sr. Sylvia on 16th August. A happy and contented Sr. Sylvia thanked God for her good health as well as for

saving her from many an illness and for all his blessings throughout her life. . To commemorate the occasion she planted a sapling, in keeping with the theme of the year, ‘Care for the Earth’. With this we began a new initiative of planting trees on the occasion of birth / feast days of Sisters, to make our little world ‘green and clean’.



The next few days were busy with many a coming and going. Sr. Celine was brought back from Jhansi on 26th August. Sr. Isabel and Sr. Vijaya came along with her. On 28th Srs. Prabha and Shilpa reached Sr. Celine and Isabel to Allahabad. While the two escorts returned the same day, Sr. Sumita brought Sr. Isabel back two days later. The next day Sr. Roshni took Sr. Isabel and Vijaya to Lucknow to meet their friends and visit the place where both of them had spent several years of their lives. On 3rd Sept. Srs. Marcelina and Alice came from Jhansi and the foursome returned to Jhansi that very day.

At the School Front

After our Chief Minister ,Yogi Adityanath, granted permission to open schools, we decided to begin off line classes for IX- XII. Attendance was not bad either. A week later school was opened for classes VI to VIII too. But as far as the little ones are concerned we dare not take the step as the third wave of corona is predicted. For others classes have begun and written tests began from 13th August.

ICSE/ ISC RESULT

On 26th July the long awaited ISC/ ICSE results were declared. Our students did extremely well- Shourya Kaushal and Agrani Shukla of ISC Science group securing 99.5% and Tushti Seth topping the commerce group with 98.7% Kavya Saxena of Class X topped the ICSE exam with 97.6% . A felicitation ceremony was held on 6th August during which the toppers were congratulated and felicitated for their achievement. Their proud parents were also present on the occasion. Each of the winners was presented with a sapling, and a memento along with the mark sheet.



Celebrating Grand Parents' Day

Under the inspiration of Sr. Prabha, many of our students celebrated 'Grand Parents' Day on 25th

July. Each in her unique way expressed sentiments of affection, gratitude and care for their grand Parents. The many photographs sent by them to the school show the efforts they made to make the day special for their 'grandpa' and 'grandma



CONGRATULATIONS TO SALEHA !

Saleha Rais Khan of Class X won the first prize in photography on the occasion of 'Earth Day' celebration and made us all proud of her.



Efforts to reach out to the less fortunate

Inspired by Mary Ward's teachings and the example of her life, many of our teachers make efforts to reach out to the poor and those who live in the fringes of society. Some of them have adopted families of Mary Ward children and personally visit them with provisions of daily needs.

16th to 21st August was declared as 'Kindness Week' during which students were encouraged to reach out to the very poor living all around them. Many of them with the help of their parents and teachers visited people living in pathetic conditions and distributed items of food and other articles of daily need.

The JPIC Unit of Kanpur has begun a Book Bank to help children who cannot afford to buy them.

Retirement

Shree Phool Singh, one of our Class IV employees, retired from service in August this year. On 10th August all co-workers and sisters gathered in the Music Hall to bid him goodbye. Sr. Prabha led the prayer, calling down God's blessing on Phool Singh and his family. Though

very sorry to leave the Institution, he was grateful that his daughter, Deepa had secured a teaching job in our school at Deori- Sagar. She was an ex-student of our school here.

School conducted a series of competitions for students- all virtually - from 1st to 15th August and were awarded E- Certificates.

Teacher's Day Celebration

September 5th being a Sunday, Teacher's Day was celebrated on 4th Sept. After a gap of almost two years, all the teachers of SMC and Mary Ward gathered together in the school auditorium for a real, not virtual, celebration. It was indeed a joyful coming together of friends and all were very happy to be in the company of each other after such a long period of isolation. Our sisters, the younger members of the community,, conducted the prayer service after which token gifts were given out to the teachers. A cup of tea and refreshments were served to all.

Sr. Prabha was one of the selected Principals of Kanpur who was honoured at a special public function held on 5th Sept. She was given the customary shawl and a certificate declaring her as the best Principal.



Mary Ward School, Computer and Tailoring Centre.

This year, there are 28 girls preparing for appearing in the 'Tailoring and Fashion Designing' Exam conducted by the ITI; they have had their practical exams and are now waiting for their Theory papers. Two of our students of the Tailoring Centre who completed their course in 'Cutting, Tailoring and Fashion Designing' gave us the good news that they have

secured good jobs in Anganwadi Schools. The first batch of computer students, 33 in number, completed their three months' course. The two batches of computer students, consisting of 66 girls and 104 students of the Tailoring Centre joined together to celebrate the Teacher's Day for all the sisters and teachers of Mary Ward school, They even hosted a small party for all by pooling together the money required to celebrate the day on a grand scale. That was their way of thanking us all for all that has been done for them to make them stand on their own legs.

Celebrating The Golden Jubilee

The year 2021 is being celebrated as the Golden Jubilee of Indian armed Forces' victory in the 1971 Indo-Pak war and the 75th year of India's Independence. Our senior students were invited



by the army to participate in a number of activities organized by them to commemorate the event. After the oath-taking ceremony, they went on a Cleanliness Drive at a nearby ghat. They were also taken to the waste disposal unit and shown how wastage is recycled into usable manure and raw petroleum. The activity packed week has been highly enriching and motivating for the students.

Those in Recovery Process

Sr. Shilpa made a trip to Rihand Nagar to join her batch-mate, Sr. Savita, in celebrating the silver Jubilee of their Religious life but as she had not been keeping well for some time she was advised to go to Allahabad for treatment. The doctor diagnosed it to be post-covid syndrome and sister is resting in Allahabad, slowly recovering from fever and other ailments. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Sr. Roshni too gave us some anxious moments when she took a tumble down from the stair-case behind the kitchen to the basement below. Fortunately she escaped serious injuries the fall could have caused; there is a small hairline fracture on her leg and the doctor also discovered an extra bone-growth near the ankle. Sister has been resting as per the advice of the doctor.

As we have already entered the month of Our Lady of the Rosary, we wish all of you a truly Spiritual journey with Mary, our Mother and her protection and guidance in our earthly pilgrimage.



SMC DEORI, SAGAR

We are delighted to have three of our TTC students who joined our staff this year and wish them God's blessings and a happy stay with us. These teachers are talented and well trained by our sisters so they will be an asset to our school's growth. The Sagar community thanks Mr. Sayak and his employees for their timely help in connecting the city power line to our school.

Indeed we were privileged to have one of our parents Mr. Raghu Nandan Chaturvedi, the Tehsildar as our chief guest for the Independence Day celebration. Since students were not present in the school for the celebration, our teachers conducted the prayer service and a short programme was presented which the chief guest enjoyed and appreciated very much. Further he commended that our teachers are well trained. Mr. Umakant Dixit and Mr. Kamlesh Khare were also present on this occasion to witness the programme.

Congratulations to our four senior teachers who were confirmed permanent and we appreciate their dedicated service to our school. The community celebrated Onam with a variety of vegetarian dishes served on banana leaves.

The Sagar community heartily welcomed the new members on transfer:- Srs. Evelyn, Divya, Sarita and Alisha and wished them all the best. We offered Mass and prayed for their intentions. Congratulations to Sr. Sharon who is appointed as the new provincial secretary. May God assist

her in all her endeavours. We thank her for her dedicated service to the community, school and the people of Deori. The staff conducted a meaningful prayer service and a short programme for Sr. Sharon. A delicious lunch was also served. The students too conducted class wise virtual farewell programmes for sister. Teachers' day was celebrated in the school. A simple programme was organized by the students of Class IX after which refreshments were served and the day was full of fun and joy. We are happy that a few more CCTV cameras are installed in the school, for safety.

On October 2nd the Diocese of Sagar honoured all the silver and golden Jubilarian priests and religious with a bouquet and a shawl each. Sr. Evelyn CJ was also honoured by Mar James Athikalam, the Bishop of Sagar. We warmly welcomed Sr. Shweta our new Provincial Superior in our midst. The Staff and the students welcomed her with a meaningful prayer service and a short programme after which refreshments were served for all. On 7th October in the presence of our Provincial Superior Sr. Shweta C J, Sr. Sheela CJ, Sr. Neeta C J and the entire community of Sagar, the new Science lab site was blessed by Rev. Fr. George CMI. Along with us some of the teaching staff, students of class IX, Mr. Sanjeev Jain the engineer cum contractor and his co-workers were also present for this event. We distributed ladoos to all present, to share our joy.



MARY WARD CONVENT UNNAO

Moments of grace

Pandemic Covid -19 taking a lower scale in nature, normal life has set-in with vigour and renewed spirit. A day of relaxation, fun and laughter was shared by the three communities SMC Kanpur, St. John's Fathepur and MWC Unnao, in SMC Kanpur. A few days of stay Sr. Roshni, with us added joy to the community. At the request of the community, the Bishop of

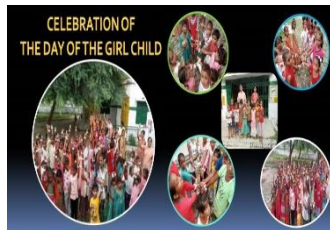
NAV JEEVAN SOCIAL CENTER UNNAO

Lucknow Rev. Gerald John Mathias permitted the renovation of the house with a roof truss and comfy washrooms. St. Lawrence parish celebrated the Church feast on 14th August after a gap of two years in a Corona free atmosphere.



The august presence of the Bishop of Lucknow Rev. Gerald John Mathias and our sisters from Kanpur and Lucknow added

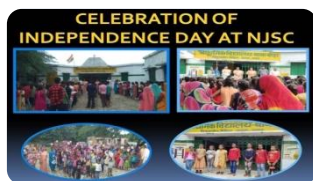
delight to the day. A short visit by Srs. Isabel, Vijaya and Roshni brought in moments of gladness. At the commencement of Offline classes from the month of August the campus vibrates with laughter and cheer. Celebration of Teachers' Day and the day of the Girl Child were festooned with the physical presence of the students in the School.



Spiritual Awakening:

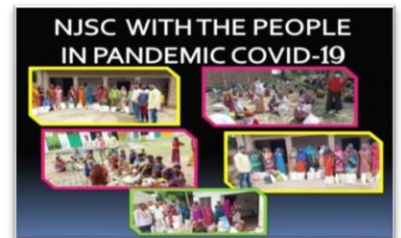
An individual Study of the life of St. Ignatius in the month of July brought in graces and blessings and the month ended with a meaningful prayer service on the Feast of St. Ignatius. Honoring Mother Mary on her Birthday, a solemn Eucharistic Celebration followed by Novena and Rosary was organized and was attended by all the parishioners.

A meaningful prayer service conducted by the teachers on the day of Independence brought in a sense of devotion and love for the country and a call of awareness to offer the needs of our country in our daily prayers.



Nav Jeevan Social Center is a part of the community mission of Mary Ward Convent Unnao. The Center works with a vision to create a world in which every child and woman attains the right to survival, safety, dignity and development.

The center educates 240 students through the medium of informal education and is at work in various social empowerment activities. The Centre has reached out to the Frontline Workers of the district hospital and a Pathology Lab Health Care Center in Safiphur a remote village situated in the district of Unnao during the pandemic Covid-19. The 40 recipients were the class- IV employees and the staff who have been directly dealing with the Covid victims in the



past months as real Covid warriors. Each one received a pack consisting; a towel, mask, sanitizer, washing powder, bathing soap, and hair oil. The management of the hospital acknowledged the thoughtfulness of the Nav Jeevan Center for reaching out to the remote village to honour the people.

On the objectives of women empowerment NJSC has constituted a team of 20 women for the welfare of villages. This team of women named as



“Nirmala” organized a health and Hygiene Drive in their villages in the last week of August. The month of September was schemed for ‘Nurture the Nature’ – A Tree Plant Drive.



It has also constituted "KIRAN "; a team of 15

teenage girls with an aim to help them find purpose in life.

A cognizance program on Health and Hygiene and Safe to grow as a Girl Child was conducted by Dr. Ms.Arpana Shukla for the team. The session infused in them the awareness of their rights and duties as a girl child. Volunteering to support themselves and their families during the festival of Deepawali the team KIRAN has joyfully worked on decorating diyas and has managed to sell 200 diyas.



May each of us and the people of our concern experience the enveloping presence of Our Loving Mother during this month of October.

SJC RIHAND NAGAR

We began the Month of August with the Monthly recollection. We had the online talk by Fr. Anil Dev IMS. 15th August was a day of celebration, the feast of our Blessed Mother and the Independence Day of our beloved Nation. The school had a short Prayer service followed by the Independence Day programme. Thereafter the Principal Fr. Baptist D'Souza gave a meaningful message to the entire school. In the evening we had the celebration of the Feast of the Assumption of our Blessed Mother. After a long gap, on this day we celebrated the Holy Eucharist in our newly renovated Church. A good number of parishioners were present for the Holy Eucharist. The school celebrated the Teachers' Day on 4th September since the real day was a Sunday. The celebrations commenced with a prayer service conducted by the students of class 9. To make this day a joyful one the Students organized a short entertainment programme. The children made all the efforts to make this day a special one for every teacher. The teachers were very happy and eager to celebrate this day after a two year gap. The

celebration ended with a delicious meal and a token gift each, given by the Principal.

There was a twin celebration on 8th September, the Birthday of our Blessed Mother and the feast of Sr. Maria. In preparation for the celebration of the Birthday of our Blessed Mother, eight days special novena and Holy Mass were offered and the day was solemnly celebrated. Almost all the parishioners were present every day. The community made sure that Sr. Maria had a memorable day on 8th and concluded the celebration with a short entertainment programme by the community.

On 23rd September the community celebrated the birthday of Sr. Savita. It was a coincidence that on the same day Sr. Shilpa, her companion from Kanpur arrived. The community witnessed the real happiness of both the friends.

It created a happy mood to celebrate the silver jubilee of our dear sister, Sr. Savita along with her only companion Sr. Shilpa. On 25th September our community happily welcomed our new Provincial Superior Sr. Shweta C.J and Sr. Jain C.J. who accompanied her. Their Presence on this joyful occasion added colour to the silver Jubilee celebration of our sisters. On 26th September along with our Silver Jubilarians we also proclaimed the magnificent "My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour." The

solemn Eucharist began with the entrance

procession from the convent. The Jubilarians with

their silver candles in their hands which symbolized their 25 years of religious life were escorted by the young ladies with their rhythmic step of Sadhiri dance. Following the Eucharistic celebration, the festive atmosphere continued with a small felicitation programme for the Jubilarians. The jubilarians were honoured by



presenting bouquets, malas and gifts. Finally the Jubilarians thanked God for His unconditional love in their lives. They also extended their heartfelt gratitude to the Parish Priest Fr. Baptist D'Souza, our Provincial Sr. Shweta, Sr. Jane, the Sisters, parishioners, parents, friends and all who shared their life to reach the 25 year milestone. The celebration came to an end with a fellowship meal for all. The community was extremely happy to have Sr. Shweta, Sr. Jane and Sr. Shilpa with us all throughout the celebration. They stayed with us for two days and on 29th morning left for Allahabad along with Sr. Christine who needs to have her cataract operation.



St. Mary's Convent Lucknow

“When we view the world through grateful eyes, we invite miracles.”

Having gone through the trauma of fast spreading pandemic Covid -19 which snatched away many young and vibrant lives leaving many as orphans, widows and widowers, we are back to our usual life activities with the new normal. Thanks be to God who has allowed a great dip in the new corona cases.

“Hours with God makes minutes with people more effective.”

As God has provided us another opportunity to renew ourselves and live anew, we spent three fruitful days as preparation for the feast of St. Ignatius. It being the 500th anniversary of the cannon ball moment of St. Ignatius at Pamplona we relished our three days of togetherness reflecting, sharing and praying on the theme ‘To see all things new in Christ’, ‘Finding meaning in human suffering’ and ‘Finding God in everything and in everyone’. While we chose to listen to the input by Jesuit experts, genuine efforts were made to make these days of prayer,

reflection and sharing an inspiring and ennobling experience.



Celebrations:

Life is a gift from the Lord. A grateful attitude energises us to celebrate it with all its uniqueness and sacredness. The precious lives of Sr.

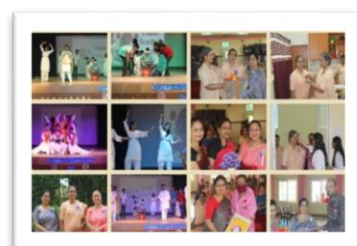
Lissy, Sr. Ancy, Sr. Sabina and Sr. Mariette were celebrated with well-prepared prayer services and meaningful Eucharistic celebration. A sumptuous festal meal prepared with much love added fragrance to the celebrations.

We were fortunate to have with us, Rev. Fr. Sahil Masih SJ the newly ordained priest brother of Sr. Renu on 7th July. He offered the holy Eucharist in our chapel and prayed for all of us while we thanked God for the gift of his vocation.

The 75th Independence Day became colourful as the students from classes 9 to 12 were present along with our teachers and supportive staff. Sr. Mariette hoisted the flag and Sr. Lissy gave an inspiring message.



Teachers' Day was made special by class 9 who under the guidance of Sr. Renu, prepared an inspiring assembly



with a thematic presentation, comparing the mission of a teacher to the work of a silver smith purifying raw silver, giving shape to silver vessels of all shapes and size that shine brilliantly. Our three silver jubilarians Sr. Lissy, Mrs. Poonam Bhutani and Mrs. Gurupreet Sandhu were felicitated during the assembly.

The manager's day was with a befitting digital assembly. The teachers and the co-workers gathered in the lower hall and wished sister

God's blessings and expressed their gratitude for being a great mentor to all of us. The climax of the celebration was a thoughtfully and joyfully prepared community recreation, at the end of which all were invited to a creatively arranged



Marion shopping mall to pick and chose items of our daily use like paper, pencil, envelop etc... in a cloth bag with a message, ' Say no to plastic.

With grateful hearts: Mrs. Swaroopa Dey one of our senior teachers, who had served our school for 22 long years, retired on 24th July. In the absence of the physical presence of the students a beautiful digital assembly was prepared by the students of class 12 to honour her. All the coordinators of both SMCIC and Mary Ward School came together to thank

Swaroopa ma'am who worked so enthusiastically with full dedication and sincerity, as a mentor to the staff and students till the last moment in the SMCIC family. After a short felicitation ceremony in the school office she was invited for a high tea with the sisters followed by a special



thanksgiving prayer in the chapel. Thereafter she was accompanied by Sr. Lissy, Sr. Anupa and Sr. Renu to her home. May God bless our dear Swarupa ma'am and reward her for all her loving and generous services rendered to SMCIC family.

25th Aug was a day dedicated to expressing gratitude to our dear Sr. Cecilia as she was transferred to Prayagraj 21. She rendered excellent service in our community, school and in the Diocese of Lucknow as a Lady Youth Animator. In a skilful way she guided our co-

workers encouraging them to work together as a team. Making many sacrifices she cared for the needs of our elderly and sick sisters. Service before self was the moto which inspired her to make herself



available for any service in the community 24x7. She assisted our dear Sr. Julia in her last days without any compromise. The genuine expression of gratitude by the sisters, teachers and co-workers spoke volumes about the quality of her service. After a tear-filled farewell, she was accompanied by Sr. Anupa, Sr. Lissy and Sr. Renu to Prayagraj. We wish you God's blessings in abundance for your mission at Prayagraj.



On 31st August we also had the privilege of honouring Mr. Ramesh Kumar Yadav one of our supportive staff who served our

Institution for the past 41 years and retired from service. During a special function prepared by our teachers and the students to celebrate the retirement day, he was honoured and appreciated by the staff, students and management. At the end of the felicitation program, sisters and the co-workers enjoyed a fellowship meal lovingly prepared by the workers themselves. He too expressed his gratitude towards one and all. In the end accompanied by Sr. Salome, Sr Mahima, Sr.Lissy, Mr. Deepak and Kishore, he was reached to his house.

We appreciate and acknowledge the hard work put in by Ms. Sumati Rani Gupta, our legal adviser and ex-student of SMC Prayagraj, who made many visits to assist us with the payment of water tax for the past years from the beginning of our existence here. She has worked out the entire calculations and we have paid two instalments so far. Thank you Sumati for all your help.

Other School activities:

On 13th August a vaccination drive was conducted for our supportive staff and the parents of Mary Ward Junior High School. They have received both the doses of vaccination without any difficulty. Thanks to Mr. Sanjay Gagneja who arranged for it.

From 18th Aug. the senior class students began to be back in the school for their lessons and from 24th the students from class 6 up with 50% attendance. Offline half yearly exams were conducted from 9th September. It's a great joy indeed to see our students back in the campus. Now various activities are conducted for the students in the school. We have taken all precautions to provide all the safety measures. So far all is good.

NCC is introduced and the students have



already begun with the practices. Thank you Mrs. Adithi who worked very hard to get the necessary permissions. Meetings of USM, Friends of Mary Ward and JPIC took place regularly. Kindness week, National Integration Week, Environment care week were also celebrated significantly.

*“Good, better, best, never let it rest,
Till your good is better
and better is best.”*

OUR LADY
OF THE
ROSARY
Pray for us.

