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From the Editorial Desk

This year is an important one for us when we will be merging with the Congregation of Jesus. It is a time for honest reflection, for owning our roots. A free people is a people that remembers, is able to own its history, rather than deny it. God acts in the simplicity of open hearts, in the patience of those who pause until they can see clearly. Where the Spirit is present there is always a movement toward unity, never toward uniformity. We need to choose fraternity over individualism - a sense of belonging to each other and to the whole of humanity. What separates us from others is my spirit of self-sufficiency and superiority, so what unites us is our shared insufficiency, our mutual dependence on God and on each other. Overflows of love happen at the crossroads of life, at moments of openness, fragility and humility. We need the synodal approach - walking together - and mutually listening to each other. What affects all, needs to be discussed by all. The Spirit speaks when everyone speaks frankly and listens carefully to others. The Spirit unmask agendas and hidden ideologies. We need to journey together to seek God's will, allowing differences to harmonize. We need to shed our rigidity and our agendas and look in places we never noticed before. Ours is a God of Surprises, who is always ahead of us. Time belongs to the Lord. Trusting in God we move forward with courage, building unity through discernment.

LEAD US ON MARY WARD, LEAD US!

Sr Mary De Souza

WE HAVE

My Experience Angel and Shreya (Candidates)

- 1. Ranchi Community Sr Pushpa
- 2. Delhi Community Sr Mariana
- 3. Asansol Community Sr Initha
- 4. Shillong Community Sr Soria
- 5. Mukulika Community Sr Sarita
- 6. Darjeeling Community Sr Flora
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Birthdays and Feast days

MY EXPERIENCE

8 DAYS RETREAT

I never imagined in my life that I would be going for an 8 days retreat. I went to Dhyan Ashram, with my companions, searching for Him and thirsting for His presence. When I began my retreat, I was afraid, but He was journeying with me. As God called Moses, I found God asking me to remove my 'sandals' of worries as this retreat would be a very holy and precious time. When I read the passage of Jesus washing the feet of His disciples, I imagined Him washing my feet with His love and He washed away all my sins, He also hugged me. It was a time when I felt His presence and warmth and I experienced a deep peace and joy. I want to remain in His love, building a deep relationship with Him. These eight days were very fruitful as I met my Lord.

Reflection by Angel



“My God loves me; His love will never end.”

I am so grateful to God for His love which I experienced during the journey of my eight-day retreat in Dhyan Ashram.

These eight days were very precious to me as it deepened my faith and made my vocation strong. The daily prayer, silence, meditation and examen helped me to grow more in God and to become aware of myself.

Though it was not easy for me, but with God, nothing is impossible and with this belief, I discovered myself more deeply. I experienced His love and His presence within me.

As Jesus called His disciples to follow Him, I also experienced His call through my retreat. I am very happy for this experience and I thank all my sisters and spiritual director for their support and for remembering me in their prayer.

Reflection by Shreya





Sr Pushpa

RANCHI COMMUNITY

On December 27th, we attended Fr. Ajit Xess' Silver Jubilee celebration in his hometown of Digiah. Over a hundred priests and sisters from various congregations marked the joyous occasion, which was truly wonderful and memorable.



On January 19th, we joined the Mahila Sangh group from Doranda Parish for a pilgrimage to Farsa Beda (Simdega), a scenic destination two and a half hours from Ranchi. We left Ranchi at 6:00 a.m. on three hired buses and arrived at 10:00 a.m. We attended a solemn Holy Mass. The parishioners then treated us to a delicious lunch. We departed for Ranchi at 3:30 p.m. bringing back cherished memories of a truly enriching experience.



On January 23rd, we witnessed the joyful occasion of the Final Profession of three of our sisters: Sr. Maxima Toppo, Sr. Nirmala Toppo, and Sr. Mariam Ekka. A solemn Holy Mass was celebrated at Doranda Parish, with Bishop Vincent Aind as the main celebrant. The ceremony was attended by a large gathering of sisters from Loreto Convent, representatives from other congregations, family members of the three sisters, Loreto staff, and well-wishers. Our teachers and students actively participated in the liturgy, adding to the festive atmosphere with their singing and dancing.

RANCHI COMMUNITY



Following the Mass, a fellowship meal was hosted at Loreto School, where the newly professed sisters were welcomed by the teachers with a congratulatory song and dance. They were showered with gifts, love, and blessings, and a delicious lunch was served to all, marking a truly unforgettable celebration.

January 30th was a significant day for our congregation and the entire Loreto staff as we celebrated Foundress Day, honoring the life and legacy of Mary Ward. We remembered her inspiring words, "Women in time to come will do much," and reflected on how she motivated us to follow God's will.

We began the day with a special Holy Mass in the convent, offered for the Institute. Fr. Fuldeo Soreng's homily was unique and touching, as he invited us to share our personal experiences and reflections on Mary Ward's life.



RANCHI COMMUNITY

Later that day, a Staff picnic was organized at Jonah Fall, where we had booked a resort for rest and meals. The teachers had planned engaging games, and everyone enjoyed dancing together. The day was filled with joy and camaraderie, creating unforgettable memories for all.

February 2nd marked the joyous occasion of Fr. Preet Anupam Beck's Ordination. The celebration was attended by a large gathering of priests, nuns, and well-wishers. Our community was honored to be entrusted with the responsibility of managing the Sacristy. The event was a grand affair, featuring welcome songs, dances, and a vibrant cultural program. Following the ceremony, we were invited to a sumptuous lunch. The celebrations continued the next day at Fr. Preet's residence, where we attended a Holy Mass at 10:00 am, followed by lunch.



On February 8th, an urgent meeting of the Confederation of Religious in India (CRI) was convened at Holy Cross, Burdwan Compound, Ranchi, to discuss pressing matters. The gathering was attended by numerous sisters and a few priests.



RANCHI COMMUNITY

The following day, February 9th, the Holy Pilgrim Cross arrived at our Doranda Church at 3:40 pm. Sisters and parishioners gathered to warmly welcome and pay reverence to the sacred relic. The Holy Cross will be taken to various units within our parish until February 16th, after which it will be passed on to another parish.

A Fruitful Harvest: Finally, I'm delighted to share the achievements of our garden, where we cultivate a diverse range of vegetables. This year's harvest has been bountiful, yielding an abundance of cauliflower, cabbage, bitter gourd, fenugreek leaves, spinach, tomatoes, peas, and a remarkable five to six sacks of potatoes. We are eagerly awaiting the harvest of our onions and garlic.



We're deeply grateful to Almighty God for blessing our gardening endeavors and supporting us in our mission.



Lent is a journey that involves our whole life, our entire being.

**It is a time to reconsider the roads we are taking,
to find the way back home,
to rediscover the fundamental bond with God, on which everything depends.**

Pope Francis



Sr Mariana

DELHI COMMUNITY

The Diwali mood got us all excited to get onto the road at cock crow and venture to Rishikesh, in Uttarakhand. From morning till dusk, we relished the natural beauty of this sacred place. The peace of the river and the enchanting waterfall kept us enthralled all day. On our return we witnessed the Maha aarti at the banks of the river in Haridwar widening our knowledge about the historical and religious significance of the place.



Remembering our departed loved ones in our hearts we went to pray at the tomb of our dear Sr. Cecilia Pereira, the only IBVM who is buried in the Christian cemetery near Khan Market in Delhi. The Holy Eucharist followed by the blessing of the graves brought the evening to a solemn end.

On 16th November Igora visited Mariana's College of Law in Gaziabad and enjoyed interacting with her friends and met with a few professors of the college.



DELHI COMMUNITY

VISITORS:

Sr. Elsy CJ, the Provincial of Delhi Province and Sr. Divya CJ dropped by with gifts from friends and we had a quick darshan of Reshma and Priyanka Soreng along with their HOD from college over lunch.



On the 26th evening, we celebrated our Juniors, Mariana and Adrina through a long-distance call, as we greeted them on the feast day of St. John Berchmans.



Sr. Sabrina blessed our community with her presence from the 15th -19th December for Visitation. It was a pleasure to welcome her to our community with prayer, fun, and meaningful conversations.

CHRISTMAS CHEER:

Our school Principal and coordinators joined us for coffee on 17th December 2024. It was a good interaction with gratitude for their contribution to our Mission here in Delhi. We exchanged tokens of love and joy.

DELHI COMMUNITY

Our Jeevan Rekha children celebrated Christmas on 19th December. Sr. Sabrina's cousin joined us, when she came to visit Sabrina and the whole community joined in the celebration. The program that the children presented was spectacular, thanks to the guidance of Sr. Arockia and Ms. Ericka.



Our very own Santa Claus, Adrina with her sledge driven by Mariana entertained the support staff and their families on 23rd Dec. Delicious lunch was prepared by the staff and we enjoyed the generosity of our bookseller who sponsored warm blankets for all the support staff.

Christmas Eve began with a solemn and meaningful prayer and then peals of laughter erupted with the exchange of gifts in our crazy community, which filled the Cantonment air for the night. The selfie point made by the community geniuses, Adrina and Mariana became an attraction even for Srs. Veronica CJ and Estele CJ when they visited us after Christmas. Mariana's friend Manila was our special guest for Christmas and we graciously received jhumkas brought for each one of us.



DELHI COMMUNITY

Any occasion calls for celebration as did Pongal on the 15th January with mouthwatering Iddiappam and Pongal thanks to the great chefs and generosity of this crazy community. We are grateful for our great appetites and adventurous spirit.

On the 23rd we celebrated the feast day of our inspiration, Mary Ward, marking the occasion with a cake cutting, a prayer service, and the commencement of our novena prayers, which included reflection that helped us reconnect with our vocation.

This time it was the CJ community Jhajjar's turn to invite every one of us for the Mary Ward celebration. So all came together on 26th January for a beautiful Eucharistic celebration and a great lunch. The only other guests were two SJs from XLRI. After lunch, we visited the impressive XLRI campus and spent time with Anusha, whom we knew from before.



On the 30th of January, our special guests to celebrate Mary Ward Day, were our Parish priest, Fr. Vincent, Deacon John Marie, Fr. Jas and his mother, and of course, the Christian Brothers. Our neighbors, the Patrician brothers were away. The evening began with a meaningful prayer led by Greta and then great chats about Mary Ward's life over a yummy dinner thanks to our dear Mary and Anna.



Sr Initha

ASANSOL COMMUNITY

A Jubilee Celebration is a time to give thanks to God Almighty for the services rendered to the Church and society in and through the Congregation.

Sr Shalini Rozario - A dedicated, selfless and committed Loreto Sister reminisced about the wondrous ways in which the Lord had guided her in the past 50 years since her discernment to God's call with her motto - **"Take and Receive"**

The bright sunny morning of February 1st, 2025, on the premises of Loreto Convent Asansol, the loving family members of Sr. Shalini, the community of Loreto Sisters, along with the staff and the religious of the Asansol Diocese, gathered to honour and celebrate the remarkable milestone of our beloved Sr. Shalini Rozario.

The Jubilee Celebration commenced with the Eucharist where the main celebrant was Fr. Soosai Manickam and was concelebrated by twelve other priests of the Diocese.

Sr. Initha, welcomed one and all present for the celebration and thanked the Almighty for the gift of Sr. Shalini to the Loreto Congregation.



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The Word of God was shared, and an inspirational homily delivered by Fr. Soosai emphasized the real meaning of a Jubilee Celebration - a thanksgiving to God and a celebration of His grace over the 50 years of consecrated life. He expressed his profound gratitude to God, congratulated Sr. Shalini, and blessed her. The choir's melodious singing created a sacred and solemn atmosphere for all who participated.

After the Mass, Sr. Shalini expressed her heartfelt thanks to all who were present. A felicitation program was held immediately after the Holy Eucharist. The sisters and staff congratulated Sr. Shalini with their song - "Congratulations and Celebrations" while she cut her celebratory cake.

The priests and religious sisters, her family, and friends who had travelled from near and far extended their congratulations to the Jubilarian, expressing gratitude to God for her life and vocation.



Sr Soria

SHILLONG COMMUNITY

CHRISTMAS GET-TOGETHER:

The chaplaincy of Christ King College, Bishop's House, and the Christian Brothers visited us to share the joy of Christmas with us.



WORKSHOP:

Sr. Soria, being a member of the Catechetical Commission of the Archdiocese of Shillong, visited various parishes in the month of January 2025 to provide workshops for the Sunday Catechism Teachers. It was a very good experience to work with Sr. Aioris, a Peachland sister.



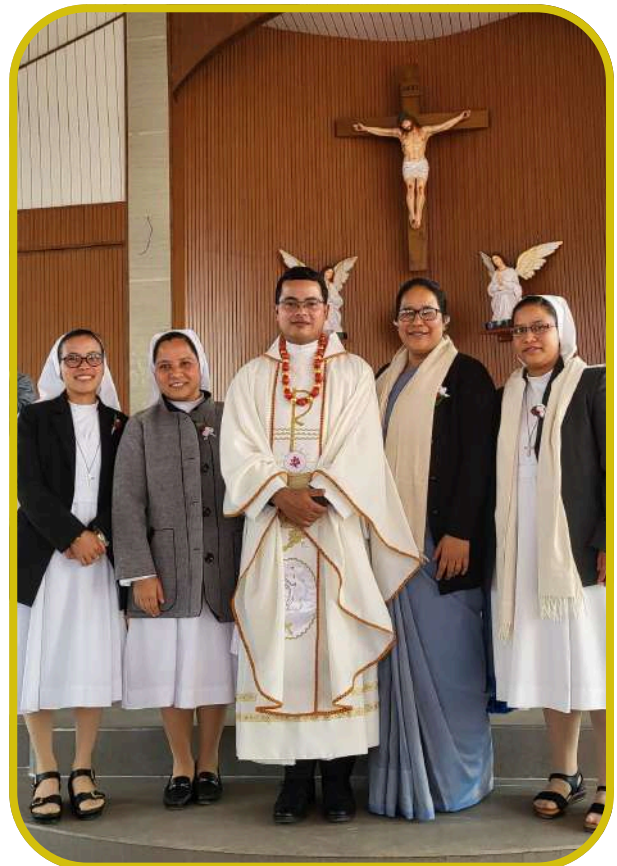
CELEBRATIONS:

On January 23, 2025, being the Birth Anniversary of our dear Foundress, Mary Ward we joyfully invited Rev. Archbishop Victor Lyngdoh, the priests, religious, friends, family members, and well-wishers to join us for the Eucharistic Celebration and a meal.

SHILLONG COMMUNITY



The ordination of Fr. Santreki Muliar took place in Sutnga Parish. He is the son of Sr Soria's uncle and the second priest from the village, Mookympad.





Sr Sarita

MUKULIKA COMMUNITY

On 26th December we, candidates and pre-candidates with Sr. Isilda went for carol singing to Loreto Residence. We left at 8 am in by bus. When we reached, all our elderly sisters were happy to meet us and joined us in singing.

We had Mass in the chapel as it was also the birthday of Sr. Benedicta. This was followed by a delicious lunch. We were very happy that all our sisters in Loreto Residence shared their love and joy with us. We received great inspiration from being with our sisters. At the end we all got a Christmas gift from Sr. Sushila. It was a day full of joy, and with that joy we returned to Mukulika.

We all went for the morning New Year Holy Mass. After mass the junior Brothers from Dhyam Ashram visited us. We had breakfast together and then danced to the beat of the mandar. It was a happy day for all of us since we also had Srs. Bernadette from Abhilasha and Biviya and Priyanka Dung Dung from Loreto Entally. The lunch was prepared by our Staff and the sisters.

Contributed by Angel



For Christmas and the New Year, we were invited by the Pillar Fathers to Ganagarampur. They have a seminary house for newcomers. As soon as we reached there we were welcomed with a beautiful welcome song and bouquets. Sr. Sarita had organised some games, which helped us to converse with the brothers and to get to know them. We enjoyed all the activities as they helped us to have fun.

MUKULIKA COMMUNITY



We were treated to a delicious lunch in the dining hall, followed by a short prayer in the chapel. Afterwards, we visited the MC sisters nearby, where we joyfully sang Christmas carols together.

We had a prayer service for Sr. Isilda's safe and comfortable journey, as she was leaving for Rome for the Formators' course.

Contributed by Shreya



Sr Flora

DARJEELING COMMUNITY

From 1st to 3rd December, the PLT and the CJ Provincials and Regional Superiors had their COIN meeting in Darjeeling.

The CRI organized a one-day recollection on 13th December 2024 and a Christmas gathering for the Darjeeling and Kurseong unit. It was in La Cardone Jesuit Retreat House in Singla. The talk was given by Fr. K.L. Geroge S.J followed by confession and Mass. We also had an exchange of Christmas gifts and sang carols. The day ended with a fellowship meal.

On the 15th December, we commemorated Mary Ward's Feast Day ahead of schedule, as January is a holiday month for us. We extended invitations to religious sisters and priests from diverse communities, and Sr. Barbara organized a beautiful evening prayer service featuring carol singing in multiple languages.

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On the 18th of December, our community gathered for a joyous Christmas celebration with the support staff. Sr. Binista and Abhay led us in prayer and Sr. Flora shared a heartfelt Christmas message. The afternoon was filled with games, gift exchanges, and laughter. As a token of appreciation, we presented each staff member with a small gift, followed by a delicious lunch lovingly prepared by them.

On the 21st of December, we were delighted to host our sisters from Lolay, Champasari, Dharan, and Panighatta for a festive Christmas gathering. The afternoon was filled with merriment, music, and dance as we sang and danced to joyful carols, creating unforgettable memories together.



On the 23rd December we bid a fond farewell to Sr. Binista as she departed from our community. We gathered to bless and wish her all the best as she embarks on her new mission in Gumla, sending her off with love, prayers and good wishes.

1st January 2025 - A momentous occasion as we blessed the foundation stone of our new community building, marking the beginning of an exciting new chapter in our community's journey.



DARJEELING COMMUNITY

From 11th-12th January Sr. Barbara facilitated a workshop in Raiganj for the Bengal Commission for Women's Resource Team, sharing her expertise and enriching the team's knowledge and skills.

We were delighted to welcome Sr. Punitha's niece, Jency, and her family, including Soria and her sister Anjela, as well as Sr. Antoinette's nephew and his wife, who came to Darjeeling for a holiday. They had a wonderful time soaking in the breathtaking views of the snow-capped mountains and lush natural beauty and enjoying the crisp, cool weather.



On January 23rd Sr. Barbara and Sr. Antoinette attended the grand celebration of the Golden Jubilee of the Parish Church in Loyal, where they were honored by Bishop Stephen Lepcha for their pioneering contributions to the community.



From January 30th - February 1st, we hosted a Safeguarding Workshop for the Darjeeling Cluster, which was attended by sisters from the Shillong community, as well as CJ sisters from Patna, Kathmandu, and Singla, promoting a culture of safety and protection.

On 5th February, we enjoyed a relaxing community picnic by the serene riverside, taking a break from our routine and savoring the beauty of nature together.



VISITORS:

Loreto Residence 52C embodies the spirit of warmth and hospitality, welcoming all who visit. The festive season was marked by several special events.

On December 12th, College Teachers, Anuradha Chatterjee and Sumita Banerjee visited Sisters Maeve, Claire, and Antoinette, bearing gifts for all.

The following day, Nursery children from Charisma School, an NGO school, arrived to greet the sisters for Christmas, generously contributing food items.

On December 23rd, a group of Christian Brothers visited to sing carols in the quadrangle, filling the air with joyful music. They expressed heartfelt appreciation for the sisters.

New Year's Day brought a special visit from Archbishop Thomas D'Souza. The sisters cherished the opportunity to reminisce about old times, share laughter, and rekindle fond memories.

Later, on January 16th, Sr. Antoinette's nephew, Conrad, and his wife, Lynn, arrived from America to visit. They accompanied Sr. Antoinette on a trip to Darjeeling before departing for Hyderabad on January 26th.



LORETO RESIDENCE

SPIRITUAL:

In preparation for the birth of our Lord, we observed recollection a day on December 20th. Fr. Saju SJ guided us through a thought-provoking talk, adoration, and Confession, culminating in a beautiful Holy Eucharist celebration. This retreat was a blessing for all the sisters.

Christmas Day was marked by a meaningful Mass, filled with joy and devotion. The previous evening, our community came together for a delightful gathering, which concluded with Evening Prayer and a visit to the Crib, setting the tone for a peaceful and reverent Christmas celebration.

VISITATION:

The Visitation of Sr. Sabrina from December 30th to January 4th was a time of spiritual rejuvenation and connection for our community. Upon her arrival, the sisters warmly welcomed her with traditional rituals, including the washing of hands, traditional marking of chandan, and garlanding.

The visitation commenced with a poignant prayer service, setting the tone for a meaningful and reflective experience. Over the next five days, Sr. Sabrina met with each sister and staff member, offering words of encouragement and inspiration. She reminded us of the importance of emulating Prophetess Anna's wisdom and Mary's openness to God's will.

The visitation concluded with a beautiful prayer service, thoughtfully prepared by Sr. Priyanka Topno. This final gathering provided an opportunity for each of us to reflect on the visitation experience, sharing our insights and takeaways.

CELEBRATIONS AT LORETO RESIDENCE 52C:

We gratefully acknowledged life's blessings through various celebrations. Two notable birthdays marked our calendar: Sr. Maeve's remarkable 96th birthday and our youngest member, Sr. Miri's 28th birthday. We also honoured Sr. Benedicta on her special day, December 26th.



LORETO RESIDENCE

Our Christmas gathering with support staff was a joyous occasion, meticulously organized and filled with fun games, a delicious staff-cooked lunch, and warm camaraderie.



On Republic Day, January 26th, we proudly hoisted the national flag alongside our support staff, paying respects to our beloved Mother Land.

The Institute Feast Day on January 30th was a grand celebration at Loreto Residence 52C. We welcomed Loreto Sisters, priests, religious leaders, and lay principals from Kolkata. The festivities began with Holy Mass at 6:15 pm, led by the Chief Celebrant Fr. Jacob, SDB, followed by dinner. The evening was filled with joy, peace, and happiness.



LORETO RESIDENCE



WELCOME:

We warmly welcomed our new community member, Sr. Tina, on January 26th, and extended our best wishes for a happy and fulfilling stay at Loreto Residence 52C.



Sr Sheetal

LORETO HOUSE

The MUCH-AWAITED EVENT! Under the leadership of Sr. Molly, the Loreto Sisters sang Christmas carols at Allen Park on the 19th of December 2024. As in previous years, we were invited to spread the festive cheer.



Mamata Banerjee was present for the inaugural event, and as we arrived, we greeted her from a distance as she was leaving the venue. The evening was joyful and heartwarming!



In the spirit of Christmas, we shared a joyful pre-Christmas celebration with our support staff, bonding over a delicious meal and expressing our heartfelt gratitude.



LORETO HOUSE

We participated in the Parish's Christmas tree celebration at Loreto House, where we connected with parishioners and catechism children, filling the evening with love, laughter, and festive cheer.

Christmas Day was a day of joyful connection and celebration! We shared a festive Christmas lunch with our neighbors from the Parish community, Xavier Sadan Priests, and Vianney Home, filling the afternoon with warmth and camaraderie.

Later, we joined the Provincialate community for a fun-filled evening of movies, games, and a delightful dinner, overflowing with laughter, love, and Christmas cheer!



January 16th marked a special occasion as Sereena Lall, daughter of Deepti Lall, was baptized. A few members of our community were honored to attend, as the Lall's family has been long-standing supporters of the Loreto Sisters.

The following day, some of our sisters traveled to Bardhaman to celebrate the wedding of Sumi's daughter. Sumi is our maid: our presence brought joy and blessings to the family on this momentous occasion.

January 27th-28th: Loreto House hosted a Safeguarding Workshop for the Calcutta Cluster, providing a valuable opportunity for our sisters to deepen their understanding and commitment to ensuring the safety, well-being, and dignity of all individuals within our communities and ministries.

Community Picnic Day! We escaped our busy routines on 3rd February for a rejuvenating picnic at Breathing Earth, surrounded by serenity and nature's beauty. We shared a day filled with laughter, relaxation, and cherished

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moments of togetherness. We were delighted to be joined by Sr. Marion Vase's brother - Val and sister-in-law - Maree, who added to the joy and warmth of the occasion.



February 6th-9th: Loreto House welcomed the Becoming One Gathering, bringing together over 30 sisters from CJ and IBVM institutes. This meaningful event fostered connection, reflection, and mutual understanding marking a significant step towards unity and deepening our shared journey. We are grateful to Srs. Bernadette and Chetna for their expert facilitation, guiding us through this transformative experience.

LORETO HOUSE

2025's First Recollection Day began on a reflective note as we gathered in the morning. Fr. Joe Kootinal, SJ from Dhyana Ashram delivered an inspiring talk, followed by a personal meeting and a beautiful Mass. This sacred experience set a profound tone for the year ahead, nourishing our spirits and deepening our connection with the Divine.

February's Support Staff Picnic was a wonderful celebration for our dedicated team! At Moon City, they enjoyed a relaxing day of bonding, games, and camaraderie, providing a well-deserved break and opportunity to recharge and connect. Srs Phyllis, Edline, and Ms Bagchi joined the staff for their picnic.



In a beautiful display of devotion and commitment, our sisters renewed their vows at various ceremonies. Sr. Rajni made her renewal on January 23rd in Loreto House Chapel, while Sr. Shova did so on January 30th in St. Thomas Church. Sr. Sheetal followed on February 11th in Loreto Residence, each sister reaffirming their dedication to their spiritual journey.





Sr Amia

LUCKNOW COMMUNITY

Christmas is a time of sharing love, care, peace, and joy. We, the community joined the Advent Mass in the school which prepared us spiritually for Christmas. We met the Christian parents, teachers, and students and shared joy and love with one another.

On Christmas Day, our community came together to share the festive joy with parents, teachers, students, publishers, alumni, and well-wishers. Due to severe winter conditions in January, our schools remained closed until January 13th.

We had a beautiful celebration of Mary Ward Week across our schools and community. On January 30th, the community celebration commenced with Holy Mass, followed by a tea gathering with alumni and a grand event with all the religious of Lucknow.



All sisters attended a Safeguarding Program in Delhi, led by Sr. Monica Suchiang and Ms. Beatrice Mumbi, which proved to be a thought-provoking and enlightening experience.

The following day, we visited the iconic Taj Mahal in Agra, one of the Seven Wonders of the World. We are deeply grateful to Sr. Igora and the Delhi community for their warm hospitality, genuine concern, and love.





Sr Agnes

UPDATES FROM BANGLADESH

DHAKA NEWS:

On December 21, 2024 Linda's B.Ed. College had 'pitha utsov' where each one had to bring cookies made by themselves.

It was great having Regina celebrating Christmas with Linda since Mary was away in Kolkata for her visa. Bangladesh communities came together in Mohakhali for the New Year. We visited Fawkal, attended Mass in the parish and had lunch with the priests and sisters.

On the 26th January, we kept Mary Ward's feast in the parish, since it was a Sunday. There are 4 Blocks in the neighborhood and one Block is named after her.

We had a prayer service every evening for three days before the feast of Mary Ward with the Friends of Mary Ward group. On the 30th of January, we celebrated with them a Eucharist, where some of them renewed their promise.



On February 11, 2025 the Friends of Mary Ward visited the homes of 4 sick people in the parish, prayed with them, and gave them Communion.

On February 17, 2025 we invited Mr. Ashim Gomes and his family to our house where we celebrated a Thanksgiving Mass for his miraculous recovery after he was accidentally electrocuted exactly one year ago. He was very grateful to Sr. Mary for giving him Communion regularly during the year.

UPDATES FROM BANGLADESH

PADRISHIBPUR NEWS:

On December 4, 2025, Kripa and Sohely departed for Manila, accompanied by Sr. Archana. They subsequently, joined the Novitiate in Manila on January 3, 2026, alongside Marciana from Timor Leste and Rose Mary CJ from Myanmar.

From 3rd to 7th February Shova, Agnes and Tanjina (pre-candidate) went to Rajshahi for vocation work. We met many girls - most of them are in class X.



MARIA SICK SHELTER:

Regina and her team go to places where there are no doctors and organize Health Camps there. The village people are very grateful to us for our services. We, the Maria Sick Shelter team go to these camps every week in different villages. We travel by local bus, rickshaw, 'van gari', and sometimes we walk a good distance with our medicine bags. It's challenging for us at times, but it gives us great joy and satisfaction.



BIRTHDAYS & FEASTDAYS

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Sr. Euphemia Fernandes	10th
Sr. Balika Pal	12th
Sr. Claire McFarland	22nd
Sr. Geraldine Moktan	26th
Sr. Valeria Mundu	27th

Feast days
Holiday



APRIL - FEASTDAYS

Sr. Mary Consuelo Murphy
26th

APRIL - BIRTHDAYS

Sr. Priyanka Soreng	4th
Sr. Marilla D'Souza	5th
Sr. Binista Kerketta	13th
Sr. Baishakhi Mondal	21st
Sr. Eithne McDonald	26th
Sr. Mable Pramila Rudum	29th

MAY - BIRTHDAYS

Sr. Elizabeth D'Souza	2nd
Sr. Monica Rozario	4th
Sr. Anita Maria Braganza	7th
Sr. Binita Surin	10th
Sr. Gloria Lakra	13th
Sr. Nirmala Toppo	15th
Sr. Nirmala Minj	16th
Sr. Biviyana Lepcha	17th
Sr. Teresa McGlinchey	18th
Sr. Bernadette Lepcha	20th
Sr. Sarita Horo	26th

MAY - FEASTDAYS

Sr. Elizabeth D'Souza
31st

