



PULSE

MSMHC Kolkata - NEWS and Articles



Volume 1 Issue 1

July - December, 2016



Jubilarians at Maayer Asha

The MSMHC provincial House, Ichapur felt blessed on 29, August 2016 as it was marked by the visit of Jubilarian sisters from Hatigaon, who made a pilgrimage to Mother Teresa's tomb, and had an outing to the Science City. Sr.Mary Perunilam, the Asst. General, Sr.Nancy Augustine, General Councilor for Formation and Sr.Elizabeth Packumala from Bandel community arrived along with the Jubilarian sisters. Sr.Molly James, the Provincial Superior welcomed them warmly. During the felicitation they were given gifts as token of love for their 25 years of service in religious life.

Hearty Welcome

The Province heartily welcomed and congratulated the newly professed sisters: Debora Malangmei, Dolores Kisku, Mystifful Mary Lyngdoh and Phiralin Lyngdoh who arrived from Guwahati to the province on 13 December 2016. There was a meaningful prayer service organized, followed by a short cultural show by the children of Maayer Asha, and sumptuous lunch thereafter, in order to honour them.



Foundation Day of Mayer Asha

MSMHC Mayer Asha had its 19th Foundation Day celebration and feast day of Saint Mother Teresa of Kolkata on 5 September 2016. Honouring the noble soul, Mother Teresa was befitting on the occasion as the home began on the day she left this world.

The day's programme began with the Holy Mass celebrated by Fr.Alfred Paul SDB. The children from Mayer Asha Home and Baltikuri participated in the Holy Mass and they made the day a memorable one.

Economers' Meet at Ichapur

The sisters from every community arrived to attend two days of Economers' meet held on 8, 9, October at Ichapur. The session on the first day began at 9.30 am with a short prayer and power point presentation by Sr.Molly James, the provincial superior. Sr.Baiju George the provincial economist accorded a warm welcome to all the participants and gave a short introductory speech. Sr.Molly James, the Provincial Superior was the main



resource person to animate the group, enlightening them on various matters concerned to the financial administration. Maintenance of society documents, TDS, FCRA were some of the important topics dealt with. Sr. Baiju George gave necessary information, reminders and suggestions to the participants. She guided them to prepare the budget for the financial year 2017-2018. There was also time for queries and clarifications. In the afternoon, the sisters went for a half day pilgrimage to the tomb of St. Mother Teresa of Kolkata and proceeded from there to Science city. At the end of the programme, Sr. Premika Xess proposed vote of thanks to Sr. Molly James and Sr. Baiju George for arranging the meeting and imparting new insights to them on administrative matters. It was a time for both learning and relaxation.



Solemn Holy Mass marks the Opening of the Platinum Jubilee of the Congregation



Mary Immaculate Province, Kolkata celebrated the inaugural Holy Mass for the opening of the Platinum Jubilee of the Congregation in a solemn manner on 23, November 2016. The priests and religious from the neighbouring institutions were invited to partake in this celebration.

The Holy Eucharist was presided over by Rt. Rev. Thomas D' Souza DD, the Arch Bishop of Kolkata and a good number of priests con-celebrated.

Mother Elizabeth Packumala gave a short introduction emphasising the humble beginning of the congregation and the pivotal role played by the Holy Founder Venerable Stephen Ferrando. She gave a brief history of

the congregation to the audience. She expressed her gratitude to the Salesians of Don Bosco and the daughters of Mary Help of Christians for the rich contributions they made to nurture the congregation in its infancy.

The Holy Mass preceded by a short programme by the children of Maayer Asha and the aspirants. At the concluding of the programme, Sr. Molly James, the Provincial Superior expressed her gratitude to the Arch Bishop and all the invitees for their participation and co-operation.

This day reminded every MSMHC to see the past with gratitude and march towards the future with hope and courage.

Visit of His Eminence Rt. Rev. Telesphore Topno

His Eminence Rt. Rev. Telesphore Topno, the Cardinal from Ranchi made a short visit to MSMHC Provincial House, Kolkata at 6.15 pm, on 14 November 2016. The sisters and children rendered a warm welcome to the Cardinal and performed a short programme. On the following day, His Eminence Rt. Rev. Telesphore Topno, presided over the solemn Holy Eucharistic celebration at 6.30 am. Fr. Alfred Paul SDB the rector of Don Bosco Ashalayam concelebrated. It was indeed a rare privilege to have the Cardinal in the Provincial House.



Superiors' Meet at Itchapur

A two-day animation programme for all the local superiors of the communities was organized on 11-12 December, 2016 at MSMHC Provincial House, Ichapur. There were 19 Superiors to participate in it. Fr. Dominic Gomes, the Vicar General of Arch Diocese, Kolkata and Sr. Molly James, the Provincial Superior were the resource persons.

Sr. Molly James gave tips on building up Christ filled communities and Fr. Dominic spoke enormously on the importance of acquiring the virtue of humility in order to become bearers of Christ to one another.



The participants also made a pilgrimage to the tomb of St. Mother Teresa of Kolkata. It was a time for prayer reflection and assimilation for the participants.

Maayer Asha community organized a meaningful prayer service for the superiors. There was also a Pre-Christmas gathering organized for them under the directions of Sr. Molly James.

It was indeed a time to share the joy of Christmas to one another. With a refreshed and renewed Spirit, the participants returned to their respective communities.

'Gupi' School at Pindari



The Sisters in St. Joseph's Convent, Pindari expanded their mission among the poor. It is a venture initiated by the community to impart education for the boys and girls who engage themselves in grazing the cattle in the villages and have no opportunities to attend a regular

school. The children belonging to various age group come to the convent campus at the early hours of the day with great earnestness to learn.

The sisters teach them to read and write besides imparting basic knowledge of life skills for two hours daily before they leave for their daily chores.

The classes begin with an assembly and a short prayer. Class tests are conducted at regular intervals to enhance learning. Various competitions and games are also organized from time to time to develop their hidden talents and potentialities. The province salutes and congratulates Sr. Anita Topno and the community members for initiating this noble mission.



Platinum Jubilee at Bandel

Ferrando Convent, Bandel marked the Platinum Jubilee celebration of the foundation day of the congregation on 27 November 2016. It was held at Rajahat, one of the villages in the parish along with the villagers. This event was inspired by the great example of venerable Bishop Stephen Ferrando who was a great missionary, a soul always at home in the midst of people in the villages.



The celebration began with the Holy Eucharist, the culmination of all celebrations which was presided by Rev. Fr. Joseph Parappilly in the village chapel. All the Christian families in Rajahat, 48 in number participated whole heartedly in this festivity.

The Holy Eucharist was solemnized by the villagers after which they organized a short cultural programme. It was an opportunity for the sisters to fame the sanctity of Venerable Stephen Ferrando to the people in the village. They showed a video clip based on the holiness of his life, gave short talk for further explanations and distributed leaflets and prayers in honour of him.

At the end of this august gathering a scrumptious meal was served for all. It was overwhelming to see the young and old, men and women joining hands together to make this day a memorable one.

WAC and YAC animation

An animation programme for the office Bearers of the Women Association for catechesis (WAC) and Young Apostles of Christ (YAC) was organized from 3rd to 5th May 2016 by Sr. Christine Mynsong the General Councillor for Evangelization and Sr. Rita Kullu, the provincial Councilor for Evangelization at Ferrando Convent Bandel. The programme was begun with the Bible veneration and Inaugural Function with the help of various units of the province.

The presence of Sr. Molly James the Provincial Superior, Sr. Baiju George, the Provincial Economer and Fr. Anthony Kariyattil SDB was inspiring and encouraging. Sr. Christine Mynsong was one of the resource persons along with Sr. Rita Kullu, Sr. Gulab Marandi and Sr. Meena Tirkey. There were 68 participants besides four sisters who accompanied them from various respective communities. This programme intended mainly to train the office bearers of national, province, regional and local levels to become effective evangelizers.

Sr. Christine dealt with various topics highlighting the duty of every Christian to be a missionary. She also clearly explained the functions and duties of the office bearers and the guidelines to be followed.



Christmas Celebration



Children of the brickfield had the Christmas celebration at Ferrando Convent, Bandel. The Sisters along with the candidates organized various games and the winners were awarded with prizes. There were 72 children came for this programme.

A delicious lunch was given to them after which everyone was presented with a family pack containing clothing, soaps etc. as Christmas gift. They left the premises joyfully.