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### **Exhibition of Loreto Archives 23<sup>rd</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

Having come in contact with our vision and mission through his findings in the Archives, our new Archivist, Amlan Bannerjee, conceived the idea of having an exhibition on our history from its beginnings until the present day. This dream of his became a reality during Sr. Noelle's last week with us.

The Exhibition which was held in the College Hall was inaugurated with the Cutting of the Ribbon by Sr. Noelle followed by a prayerful introduction at which she, Brenda, Macarena and Claire lit the Diya. Our three Founders with accounts of each had



a prominent place. This was followed



by the story of Loreto in India including the Novitiate from 6.9.1842 onwards. A large photo of Sr. Irene with her book, 'First the Dawn', was mounted and close by was a picture of Mother Teresa with a booklet about the time when she was a Loreto nun. Valuable resource materials were our books, 'First the Blade' and 'Hart to Heart'. Great was the appreciation from all visitors, especially our

Past Pupils, who searched eagerly for familiar faces. Of great value were old photos but the one that evoked awe and wonder was that of Srs. J. Michael, Conrad, Francis and John Berchmans as Novices. We were very proud to show our prize winners, old and new. Thank you for your contribution to this exhibition and please look out for old photos!

### **Dharan News**

From 13<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> November we had Sr. Noelle and her two consultants, Srs. Brenda and Macarena for visitation. It was a very spiritual time as well as a very deep and happy time having them. They visited the mission and we also gathered in the CJ house for tea.





From 18<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> November we had a doll making training for our SHG mothers. That was very successful and this will help them to run their own businesses. Many of them benefited from this.



On the 15<sup>th</sup> December we had the Christmas programme for our hostel girls, tuition children, play school children and SHG mothers. Our chief

guest was our Ward officer. His message to the children and to us was very encouraging and also he assured us of his support when we needed government help. We also had as guests our neighborhood parishioners the Principals of the schools and hostel children attend and religious.



## Run for Rainbow

This is the third time that we participated in the city's largest distance running event i.e. TSK 25K, popularly known as Tata Steel Kolkata Marathon. On 16<sup>th</sup> December, 2018, forty-seven runners on behalf of Loreto Rainbow Homes had participated in the event and the team comprised students from Loreto College, girls from the different Rainbow Homes, Sisters and the staff. We had also registered ourselves as an organisation under 'India Cares Foundation' which allowed us to showcase our work and to raise funds for the 'Comprehensive care of the children in our care. We received media coverage in 'The Telegraph'.



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**SPORTS MEET 2018**

The “Sports Meet 2018” was held on the 17<sup>th</sup> of November 2018 at the Loreto Convent Entally grounds. The true spirit of sportsmanship clubbed with the essence of the theme, “**From Vision To Victory – The Journey Begins**” based on the Sustainable Development Goals will be carried in the hearts of the students forever.



The first ISC batch of Loreto Dharamtala with the flags bearing the Sustainable Development Goals.



Students making rangolis with the children of the Rainbow Home.

**LTS DIWALI CELEBRATIONS**

On the 5<sup>th</sup> of November, the LTSers celebrated an “**Eco-Friendly Diwali**” with our friends from the Rainbow Home, enlightening their souls with ‘diyas’ and adding the vibrant colours of ‘rangolis’ in each others’ lives.

**BANDHUTA UTSAV**

On the 10<sup>th</sup> of December, we flagged off the “**Bandhuta Utsav**” which gave the students an opportunity to interact with the inmates of various homes. The idea of Brotherhood and harmony or “Bandhuta” was propagated through the staging of the Nativity Play and tying of “Bandhuta Bands” by the students of the Junior Section.



A student tying a “Bandhuta band” to one of the inmates of “Asha Niketan.”

**Loreto Elliot Road**



To spread the joy of Christmas the Catholic students of Class X and XII of Loreto Elliot Road set about making a difference to the sick and immobile inmates of St. Joseph’s Home. On the day of the Penitential Service, Fr. Mohandas of St. Mary’s Church blessed forty statues of Baby Jesus. These were placed in the forty cribs that our individual girls made. On 20<sup>th</sup> December, 2018 our students presented the cribs they had made, with love and care, to the immobile inmates of St.

Joseph’s Home. This was a heart-warming experience for the girls who received radiant smiles and blessings from the elderly. To the inmates, the generous gesture of our girls brought in Christmas cheer and spread joy to their mundane lives.



The Power of One was brought to the fore with the Junior School Concert 'Song of the Earth'. The premise of the play was that the Earth was destroyed and how the last human child embarked on the journey to save the world and mankind, facing adventures on the way. Thus, emphasising the 'Power of One' individual.



Loreto Elliot Road celebrated Vital Waste Day by sending students for a competition at Gyan Manch on the 11th of January, 2017. The Fest was about environment and recycling. Our students participated in the events like Extempore, Short Film making, Fashion Show and Dream it Create it, where our student Monoswini Dey, secured the Runner - Up position for the Short Film making titled 'Ideal Environment'.

### **Loreto Convent, Asansol**

#### **Farewell to Mrs. D. Bhattacharya-**

We bid goodbye to Mrs D. Bhattacharya on the 10th of October. Mrs D Bhattacharya was here in Loreto Convent, Asansol for nearly 20years.

#### **Annual School Fete 2018**

Our School organised the Annual Fete in the school premises on November 17th 2018. Several stalls were put up by the respective classes with many exciting and amazing games. Parents and children enjoyed the event thoroughly.

#### **Mother General's Visit**



Loreto Convent Asansol was proud to warmly receive Sr. Noelle Corscadden (Mother General) & Sr. Macarena Fdez de Bobadilla (General Consultor) on 28<sup>th</sup> Nov 2018. It was wonderful to welcome such esteemed guests. The event began with a welcome speech by our Principal, Mrs.



George, followed by a prayer service. The programme ended with Sr. Noelle Corscadden addressing the gathering.

#### **Junior School Sports 2018**

The Junior School Annual Sports was held on 7<sup>th</sup> December. MR. P.K.MISHRA DRM Asansol was the chief guest. The most intriguing aspect embellishing the event was the splendid field display, including mass students' participation which spotted the field, with a riot of vibrant based on the theme 'SEASONS'. The track events were also exciting.

#### **2018 Loreto Leaders' Meet Asansol**

The Loreto Leaders' Meet was held in Loreto Convent, Asansol, from 17<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> September, 2018. 37 institutional leaders from Loreto schools in India participated in the conference.

In her welcome address, Sister Anita Braganza, Province Leader, Loreto South Asia stated that Loreto education emphasised the building of character through faith formation, compassion and critical thinking. This found resonance in the talk on "Ethical Leadership" and "The Role of Schools in the



Context of Present-day India,” by Mr. Harsh Mander, the noted social activist. In his illustrative talk he focussed on Constitutional Morality and its 4 pillars, laying special emphasis on ‘Fraternity’ or ‘Bandhutva’. His deeply moving and motivational speech continues to inspire many of our school programmes.

The Loreto Child Protection Policy was introduced by Mr. Deep Kabir, Advocate, Calcutta High Court who, along with Sister Monica Suchiang, was also instrumental in drafting it. He explained in detail, the procedure to be followed by Loreto schools when reporting cases of child abuse.

St. Agnes Bhutia’s meaningful presentation renewed our understanding of the Core Values of our Founder, Venerable Mary Ward. Sister Powlin in her session highlighted the importance of finance management in any organisation. Time was also allocated for a discussion on various internal matters and the decisions arrived at were noted and later communicated to all the Principals.

This residential programme was meticulously planned by Sister Sunila, Community Leader, Mrs. Jinny George, Principal and the Community and staff of Loreto Convent, Asansol. The daily Eucharistic celebration, prayer and reflection and the sharing of experiences enabled the Loreto Leaders to foster and further reinforce, the bonds of ‘fraternity’ or ‘bandhutva’ that bind one to God, to others and to self.



## **Loreto House**



### **Our Christmas friend**

The Christmas gathering of friends in our compound on 16th Dec2018 was a joyous and meaningful event. Two weeks previous to it we had a Community and Hostel girls meeting at which Sr. Agnes grouped us in threes-senior and junior sisters with hostelite. The three together would contribute towards a valuable gift for a poor family whom we would search for beforehand and bring in on the appointed day. This turned out to be a very happy event. Our guests were welcomed with cake and coffee. We had a variety of games in which all took part. Now and again the children would steal off to the swings and merry go round but parents kept watchful eye on them. All were present for a delicious lunch and gift-giving. Many were provided with blankets or warm clothes. All went home content and grateful for a delightful day with sisters and girls.

On 24th Christmas Vigil prayer concluded with a sharing on our Christmas Friend experience. It was spirit-filled. We finally brought it to a close with a spontaneous singing of the song, “Sharing”.

## Three Ladies from Ireland.

Three Ladies arrived from Ireland, Professor Deidre Rafferty with Research worker, Catherine and Ruth commissioned by our Institute to write lives of Teresa Ball and Michael Corcoran. All three were steeped in research work in our archives for 7 days then Ruth left for Darjeeling. They gave us a most interesting account of the work involved in our community room. This was attended by all Calcutta Communities.

## FEAST DAYS AND BIRTHDAYS

### **JAN. FEAST DAY NAMES B'DAY**

	Sr. Jency. V	2nd Jan
	Sr. Agnes Bhutia	5th Jan
	Sr. Banisha Sohkhlet	8th Jan
	Sr. Molly Francis	9th Jan
	Sr. Alma Toppo	11th Jan
	Sr. Phyllis Morris	12th Jan
	Sr. Yvonne Gomes	14th Jan
	Sr. Rani Regina Hembram	15th Jan
	Sr. Maeve Hughes	15th Jan
	Sr. Miri Phawa	15th Jan
	Sr. Sunila Toppo	19th Jan
21st Jan	Sr. Agnes Bhutia	
	Sr. Monica Suchiang	23rd Jan
	Sr. Anita Nayak	23rd Jan
	Sr. Sangeeta Surin	23rd Jan
23rd Jan	Sr. Lynette Daniel-Palmer	
	Sr. Helen Borneo	25th Jan
	Sr. Shalini Rozario	26th Jan
	Sr. Priyanka Topno	27th Jan
	Sr. Ganga Jyoti Bardewa	28th Jan

### **FEB. FEAST DAY NAMES B'DAY**

	Sr. Leena lakra	5th Feb
	Sr. Anima Kerketta	5th Feb
11th Feb	Sr. Lourdes Noronha	
	Sr. Carmella Coelho	11th Feb
	Sr. Mariam Ekka	16th Feb
	Sr. Maria Bastian	19th Feb
	Sr. Igora Pinto	22nd Feb
	Sr. Sangeeta Madhuri Jojo	24th Feb
	Sr. Maxima Toppo	26th Feb
	Sr. Josephine Burh	28th Feb
	Sr. Swati Lakra	28th Feb
	Sr. Manjula Lomga	28th Feb

### **MARCH FEAST DAY NAMES B'DAY**

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

