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Reminiscence of a Story Jubilee of Religious Profession



Golden Jubilarians with Sr. Philomena Mathew, Superior General & Sr. Christine Mynsong, Asst. General



Striking the golden and silver year of religious profession is a grace and 2019 undoubtedly is a year of the Lord's favour to the 35 Silver and 8 Golden Jubilarians. It's a time to reminisce a story richly textured with faith and celebrate God's unfathomable love and fidelity.

Prior to the celebration of



Jubilee, the Sisters had their preparatory course spent in prayer, reflection and enriching spiritual programmes. It all began with spiritual enterprise undertaken as the Silver Jubilarians journeyed on a pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Good Health Vailankanni, St. Thomas Mount National Shrine and many other holy sites and



shrines at Chennai from 6 to 15 August. They were accompanied by Sr. Christine Mynsong, the Assistant General.

The second phase of preparatory course began at Bethel from 16 August with series of orientation programmes that helped encounter God and self. They were joined by the seven Golden Jubilarians on

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From the Superior General

Sowing the Precious Seed of the Gospel

"Listen! Behold, a sower went out to sow." (Mark 4:3)

The parable of the sower in the Gospel is a powerful depiction of our Christian calling to sow the seeds of the Gospel and establish the kingdom of God in the hearts of all. As we see in this episode, the sower went out to sow and as he scattered the seeds, he didn't have a choice of a particular soil but he just scattered the seeds randomly as he went along. Some seeds fell on the rocky ground, some among the thorny bush, along the path and a fertile soil.

This random sowing of the seeds on different types of soil and places is truly a symbol of God's generous sowing of abundant goodness and blessings upon all types of persons. To receive or not to receive, to respond or not to respond to God and to let God take control or toss Him aside depends upon each one. But God is opened to all and is continuously bestowing His love, goodness and grace. Those who cooperate with Him receive and yield a hundredfold.

Reflection on the Gospel image of the mustard seed helps us to perceive the power of a small sown seed which finds its way out to the open surface through the hard soil which is seemingly an impossible task for a tiny seed. Yet the power inherent in its smallness brings about complete change.

Our call to sow the seeds of Gospel values in today's world is ever more urgent and challenging

than ever. In a world beset by dividing tendencies and individualism where communities, societies and families are divided on account of numerous factors, we are called to be sowers of unity building bridge to fill the gap in relationship. In a world torn by war, hatred, prejudice, we are called to be sowers of peace and love. When life is hardest hit by misfortune, discouragement, poverty, disillusionment, sorrows, we are called to be sowers of hope, happiness and endurance that will enable one to overcome trials and difficulties and look to a better future with hope. When worldly values and material wealth, name and fame, power and prestige displace God from the center, our call to bring back God at the heart of existence is our most crucial task as sowers of the Gospel. Sowing the seed of faith in God that can withstand the storms of life especially in the young minds has to be taken seriously in our world of rapid change and contradictions. Pope Francis tells Madagascars Bishops, "We are sowers, and those who sow do so in hope; they do it counting on their own efforts and personal commitment, but also knowing that many other factors combine to make the seed take root, grow and finally give abundant grain."

'A man reaps what he sows' (Gal 6:7) and therefore, it is good to ask oneself - what am I sowing



and with what attitude and disposition? In our daily contacts with others in the community and work place, we are to be sowers of peace, love, joy, happiness, positive attitude, kindness, respect, encouragement, good will, patience, goodness and hope- the list is endless. If we sow goodness and optimism, we reap goodness and optimism and if we sow hatred and negativity we reap the same as 'what goes around comes around' and 'who ever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.' (2 Cor 9:6) So, let us generously and joyfully sow the seeds of Gospel values in plenty and let us not easily grow weary of being sowers even when the harvest seems small for it is our missionary calling to be messengers of the Good news at all time and places.

Let me conclude with the words of St. Paul, "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." (Gal 6:9)

Sr. Philomena Mathew
Superior General



Silver Jubilarians with Sr. Philomena Mathew, Superior General

27 August after their pilgrimage to our Lady's Shrine at Bandel and St. Mother Teresa's tomb at Kolkatta. They were accompanied by Sr. Philomena Mathew, the Superior General

The group was animated by the Superior General and members of the General Council. Sr. Philomena Mathew, the Superior General led them to a deeper realization of God's presence in their life while affirming each of them as the strength of the congregation. Sr. Christine Mynsong guided the group to effective assessment of one's life that enabled them to place every event in life in sync with God's plans and designs.

An interactive session on the topic, 'Mid-life Challenges' by Sr. Sherly Abraham was enriching and informative as it shed new lights to self-care and one's attitude towards life.

Another grace-filled moment spent at the tomb of Founder at Peachlands on 28 August rekindled the spirit of Founder enabling them to feel the pulse of his missionary heart. A thanksgiving Holy Mass was celebrated by Fr. Paschal Lyngdoh, the Parish Priest of Mary Help of Christians Cathedral, Shillong. The Jubilarians were given a befitting felicitation programme by the community of Peachlands after a thanksgiving prayer service.

They visited the communities in and around Shillong where they were honoured and felicitated for their commitment and fidelity to the Lord.

Ample time was spent in prayer, reflection and sharing in group that enabled them to relive and relish God experiences of the past fifty and twenty-five years as religious. Days

at the feet of the Lord in retreat guided by Fr. Julian Fernandez SJ concluded the month long rejuvenating course on the occasion of Jubilee celebration. Focusing on the person of Jesus, Fr. Julian led the Jubilarians through the Emmaus journey to have personal encounter with Jesus. Voicing the sentiment and experience of the month, Sr. Shobha Das, one of the Silver Jubilarians said that a journey back to the past years of religious life unearthed the richness of life and God's unfathomable love and faithfulness to His chosen ones.

The Jubilee celebration culminated at Hatigaon with a grand welcoming ceremony, Prayer service, a thanksgiving Holy Eucharist celebrated by Archbishop John Moolacherra of Guwahati, and felicitation programme.





Workers' Day Celebrated



The world observes International Workers' Day every year on 1 May to celebrate the achievements of the working class. To mark this day and acknowledge the selfless service of all the domestic staff, Hatigaon community organized a variety programme in their honour. In a solemn prayer service as well as the Holy Mass, the community thanked God for

each staff and prayed for God's abundant blessings. Junior Sisters staged a short entertainment programme. Speaking on the occasion, Sr. Protima Lakra acknowledged an important role they play for the systematic functioning of the community and exhorted them to be responsible persons in their assigned duty and work for the glory of God.

Provincial Councilors for Education Meet

A two-days' meeting of Provincial Councilors for Education guided by Sr. Katherine Joseph, General Councilor for Education was held from 2 to 3 May at Hatigaon with emphasis on effective realization of GC 9 with regards to the apostolate of education. The meeting dealt with important issues related to the apostolate of Education and chalked out some action plans for the year 2019 as per GC 9. It was also an occasion for reflective evaluation on the present scenario with regard to the system of education with all its challenges and future prospects.

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Animation of Vice Provincials

With emphasis on upholding religious discipline in the congregation, a four days' animation programme was held from 28 to 31 May for the Vice Provincials of the Congregation. Animated by Sr. Christine Mynsong, the Assistant General, the programme aimed at enhancing the life of the communities with careful observation of the rules and regulations of the congregation. The sisters were further enlightened on their duties and responsibilities as the vice provincials as stated in the constitutions. A study on Directory of On-going formation, Constitution and Regulations helped to prioritize religious discipline as means of integrated community and consecrated life.

Superiors General Meet, Rome



Sr. Philomena Mathew, the Superior General attended the Plenary Assembly of International Union of Superiors General (UISG) in Rome held from 6 to 10 May. The event had enriching input sessions, moment of study, reflection, new learning, cultural exchange, interaction and global thinking. The main thrust of the meeting was on being or becoming "sowers of prophetic hope." The assembly had re-elected her for a second term as the Delegate of

Superiors General, South Asia Constellation-I which includes India, Sri Lanka, Myanmar, Bangladesh, Nepal, Pakistan. She also had the golden opportunity to meet the Holy Father Pope Francis; greeted him in the name of the congregation and asked for his paternal blessings. After the meeting, she visited the communities of Italian Delegation encouraging the sisters in fulfilling the vision of Founder in their mission.

Nurses' Convention

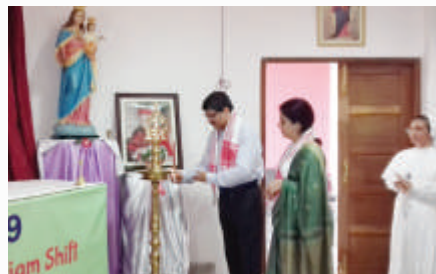
The first of its kind in the history of MSMHC Social Apostolate, Nurses' Convention was organized from 7 to 10 May at Bethel with the theme, "Healing Ministry and MSMHC: The need for a Paradigm Shift." Sr. Rose Paite, General Councilor for Social Apostolate acclaimed the event as a milestone to take forward healing ministry and quality health care ever more trustworthy. She acknowledged the great sacrifice and commitment with which nurse sisters serve the people especially in the remotest areas.

The convention had an active participation of 35 nurse sisters from various provinces working in healing ministry of the congregation. Expert doctors from Goa, Dr. Rajesh Patil specialized in drug and alcohol abuse treatment and his wife Dr. Shradha Patil specialized in women related health issues were the main resource persons. Dr. Ganesh Das, an oncology surgeon from Guwahati and Dr. Meiling Tham, gynecologist from Apollo Hospital, Guwahati enlightened and enhanced the knowledge of the sisters on various topics and on how to respond to the current context of health issues. The



nurse sisters were also given opportunity to share their knowledge, experiences and best practices to enrich with each other. Doctors of various expertise addressed the 35 participants who were actively involved in the healing ministry of the congregation.

Sr. Helen Thanglamniang expressed that it was an enriching opportunity and sharing of the success story and challenges in this apostolate emboldened one another to continue healing service with much more enthusiasm as it is the fifth Gospel according to Founder.



Training Young Leaders with a Heart like that of Jesus



Historic moment was carved out with the YAC Catechists Training Programme organized from 22 to 27

May at MSMHC Prayer Centre, Bethel with the theme, "I am the Good Shepherd" (Jn. 10:11) The

first of its kind in the history of the YAC (Young Apostles for Christ), the programme aimed at training the young apostles to be effective leaders and evangelizers with the attitude and heart of the Good Shepherd. It was attended by 65 young apostles from different provinces of the congregation.

The programme began at 5.30 pm on 22 May with the inaugural function organized by the senior members of the YAC. The YAC's with their prayerful songs and inspirational thoughts set the right tone for the days ahead.

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Editorial

Living Encounter

Just as little drops of water form a mighty ocean and a multicolored rainbow casts its spell of beauty across the sky, every single life paints a mosaic of stories which creates a powerful wave with far reaching effects.

Within a short span of time after embarking on His mission, Jesus' wave swept the hearts of people of his time and place, creating stir in the society and newness of thoughts. With a drop of Love, Jesus created ripples that extend to the ends of the earth and change the course of life for many which continue to slap the shores of the oceans with million followers. Yet, His life was never a walk in the park, but that of rejection, accusations, betrayal, abuses and finally of crucifixion. But, Jesus never gave up on His mission of love and sacrifice.

The crux of Christian life is that of love from which stems life of dedication, commitment, obedience and fidelity. The present era which is constantly churning out new values and lifestyle that are at times compromising and challenging to the Gospel values calls for a life of witness. The essence therefore is personal and living encounter with Jesus specifically in religious practices as Pope Francis says, "God calls us to encounter him through faithfulness to concrete things: daily prayer, Holy Mass, Confession, real charity, the daily word of God."

Knowing Jesus and His ways, loving Jesus and His teachings, upholding His principles and values is the outcome of personal experience of Jesus. This encounter with Jesus enables one to have a heart of gold and an iron will to save even the last atom of strength for the good of others especially when needed most instead of being just a fair weather friend.

A journey of life born of encounter with Jesus however is unlikely a highway journey, but entails sacrifice and commitment putting one's life on the line for the cause of others especially for the poor and marginalised, and for the sake of Gospel truth. It calls for perseverance.

As most life today pursues selfish needs, comfort and gratification of earthly desires, a life of sacrifice is off the beaten path for it's often risky, painful and unyielding.

Yet, a single drop of love and little deeds of kindness coupled with authentic lifestyle based on Gospel values create a series of positive ripples that freshen the life of others.

It's a dynamic encounter with Jesus that frees the soul to let drops of love and sacrifice fall on the sea of humanity.

Sr. Irene Zosiarni

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Welcome Guests from Myanmar



Hatigaon welcomed Bishop Felix Khen Thang, the Bishop of Kalay Diocese along with some priests of the diocese and Sr. Maria Van, the General Provincial of the Little Way Sisters of St. Therese, Sr. Maria Zen (LWST) and some lay faithful on 7 May.

Feast of the Congregation Celebrated



In celebration of the Feast of Mary Help of Christians on 24 May, Junior Sisters staged a grand entertainment programme honouring Mary the principal Patroness of the congregation.

Community Day



Little Flower, Hatigaon observed community day on 10 August on the occasion of the feast of St. Philomena, the name feast of Sr. Philomena Mathew, the Superior General. It was a day of togetherness, celebration of each member in the community and a day of thanksgiving to God.



Bishop Victor Lyngdoh, Bishop of Jowai was present as the Chief Guest. Sr. Bridget Diengdoh, General Councilor for Evangelization and Director of Missionary Animation Centre (MAC), Sr. Mary Concepta Dkhar, Provincial Superior of Shillong Province, Mr. Magno, the main resource person from Goa and other religious dignitaries were present for the function.

Highlighting ten Biblical icons for young people from the pastoral letter of Pope Francis, Bishop Victor inspired and challenged the young to live a holy life amidst the glamour



of modern world. Addressing the YAC's as catechists, Sr. Mary Concepta Dkhar exhorted them to be powerful witnesses of the Word. Mr. Bacermeo emphasized on purposeful living and life as a precious gift of God.

With reference to the Gospel of St. Mark, Fr. Jose Varickasseril SDB spoke on the call, selection and mission of the Apostles. The main resource person, Mr. Magno enlightened and inspired the participants on the power and working of the Holy Spirit. Bro. Jerry SDB from Sacred Heart Theological



College enthused the young with his lively presentation and magic show on how to be effective missionaries; helping others to grow in the Lord. Mr. Albert Nongrum shared his personal experiences of God and the relevance of the Word of God in the mission field.

Besides various inspiring talks, the days' highlights included meditation, prayers and various recreational activities based on the Gospels. The programme concluded with a renewed mind and vigour to be effective leaders with a heart of the Good Shepherd.

Animation on MSMHC Educative Mission



A series of animation programmes were conducted by Sr. Katherine Joseph, General Councilor for Education for headmistresses, staff and students as well as boarding assistants of Kolkatta, Bangalore and Tezpur Province in the month of May and June to keep them well informed and motivated.

Thousands of young lives in the hands of the MSMHC through the

apostolate of education is a matter of pride and responsibility. The main thrust of the programmes touched upon the vision of MSMHC education, 'Educate persons with character and competence to build a civilization of love.' Focusing on the two aspects of the vision that is character formation and competence, Sr. Katherine animated the headmistresses, staff and boarding assistance and guided them on the

essence of making teaching a noble profession and concentrated on quality teaching and quality learning. The groups received instructions and guidance on documentation and were also updated on Child Protection Policy and effectiveness in the mission field.

Speaking to the students of Class VI - XII in different schools as well as the boarding girls in different convents, Sr. Katherine highlighted each one's responsibility to contribute towards building a civilization of love. She motivated them to nurture positive attitude, determination to excel in studies and to have specific aim in life. Her visits to each class enthused the students and motivated them to climb the ladder of success in studies and live a life of integrity.





Interface Meeting Stresses on Empowerment of Domestic Workers



The Centre for Development Initiatives (CDI) organized an Interface Meeting with its close allies focusing on empowerment of the domestic workers in its ongoing campaign for their rights and dignity. The meeting took place at Hotel Ambarish Grand Residency, Paltan Bazaar on 10 June with an

official launching of the Domestic Workers' Week 2019 and the announcement of a series of programmes on the occasion. Different voices at the meeting advocated the importance of educating domestic workers as an essential step towards empowerment.

Intensive Training on Good Shepherd Leadership



A series of intensive orientation and training programme organized for the local catechists at different places and time with a theme "I am the Good Shepherd." (Jn 10:11) aimed at improving leadership skills with the attitude of the Good Shepherd. This project had been initiated by the Missionary Animation Centre (MAC) in view of renewing the church through empowerment of the local church leaders and by giving them new impetus in their ministry of leading and guiding the faithful in the villages.

The programme at Umsohlait from 16 to 20 May had the active participation of 80 local catechists. As many as 41 local



catechists participated at Golaghat from 17 to 19 May, and there were 24 trainees at Kumari Parish, Arunachal Pradesh from 28 to 30 June. A programme at Byrnihat from 19 to 21 July was attended by 37 participants and 55 of them at Tinsukia from 26 to 28 July.

The main resource persons were Sr. Bridget Diengdoh, General Councilor for Evangelization, Sr. Celina Surin, MAC member and Sr. Felisita Kujur, Provincial Councilor for Evangelization, Tinsukia. While dealing with matters related to faith and the church, focus was given on instilling the heart and attitude of the Good Shepherd in the trainee that is essential for effective leadership in the church.

CDI Launches Post Card Campaign



As part of a campaign to ensure rights and dignity of Domestic Workers on the occasion of International Domestic Worker's Day, Centre for Development Initiatives (CDI) organized a 'Post Card Campaign' on 11 June at Meghdoot Bhawan on Guwahati. Speaking on the occasion to the domestic workers, the Chief Guest, Shri K. Kevichusa, Director Postal Service (HQ) emphasized on staying strong and united as an organization to have a powerful voice in the fight for justice and rights.

About hundred domestic workers from different pockets of Guwahati City participated in the campaign and posted the post cards addressed to different Government officials and leaders of the country. The demands in the Post Card were Implementation of Minimum Wages, Provide Social Security specific to Domestic Workers, Constitute Welfare Board for Domestic Workers.



International Domestic Workers Day



Ferrando Domestic Workers Alliance celebrated the International Domestic Workers Day on 16 June in the twelve cities of Northeast India and gave them a fitting accolade to domestic workers. The day was marked by various programmes at different places and it was an occasion for the domestic workers to have light moments from their daily chores. In a celebration held at Parish Hall, Rukminigaon, Guwahati, Sr. Rose Paite, General Councilor for Social



Apostolate and Director of CDI, highlighted the importance of inculcating virtues such as honesty and hard work. Songs and dances enthralled the gathering.

With the official inauguration of the Domestic Workers Week on 10 June at Guwahati, the twelve cities of Northeast India under the banner of Centre for Development Initiatives (CDI) launched a series of programmes to create awareness and safeguard the rights and dignity of the domestic workers.

Anti-Child Labour Day

Organized by Centre for Development Initiatives (CDI), World Day Against Child Labour was observed at Parish Community Hall, Rukminigaon, Guwahati on 12 June to raise awareness about the plight of child labour in domestic work. More than 200 children of Domestic Workers participated in the event.

In his address to children, the chief guest of the day, Shri. Surendra Kumar, IPS-IGP, CID, Assam Police, motivated them to have aim in life and work towards it with determination.

Sr. Rose Paite, General Councilor for Social Apostolate and the Director of CDI gave an introductory note on the work area of the organization and explained about the theme, "Children shouldn't work on fields, but on dreams."

Various talks highlighted the importance of education, having dreams and hard work.

Canonical Visitation to Shillong Province



A month long canonical visitation to Shillong Province in July kept engaged the Superior General Sr. Philomena Mathew and her team- Sr.

Christine Mynsong, the Assistant General, Sr. Asha Mao, General Councillor for Formation, Sr. Bridget Diengdoh, General Councillor for

Evangelization, Sr. Katherine Joseph, General Councillor for Education, Sr. Rose Paite, General Councillor for Social Apostolate, Sr. Ancila Jose, Ecomer General in visiting the communities and meeting the sisters of the province. Each General Councillor moved out to different zones visiting the communities and animating the sisters, boarding girls, students and staff of the schools.

The visit had provided a shared moment of mission and vision of the congregation in the life of the province with all its concerns, success and challenges. It was concluded with the joint meeting of General Councillors and Provincial Councillors of the province.





NEWS FROM OVERSEAS

Retreat for Children, Piossasco



A day's retreat for children in preparation for Sacrament of Confirmation was held on 18 May at Piossasco, Italy. Sr. Juliet

Zothanpari and Sr. Mary Grace along with catechists and animators of Gesù Risorto Oratory animated the children on the theme

'Soldier for Christ'. Inputs on various topics based on the theme of the day were given in view of strengthening the faith of children and prepare them to be soldiers for Christ.

The event had lively moments with games and sing songs, sharing as well as reflections on the Word of God and prayers. As many as 31 children actively participated in it. The retreat was concluded in the evening with the Holy Mass celebrated by Don Giacomo Garbero, the Parish Priest followed by a grand pizza.

New Presence, Myanmar

MSMHC mission in Myanmar launched its second presence at Leitawhtan, Tedim with the official opening ceremony on 24 May. It began with inauguration and blessing of the new convent by Bishop Felix Khen Thang, the Bishop of Kalay Diocese. It was followed by the Holy Mass celebrated by the Bishop himself and concelebrated by a good number of priests. Speaking on the occasion, Bishop Felix expressed his best wishes to the pioneering sisters that under the guidance of Mother Mary, the presence of the MSMHC may be a blessing to the people of the

area at all levels.

Sr. Christine Mynsong, the Assistant General and Sr. Rose Paite, General Councillor for Social Apostolate were present on this historic and remarkable day of the congregation and Myanmar mission in particular. Sr. Sabina Kim, Sr. Julie Mate, Sr. Bibiana Hawlek are the pioneering members engaged in pastoral works, educative and developmental activities keeping in



mind the vision of Founder. The faithful welcomed the sisters with a grand felicitation programme. The day was witnessed by a good number of Sisters from nearby communities and the faithful.

First Marian Procession, Leitawhtan

The first ever Marian procession at Leitawhtan, Myanmar was organized on 31 May by the Sisters in honour of Mother Mary at the



conclusion of Marian month. Began in front of St. Peter's Church at the grotto, the procession with the statue of Mother Mary headed to the streets of the village singing songs of praise and prayers. About 35 faithful from Leitawhtan and Sezang actively and devoutly participated in it. Sr. Sabina Kim gave talk based on the journey undertaken by Mary to visit her cousin Elizabeth and her prompt

response to the needs of others. Speaking on the powerful intercession of Mother Mary, she exhorted the faithful to always pray the rosary as it is a link between man and God. Guided by the catechist, the faithful shared joyous moment at the end of the programme with a short entertainment programme and sing songs. The Sisters too presented a song in honour of Mother Mary.

Bible Day for Revitalization of the Church



Bible Day was observed on 18 May at St. Stephen's Convent, Ponta Do Ouro, Mozambique with the initiative of the MSMHC in view of strengthening the church through Small Christian Communities (SCC). It was in keeping with the diocesan theme of the year 2019, "Revitalization of the SCC groups" specifically with the aim to unite the five SCC groups of Our

Lady of Fatima Church, Ponta Do Ouro, one of the sub-centres of St. Francis De Sales Parish Bela Vista. The day's programme focussed on the Word of God which is the vital part of SCC's existence.

The programme was also lively and inspiring with a package of competitive programmes such as Bible Quiz, Bible Act - Out, Marian

Quiz and Gospel Sing - Out. It had the active and enthusiastic participation of children, youth and adult and the event yielded a desired success with many faithful attending the programme. The day ended with the celebration of the Holy Mass by Rev. Fr. Raju Minj msfs the chaplain of the community.

An event like this is vital in keeping the faithful of Ponta Do Ouro stay connected and bracing them to face challenges in faith.

To mark the feast of Mary Help of Christians on 24 May, a day so dear to the MSMHC, the Sisters organized prayers and feast day celebration on 25 May. It was also aimed at spreading devotion to Mary Help of Christians among the faithful and promote faith in the powerful intercession of Mother Mary. The day was solemnized with the celebration of the Holy Eucharist officiated by Fr. Petrus Kullu msfs, Delegation Superior of Mozambique and concelebrated by Fr. Ranjit Tirkey msfs, Delegation Bursar and Fr. Raju Minj msfs, Chaplain of the Ponta Do Ouro community.

Children's Day Celebrated

Innocent faces beaming with joyful smiles brightened the premises of the pre-school 'Escolinha Jardim do Sol', Ponta Do Ouro, Mozambique on 1 June as Children's day was celebrated. The atmosphere soared high in festivity with the burst of innocent laughter and applause as the programme was filled with colourful items, songs, dances and skit by the children. The day's programme was jointly organized by the sisters and parents. The presence of parents, their cooperation and contributions to the success of the programme was noteworthy.



Foundation Stone Laid, Mozambique



The MSMHC at St. Stephen's Convent, Ponta Do Ouro, Mozambique set another important milestone with the laying of the foundation stone for Kindergarten on 14 August. It was a single step taken to a thousand mile's journey towards the actualization of Founder's vision for poor kids. The ceremony was presided by Fr. Petrus Kullu msfs, the Delegation Superior of Mozambique Delegation of Nagpur Province, India with the offering of prayers, reading of the

Word of God and blessings of the project with an act of entrustment in the hands of God and Mary Help of Christians.

With this new initiative, the Mozambican mission of the MSMHC widens its horizon, paving the way for better opportunities for poor children to have an access to a day care and all round development as envisioned by Founder Venerable Stephen Ferrando, "a preferential love for the poor children in the villages."



Cleaning Drive Marks World Environment Day



In an endeavour to create awareness and participate in conservation of natural environment, the staff and students of Ferrando Resource Centre Special School, Lesotho organized clean up drive on 5 June, World Environment Day. The participants spent the day with the task of cleaning around the factories in Ha-Maqele village. The programme also served as a platform to sensitize people to respect mother earth and keep the environment clean and green.

New Sustainable Projects

Heeding to the greater need of the differently - abled children, Ferrando Resource Centre Special School, Lesotho launched a new sustainable projects on 8 August. Bishop Augustinus Bane blessed and opened the new sustainable projects of poultry and green garden. The two projects are aimed at widening the learning experience and imparting the skills of farming to the differently abled children besides other skills in the classroom.



SCC Programme



Out on a missionary task to Ntongozi Village, the community of Likhaya LaMaria, Swaziland on 20 July conducted Small Christian Community (SCC) meeting. Sr. Elsa Joseph led the meeting in prayer and gave a key message based on the episode from the Gospel in which Martha welcomes Jesus in her home. She encouraged the people to welcome Jesus in their lives. Bible sharing in groups was vital part of the programme. Some practical resolutions were drawn for the growth of the church and the SCC units at different zones.

Intensive Catechism Class

As part of faith formation programme, Intensive Catechism class was conducted from 12 to 16 August at Sigcineni, Swaziland for children, youth and adult. Besides faith formation, it was also an occasion to create awareness on various issues related to life and society. The main topics dealt with at the sessions were the seven sacraments, Mary and the Rosary, abuses in the society and other relevant topics. The sisters were assisted by local catechists Bongile Nxumalo and Thabo Nkambule. Various competitions, quiz and games were also part of the programme. The programme was a success with active participation of many faithful of the village.



YAC Meet at Gebeni



At the YAC meeting their respective places. convened on 1 May at Gebeni, Deacon Dabulamanz Ntjagase spoke on the importance of spreading love and peace to everyone and of Christ to all. Sr. Mary Clara Topno, Sr. Susan Soren along with women volunteers as well as some YAC members from Malkerns organized a one-day meet for the young apostles of Catholic. Youth President Gebeni, Ntongozi and Sigcineni Mr. Derrick from Manzini and unit that gave impetus to start other church leaders too were afresh the YAC way of life in present for the day's programme.