



COMMUNICATION AS AN OPPORTUNITY

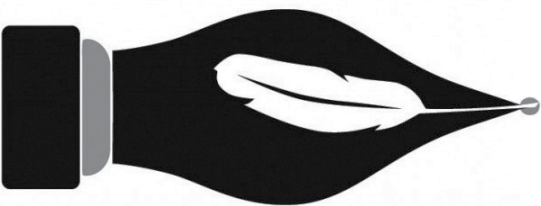
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*Perpetual Profession of **Sr. Eugenia Bareh** at Sacred Heart Church, Lamyrsiang, East Jaiñtia Hills District - Meghalaya
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EDITORIAL

Communication is essential to human relationship. It happens every split of a second whether knowingly or unknowingly. Today, our communication systems have advanced rapidly in a manner it changes the lifestyle of individuals and society at large. It is in this moment that we as educators are challenged in the way we relate to one another using this “new public property”. Communicating through social networks give us an opportunity to share and build a new culture together with the others particularly with the young, even beyond the boundaries of culture, origin, religion etc.

The theme of this issue of our newsletter is “**Communication as an Opportunity**” hence it calls us to endeavour to overcome the traditional means of direct and limited communication. This is the time to offer the witness of foreseeing love through communication on social networks as exhorted by GC 23 and further asks us to assume communication as a mission. Pope Francis in his message for the 51st World Communications Day invited all of us to *Communicate Hope and Trust in our Times*. Though the way we communicate has changed yet the message and values remain the same. Consider the First FMA Missionaries who set sail for the mission way back in 1877 with no proper communication systems and yet have been able with daring spirit and courage to proclaim the Gospel values. Today with all the possibilities that the modern world offer us, are we courageous enough to form a network of people who proclaim the

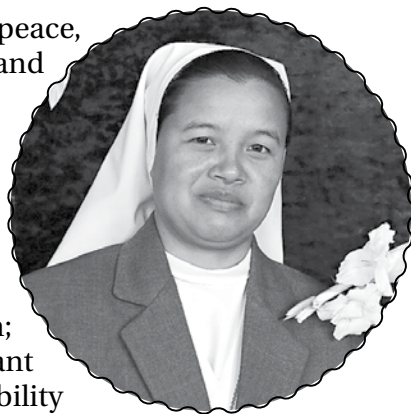
message of love, peace, solidarity, respect and trust...

We are daily b o m b a r d e d with excess of information that come to us through different medium; at times this instant sharing possibility gives one an ease to share

all kinds of news and information even without reflection. Fake news and made up situations, chain messages with a warning for misfortune are easily shared which in turn could create fear, anxiety and preoccupations in the mind of the people. Whereas, good news is taking a slow pace as we are so pressed by the commercialized communication. Today can we make up our minds and take a stand for positive news, **restraining ourselves from sharing the negative and foster authentic communication** possibly even as creators and promoters of good news in the digital world.

In the light of all the possibilities, **digital communication may be used only in as much as it fosters human relationships**. While appreciating the advantages of the new technologies and its prospects, let us not undermine human communication, which touches hearts and mends lives.

Sr. Euginia Laloo
Chief Editor



Voices Of Our Missionaries

My Missionary Life - Sr. Igina Kharjana

I had always longed to be a religious and a missionary. I knew very well that even if I were not to be a sister I would belong to the lay missionary group. *Of course, I never had in mind to be in the mission forever, but to return back when I arrive a certain age.* Mission life for me was beautiful and pleasant. I had lots of experiences with the young people, the kids and the sisters that I encountered in two of the communities I spent these twenty three years of my being in the mission. I find the people of my mission are very simple and free with me. I also acknowledge my free and open relationship with the Salesian Fathers. I could tell the truth that whenever I entered their house I feel always at home and was very free to communicate with them.

I did not have much outside or outskirt apostolate works because I was always placed in the TVET College from the time



I came to the mission that demanded my presence inside always.

Life in the mission offers me something or the other that I know I won't get in the original country I am going to work now. However, there is always a longing within me for something beyond that I realize I could not get here in the mission.

I don't know if God has given me a short memory or a special gift to forget negative circumstances happening in my life for to tell the truth, I don't remember much negative events in my life be of my childhood or my present moments in the mission and all those years I have spent in the mission. They used to say too that Africa is very hot. To say I have not experienced much the heat and the cold of all these years I have lived in the mission.

May God bless all those who have lived with me in the mission, and may He continue inviting many generous souls who will experience the same life I had in the field of work for the Lord.

Sr. Igina Kharjana FMA



My Experience in the Mission of Mongolia

Coming to the land of Ghinggis Khan made me to wonder what life was going to be and my two years and a half of missionary life was full of wonder and surprises. On 30 October in 2014 I left for South Korea the headquarter of Mongolia and after 5 months of waiting in South Korea for the visa, I finally set foot on this beloved land of God on 24 March 2015. The mission in Mongolia officially started in 2007 but before the Institution of the community, Sr. Teresa Soo Kyung Choi from South Korea and Sr. Imelda David from Philippines (sent by Mother General) came to Mongolia in 2006 to learn the language and then other two sisters Sr. Maria Domenica Pak Hye Ja and Sr. Maria Domenica Chang joined them in 2007 and formed the International community in Mongolia. The mission was opened as a sign of gratitude to God for the 50 years of the presence of the FMAs in South Korea and the blessings they received from God. Hence, they wanted to expand the mission to another country and be able to serve

the kids and the young people in the spirit of Don Bosco and Mother Mazzarello. Rev. Bishop Wenceslao Padilla the Apostolic Prefecture of Mongolia welcomed our sisters in Mongolia and handed the School of the Diocese to our sisters. So here we are from three Nationalities: Sr. Cecilia Choi as the Animator, Sr. Maria Domenica Pak Hye Ja and Sr. Domenica Chang from South Korea. We have Sr. Hanako Kojima from Japan and from India, Sr. Agness Gangmei belonging to Guwahati Province and me from Shillong Province. The first year of my life here was to learn the Mongolian language in the classroom of the Prefecture with the new missionaries of other Congregations and in the afternoon I was with the little kids in the Kindergarten and Elementary school till grade 1 and side by side with seeing to the cleanliness of the house and for cooking we took turns. At the beginning we were staying in the school occupying the classrooms for some time till the building for the Sisters was completed. The school





belongs to the Diocese and our Sisters manage the school with the manager and the staff. The children who come to our school are mainly from a very poor background and the Institution is helping these kids to carry on in their studies.

In October 2015, I was sent to Mornese community in Darkhan 4 hours journey from the city of Ulaanbaatar. Here I attended the Mongolian class and worked in the Salesian Parish as a Sacristan, looking after the Church and in-charge of the “Come and See” group of the Parish and the Oratory in Don Bosco Centre that was functioning everyday. My beautiful life in Darkhan was cut short due to the mishap that took place on 13 February 2016 in which our house caught fire early in the morning due to the electricity short circuit. It was a great lost for us but providence never failed us. We saw the solidarity of our Salesian Fathers and our Catholics who came to help us to put things right. We shifted to the Sdb’s house for some months and on 12 January 2017, we moved to Auxilium Orbit in Ulaanbaatar with all our belongings where the new House was just inaugurated and for a moment we have to close down the community in Darkhan not knowing when will be the right moment for us to

start again our mission. We wait for God’s own time.

Here in Auxilium Orbit, we live in the periphery of the city of Ulaanbaatar amidst the poor people even though some Chinese apartments are coming up but the majority of the people are poor and we are the only Catholics here. We are just close to the protestant church that is behind our house so much so the Government officials thought that our convent is a church and therefore permission for the opening of our Library and other activities took a little bit of time. Our Sisters made the officials understand that our house is meant for the education of the children and young people of the area and only after that we got the permission to start our activities according to the Spirit of Don Bosco and Mother Mazzarello. At the start of our Apostolate, all of us here felt that we are re-living the dream of Don Bosco when he was just nine years old ... oh really, the first day itself they took away our balls, skipping ropes, rings and most of the books and our library was almost empty. As days go by things seems to change for the better. They come willingly to our center to read books, do their homework and study their lessons and discipline themselves in games. They love to play and is hard to send them home so we allow them to play till 9.00 pm or sometimes it goes to 10.00 pm. So, the gate is always open otherwise they climb over the gate or fences too they do not mind provided they are in the campus. Sr. Agnes Gangmei is in-charge of the Library and Sr. Hanako Kojima in the Oratory and the other Sisters take turn for Assistance. For the moment I am sent to the school to give a helping hand to Sr. Maria Domenica Chang and so in the afternoon I go to teach English for the elementary students

of Grade 1 to 3 though a missionary is not allowed to teach but had to hire only Mongolians for the work. On Sundays, I go to Shuvvu the Salesian Parish for Holy Mass and teach Catechism for the small ones and young people alternatively along with the lay Catechists. I am happy to serve the mission even with my little contribution that I can offer in the community and in my apostolate with the kids, the young and the people entrusted to our care.

I thank God for the gift of Life as a missionary though it is not that easy. The call of Abraham always had an impact on me ... Leave your country and your people ... Reading and living is a different thing altogether. I had a little fear in me as I travelled to the land which would be my land, my home, my people, my culture my environment and spheres of life in the midst of snow for 9 months, no green trees, hills are so bare except for a few of them and only for 3 months we could enjoy Sunlight. God is so good for during these 3 months the crops grow very fast like potatoes, carrots, cabbage, salad and the wheat gets ripe very fast. God is such a loving Father that knows the needs of His people. Even the skin of the Mongolian people is very thick so that they could resist the cold during winter which goes up to -47 degree. The same with the cattle and animals they too are having thick skin to protect themselves from the biting cold of winter. The people of Mongolia recognize the four seasons in a year but for me I experience only two

seasons in a year i.e. Winter and summer. Regarding Religion many centuries ago Buddhism and Shamanism have become the people's religion and very few people know about Jesus Christ though the protestant sects came before the Catholic Church and now the Catholic Church is celebrating 25 years of its presence here with the gift of the first Mongolian Priest ordained last year in 2016. The people are confused between Catholic Church and Protestant Church and so they thought it is the same. Meanwhile in our school we cannot speak about Jesus Christ nor teach religion not even allowed to put our Crucifix and Religious dress because they said your dress speaks volumes of Religion the only place we can teach religion is in the Church.

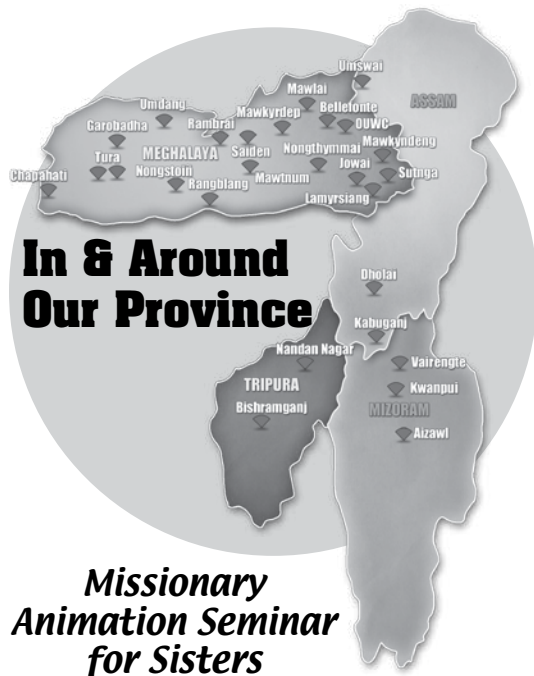
Though there is peace and tranquility in the country, yet we missionaries face difficulties in another way, no shedding blood as in other countries but some kind of suffering is there always. We are not sure when the Government will tell us to leave the country and so we were told that our life as a missionary is only temporary and we need to form the local Church and allow them to grow. 25 years have gone by



but we feel that the Church is just at the beginning of its life. Only 1300 and more Catholics in the whole of Mongolia so you could imagine we are so few here but we are not forgotten by God. He loves this country and we wait in His own time for salvation to come to our people with your prayerful support.

Thank you from the depths of my heart for remembering me and all the Missionaries in your prayers

Sr. Rona Kharkongor FMA
Auxilium Orbit Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia



Missionary Animation Seminar for Sisters

Commemorating the 140th anniversary of the FMA first missionary expedition a two-day seminar on “A strong Missionary Impulse” was organized for the two groups of Sisters on 21 – 22 April and 10 – 11 June 2017 at FMA Outreach, Lumshyiap, Shillong. Sr. Agatha Shadap, General Coordinator of the Province coordinated the seminars.

The salient features of the Seminar were the sessions on “Family Visit from the Biblical Perspective”, which was taken

by Fr. Jose Varickasseril SDB for the first group and Fr. Gedwin Warbah SDB for the second group. Sr. Agatha took on “The Missionary Journey of the Institute of the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians: Significant Milestones and the Missionary Journey of the FMAs to Asia” which have ignited the participants to increase their missionary zeal. The Missionary Identity of the FMAs according to the Constitutions was enlightened and deepened by Sr. Pyngrope Rosa the Novice Mistress and Sr. Euginia Laloo presented beautifully the topic “Comparative study on the growth of the FMA in the world”. In a very creative way she projected in visual the facts of the growth of the whole Institute for the past three years.

In both the seminars, the programme began with an Inaugural function, which highlighted the First Missionaries namely



Sr. Angela Vallese, Sr. Angela Cassulo, Sr. Teresa Gedda, Sr. Giovanna Borgna, Sr. Angela Denegri and Sr. Teresina Mazzarello. The flag bearing the logo of

the 140th Missionary Expedition was also given a pride of place.

Fmainsinfo correspondent

Months of Golden Keys

The ten-month Intensive Juniorate at Auxilium Provincial House, Christian Basti Guwahati came to a close with many treasures to uphold. It was inaugurated on 13 August 2016, a commemoration of Mother Mazzarello and successfully concluded on 13 May 2017, the Solemnity of St. Mary Mazzarello our Mother and Co-foundress. 15 FMAs from the different Provinces of Chennai, Guwahati, Bangalore, Kolkata and Shillong journeyed along this spiritual path and supported each other in this endeavor.

They were indeed “Months of Golden Keys” that opened up the doors to various chances, privileges and rich experiences. These opportunities offered us many new insights in a holistic way. The intense studies on the various aspects of consecrated Life in a Salesian style were substantiated and kept alive with the daily and Sunday Apostolates in practice. We visited families and hospitals on Sundays and weekend; we gave free tuition and classes to the poor children of the locality and around. Above all, our Mission was strengthened spiritually through the celebration of the Holy Eucharist,

Meditation, Personal Prayers, monthly Recollection, frequent Confession and regular encounter with the Animator.

The “Mission Exposure Programme” organized by the Archdiocese of Guwahati was one of the most significant events during the course of the Juniorate. It was held at Rongjuli Parish – Goalpara District and was participated by more than 600 young religious men and women including the candidates of 62 male and female Institutions of North East. The week was spent in touring the villages, visiting families, conducting seminars and prayer services. It has enriched and infused in us the zeal for the mission. Another important event was the Visit of our Beloved Mother General, Sr. Yvonne Reungat. Responding to her visit, a spiritual preparation of one month went ahead. Consequently, we cherished the memory of her motherly presence.

On the whole these were months of enrichment and growth in our Salesian vocational journey. Thank you to one and all who have helped us in this journey.

Sr. Liza Kharkongor & Sr. Roda Rongrin

Perpetual Profession at Lamysiang

The Sacred Heart Church, Lamysiang witnessed a unique event of the Perpetual Profession of Sr. Eugenia Bareh in her very own village on 28 May 2017. This day was chosen since Sr. Eugenia would soon leave for the missions. Rt. Rev.

Victor Lyngdoh, Bishop of Jowai Diocese was the main celebrant at the Holy Eucharist.

The celebration began with a Procession from the Convent to the Village Church led by Sr. Isabella Suja, Provincial and accompanied by the family members and the faithful. The profession rite was



solemnly and meaningfully conducted in which many who have witnessed it have been touched. The “Fiat” pronounced forever was an occasion that brought the whole village together in making the event a memorable and successful one. Another matter of pride for the village was that Sr. Eugenia has opted to go as a missionary to another country where the Superiors would send her.

The community of Auxilium Lamysiang too had given the very best in order to mark this special occasion. The melodious voices of the Sacred Heart Choir Lamysiang under the able guidance of the choirmaster Mr. Valerian Pakma coupled with their attractive attire added devotion and colour to the celebration. After the Holy Eucharist the fellowship meal was served for everyone in the convent and followed by the Felicitation Programme conducted by the Bareh clan. During which, Sr. Isabella Suja gave a message to the gathering in which she stressed on missionary life and the beauty and challenges of Religious Life.

Sr. Evalyne Dhar & Sr. Rishailin Rongrin

Touring Sisters’ Meet 2017

The Annual Meet of the Touring Sisters was organized by the Mission Ad Gentes Team on 12 June 2017 at FMA Outreach, Lumshyap, Shillong. The theme that guided them was “Continue the journey of Evangelization to be Missionaries of Hope and Joy with full of compassion”

Reflecting, studying and deepening on the theme the Sisters were privileged to have the guidance of Fr. K. P. Paul SDB, Assistant Parish Priest of Garobadha Parish who is a fulltime touring missionary. He made some key point reflection which he titled as “The Double Beatitude” through which he inspired the Sisters to recommit themselves to the important mission entrusted to them by the Province. He recommended the participants to be always connected to the Lord; while standing on their feet, they should lean on Jesus.



Sr. Maristella Rynghlem the coordinator of Mission Ad-Gentes too helped the group through her sessions in order to be more effective and fruitful in their apostolate. Through the sharing of the participants the Sisters feel encouraged and empowered and are armed to continue the journey with fidelity and commitment for a brighter horizon.

Liza Mary Kharkongor

Celebration of Missionary Day for Candidates

Marking the 140th Anniversary of the FMA First Missionary Expedition a one day Missionary Animation Seminar was conducted for the Candidates of the Province on 17 June 2017 at Sacred Heart Convent, Mawlai. 178 of them were present for the occasion. Their Assistants accompanied them from the various houses of Formation. Sr. Agatha Shadap coordinated the programme along with her team.

The Programme opened with an inaugural session highlighting the significance of the day particularly the missionary fervour displayed by the first six missionaries under the leadership of Sr. Angela Vallese. The participants were then divided into groups for self-introduction and getting to know each other. This was followed by a session animated by Sr. Agatha Shadap. Due to power-cut, the session of Sr. Euginia Laloo was postponed to the afternoon. The climax of the day was the celebration of the Holy Eucharist with Fr. Pascal Lyngdoh, Vocation Promoter and Parish Priest of Marbisu Parish as the celebrant. In his homily he appreciated the Salesian Sisters and encouraged the young candidates to forge ahead in their vocation. He also cited his personal examples to the edification of all present. At the entrance procession, the logo of the FMA First Missionary Expedition, the globe, springs of water, the flame and grapes were brought to the altar as symbolic representation of the missionary endeavour, which should be continued by the present generation.



The afternoon programme opened with a medley by the boarders of Sacred Heart Convent welcoming the guests and the participants of the Seminar. The enactment of the First Missionary Expedition of 1877 by the Aspirants and Postulants of Saidu took the center stage. The actors played their part so exceptionally well that everyone felt that they were the eyewitnesses of the departure for the missions by our first sisters of 1877. In between the scenes, the Novices, Pre-Aspirants and Juniorate Sisters from Auxilium, Nongthymmai presented different items like songs, dances, and action songs based on the theme, "A Strong Missionary Impulse".

Sr. Rosa Pyngrupe, Novice Mistress gave a message on the day making the candidates to realize the preciousness of their vocation and encouraged them to forge ahead in their vocational journey with authenticity and generosity notwithstanding the trials and challenges that come along the journey. Concluding the day's event,

Sr. Agatha Shadap thanked everyone involved in making the day a reality.

Sr. Euginia Laloo

To effectively communicate, we must realize that we are all different in the way we perceive the world and use this understanding as a guide to our communication with others. - Tony Robbins



ECHOES FROM THE HOUSES



Diamond and Golden Jubilees of the Religious Profession

13 May 2017 was a special day for the Community of Bellefonte as they thanked God for the sixty years of fidelity of Sr. Lina Marak and the fifty years of Sr. Erina Susngi in the service of the Lord and His people following the footsteps of St. John Bosco and St. Mary Domenica Mazzarello. The day was marked with thanksgiving, jubilation and festivity in the presence of many Sisters from different communities who joined the two Jubilarians along with their family members.

The Jubilee Mass was presided over by Fr. George Maliekal sdb, Provincial of Shillong Province along with other con-celebrants. At the entrance procession the Jubilarians brought to the altar the lighted candle and the flag of our Institute, expression of the total surrendering to the One who called them. Fr. George Maliekal in his homily highlighted the importance of being loved by God to His followers. Soon after the Holy Eucharist the participants proceeded to the square for the fellowship meal. A short felicitation programme was put in appreciating for the Jubilarians. At the end of the program the Jubilarians expressed their gratitude towards God for His loving assistance and for the wonders He accomplished during the long years of fidelity and to all who have made the day a memorable one for them.

*Sr. Crescencia Sangma &
Sr. Ribajanai Kharpor (Novices)*



Conclusion of the Marian Month

On 31 May 2017, the last day of the month, the community of Bellefonte had the solemn conclusion of the Marian Month by paying homage to the Blessed Virgin Mary in a very unique way.

In the evening a Marian Procession was organized which commenced from the Grotto. The statue of Our Lady was carried along and everyone held a lighted candle as they walked in procession praying the Rosary and singing hymns to Mary in different languages. As part of the tradition soon after the Rosary, there was the burning of the letters, in which prayers and petitions were sent ahead to Mary to offer them to Her Son, Jesus. It was



a fascinating sight to see all the Sisters, Novices, Pre-Aspirants and co-workers expressing their filial love to Mary.

***Sr. Sandra Diengdoh &
Sr. Theresia Kongwang (Novices)***



West Jaiñtia Hills District Inter School Sports

The Sports Meet that had been disrupted by the rains and cyclonic storms in March resumed on 10 April 2017. Twenty-seven athletes from the school in the above-16, under-16 and under-14 categories took part in the events. Sr.

Dakyrmen Sohkhet and six teachers accompanied them.

The School did not expect much since there had been neither time nor field to practice yet the athletes were able to win some coveted prizes. The under-fourteen group comprising of only four students was awarded the championship prize for being the best team in the category. Other prizes won were for throws, jumps, sprints and relay race. In all there were 5 gold medals, 6 silver medals and 6 bronze medals. The School is proud of its students who excel not only in academics but in co-curricular activities too.

FMA World Gratitude Day celebrated

This year the celebration of the World Feast of Gratitude took on a very special significance since Mother Yvonne has just visited and everyone was still so

full of the impact of the encounter with her. The Morning Prayer opened the day's celebration of thanksgiving centered on the logo chosen by the West African Province.

In the evening the Holy Eucharist was solemnized with Fr. Roland Kharkrang SDB



as the celebrant. "Everything" - the Church decoration and the singing proclaimed out loud the children's gratitude to God for the gift of such a Mother. On this occasion,

Media Awareness Programme for Students

On 29 April 2017 a Media Awareness Programme was organized for the students of Classes VII and VIII, which numbered 280 in all. Sr. Euginia Laloo, Provincial Coordinator for Social Communication, animated the sessions which began at 9.30 in the morning and ended at 12.30 pm.



Rida Muktieh one of the house girls from the village of Lamalong of Umsohlait Parish, in the Ri Bhoi District received her First Holy Communion. The girl is already big but circumstances did not permit her to receive the First Communion in the village. In his homily Fr. Roland dwelt at length on the need today for the virtue of gratitude, which is dying, he also explained in detail Don Bosco's concept of this virtue. After supper, the boarding girls put up a beautiful programme of songs, skits and dances in honour of Mother General. In the goodnight talk besides reminding the girls of the exhortation of Mother, she recalled to them how the Sisters from Europe had come to Jowai 91 years ago and made them understand that it is time now to go out and be heralds of the message of joy.

In a very pleasant and clear method, Sr. Euginia introduced these eager young minds into the professional world of the media starting with the alphabets of the media and then delving more concretely into the uses and abuses. The girls were made to understand the great possibilities that the media has and how they have to make the correct choices on its usage. The sessions were made more interesting by spontaneous interaction and all queries and suggestions were duly taken into consideration. The girls returned home full of enthusiasm to make the media a positive tool in their personality building.

Visit of the Regional Superior of the Salesians

Fr. Maria Arockiam Kanaga SDB, the Regional Superior for South Asia paid a visit to the community accompanied by Br. Barnabas Khriam SDB and Sr. Suda, a Volunteer of Don Bosco from South India in the afternoon of 30 April 2017.

The visit was a very short one hardly twenty minutes as Fr. Maria was proceeding to Mawkyndeng. He met the girls who sang a welcome song for him and he gave them a message based on the day's Gospel – 'like



the two disciples of Emmaus be always in the company of Jesus'. He then met the Sisters for a few minutes and departed.

District Inter-School Science Exhibition

St. Mary Mazzarello Girls' Higher Secondary School hosted the Science Exhibition for the West Jaintia Hills, District on 11 and 12 May 2017 at the School Premises. The Deputy Commissioner of the District Mr. Rynthlang Raptap IAS was the Chief Guest for the event.

The exhibition was organized by the office of the District School Education with ten schools being invited from the urban areas and there were eight schools from the rural areas. The theme of the Exhibition was "Science and Technology for Nation Building" and the schools were free to choose any exhibit that would answer the above theme. The School presented two models on [i] Energy: Water wastage management by using a simple water

level indicator with Ms. Deithiadiam Plain and Ms. Da-e-mika Gashnga as participants, the model bagged the 1st position [ii] Transport: Traffic control system at School crossing junction with Ms. Arilam Kyndiah and Ms. Hakacheini as participants, the model was awarded the 2nd position. Mr. Mayalangki War, Maths teacher was the brain behind both the models with Mr. Bikeremi Dkhar and Mr. Damanki Lakadong helping him out. Besides exhibits there were quizzes and extempore speeches. Ms. Deithiadiam Plain and Ms. Da-e-mika Gashnga took part in the quiz competition and were awarded the 3rd prize while Ms. Arilam Kyndiah took part in the extempore speech.

Jottings from Jowai Diary

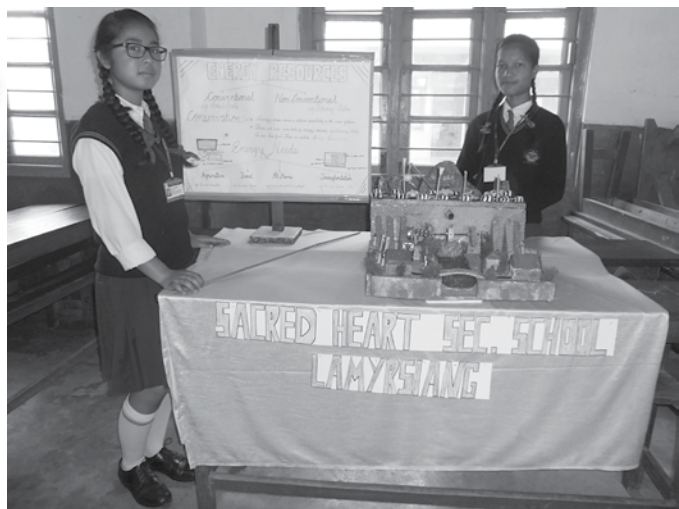
I think it's fair to say that personal computers have become the most empowering tool we've ever created. They're tools of communication, they're tools of creativity, and they can be shaped by their user. - Bill Gates



District Level Science Exhibition

The District Secondary Education Officer of East Jaintia Hills District, Mrs. Gracely Pde organized a two-day Science Exhibition at the District Level on the 25-26 April 2017 at Khliehriat Secondary School on the theme: “Mathematics and Science in Everyday life”.

Based on the theme there were five sub-themes in which all the schools that participated in the competition were allowed to select two sub-themes. Four students from Sacred Heart Secondary School, Lamyrsiang namely Partut Halam, Bonie Chettri, Anita Lamare and Nikita Boro of Class IX took part in it. They had



done their very best under the guidance of Sir Narayan Sharma and Sr. Rina Kharthangmaw where Anita and Nikita won the 3rd Prize out of the 16 Schools who participated in the Science Exhibitions on the Sub-theme “Conventional and Non-Conventional Energy Resources”. Besides the Exhibitions they also took part in the Quiz and Essay Competitions.

Youth Evangelization Day held

130 young people of Sutnga Parish along with Sr. Rina Kharthangmaw and Sr. Rishailin Rongrin met together at Lumchyrngan Village for

the work of Evangelization on 29–30 April 2017.

The program began in the afternoon of 29 April with the hoisting of the Youth Flag by

Sr. Rina Kharthangmaw, Lady Youth Animator of the Parish followed by the group division. There were 10 groups with 13 members in each. As a group they visited 10 families and prayed for them. The Youth President, Mr. Morning Syrti and the Secretary, Miss Ristina Nongtdu meaningfully animated the evening Prayer Service during which he ICYM President of Jowai Diocese, Mr. Salan Kamar gave a powerful talk on the role of Christians in the family as well as in their own villages.



On the following day there was a solemn Eucharistic Sacrifice celebrated by the Parish Priest Fr. Martin Shylla and during the Benediction Sr. Ephrina Rympeit gave a talk on the importance of Christian life

and examples in their daily lives. The program concluded with the lowering of the Flag by Fr. Martin Shylla as the youth echoed out their Anthem.

Sports Meet for the Youth of Sutnga Parish

On 12-13 May 2017, the Young people of Sutnga Parish organized a Parish Level Inter Village Sports Meet 2017. It was held at Sutnga Playground, East Jaiñtia Hills District. Mr. Elkin Shadap one of the prominent persons of Sutnga Parish graced the occasion as Chief Guest.

The Chief Guest took the pledge and declared the Sports Meet opened. In his speech, he highlighted beautifully on sportsmanship spirit. Various items were put up to felicitate the guests and events of the day followed. The two days were full of fun and enjoyment for the 250 youth who showed their strength, energy and talents in the different events such



as Basketball, Football, Races, Tug of War, Dancing and Singing Competitions. Lamyrsiang Youth bagged the 1st Prize in Singing Competition and Gold Medal in Girls' Category Football.

Biodiversity day Observed

May 22 is observed as International Day for Biodiversity and the theme of this year's celebration is "Biodiversity and Sustainable Tourism". The program was organized in a grand way by the Forest Department at Moomylliang Village of East Jaiñtia Hills District. There were quiz, essay, Extempore Speech and Poster Making competitions on that day. Many students from the different Schools and our Students too actively participated in the function where they carried off lots of Prizes. Anita Lamare and Nikita Boro stood 1st in Quiz competition whereas Bonnie Chettri and Partut Halam of Cl. IX came 2nd. Emika Shylla and Kynjai of Class IX bagged the 1st prize in Extempore Speech



and Essay Competition respectively and Lutmon of Class III received the 3rd prize in Poster Writing. Thanks to the Headmistress Sr. Jubil Dkhar, Sisters and teachers who took kin interest in all the

works required. Once again we are proud of all the winners and for all those who participated in the celebration.

School Feast Celebrated

The School Feast celebration of Sacred Heart Secondary School, Lamysrang was held on 9 June 2017. The celebration began with the Holy Mass celebrated by Fr. Martin Shylla the Parish Priest of Sutnga followed by the blessing of the house and the live extravaganza performed by the students of the school. The Chief Guest of the day was Mrs. Gracely Pde the Secondary District Education Officer and Mrs. Pierina Dkhar the District School Education Officer of East Jaiñtia Hills District as the guest of honour.

On this day the students staged an Opera titled “All for the love of my Mother” based on the life of Blessed Laura Vicuna. Many were fascinated by the grand Opera, which was supported by the melodious voices of the choir. The participants especially the actors and actresses were congratulated for their outstanding performance. In



her speech, the Chief guest expressed her admiration on the smartness and the discipline of the students. She encouraged them to explore and to join in other groups too such as the NCC, Scouts and Guides etc. The message of living a virtuous life and to learn how to forgive others went home to the audience.

Sr. Rina Kharthangmaw



Feast of Mother Mazzarello celebrated in the School

The Feast of Mother Maria Domenica Mazzarello was anticipated on 12 May 2017. Being aware of the saying of Mother Mazzarello, which says, “Be

cheerful always” they therefore celebrated her feast with joy and cheerfulness in the form of songs, dances and enactment. The short programme started with a solemn Prayer Service. After the Prayer, bouquets of flowers from each class were placed at the foot of the statue of Mother Mazzarello. The love of the students for the Co-foundress was visible from the number of flowers that they brought. It was a touching sight and inspiring moment to behold the small children coming to school each one with a flower in their cute little hands. The ‘Beacon of



Mornese' was adorned with thousands of flowers, which made all present to reflect on the beauty of the Salesian Saints.

Coinciding with the centenary year of the apparition of Our Lady at Fatima, Our

Blessed Mother was also commemorated in unison with Maria Mazzarello's feast. The students enacted the scene at Fatima, where Mary appeared to Lucia, Francisco and Jacinta. In her message, Sr. Maristella Rynghlem, the animator reminded the gathering of the humility and piety of Maria Mazzarello and urged everyone to live a pure and humble life. The programme ended with sweets distributed to all the students, a sign of celebrating the feast in a sweet and humble way.

Mrs. Amabilis Susngi (Teacher)

YCS/ YSM India

Four students and one animator of Sacred Heart Girls' Higher Secondary School participated in the Second National Convention of YCS/YSM from 21- 26 May 2017 held at Don Bosco School, Park Circus - Kolkatta with the theme "Called to believe, begin, become." Twelve regions took part in the convention. Most Rev. Thomas D' Souza, Archbishop of Kolkotta, celebrated the Inaugural Mass.

Mr. Solomon Nesakumar, IPS and Mrs. Charlotte Simpson Veigas conducted different sessions for the participants like 'Students' Role in Nation Building' and the like. It was an enriching programme and a great chance to learn and experience the power of teamwork. The participants are indeed grateful to the School Authority for enabling them to take part in the Convention, which has benefitted them individually. Those were days of interaction with friends from the different



regions of the Country. There were 438 delegates for the Convention. Apart from the Convention, the students also got the opportunity to visit some historical places in Kolkatta.

Nikadawan Sympli and Co-Students

The best way to solve problems and to fight against war is through dialogue.
- Malala Yousafzai

Congratulations Prettynis Hadia!

Prettynis Hadia has done Sacred Heart Girls' Higher Secondary School, Mawlai proud by attaining the 7th position in the SSLC Top 20 merit list, 2017 announced by MBOSE. 'A hard working girl' best describes Prettynis. She secured letters in all the subjects – English, Mathematics, Science, Health Education and MIL Khasi. She secured a total of 560 marks. The School management and the staff of Sacred Heart Girls' have ascribed her success to her hard work and diligence. Right from her Primary level up to the secondary level, Prettynis has always climbed the top.

Hailing from a middle class family, Prettynis has had to face difficulties. As expressed by the mother on the day that she assisted her daughter to wish the Principal and the teachers, Prettynis had to complete some chores like distributing milk to the neighbours before she could wear the uniform and get ready for School. The hard work and other woes have no place in posing a problem before Prettynis. She would overcome them



all. Her exemplary performance is to be remembered by all at Sacred Heart Girls'. The staff and students wish her the very best in life. 'Move on and never look back even once', says everyone at Sacred Heart Girls'. She will surely shine and do us proud wherever she is.

Mr. Richmond Kharlukhi (Teacher)

Cleaning Drive on World Environment Day

On 5 June 2017 Sacred Heart Girls' Higher Secondary School commemorated the World Environment Day by taking part in the cleaning drive organized by Sacred Heart Theological College Mawlai, Shillong under the guidance of Fr. Barnes Mawrie SDB, President of the College. Students of Classes X, XI and XII participated in the event.

The cleaning drive has brought together many Institutions in spreading the message

of preserving the environment. The cleaning drive started from the Golf Club and the different areas of the Golf Course, which is one of the oldest, largest, and the only natural golf course in the whole of Asia. After the cleaning was over the group was entertained by the brothers from Sacred Heart College particularly the traditional folk singing "*Ka JingRwai Phawar*" based on the Environment Day, which was composed by Fr. Barnes. The song was very much relevant to the contemporary state of nature, a lamentation where silence and cleanliness had vanished and the song

invites all to wake up, raise one's voice and actions.

After the cleaning was over they assembled together for a concluding session. Former Minister of Meghalaya Mr. A.H. Scott was the Chief Guest and present on the occasion was the Archbishop of Shillong, Most Rev. Dominic Jala SDB. The students returned to School with good concepts on nature and as bearers of these good thoughts they took the placards, the slogans, and marched together to show to



the world that they are sons and daughters of Mother Earth and the need to protect her.



Staff Enrichment Programme: Creative Teachers for Smart Students

The Staff Enrichment Programme was held on 8-9 June 2017 in the school hall. Sr. Celine D' Cunha, Principal set the right tone to both the days through the well-animated Morning Prayer. All the teachers took part in the programme with great interest and enthusiasm.

Even before the resource person could take over the sessions, Sr. Celine herself set the momentum by conducting a session on the 4Cs of Education namely creativity, communication, critical thinking and collaboration. In another session she dealt elaborately on these keywords Create, Evaluate, Analyze, Apply, Understand and Remember. There was also time given for teachers for group discussions on question patterns and subject related matters.



The resource person for the first day was Mr. K. Dominic who enlightened the participants on Objectives of Education. He focused on the holistic development of a child and exhorted the teachers not to judge a student with the marks that she achieved because marks can never decide one's future. Mrs. Samriddhi Sagar from Delhi who is currently working with Ratna Sagar Publication took up the second day of the workshop. A talented trainer she dealt on topics like Class Management and Child Psychology, Teaching techniques for teachers of English and she also dealt at length on Cyber bullying and child assault, which have become very common in the modern day generation

of children. As the name suggests, the teachers felt empowered at the close of the two days programme and resolved

to make Auxilium Agartala a place where creative minds are being nurtured.



Thank you Mother Yvonne - World Gratitude Day

The celebration of the World Gratitude Day which was held on 26 April 2017 was celebrated with a different outlook because all have just met and interacted with Mother Yvonne during her visit to the Province in the first week of the month. The logo of the feast with the slogan: *"With our whole heart we proclaim Joy"* was given special attention.

Offering spiritual bouquet to Mother General the teachers in charge Ms. Meboreen Thongni and Ms. Josephine Wahlang animated the Holy Rosary where



all the members of the Auxilium Family participated fervently. The Statue of Mother Mary was beautifully decorated and kept in front of the school and it was such a good view to see her children walking in procession in her company and immersed in prayer. The bouquets of flowers were placed at the feet of Mother Mary as a sign of gratitude for the gift of Mother General and in doing so they surrendered her intentions to Mother Mary. We were happy to have had the joy of praying together for our dear Mother.

Triple Feasts Celebrated

On 12 May 2017 Auxilium school witnessed the Triple Feasts – Gratitude Day, Feast of Mary Help of Christians/ School feast and the St. Mary Mazzarello's Feast. The Chief Guest of the celebration was Sr. Elizabeth Thannimoottil, Secretary of the School.

The day began by imploring God's presence and with moments of thanksgiving. The items performed by the students were a display of their tribute to Mother Mary the Patroness of the School, St. Mary Mazzarello, the Co-foundress and to Sr. Elizabeth Thannimoottil the animator who is the bond of unity in our Institution. A skit was performed to mark the 100th anniversary of the apparition of our Lady in Fatima – this was indeed a special programme in honour of Mother Mary. In the message the Chief Guest, Sr. Elizabeth appreciated the kind gestures in keeping the day of gratitude and exhorted that one should be always



grateful and humble like our Mother Mary and our Co-foundress St. Mary Domenica Mazzarello. The beauty in the event was that each and every student was involved in it through the items as well as the special floral tribute, which was a touching moment of the day's celebration.

Ms. Elena Kharkongor (Teacher)

Teachers' Seminar: Educating the Don Bosco Way

18 April 2017 saw 52 teachers of Auxilium Girls' Higher Secondary School, Nongthymmai, Shillong in a Seminar organized by the school. The resource person was Fr. Michael Makri SDB. This programme was arranged to enlighten the teachers on their roles as Salesian Educators.

At the very start of the Seminar the participants were made to understand that they are not merely teachers but educators after the heart and spirit of Don Bosco and Mother Mazzarello.

The Seminar was divided into three sessions. The first session was on 'Teaching



effectively the Bosco way.' Adding to this Fr. Michael said, that a Salesian educator is a father, mother, brother, sister and friend to his pupil and he is also to see to the all round formation of his students. In

the second session the resource person gave the teachers some helpful tips, which would help them to be passionate in their teaching profession, and the last session was on Seven Sainly Tips to discipline a Child from Don Bosco. Fr. Michael stressed on the importance of making the children feel that they are loved and cared for.

World Environment Day Celebrated

On 5 June 2017 the members of the Eco Club of Auxilium Higher Secondary School, Shillong organized the celebration of World Environment day during the afternoon Assembly.



The seminar as a whole was beneficial and the teachers were grateful to the school for this opportunity to update themselves. They also expressed their gratitude to Fr. Michael for having enriched them with his talk, which they are sure, would help them in dealing with the students.

The celebration consisted of the prayer moment, which helped everyone to thank God for the gift of His beautiful creation based on the Scripture reading from the book of Genesis. The theme of the day 'connecting people with nature' was expounded and a short skit entitled 'A day with Mother Earth' was enacted. The whole programme spoke on the importance of giving due care and attention to the environment.

A poetry competition based on the day's theme was also held and participated by two members from each club. The school notice board was artistically prepared in line with the theme of the celebration. The different activities held on this occasion have in some way motivated the students to care for the environment and everything in it.

Mrs. Hiroshi Momin (Teacher)

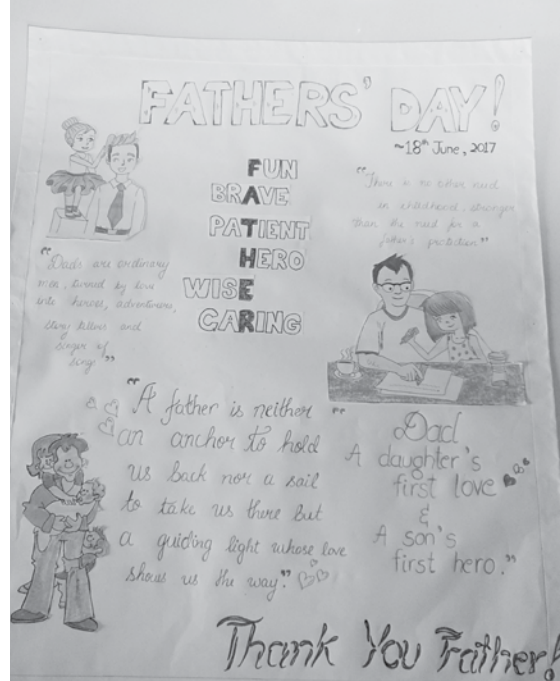
FOR A GOOD LAUGH!!!

A man caught a thief at night in his kitchen. Just when the man was going to raise the alarm, the thief said: "Do you remember what I said in the Bible? I said "I will come like a thief in the night". "I have come again. Blessed are you among men that you have stayed awake as I told you." Then the man looked at the thief, smiled and replied, "Sir, you have fallen into the hands of Pontius Pilate again for the second time" I will nail u tonight!!! The thief fainted.

International Fathers' Day commemorated in the School

Fathers' day is celebrated worldwide to recognize the contribution that fathers make to the lives of their children. This year's celebration occurred on Sunday, 18 June and so students could not celebrate it in a fitting manner; the way they would like to. But just the same not to let this important day slip by a chart was prepared by Yumnam Ishwariya Devi and Lizandria Shella of Class IX and this was placed on the school notice board much before the celebration. The chart defined the beautiful qualities and virtues of a father and this was done in a very creative way.

This initiative in a big way stirs the heart and mind of the students to feel



appreciation towards their father for all the countless sacrifices for their integral growth.

Celebration of World Music Day

The Staff and Students marked the celebration of World Music Day in the school on 21 June 2017. The whole programme was organized by the School Choir on the theme "Together is better." This theme was briefly summarized by a Student of class XII, who spoke on the importance of music in the life of everyone and how it unites all cultures and nations.

The choir members then presented a skit 'Together is better.' This was acted very well displaying the beauty and strength of togetherness. To conclude they sang a song related to the theme.

Sr. Joplin Suchiang



Feelings of worth can flourish only in an atmosphere where individual differences are appreciated, mistakes are tolerated, communication is open, and rules are flexible - the kind of atmosphere that is found in a nurturing family. - Virginia Satir



Feast of St. Mary Mazzarello cum Silver Jubilee

13 May 2017 witnessed the twin celebrations at St. Mary's Convent Ranglang, the feast of St. Mary Mazzarello and the Silver Jubilee of the two co-workers Mrs. Crecencia Tympuin who serves in the dispensary and Mr. Peter Thyрниang who takes great care of the domestic animals.



The feast was prepared with a tridum in which the adoration was animated by the sisters and the boarders of the different groups. The day's celebrations began with



the solemn animated Morning Prayer guided by Sr. Maria Swer and at 5pm the Holy Eucharist was presided over by the Assistant Parish Priest Fr. Nicholas Sun SDB. The family members of the two jubilarians, the Salesian co-operators, the hostel boys and the whole community took part with joy and fervour in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. After the Holy Eucharist the Jubilarians were felicitated through various items like song, dances and skit. The performance from the life of Mother Mazzarello with the song "Roverno" crowned the evening programme. The two jubilarians were very thankful to the community for acknowledging their services in the community. In fact the community too on this day of the great feast of Mother Mazzarello was very grateful to her for sending these two kind and dedicated co-workers.

World Environment Day Celebrated

Auxilium School Mawpat was indeed privileged to be able to join the whole world in celebrating the Environment Day on 5 June 2017.

Under the guidance of the Sisters and teachers the students of classes II and III were given a sapling each to plant around the school campus. The students of smaller classes accompany the little bigger ones as they go round from place to place for the plantation. The school is grateful to the forest department for providing the 100 saplings that made possible the concrete celebration of the day. The students too at their tender age were made aware of the need to preserve the environment and this would surely last in their memory for years to come.

Sr. Nildalin Kharkongor



Celebration of the Feast of our Mother and Co-foundress

The solemnity of St. Mary Domenica Mazzarello, Mother and Co-foundress was solemnized on 13 May 2017. The day also coincided with the centenary of the Apparition of Mary to the three Shepherd children. The double feasts was made meaningful and memorable with the various spiritual animation and festivity. Other nearby communities too joined in the celebration.



The Holy Mass was solemnized by Fr. Levio T. Sangma, Rector of St. Peter's Seminary, and other priests from the different Institutions con-celebrated with him. Fr. Levio expressed his joy to come to celebrate the feast because by reading the life of Mother Mazzarello, he also came to know more about the Salesian charism. Speaking on the apparition of Our Blessed Lady, Fr. Levio invited all to pray the Holy Rosary with faith and devotion and to turn to Mary always. In the evening the girls and co-workers lighted the candles in the

grotto and placed the letters to Mary near her statue. The Holy Rosary was animated by the BA students with Sr. Jomita D. Sangma. The beautiful day concluded with the stage programme prepared by the Hostellers and Boarders centred on Mother Mazzarello and Our Blessed Lady. Sr. Elizabeth Vazhakalayil, Animator thanked the sisters for preparing the girls very well and she also expressed her gratitude for the whole day work put up by the sisters, co-workers and girls.

Celebrating Mary's presence - Marian Month

The month of May has rejuvenated up the love and devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary through the creative animation of the Holy Rosary. This was done through the groups along with the Sister in charge on every Sunday for the whole month. The Holy Rosary was animated at the different venues in the house and it was a wonderful experience to see the children offering candles and flowers especially on the 24th of May the feast of Mary Help of Christians.

Also in the school, the four houses of the school animated the Wednesday assembly with hymns and reading on Mary and finally on the 24th the School celebrated its feast. On this day the students put up a



skit entitled "Don Bosco with Mary" which underlined the intervention of Mary in the life of Don Bosco. This skit brought home the message that, those who turn to Mary with faith will surely experience miracles.

Celebration of the Holy Trinity Sunday

The feast of the Holy Trinity on 11 June 2017 created a special remembrance for everyone at Auxilium Convent, Tura. As part of the day's celebration the significance of the Sign of the Cross was expounded to the Hostellers, boarders and the co-workers.



Sr. Deihok Mukhim prepared the boarders from Classes IV to VI through a skit which gave a clear cut message on the importance and the power of the Sign of the Cross. Sr. Elizabeth Vazhakalayil, Animator emphasized on the topic and reminded everyone of the presence of the

Holy Trinity. The day's celebration called everyone to witness to the people and profess the Catholic faith by doing well and with devotion the sign of the Cross without any fear.

Sr. Deihok Mukhim & Sr. Sinjak R. Marak



Honouring Mother Mazzarello in a Unique Way

“Do good when there is still time”, keeping the words of Mother Mazzarello, on 13 May 2017, which was her Feast Day, the community of Auxilium Convent Umdang in her honour took the chance to do good by conducting an Awareness Programme on Prevention of Hypertension and Diabetes Cum Free Test and a Get-together of all the elderly people who are 60 years old above from the four villages of Nongriangba, Mawkhap, Rianguar, Umdang and few from other villages.

Sr. Marilyn Wahlang, a nurse gave an introductory talk, which was followed by a short stage programme performed by the boarders, few young people and the volunteers to felicitate the senior citizens who have come for the gathering. The items were meaningful and inspiring that we could see the smile bloomed on everyone's face and their hearts moved as it was the first time in their life to experience such honour and appreciation. During the programme Sr. Iris Suchiang, animator gave a talk on gratitude and exhorted all to be grateful especially towards parents



and grandparents as they take the place of God. In his talk Mr. Raisen Mawsor the headman of Umdang village, appreciated and thanked the community for having taken this initiative to honour the elderly people.

After the felicitation programme Sr. Marilyn Wahlang, a nurse screened all the elderly for Diabetes and Hypertension with the help of the volunteers namely Mrs. Jacinta Rongrin, the staff of Riango PHC, Mr. Peter Lyngdoh, teacher to record the needful documents, whereas the other volunteers helped in cooking, serving and leading the elderly for check up. After screening, some people were detected for high BP and sugar and they were asked to come back the next day for the needful test, some were referred to the doctor and some were advised to take regularly the medication prescribed by the Doctor and

to maintain the diet. Free medicines were distributed for the different complaints of the elderly. Around 70 elderly men and women turned up for the programme. It was a great joy for the community that

together with Mother Mazzarello, they were able to extend their help to those around them.

Sr. Risuk Dkhar



Bible Quiz for the Women's Association

On 4 June 2017 a Bible Quiz Competition was organized for the Catholic Women Association of Umswai Parish. The community of Auxilium Umswai has given their wholehearted support and collaboration towards the preparation and organization of the Bible Quiz for the three groups namely the Tiwas, the Karbis and the Khasis. The Chief Guest of the day was Fr. Tomy SDB, Parish Priest.

At the outset the President of the Association Mrs. Elizabeth Teronpih of Punduri Makha welcomed everyone to the gathering, which was followed by words of encouragement by Sr. Irine Lyngdoh, Spiritual Directress. The most exciting

moment and interesting activity was the Quiz time. The Quiz Masters, Scorers and Time Keeper were the Men's Association and the Parish Council Members. The participants were divided into sixteen groups that is village wise. It was a tough time for the Quiz Masters to decide on the winners because the participants were thorough with the questions and answers. When all the rounds were over, the Quiz Masters had to find out ways and means to pull down some groups by asking them tricky questions and long prayers etc. Finally the group from Punduri Makha bagged the first prize and best team by scoring the highest marks. In the concluding talk the Parish Priest Rev. Fr. Tomy expressed his joy for the good response from the women of the Parish in learning the hundred and twenty questions and answers from the Bible. The President of the Association thanked the Sisters especially Sr. Philina Kholar for her painstaking effort in the preparation of the questions and answers for the Quiz Competition.

Sr. Philina Kholar

Story of a Sincere Apology

A man received a message from his neighbor...
"Sorry Sir, I am using your wife... day and night...
when you are not present at home...
In fact much more than you do. I confess this now because I am feeling very guilty.
Hope you will accept my sincere apologies.

The man is down with a heart attack.
A few minutes later he received another message:
"Sorry sir, a spelling mistake...
* I meant wifi."

Moral of the story: Please check spellings before sending...

THANK YOU

Dear Sr. Isabella Suja and every Sister of Shillong Province,

First of all, let me say a big “thank you” once again for everything. During my stay in the communities of Nongthymmai and Mawlai, Shillong I really felt at home with all the members of the FMA Shillong Province. My sudden departure from Shillong due to the demise of my beloved mother made be unable to meet you personally and to thank you. Please accept my sincere gratitude for all the family moments shared together. I miss you and all the young people in our houses. I promise you that I will do my work to the best of my ability and remember all of you in my prayers.

I would like to thank you for your prayers, for your letters and the lovely gifts that you have sent me on my birthday on 20 June 2017. In evening, during the adoration to the Blessed Sacrament I thanked God for the gift my mother who has given me birth especially as I celebrated my birthday. Soon after that I was most grieved to receive from my family, the news of the death of my beloved mother. It seemed to me that it was just a dream but it was a reality that my mother has slept eternally in the hands of God. I was deeply saddened at my unexpected loss, because my mother was my idol. Thanks for the prayers you offered for her soul. Please continue to pray for my family. May God bless you and protect you always.

Thanking you,

Sincerely yours,
Sr. Pornphirun Chandenduang Theresa FMA



MEDIA MATTERS

How much do you know Social Media?

1. What is the character limit for a post on twitter?
 - a. 45
 - b. 145
 - c. 140
2. What was an early version of YouTube called?
 - a. Tune In Hook Up
 - b. Share your world
 - c. Universal tube
3. When was Twitter launched?
 - a. March 2006
 - b. July 2006
 - c. June 2006
4. Which service is called “the SMS of the internet”?
 - a. Facebook messenger
 - b. Twitter
 - c. Instagram
5. Who founded Facebook?
 - a. Mark Zuckerberg
 - b. Matt Mullenweg
 - c. Bill Gates
6. What is the minimum age to join Facebook?
 - a. 18
 - b. 15
 - c. 13
7. Which is the home city of twitter?
 - a. California
 - b. New York
 - c. San Francisco
8. Who were the first members of Facebook?
 - a. Ivy league
 - b. Students of Stanford
 - c. Students of Harvard
9. What is the maximum duration for Instagram videos?
 - a. 18 seconds
 - b. 20 seconds
 - c. 15 seconds
10. What is the motto of YouTube?
 - a. Broadcast yourself
 - b. Do no evil
 - c. Self-expression is a human right
11. What approximate amount was paid by Facebook to acquire WhatsApp?
 - a. US\$ 19.3 billion
 - b. US\$ 19.6 billion
 - c. US\$ 19.2 billion
12. Who is the founder of Tumblr?
 - a. Paul Allen
 - b. Steve Wozniak
 - c. David Karp
13. What was the name of snapchat when it started as a prototype?
 - a. Picaboo
 - b. Photochat
 - c. Polaroid
14. When was Flickr created?
 - a. 2005
 - b. 2004
 - c. 2003

15. Where is Baidu headquarters located?

- a. Shanghai
- b. Hong Kong
- c. Beijing

16. What was google originally called?

- a. Googol
- b. Backchat
- c. Backrub

17. In which year was Instagram acquired by Facebook?

- a. 2013
- b. 2012
- c. 2014

18. What is the name of the company that google created, to do research into anti-aging?

- a. Exobeing
- b. Calico

c. Cortana

19. When was the term social networking first used?

- a. 1994
- b. 1954
- c. 2004

20. Social Networking first became popular online when?

- a. 1977
- b. 1999
- c. 2003

Answers
1. c | 2. a | 3. b | 4. b | 5. c | 6. c | 7. c | 8. c | 9. a |
10. a | 11. c | 12. a | 13. b | 14. c | 15. c | 16. b | 17.
c | 18. b | 19. b | 20. c

Value

A popular speaker started off a seminar by holding up a \$20 bill. A crowd of 200 had gathered to hear him speak. He asked, "Who would like this \$20 bill?"

200 hands went up.

He said, "I am going to give this \$20 to one of you but first, let me do this." He crumpled the bill up.

He then asked, "Who still wants it?"

All 200 hands were still raised.

"Well," he replied, "What if I do this?" Then he dropped the bill on the ground and stomped on it with his shoes.

He picked it up, and showed it to the crowd. The bill was all crumpled and dirty.

"Now who still wants it?"

All the hands still went up.

"My friends, I have just showed you a very important lesson. No matter what I did to the money, you still wanted it because it did not decrease in value. It was still worth \$20. Many times in our lives, life crumples us and grinds us into the dirt. We make bad decisions or deal with poor circumstances. We feel worthless. But no matter what has happened or what will happen, you will never lose your value. You are special – Don't ever forget it!

A gift of love!

"Can I see my baby?" the happy new mother asked.

When the bundle was nestled in her arms and she moved the fold of cloth to look upon his tiny face, she gasped. The doctor turned quickly and looked out the tall hospital window. The baby had been born without ears.

Time proved that the baby's hearing was perfect. It was only his appearance that was marred. When he rushed home from school one day and flung himself into his mother's arms, she sighed, knowing that his life was to be a succession of heartbreaks. He blurted out the tragedy. "A boy, a big boy ... called me a freak."

He grew up, handsome for his misfortune. A favorite with his fellow students, he might have been class president, but for that. He developed a gift, a talent for literature and music. "But you might mingle with other young people," his mother reproved him, but felt a kindness in her heart. The boy's father had a session with the family physician. Could nothing be done? "I believe I could graft on a pair of outer ears, if they could be procured," the doctor decided.

Whereupon the search began for a person who would make such a sacrifice for a young man. Two years went by. Then, "You


are going to the hospital, Son. Mother and I have someone who will donate the ears you need. But it's a secret," said the father. The operation was a brilliant success, and a new person emerged. His talents blossomed into genius, and school and college became a series of triumphs.

Later he married and entered the diplomatic service. "But I must know!" He urged his father, "Who gave so much for me? I could never do enough for him." "I do not believe you could," said the father, "but the agreement was that you are not to know ... not yet." The years kept their profound secret, but the day did come ... one of the darkest days that a son must endure.

He stood with his father over his mother's casket. Slowly, tenderly, the father stretched forth a hand and raised the thick, reddish-brown hair to reveal that the mother had no outer ears. "Mother said she was glad she never let her hair be cut," he whispered gently, "and nobody ever thought Mother less beautiful, did they?"

Real beauty lies not in the physical appearance, but in the heart. Real treasure lies not in what that can be seen, but what that cannot be seen. Real love lies not in what is done and known, but in what that is done but not known.





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