

TEACHER - THE INDISPENSABLE ONE



On 15th January 2016, a new film was released 'Chalk n Duster' where Shabana Azmi played the role of a middle-aged and Juhi Chawla of that of a young and chirping science teacher. The movie revolved around the crisis between the school management and the dedicative teachers.

Speaking of teachers, dedicated teachers, they play an irreplaceable role in every child's life. They do not just impart lessons, but find out the spark in raw and young minds and sharpen the potential of the child.

As Aristotle once said "those who educate children well are more to be honored than they who produce them; for these only gave them life, those the art of living well."

In our Indian tradition we consider the Teacher as Guru. Guru is the one who dispels darkness and takes the disciple towards light. The guru-shishya relationship is the most beautiful one, as it has no age barriers, no blood ties, no expectations but just a giving and receiving of love and respect. Even if the shishya, has now become the guru, in the presence of the guru, the shishya will always remain shishya.

We may forget the subject matter taught to us by our teachers, but it is hard to forget that they took us by the hand, the meal they shared with us, the star stickers on our books and of course the punishments and corrections that we received.

As we are in the 21st Century, the role of the Guru remains the same. Even though parents look forward for more scientifically-proven teaching methods for their children and they are willing to pay hefty amounts as tuition fee, but no one can replace the role of the teacher.

Sometimes it seems that with science and technology, teachers can be replaced with tabs, an interactive whiteboard, multi-media presentations, smartphone video projects etc. Yes pupils use these, but they do need the warmth and care of a teacher.

"I will give you a Teacher under whose guidance you will learn and without whose help all knowledge becomes foolishness." Said the Man to little Johnny Bosco.

And from this dream of 9 Don Bosco discovered his mission, education. This Teacher of His would be his Mother, Guide, Counsellor, and Protectress.

She would help him to turn ferocious wolves into lambs, not with blows but with loving kindness.

This issue is dedicated to all the Teachers especially to the Teachers who work in our Province, who by their zeal, hard work and sacrifice have made AUXILIUM shine brighter. We remember with gratitude teachers who have gone to the Father's House, those who are retired and sick. And we appreciate the efforts of the present teachers for their untiring efforts towards our students.

May God bless you all.

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FMA PCI Youth Ministry Meet, Chennai

Sr. Meenakshi D'Silva, Sr. Sheela Furtado and Sr. Jyothi Pinto had the unique privilege of participating in the FMA PCI Youth Ministry meeting from 18th July to 21st July 2019 at Auxilium College Katpadi Vellore, India.

The 27 participants of all the seven Provinces were warmly welcomed in a traditional way with a shawl and accompanied by the guard of honour by the College band and the NSS students. During the grand inaugural function, the



college girls welcomed all the participants through dance and a welcome song. The Provincial of the Madras Province Sr. Maria Nirmala Lazar and the Provincial of the Chennai Province welcomed Sr. Annie Lolia Pfujumai, incharge of Youth Pastoral, Rome, Sr. Ivone Lopes in-charge of Higher Education in the Institute, Fr. Joseph Manipada SDB, National Secretary for Education and culture CBCI - India and all the participants.



During this solemn occasion the girls of the college, through song, dance and skit showcased the 15 faculties of Auxilium College Katpadi and all the other wonderful activities carried out for the character formation of the thousands of youngsters. Sr. Annie Lolia Pfujumai addressed the participants and the youngsters and explained the goal of the meeting. Sr. Margaret Amalanathan the Provincial of Trichy proposed the

vote of thanks.

On the first day Fr. Joseph Manipada SDB Presented the draft of the National Education Policy 2019 with its loopholes and how we as an educational institution should move ahead to face this new policy. On the following days Sr. Annie Lolia animated the group on the theme 'Laudato Si' and 'Design for Change' to develop a systematic plan to safeguard our environment.

The participants were divided into four groups and asked to envision the problems of the youth in 2020 and what responses can be drawn up to respond to these challenges. The groups were also asked to design a logo, a slogan, a pledge and a song for the PCI Youth Ministry. Sr. Ivone Lopes gave the participants the awareness of ISS and how it works in the Institute. She presented an accurate statistics of the number of institutes of higher learning, the animated programmes and the other initiatives taken for the growth of Higher Education in the Institute.

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In the course of the meeting, all the seven Provinces were given an opportunity to share their best practices and also the Youth Pastoral activities. Every morning there was a 'Thematic prayer' along with the reflection prepared by Sr. Maria Ko Ha Fong. A moment of sharing made this Lectio Divina an enriching experience for all.

PCI Youth Meet ended on the 21st of July. All the participants participated wholeheartedly making their contribution for a better tomorrow. The different Provinces owned up to complete the Logo and the song which needed a little more of time and expertise. On the last day, the participants got an opportunity to visit the Golden Temple and an Educational Hub VIT Vellore. All went back with good memories and a greater vision to take care of this common home for our future generation.



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FMA PCI 2019

The FMA PCI 2019 Annual Meet was held from August 20-22, 2019 at the FMA Outreach, Lurshai, Lumshiyap, Shillong with the theme: “Do whatever He tells you.” Jn 2:5 “Communities that generate life in the heart of Contemporaneity”



Rev. Sr. Lucy Rose Ozhukayil, General Visiting Councillor presided over this august gathering. Sr. Amalanathan Mary Margaret, the President of the PCI along with twenty-nine participants hailing from seven Provinces participated in it. Sr. Teresa Joseph, General Coordinator of the FMA Centenary Team was also present who shared with us the modality and process of preparation for the centenary celebration of FMA Presence in India.

Sr. Lucy Rose, our Visiting Councillor, gave us sound reflections on the theme of GC XXIV, specifying that our coming together as FMA India was very significant as we are journeying towards the General Chapter and all of our Provinces in India are living a time of immediate preparations for the celebration of our Provincial Chapter.

The inaugural ceremony captured us as the novices of the INS province decked with colourful array of costumes represented the different tribes of the North East States as they danced rhythmically to highlight the importance of one life, one hope, and one mission.

The dignitaries and the participants were welcomed with a Tripuri shawl, a bouquet of flowers and PCI Kit. The divine presence of God was invoked by the lighting of the traditional lamp and a devotional prayer dance presented by ‘FMA Out

of School Children’ of Bellefonte Community College. Sr. Elizabeth George, the Provincial of the host province officially welcomed the participants and the Novices displayed the Chapter theme through an action song in Italian.

The National Coordinators on the first day presented the National



Reports of their various sectors. It was wonderful to know that so much is being accomplished in the sectors. FMA India is truly marching forward. PCI 2019 was



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focussed on our journey towards GC 24. We shared the journey being made in our Provinces, in deepening the theme and felt enriched by the ideas, initiatives, and strategies of each province. The PCI also discussed the impact of the National Education Policy, the Theme and objectives of the Preparation for the Celebration of the Centenary of the FMA presence in India and came up with some proposals and the future thrust for our PCI journey.

For the goodnight moments, Provinces presented inspiring and significant events or activities carried out in their respective Provinces. The harmonious blend of music and melodious voices of the Sisters helped us cherish all the Divine moments of prayer.



Sr. Thomas Ritha Dora, the Vice President of PCI proposed the vote of thanks. She expressed thanks to Rev. Sr. Lucy Rose Ozhukayil, General Visiting Councillor for her loving presence with us. She also thanked the host Province and all the Sisters for their loving hospitality and care rendered to us.

Sr. Lucy Rose, in her concluding speech emphasized that amidst multiple tasks, we need to prioritize what is important and carry them out. Alluding to a song in the “The Sound of Music”, she exhorted us to ***find our dream not alone but together with our community and our young people***. She added that with Mary at our side we can be assured of living and working for God and His Kingdom.

The participants of PCI 2019, say thanks in one chorus to Sr. Elizabeth George, to all the Sisters of the INS Province and in particular to the Community of the FMA Outreach Centre, Lurshai, Lumshyiap, Shillong for the excellent arrangements made to host this meet.

Long live FMA India as we journey with Mary, our Guide, and Mother through the Course of the Century (1922-2022) and beyond....

Sr. Hilda Braganza

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Inauguration of Auxilium Vikas Kendra, Khedpa

19th July 2019 will be etched in our memory as a significant day in the history of the Province of St. Mary Mazzarello (INB) Mumbai. God in his bounty has blessed us with another community at Khedpa which is named under the patronage of Blessed Maria Troncatti.

The house was blessed by Archbishop of Goa and Daman Most Rev. Filipe Neri Ferrao, in the presence of Sr. Rita Dora Thomas, Provincial of St. Mary Mazzarello (INB), Fr. Sebastiano Mascarenhas, Superior General of the Society of the Missionaries of St. Francis Xavier, Pilar (S.F.X.) and Sr. Catherine Pereira, the animator of Auxilium Vikas Kendra, Sindoni. There was a good representation of the Salesian Sisters of the Mumbai Province along with a few priests and religious from the neighbouring parishes. It was a feast to the eyes to see a huge gathering of the poor of the place as if to confirm their happiness and their trust in the Salesian Sisters for them and their children.

The solemn Mass was presided over by the Archbishop and he thanked the Sisters-past and present, for their missionary presence at Khedpa. After the Eucharist, a programme was organized to felicitate the dignitaries who contributed. We celebrated the birthday of Sr. Rita Dora Thomas and asked God to shower on her an abundance of graces and blessings.



CONGRATULATIONS !

Sr. Caroline & Sr. Marietta

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Sr. Aruna & Sr. Flavia

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Mary The Best Teacher of Don Bosco and Mother Mazzarello

Adam Smith says “A teacher affects eternity and one can never know where her/his influence stops.” Indeed the impact, intervention and influence of Mary the teacher in the lives of Don Bosco and Mary Mazzarello is beyond measure. This impact led to connectivity and ended up into Relationality. A teacher tends towards acquisition of values to develop a qualitative persona. Mary is beyond this. She is a paragon of virtues and the two stalwarts Don and Mother Mazzarello are embodiments /Compendium of virtues inculcated from the best teacher Mary. Like the mother the son and the daughter. So they are the chip of the old block Mary. The words of Jesus to Johnny Bosco while presenting Our Blessed Mother Mary were, “I will give you a teacher under whose discipline you can become wise, and without whom every wisdom becomes foolishness.” Mary’s edifice had for its cornerstone Faith (made bold through her gesture of believing and pondering all these things in her heart); the foundation stone of Humility (through her words: Behold the handmaid of the Lord) and her towering edifice of Love and Gratitude (through her vigilant and caring words: They have no wine and her song of the Magnificat.) Don Bosco and Mother Mazzarello were carbon copies of their teacher by journeying in Faith, doing God’s will and living love and thankfulness.

Mary the teacher was truly “The Best.” It was she and no other who acquired the superlative degree of excellence in teaching. She was a teacher par excellence. She did no preaching or teaching but has certainly impacted life by her word and example with flamboyancy that she stands out to be inspirational; for the greatest Miracle is “Born to inspire.” She definitely touched the future. She taught and her educands learnt especially Don Bosco and Mary Mazzarello. They did not stop at admiration but went ahead to imitate her every virtue. No wonder Don Bosco and Mother Mazzarello were touched to the core that at the end of their life Don Bosco wept on his death bed for he was choked with emotions as he recalled, reviewed and rejoiced at her tangible presence in his life. And Mother Mazzarello’s trusting rapport with Our Lady on her death bed made her burst into a joyful hymn of praise singing, “She who loves Mary will be happy.” (Laudate Maria) Both of them truly belonged to Mary and turned to her in every need for guidance and direction and in affliction. They were teachers fired with passion and zeal, with all ears and eyes to

listen to and also adhere to the Madonna’s words: “Do whatever He tells you.” Don Bosco learnt all the trades and skill and mother Mazzarello made every stitch an act of love for God, mastering sewing and imparting the same skill to bring up the youngsters, just as Mary mothered the early Church. For both everything began with Mary their teacher. For Mother Mazzarello Our Lady was the real superior of the house and Don Bosco would see Mary walking... They were alive to her presence and She was present to them.

Gratitude is the fruit of great cultivation; you do not find it in gross people. It draws people to you and joins you to all life. Hence to say thanks with lips is good but to be thankful is The Best. Mary’s Magnificat, Don Bosco’s Living Monument of perennial Gratitude and Mother Mazzarello’s striving To Be a living monument of gratitude testify that all three protagonists were altars of thanksgiving, for God was their sufficiency. Love gives Our Blessed Mother many names.

1. For Don Bosco Mary of Consolation was a caring and providing good shepherdess mirroring an educator who works hard (as good teacher).
2. Mary of the Immaculate Conception made known to an eminent degree the sparkling Diamond of Chastity and love so necessary for a Salesian to work among the young.
3. Finally Mary Help of Christians mirrored a Mother who is there for us 24X7 through her Salesian Assistance or presence.

Education is becoming a Better person. No wonder with Mary the teacher saint we have her educand saints in the person of St. John Bosco and St. Mary Mazzarello. Where there is a good and loving teacher- BONTA, we have HOLINESS. I now end with the words of Dante; “There is no learning without remembering having understood.” We may also add: There is no wisdom without remembering having lived it.”



Sr. Iona Barretto
Vice Principal
Don Bosco High School
Oros

Initiation of the Postulants and Aspirants

24th July 2019 is the day where God gave us a good reason to celebrate our Yes, as we desire to know more about the life and mission of Don Bosco and Mother Mazzarello.

To prepare ourselves into deep thinking and to make us aware of our vocation we had a retreat from the 20th evening to 23rd evening, with the theme “Holiness for you too” which was preached to us by Sr. Santana Pereira. It was a three-day retreat in silence which helped us to relax, recollect and refresh. We had sessions that enlightened us on our call as we reflected on the different calls from the Bible. Sr. Santana continuously made us aware of our vocation, enriching us by citing the example of Roberto De Nobilli, who would say “when God calls, no human consideration should stop us”. We are called to be a fire that kindles other fires. Sr. Santana proposed to us some questions which helped us to go deep into ourselves and helped us to take firm decisions for ourselves. Through daily meditations in the morning and meaningful adoration services in the evening, we learned to have a personal relationship with Jesus. We sincerely thank Sr. Santana Pereira. We also had the joy of personally meeting Sr. Rita Dora Thomas, our Provincial who helped us to treasure our Call.

On the 24th of July 2019, during the Morning Prayer animated by Sr. Jacinta Moisan, four candidates received the Aspirants’ medal from the Provincial. The theme for this day’s celebration was ‘Behold the handmaid of the Lord’. The Holy Eucharist was celebrated by our dear Parish Priest Fr. Peter Rodrigues and was by Fr. Xavier Devdas SDB. As per the day’s Gospel, Fr. Xavier exhorted the Aspirants and the Postulants to be a seed sown by Jesus. Sprout and grow; no hardships of life may choke the growth. After Communion, the 4 Aspirants received the Postulants’ Medal from the Provincial Sr. Rita Dora Thomas. The Sisters of Auxilium Community, Sisters of Jesus and Mary Convent, Khandala and boarders were present for the celebrations.

After the Holy Eucharist, the Sisters and the celebrants joined the community for breakfast. As the Aspirants and Postulants cut the cake, we sang a song and congratulated them.



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The teacher paints...

A story came to mind as I was reflecting on the role of a teacher, it was about a famous painter who painted a picture and put it on exhibition with a tag line, "Not for sale". But the painting was so beautiful that it attracted the eyes of everyone and asked the painter to sell it offering him a very huge amount. But the painter was not ready to give that picture away for any price but said that it will only be sold to the person who will understand its value. There came an old man to the painter and said I want to buy this painting and the price is here in this small box. The painter opened the box and found in it the paintbrush and some colours and the painter handed over the painting to this old man. When asked why he sold that painting only for a paintbrush and colours he said, he is my teacher and I am his student. It is he who taught me to paint with so much patience and love. What I am today is all because of his blessings and dedication. And this paintbrush is much more valuable than all the wealth that you would offer me. With this paintbrush, I can paint many more paintings. All there present understood the bonding of a teacher and student.

Yes, dear friends teachers play a very important role in the life of each student. Each teacher is called to be a mother, a friend, a sister, a brother to a child. The students are all colours in the hands of their teachers who use them wherever they fit in and thus mould and shape them into beautiful paintings.

A teacher is entrusted with the responsibility of intellectual, mental and moral development of the youth and it's a heavy responsibility indeed. The teachers are painters who want to bring out the best in students and thus try ways and means to paint pictures of enthusiasm and love in their children who in turn value their sacrifices as we saw in the above story. The teacher puts in extra effort to paint a love story with their students creating a bond that will never fade away and looking at the values practiced the people in the world may exclaim, "Wow! what a wonderful life-painting to be admired. I want to be like that painting". We as educators are called to be the painters, the role models for our children to follow, as we use the different colours of life to paint pictures of honesty, sacrifice, dedication, love, patience, peace and so on. These colours of value will help all of us to build a colourful society where peace and prosperity reigns.

Life can be measured in many ways but let us teach our children to paint it with colourful values so that they make life a vivid and bright painting.



Sr. Priya Tauro
Administrator
Auxilium Caranzalem, Goa

ECO PAGE

"BE A PART OF THE SOLUTION NOT PART OF THE POLLUTION"

"My roots were still strong and deep, my trunk healthy and fat, my leaves were fresh and green, my branches were so tender branching in all directions yet I was cut down in thousands. Why? Was I a burden for you? Was I so useless that you cut me so easily in the name of development?" Yes, more than two thousands trees were chopped in Aarey Colony Mumbai. Thousands took to the street to spare the trees, but the thought of development consumed us that we chopped down the fresh, healthy, strong trees by night. Day by day the pollution levels are escalating with harmful gases and materials in the air. The rate of carbon- dioxide is rising more than oxygen.

Let us scroll our memory back to the start of the day. How many of us turn a blind eye to a dry plant which is in need of water. Scientists estimate safe oxygen consumption of 50 liters per hour for a human. Meanwhile, a leaf gives off about five milliliters of oxygen per hour. A person would need to be in a room with about ten thousand leaves. About 300 to 500 plants would produce the right amount of oxygen. With this information, I guess each of us is responsible for polluted air in our society.

1) We burn candles for different occasions. But we need to ask ourselves about the necessity of those candles. It is estimated that each candle releases at least 10 grams of CO₂ per hour of burning. We burn a candle on a daily basis for adoration, if we light four candles every day then we produce $10 \times 4 = 40$ grams of CO₂ every hour that means $7 \text{ days} \times 4 \text{ grams} \times 10 \text{ grams} = 280 \text{ grams of CO}_2$.

When we say 'CONSERVE' are we conserving the green environment or the polluted developed surrounding? We are people who cut down trees and manufacture papers and write on them 'Save Trees'. Let us stop being fools. As we have heard about "Aarey Bleeding", I guess like me many must be cursing and blaming the political party for their selfishness, instead let us take upon ourselves just two practices

- 1] Reduce the use of candles daily.
- 2] Water the plants on our campus on a regular basis.

"LET NOT OUR GREED DECOLOUR OUR GREEN"

Sr. Smitha Gonsalves FMA, Auxilium - Wadala

THE BUTCHERS

*You BUTCHER the hills,
You BUTCHER the seas,
You BUTCHER this city,
Till it falls to its knees.
You have butchered the trees
That stand proud and tall
With your desire for greed,
You caused them to fall.
In the still of the night
When the forest was asleep,
You betrayed its trust
And caused it to weep.
For the trees were in slumber,
It was time for their rest,
From protecting us all
With their foliage at best.
With chain saws and axes.
You hacked with your might
You stealthily crept in,
Like thieves in the night.
Well-wishers, citizens
All crying out hoarse
Their voices unheard,
They were thrown out by force.
Now protect us all
From the wrath of the seas
For you have murdered and ravaged
And done as you please.
The trees are alive
The forest is their home.
Please do us a favour
And leave it alone.*

● A tribute to Aarey Colony - Goregaon

Media Festival



"If we destroy creation, creation will destroy us." Harkening to the call of Pope Francis, the Media Team had the 12th AMAR Media Festival with an eco slant. Nearly 20 schools participated in the Festival which was held on 28th September 2019 at Mazzarello Youth Centre, Wadala. The theme was 'Creating Green Heartprints'. Through competitions like Best clicks, The Spoken Word, Mime, Creating Treasures and a Stitch in time, the students were educated to create a green world. The Chief Guest for the day was Fr. Joseph Gonsalves, the Head of the Archdiocesan Office for Environment, Mumbai. The day was filled with sessions on nurturing the Earth by RUR Green Life, Mr. Godwin Pinto and his son Glenn and Mr. George, Founder of the Turning Tide. All the speakers motivated the students to create green ripples, after the example of Greta Thunberg.

All the participating schools actively and creatively took part in the various competitions and bagged trophies and were awarded certificates for their effort. The Diamond Jubilarian, Sr. Caroline Fernandes, the Golden Jubilarian, Sr. Aruna Castelino, and the Silver Jubilarians Sr. Moksha Anthonappa and Sr. Rosaline Pereira, were felicitated. The event was supported by the Quickdesk Solutions Ltd and the mission of Grace Harvest Ministry was highlighted. The Winner's trophy was bagged by Fatima High School, Badlapur while the Runner's Trophy was awarded to Auxilium High School, Bandra.

The following day 25 Media Coordinators attended the Media Seminar at MYC, Wadala. The resource persons were Srs. Hilda Braganza, Melissa D'Souza, Lavita Sequeira and Mr. Garry.

The Plan of Institutional Communication of the Institute of the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians was discussed and shared. Later a practical session on photography was taken. The Sisters were also enlightened on the various social media channels was taken.





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Auxilium Pali, Bandra



Auxilium Baroda



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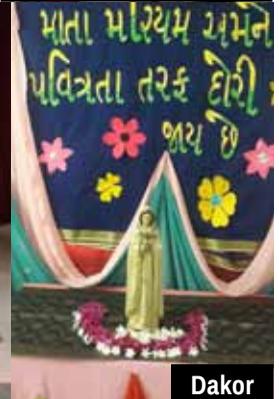
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Auxilium Wadala



Khedpa



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Pansora



Carona



Shirva



Kune



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*** FAITH FEST IN GOA ***

The hills and the eco-friendly ambient of Mornese Vihar, Sulcorna gladly welcomed the 38 youngsters of Goa for the Faith Fest 2019 on 14th September 2019. Celebrate Christ was the key of 2 days. The youngsters gathered for the prayer moment, which was followed by a walk to the Mount of Our Lady. Prayers and petitions were part of the Holy Rosary. Fr. Bernardino da Almeida, the Rector of Don Bosco, Sulcorna was more than happy to celebrate the Holy Eucharist and explain to them the pasts of the Holy Mass. The youngsters were later prepared to receive the sacrament of Confession(which is one of the important aspects of the Faith Fest) The Salesian Frs administered the Sacrament of Reconciliation and helped the youth to taste the boundless mercy of God our Father.

After a few games, all retired to rest only to rise the next day with much enthusiasm. Day 2 began with the Word of God (Lectio Divina) which helped them to deepen the Word of God. The youngsters were interested to actively take part in the session-the cup session, which depicted the seasons in their life. To add to their joy the praise and worship was conducted by youth for youth. The hours were just passing and it was time to make a commitment as CHRISTOS. Sr. Natal Rodrigues, the animator of the community, along with the other Sisters blessed them and urged them to be authentic Christians filled with faith in Jesus.



Mission Experience of the Postulants

Auxilium Vikas Kendra, Khedpa

We arrived on the 10th of September in the afternoon along with Sr. Cecilia Crasta. The Sisters and the boarders of the community welcomed us with warm greetings by performing a short programme to make us feel at home. The Sisters organized many activities and we began our mission with a prayer moment conducted by Sr. Lorina Bandy where the sisters of the community introduced the works of our province Mission land Sindoni.

On our first day, we went for nature experience to Dabosa waterfall with the Sisters and the children and enjoyed the natural beauty. Our mission experience schedule included activities of visiting villages (Hattipada, Karbharipada, Navapada, Manipada, Dhodipada, Tentmal, and Loharmal.) Village masses (feast day mass at Vasda, Kasteripada, Belpada.

We also had the opportunity to be part of the animating community with the Sisters the Girl child day and Teachers day celebration as well as Marian Evening and Awareness programme for Women.

We also had a beautiful learning experience to be at Daman with Sr. Sunanda Thombe and the students of Std. X. We got the chance to Visit Chisda Mission land. We spend time with their children teaching them best out of waste. Besides this, we took tuition classes for boarding girls, thought them best out of waste, and action songs. We enjoyed everyday recreation with them.

At the end of our mission experience, we had a short prayer moment thanking God for the community sisters and the boarders for shaping and molding us and being with us for these 15 days and helping us to have a joyful and memorable experience.

Indeed, the Sisters were potters in a different way all shaped us and molded us for the various mission we are grateful for their hard work and sacrifice. We really had great fun and learned many things this mission experience has made a difference in our life it was really a memorable one.



@@@ MOTHER MAZZARELLO @@@



LV Niwas Ahmednagar



Koparkhairane



Shirva



Auxilium Baroda



Auxilium Lonavla



Auxilium Velim



Pansora



Kune



Auxilium Wadala

@@@ MOTHER MAZZARELLO @@@



Auxilium Ahmednagar



Auxilium Pali, Bandra



Nandgad



Oros



Auxilium Carenzalem



Maria Vihar, Nashik

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Mission Experience of the Postulants

Pushpanjali, Dakor

On the 1st of September 2019, we the postulants Gloria Nato, Priyanka Tirkey, and Ujwala Nato began our mission experience for a month at Pushpanjali, Dakor. We were warmly welcomed by the community with a prayer moment and a welcome song.

As part of the Social Ministry, we the postulants along with Sr. Elphina Rodrigues visited the Self Help Groups and learnt about their functioning. We visited a few NDF coaching classes in different villages and put up skits on "Save the Girl Child, Peace and Care for Creation, which were very much appreciated.

We also attended the Training for NCP Teachers and CCP Core Committee Training Programme.

We visited a few government schools giving the students awareness on Peace, Environment, and Media; taught them action songs and animated some games.

We accompanied the Sisters to the Catholic Villages for the Holy Eucharist and the Small Christian Community Animation. We participated in the Village Chapel Feast at Jikaria in honour of St. Vincent De Paul.

We assisted the girls in the boarding during their chores, study and at recreation, taught them a few action songs and the art of flower making. Twice a week we took English classes for them.

We were involved in the celebration of Teachers' Day, Girl Child Day, NCP Training for Teachers, and Gujarat Region Vocation Camp.

Sr. Perpetual Ferrao offered s an opportunity to learn computer, to design an advertisement for the newspaper, design greeting cards, and to prepare a PowerPoint Presentation. We also attended tailoring classes and classes on the Gujarati language.

We were delighted to visit our FMA Communities in Gujarat at Pansora, Baroda, and Gandhinagar. Sr. Magdeline Sequeira, Sr. Priscilla Travasso, and Sr. Nayana Vankar explained briefly the mission of their respective Centre. We also visited Don Bosco, Kapadvanj and the Salesians presented the mission that was carried out by them for young people.

We joined the Sisters of the Community for a Pilgrimage to the Divine Mercy Church, Salon and had our half-day Recollection there.

We the postulants enthusiastically and joyfully got involved in knowing the mission at Dakor. It was a remarkable and memorable experience.

To express our heartfelt thanks to the community of Pushpanjali, Dakor, on 26th September we animated a thanksgiving prayer moment and put up a programme to thank Sr. Hilda Braganza, the animator, Sr. Elphina, Sr. Perpetual, Sr. Urvashi, Sr. Suvarna, and Sr. Maxina for their kindness to us.



My Mother, My Teacher

There is a purpose for everyone you meet. Some people come into your life to test you, some to teach you, some to use you and some to bring out the very best in you. In our entire journey of life, we encounter people and situations that leave a dent in our lives. We celebrated Teachers' Day very recently and they are persons who have molded our life. One such person in my life is my dear mother who really taught me what life means and the values I need to possess to be a true child of my Creator.

MOTHER is just a six-letter word but she is the best guide in life. When we ever fail, she is the one who understands our unsaid words or maybe unexpressed thoughts. It is rightly said that God could not be everywhere so He created mothers. My mother is a simple woman who is my go-to person. I always thought I was very close to my dad than my mom. I lately realized that I was wrong. All the values I possess though imbibed from dad were nurtured by my mom. She saw that I grow as a loving child of God. Though I felt she was a bit strict or nagging at times, it is she who taught me to build a close relationship with my God. She is a woman of prayer. No matter how great the problems, I always saw my mother just stopping near the altar for a few seconds and then continuing with her daily chores. She always believed that no problem can be solved by us but there is no problem which God cannot solve.

As I go down memory lane, I remember this incident, where my mother taught me that life is difficult but not as difficult as I think it to be. I was accused by a friend for a mistake I had not done. I considered her to be my good friend, but when she failed to understand or rather trust me, I felt all those around me are the same and no one can be trusted.

Till now Jesus was just an exam-time God for me. Though I attended Mass daily it was just a routine exercise. I recounted the entire incident to my mother and told her that I would never trust people. It was then my mother pointed out to Jesus and said, "Even if the whole world stands against you He will still stand by you. It is true people will misunderstand you, Jesus too was misunderstood by His apostles yet he believed in them. He gives you people in life not just to teach you but some time to test you, to use you and to make you strong for the plans He has for you." Though these words seem plain now, at that time they were a real eye-opener. It is true no one meets us by chance; each one has a specific role to play in our lives and we in theirs.

It was at this juncture in my life that I started my real relationship with Jesus, who I always believe will be a true friend. Even when I am wrong, He will surely correct me, but will be always there beside me. Our mothers may be simple women, but they have a lot to teach us.

Mary the mother of humanity accompanied Jesus to the cross. Our mothers too will accompany us with their prayer till their last breath. Thank you, Mother, for giving me the precious gift of JESUS in my life...

Sr. Smitha Gonsalves FMA, Auxilium Wadala

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English page

CONTRARY PROVERBS		
A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush	But	A man's reach should exceed his grasp
A miss is as good as a mile	But	Half a loaf is better than none
All good things come to those who wait	But	Time and tide wait for no one
Birds of a feather flock together	But	Opposites attract
Clothes maketh man	But	Never judge a book by its cover
Don't cross your bridges before you come to them	But	Forewarned is forearmed
Doubt is the beginning of wisdom	But	Faith will move mountains
Good things come in small packages	But	The bigger the better
Great starts make great finishes	But	it ain't over til it's over
He who hesitates is lost	But	Look before you leap
Practice makes perfect	But	All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy
Silence is golden	But	The squeaky wheel gets the grease
The pen is mightier than the sword	But	Actions speak louder than words
You're never too old to learn	But	You can't teach an old dog new tricks
What is good for the goose is good for the gander	But	One man's meat is another man's poison
Too many cooks spoil the broth	But	Many hands make light work
Hold fast to the words of your ancestors	But	Wise men make proverbs, but fools repeat them
Absence makes the heart grow fonder	But	Out of sight out of mind

TRIPLE TWISTERS

The 3 words defined in each group are composed of the same 5 letters. Find one and then twist the letters around to find the other 2

1. A) a heavenly being
B) corner or point
C) gathering leavings of a crop
2. A) be in the employment of
B) division of a poem
C) to cut
3. A) to glide over ice
B) cut of meat
C) a boundary post stake

4. A) a dazzling light
B) great size
C) fit for a king
5. A) to rob
B) smallest in size or value
C) not fresh
6. A) to follow the tracks
B) a wooden container
C) to furnish food

7. A) a spot or blot
B) sanctified person
C) a silk fabric
8. A) pleased expression
B) measures of distance
C) soft mud

Answers on the last page

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DOUBLING UP

Below are the definitions of 10 paired-words. The 2 words in each set are alike, except for one variation: a single letter in the (a) word, is doubled in its companion (b) word.

For example, if the definition of (a) word is : a paper box and the definition of the (b) word, is a comic drawing these related words are (a) CARTON and (b) CARTOON

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| 1. (a) Deep prolonged unconsciousness | 4. (a) To suffocate | (b) Fastened with pointed metal wire |
| (b) Punctuation mark denoting the shortest pause in reading | (b) More bland or serene | 8. (a) More impolite |
| 2. (a) Vehicle for public conveyance | 5. (a) One who seizes with teeth | (b) A ship's steering wheel |
| (b) a kiss | (b) An acrid, disagreeable taste | 9. (a) Dressed or clothed |
| 3. (a) Sacred | 6. (a) Talked or acted violently | (b) Stole |
| (b) A Christmas plant | (b) Tattered and torn | 10. (a) Frenzy |
| | 7. (a) Yearned | (b) Coated with fuzz, as the tongue |

POEMS

TEACHERS

The one who patiently controls kids
The one who guides us every day
Oh teachers! You are precious to us
You help pave life's right way
You care, love and know each child
A second mother, teacher and guide
You understand and love each child
Your heart is always open wide
Teachers are a guiding light
They teach us only what is right
From coming early to sitting quietly
To making us smart and bright
They correct us from time to time
They teach us to read and write
They teach us how to choose what's prime
So that we may shine out ever bright
I'm grateful for everything they do
For being patient with every child
I can never thank them enough
But they will always be in my mind

Stella Pinto (Std. 9)

My TEACHER, my guide

It was my first day at school
My heart was filled with fear
I saw you for the first time
Consoling and wiping my tears
Your encouragement
Gave me confidence
Your motherly heart
Never made a difference
The math sum
I could never understand
Those were the times
I felt your helping hands
You were the one who made me
Bold, brave and strong
Your always guided me
To choose right from wrong
Teacher even if I touch
The highest mountain peak
I will never forget
Your encouraging speech

Trupti Chavan (Std. 8)

Thank You TEACHER

How can I thank you enough
For being my moral strength
A smile on your face
Motivates a child
You aid the journey
From toddler to teen
I fail and struggle
But you hold my hand
You prepare me
To face the world out there
My dreams are big
But you help them live
You are there with me
My guide, my help my shield
How can I thank you enough
For being my moral strength

Simran Sharphayde (Std. 9)

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Sarcasm at its Best...

Checking out at the store, the young cashier suggested to the older woman that she should bring her own shopping bags because plastic bags weren't good for the environment.

The woman apologized and explained, "We didn't have this green thing back in my earlier days."

The cashier responded, "That's our problem today. Your generation did not care enough to save our environment for future generations."

She was right -- our generation didn't have the green thing in its day.

Back then, we returned milk bottles, pop bottles and beer bottles to the store. The store sent them back to the plant to be washed and sterilized and refilled, so they could use the same bottles over and over. Yes, they really were recycling.

We refilled writing pens with ink instead of buying a new pen; and we replaced the razor blades in a razor instead of throwing away the whole razor just because the blade got dull.

But, we didn't have the green thing back in our day.

We walked up the stairs, because we didn't have an escalator in every shop and office building. We walked to the grocery store and didn't climb into a 300-horsepower machine every time we had to go two blocks.

But, she was right. We didn't have the green thing in our day.

Back then, we washed the baby's nappies because we didn't have the throw-away kind. We dried clothes on a line, not in an 'energy gobbling washing machine burning up 220 volts;' wind and solar power really did dry our clothes back in our early days. Kids got hand-me-down clothes from their brothers or sisters, not always brand-new clothing.

But, that young lady is right. We didn't have the green thing back in our day.

Back then, we had one TV, or radio, in the house -- not a TV in every room. And, the TV had a small screen the size

of a handkerchief (remember them?), not a screen the size of the county of Yorkshire

In the kitchen, we blended and stirred by hand because we didn't have electric machines to do everything for us.

When we packaged a fragile item to send in the post, we used wadded up old newspapers to cushion it, not Styrofoam or plastic bubble wrap.

Back then, we didn't fire up an engine and burn petrol just to cut the lawn. We used a push mower that ran on human power.

We exercised by working so we didn't need to go to a health club to run on treadmills that operate on electricity.

But, she's right. We didn't have the green thing back then.

We drank water from a fountain or a tap when we were thirsty instead of demanding a plastic bottle flown in from another country.

We accepted that a lot of food was seasonal and didn't expect that to be bucked by flying it thousands of air miles around the world.

We actually cooked food that didn't come out of a packet, tin or plastic wrap and we could even wash our own vegetables and chop our own salad.

But, we didn't have the green thing back then.

Back then, people took the tram or a bus, and kids pedalled their cycles to school or walked instead of turning their mothers into a 24-hour taxi service.

We had one electrical outlet in a room, not an entire bank of sockets to power a dozen appliances.

And we didn't need a computerized gadget to receive a signal beamed from satellites 2,000 miles out in space in order to find the nearest pizza joint.

But, isn't it sad the current generation laments how wasteful we old folks were just because we didn't have the green thing back then?

Let the young turks know how happy were the (G)olden generation.

(Courtesy Google)

A walk through the Province of MM Mumbai... Join us...

19 June- Jesus Week – SJTC Lonavla

The Sisters and the candidates began the Novena for the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, which was named as “Jesus’ week”. The nine days were creatively animated: Visit to the Blessed Sacrament, an hour of Praise and Worship every alternate day, Divine Mercy Chaplet followed by the Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus at 3.00 pm. Through many creative initiatives, the week was celebrated. The candidates prayed for the Sisters, Novices and the house girls of SHTC (Sacred Heart Training Centre) Nashik-the Novitiate community. All the candidates enthusiastically and joyfully participated in these activities to make this week a memorable one.



21 June- Yoga Day - Auxilium Baroda



Yoga Day was conducted by Mr. Bharat Patel, the P.E. teacher. He led the students to perform various forms of yogas consisting of “Asanas and breathing exercises”.

22 June - Yoga Awareness - Ahmednagar

Yoga Day was conducted for the coaching classes. It was a beautiful sight to see all the teachers, guest and other dignitaries taking part in it. Around 250 children took part in it. The yoga master taught them various skills in yoga and told them about the importance of yoga.

25 - 26 June - Investiture - Auxilium Baroda

Sr. Priscilla Travasso, the animator and Sr. Philomena Lobo, the headmistress vested the elected leaders with badges and sashes. The students’ council took the pledge to hold the school motto of loyalty, truth, and honour in high esteem. Sr. Priscilla congratulated them and reminded them to be honest in discharging their duties.



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It was a proud moment for all the parents to witness their children being invested with great responsibility while embarking on a new journey as leaders with head standing tall. The ceremony concluded with the National Anthem.

26 June - Awareness talk on Environment - Ahmednagar

Sr. Lavita Sequeira FMA was at Auxilium Ahmednagar for the orientation programme for the staff and the students. The Social Ministry Block, Ahmednagar asked her to animate the children through a few input sessions on the environment. Sr. made the students the importance of Mother Earth and suggested a number of ways to protect our Common Home.



5 July - NIOS - Auxilium Velim

Sr. Precilla D'Souza, the animator along with the other Sisters of the community welcomed the 17 students of NIOS who will be journeying with us during this Academic Year 2019 – 2020. A meaningful prayer moment was animated by Sr. Precilla. The parents of the students were present too where they were informed about the rules and regulations of the centre.

6 July - Feast of the young saints - Lonavla

The Premdaan boarders celebrated the feast of young saints, St. Dominic Savio, and Maria Goretti. A well-decorated notice board filled everyone with a festive mood. In the evening through the well-prepared powerpoint presentation Sr. Teresa Joseph, the animator gave



us a glimpse of the life of Maria Goretti. The children staged a play depicting the life of Dominic Savio highlighting his virtues, resolutions and his motto "Death rather than sin".

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7-8 July - Orientation - Pansora

The boarders and for the school children were animated by Sr.Sunita Dabhi. She explained the theme of the year “Holiness for you too”. It began with a prayer moment and was followed by a powerpoint and group activities.



9 July- Pope’s Day- SJTC Lonavla

SJTC celebrated Pope’s Day was celebrated along with the Auxilium Community and the Boarders. It



began at 8.30 p.m. with a prayer dance invoking God’s blessings. This was followed by a skit, “the call of First disciples” highlighting the call of St. Peter. The candidates also put up a cultural dance which was much appreciated by the boarders. A short clipping on the life of Pope Francis was screened. A quiz was conducted for the boarders. And to our surprise, most of them answered it all. During the ‘Goodnight’, Sr. Cecilia Crasta, the animator of SJTC reminded those present to meaningfully make the sign of the Cross. A token of appreciation was presented to the boarders.

12 July- Investiture of AYG –Auxilium Lonavla

The Auxilium Youth Group members were invested with the pink AYG scarf by Sr. Teresa Joseph, the manager of the school. Sr. appreciated the efforts of the staff and students and extended the invitation to the young girls to follow God’s call in the Salesian way. The group solemnly took the AYG pledge and concluded with the theme song.



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13 July- Outreach programme for SHG women - Pansora

Mr. Prakash Parmar from the Zilla Panchayat animated the 25 SHG women. He provided the necessary guidelines with regard to the various schemes available. Sr. Nayana Vankar, the animator presented 3 saplings to each.

14 July - Day of Joy- Maria Vihar

In the morning through different ways and methods, Miss Shirvari Jagtap a specialized instructor in Yoga made the boarders aware of the benefits of yoga. In the afternoon, the boarders were overjoyed to see their parents as they came to attend the first meeting in the new academic year. The meeting began with a prayer and a welcome song was presented by the children. Sr. Philomena D'Souza, the animator and Sr. Vanita Kristi, Sister-in-charge of the boarding addressed the parents.



14 July -AYG - Pansora

Sr. Sunita Dabhi began with a prayer moment followed by a pledge. The AYG groups were vested with the AYM scarves by Sr. Nayana Vankar. Along with the Sisters, the members planted saplings on the campus.



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15 July- Save Mother Earth -Baroda

After the transmission of the General Chapter theme, the animators and the participants from the Gujarat region made a visit to the compost pit to know the procedure of the preparation of the organic manure. A short demo was given by Mr. Ragnath Rathwa the gardener, who is involved in making the organic manure.



16 July- Foundation Day of USM – Auxilium Lonavla



There was an all religion prayer service with readings from various scriptures. The following initiatives were conducted: A brief history was read out about the foundation's vision and rationale. The works of Fr. Varghese and his team were explained by the USM member. Various theme songs of USM were played. The fivefold paths of USM were presented in skit form. The various schemes and programmes of USM were explained various placards based on USM teachings were displayed. The Ten Point Action Plan

for national reconstruction was explained by USM student members. The Knit India movement was explained through a speech. The role of the peace convention organised by USM in collaboration with Rotary Club was also highlighted. Sr. Teresa Joseph, the animator graced the occasion by vesting the newly inducted USM members with the USM scarf. The national anthem was sung after which Peace Garden was inaugurated.

16 July - Skill Training Programme - Baroda

The resource person Mrs. Babita Sharma taught women how to join the various parts of the machine and the three groups of SHG women participated in it. The training programme began at 2:30 pm and ended at 4:30 pm. The women were grateful for this training which will help them to earn a livelihood and generate income for the family.



18th July- Interfaith Day - Maria Vihar

Sr. Philomena D'Souza, the animator, along with the Sisters and the hostelites animated the prayer service thanking God for all the religions. The hostel girls from five different religions lit up the 5 lamps. These 5 lamps signified the light

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which diffuses darkness of hatred, inequality, injustice and shows the path towards love, equality, unity, and justice. The message of the Love of God was proclaimed from the 5 Holy Books. It was a devotional moment to see the youngsters and the Sisters praying for each other. The day concluded with a festal meal which brought smiles on the faces of the young hostelites as the Sisters joined them for supper.



19 July- Orientation for leaders- Auxilium Baroda



The School leaders of Auxilium Baroda English and Gujarati medium took part in an orientation programme on “Leadership” which was animated by Rev. Fr. Isaac Arackparambil SDB. In his input session, he highlighted leadership qualities and values through video clipping, PPT and group discussion. The groups were divided under these titles “Enthusiastic, lead by the example, Ambitious, determined, ready to learn & teach”. Each group was given a task to present their theme. The leaders were very delighted and were very much appreciative of what they received. They all understood well their role as a leader. They assured that they will be putting into practice not only in this academic year but

throughout their lives.

21 July- Orientation - Kune

The community member conducted the orientation for children in Marathi. The main highlights of the day were prayer, group work, and activities. The children enjoyed the activities and thanked the Sisters for explaining to them how to be holy in their day-to-day life.



24 July- Traffic awareness – Auxilium Baroda

Mr. Gohil Sagar, from the RTO

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through a PPT and video animations spoke to the students from Class IX to XII about traffic rules and regulations. He explained in detail the effect of not following the traffic rules and rash driving results in accidents and loss of life. Furthermore, he said that every 3.7-minute an accident takes place and every year five lakhs of people die due to accidents. So, as responsible citizens, our duty is to protect ourselves and help others too.



24- July - AYG- Auxilium Pali Hill

From Std. VII to Std. IX nearly 65 new members committed themselves to be a part of the AYG. The Investiture Ceremony was celebrated with a meaningful Prayer Service. The new members took the oath to give their wholehearted service in society by doing ordinary things in an extraordinary way. As a symbol of the membership



to AYG, each member received a colourful AYG scarf. Through her interactive speech, Sr. Leema Rose Joseph, the animator motivated and encouraged the members to do their best. In the end, the former AYG members welcomed and congratulated the new members.

25 July- "Girls 4 Tech"-Auxilium Baroda

A team of organizers from Master Cards organized an event 'Girls 4 Tech' for Std. VI students to enlighten the students on digital technology. The students were made aware of the digital payment and how this training could lead one to use smart technology. The students were taught through games and interaction and were also given T-shirts and badges. We are grateful to Mrs. Auxilia and the team for conducting the session which was a fruitful and enriching event.



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26 July- Kargil Victory Day – Auxilium Lonavla

This day marks the 20th Anniversary of the Kargil victory over Pakistan was commemorated in the school. The Girl Guide captains and Girl Guides led the school into a short meaningful reflection on the Kargil War. An account of the war and the bravery of our armed forces brought back memories of that day in 1999 when India won her victory at Kargil over Pakistan. Meaningful national songs aroused our sense of patriotism and deep gratitude for the sacrifice of many of our brave soldiers. Posters were also displayed making us

recall the day of India's victory. Everyone was invited to spend some time to pray for our soldiers and also their families. The school students joined the nation in paying homage to the war heroes.



26 -28 July - Social Work Co-ordinators meet



It was held in MYC Wadala on organized by Sahayini Director Sr.Moksha Anthonappa. Altogether they were 23 participants including the local social work coordinators of various communities along with their lay social workers. The resource persons from PRATYeK NGO are working in the different states of India and their mandate is the formation of Neighborhood Children's Parliament.

On 26th and 27th July, the main focus was NCP (Neighborhood Children's Parliament) Training. The training began with the introduction to 'NINE IS MINE' campaign of PRATYeK NGO. The sessions were on the role of the Facilitator,

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explanation on wants and needs, introduction and principles of UNRC, rights, and responsibilities, introduction to child rights, child participation ladder, Children Parliament Process, PRA (Participatory Rural Appraisal) introduction to life skills module, federation at the state level. All these sessions were conducted creatively through a powerpoint presentation, activities, group work, workshops, mock sessions, games, and energizers.

28 July- Green Day - Maria Vihar

The tiny tots of Maria Vihar nursery celebrated the environment day in the morning. To mark this day, all the kids and teachers came with a green outfit and brought a sapling with them. The teachers explained to them the importance of growing plants. The kids were very excited to plant the saplings.

In the evening the 4 groups of boarding girls put a programme, showcasing how to save Mother Earth through dance, skit, posters, and speech. The day was concluded with commitments taken up by the boarders for themself to keep Mother Earth safe by saving, water, electricity and using reducing the non-degradable things. In the end Sr. Reshma Nune gave a beautiful message as to how to keep our Earth clean and green.



30 July - Art & Activity Day - Velim

Ms. Amanda, a college student, who generously taught the remedial class children a different type of art. The theme given to them was "The Scenario". The children participated wholeheartedly and were followed by the instructions given to them.

3 August- Confirmation students visit Clergy Home, Bandra - Pali Hill

The students met the priests in the home and wished them a very

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happy Feast. Rev. Fr. David Michael, the confirmation in charge celebrated the Holy Mass and prayed for all priests. After Mass, they cut the cake as the students sang the festal song. They also entertained them with songs and music. The priests from the clergy home too sang and exhorted them to grow in faith. Sr. Shiny Alphonse thanked everyone for the precious time spent in the company of each other.



4 August - Friendship Day - MYC

The NIOS past pupils gathered in the basement and shared light moments. It was



truly a reunion where some of them met after years and shared beautiful memories. They played games and had quality time in each other's company.

5 August - A Call to lead - Shirva

Auxilium Niwas had the investiture ceremony for the academic year 2019- 2020 as we celebrate the Foundation Day of our Institute. We implored the blessings of God the Almighty by a meaningful Prayer Service during which the appointed leaders were conferred with badges by Sr. Margaret Misquitta, the animator. The leaders then took a pledge to lead with honesty, dedication, dignity, and love. Sr. Margaret reminded them to be honest and dedicated to discharging their duties. It was a proud moment for all the girls in the boarding to witness their friends being invested with great responsibility. The ceremony concluded imploring

the help of Mother Mary by singing the hymn "O Mary Help of Christians".



5 August-Festal Day- Maria Vihar

We were happy to celebrate the joy of our three Sisters, Sr. Florie D' Mello, Sr. Margret Annasamy and Sr. Philomena D' Souza. In the morning we thanked God for His faithfulness to them through the meaningful Eucharistic celebration. In the afternoon the hostel girls and the boarders celebrated 'Friendship Day' with much fun and frolic, dancing and enjoying in the rain. The boarders along with Sisters went for an evening walk to Someshwardam. To mark the importance of the day, after supper the boarders staged a programme with songs and dance.



5 August – Twin Celebrations - Koregaon Park

In the evening the community celebrated the twin celebration of the feast of Mother Mary Mazzarello and the Foundation Day of our Institute. The centre invited the Salesian Fathers and Brothers, Sisters of Eusebia Welfare Centre, Mundhwa and Sisters of Christ Jesus, teachers and workers for the celebration. The main celebrant of the Eucharistic Celebration was Rev.Fr. Richard D'Silva SDB from Don Bosco, Koregaon Park. He highlighted the virtues of St. Mary Mazzarello especially her humility and simplicity. During the celebration, we prayed for all our Sisters

who celebrate the anniversary of their profession. We had Sr. Thelma Barrett and Sr. Cristine Ferreira amongst us. This was followed by a fellowship meal. The Salesian Brothers sang melodious songs wishing the Sisters for the feast.



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5 August - Go Green - Shirva

On this day Nag Panchami is celebrated and when the boarders have a holiday in school, the Sisters at Auxilium Niwas, Shirva decided to instill eco-sensitivity in the children. In Uttara Kannada roti is the special food of the people and this feast they celebrate as "Roti Panchami". We being in Dakshina Kannada in our boarding we thought of celebrating it as "Fruit Panchami". In the morning Sr. Clotilda Correa took the boarders to the garden and each group was given a small plot, some to plant mango saplings while others put vegetable seeds. The children were quite excited as they were told that when the plants give fruit they can enjoy both vegetables and fruits planted by their own hands.



8 August - World Senior Citizen Day – Auxilium Lonavla

We the USM members along with Tr. Sangeeta and Tr. Margaret visited some families in which grandparents stay. We spoke to them, heard the stories of their young age, shared some of our experiences with them and gave them a rose flower as a token of our love. It was a very touching moment for us as we were listening to them because they had a lot to share with us. We were deeply moved by their gesture and thankful to the family members who welcomed us and offered us refreshments.

9th August - Welcome programme- Dahanu

The Sisters, Staff, and students were welcomed with the lighting of

the lamp guided by Sr. Shaila Jadhav. Each Sister was introduced to the students, their mission and was offered a small plant. The animator, Sr. Mariet Luckose and the community Sisters of Auxilium Youth Animation Centre welcomed the Teacher Miss. Amruta Ramesh Dandekar from Waghadi who completed her General Nursing Midy (GNM) and

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the students who joined for the General Duty Assistant (GDA) course. Mr. Rafik, the news editor was present for this programme. We introduced our mission through media which was recorded by Mr. Rafiq the journalist put on the youtube channel and in the newspaper 'Dahanu Mitra'.

Later we also celebrated the Tribal Day with the students. The student Ms. Rupali explained the tribal culture to the sisters and students. The cultural group dance was performed by the students in which all the Sisters, teacher were involved. It was nice to see them enjoying to the full. Sr. Mariet in her speech encouraged them to go forward in life and to fulfill their aim.

9 – 11 August - Training and Workshop for Women - Baroda



CBCI Council for Women organized Training and Workshop for Dalit and Tribal Catholic Women of Gujarat from at Pastoral Centre, Ahmedabad. Sr. Urmila Torane along with Mrs. Kalpana More, Mrs. Suman Viegas, and Kenesiya Galus participated in the same. Rt.Rev. Athanasius Rethna Swamy, Bishop of Ahmedabad, Rt. Rev. Archbishop Stanislaus Fernandes, S.J., Archbishop Emeritus of Gandhinagar, Apostolic

Administrator of Baroda and Sr. Talisha Nadukudiyil SD, National Secretary for CBCI Council for Women were the distinguished guests of the day. The input sessions on 'Leadership training, Gender Policy, Women and Social Issue' were given by the resource persons. They were made interesting through activities, games and group discussions.

10 August - Eco-Club –Auxilium Carona

Twenty-five children of Auxilium Carona took an oath to take care of Mother Earth. The day started with the prayer meaningful prayer service. The children pledged to work in an environment-friendly manner which includes the usage of

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paper bags, steel lunch boxes, water management, saving electricity and other activities. The children were enthusiastic to start their duty as eco- members spreading awareness about recycling, reusing, and reducing.

10 August - Scouts & Guides – Auxilium Ahmednagar

A one-day scout and guide camp was held for students of Std. VI and Std. VII. The camp was conducted and organized by the scoutmasters and guide captains along with Sr. Latha Arogiaswamy, the headmistress and Sr. Nilima Rodrigues, the supervisor. The training camp began with the flag break followed by the six exercises of Baden Powell. The young scouts and guides pitched tents and attended sessions on first aid, tying knots, lashing, gadgets, and flag break. They also learned new yells, claps and different fun-filled



action songs. The camp ended by lowering the scout and guide flag. The camp was filled with activities and students were encouraged to think clearly, take proper decisions, and be alert and active at all times.

11 August- Recollection for the Salesian Cooperators - Ahmednagar



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The Salesian Cooperators from St. Ann's Church, Savedi and Laura Vicuna, Savedi had a recollection cum understanding of the Strenna. It began at 4.30 pm with the talk prepared by Rev Fr. Vishal Lopes SDB from St. Ann's Church. This was followed by the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and thought this Fr Vishal invited the Cooperators to have deep experience with the Lord. He urged them to be holy in their daily lives doing ordinary doings in an extraordinary way. Through a powerpoint presentation, he explained the Strenna.

12 August - Self Awareness programme – SJTC Lonavla



Sr. Santana Pereira through the awareness programme for the aspirants and postulants helped them to become aware of who they truly are: 'divine beings' precious and unique. She enabled them to know our personality type in the Enneagram which is designed to reflect an aspect of the Divine. The meditations made them concentrate on our third eye i.e. the center point of our body to meditate or locate our own sacred space within. They had a beautiful

and tangible God's experience through the dancing meditation reflecting on the Magnificat. Each of them spent some time dancing and experiencing God's healing. This helped them to be spontaneous overcoming inhibitions of fear and shyness. The daily adorations deepened their relationship with Jesus praising and praying for children and adult children in varied situations. On the last day, each one thanked God for coming to know oneself while the rest of us supported her with our soft whispers of praise, thanks, and blessing. The three-day animation was ended with the beautiful thought which says "We all have the potential of showing the divine to others".

13 August- An hour with Lord – Auxilium Baroda

The day dedicated to pray for vocations, during the catechism classes which are conducted in the school, we, together with our catechism students from grade I to IX had an animated Holy Hour with the Lord praying for vocations. We prayed for all the priests and religious they may continue the good work of spreading God's kingdom and may have enough strength and grace to carry on their work with enthusiasm and commitment. We also thanked God for the gift of St. Mary Mazzarello and through her intercession prayed for our Institute.



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14 August - Rangoli Competition for Mothers – Auxilium Carona

Mothers rarely get a chance to display their talent in the field of art, therefore we thought of giving a platform to the mother parents to showcase their talent. On the eve of Independence Day, we had the Rangoli competition with the theme of 'Patriotism and Environment'. The competition was judged by the PTA core members. They found it difficult to judge 3 best Rangoli amongst the wonderful creations. The winners were chosen and the frame of their Rangoli was given as the prize. The participants shared their feedback on this occasion that how their children motivated them to participate and they expressed their gratitude to the school for giving them an opportunity to showcase their talent.

15 August - Care for Mother Earth –Velim

The NIOS students and the study class students were motivated through the 'Good Morning' and the 'Good Evening' thoughts to Save Mother Earth. They were given information about the usefulness of planting trees, other plants, and their uses. The NIOS students brought flowering plants which they themselves planted and promised to take care of. The study class students too brought a few plants and sowed some vegetable seeds. It is a joy for all of us to see the plants growing well and the students taking care of them.



15 August- Raksha Bandhan – Auxilium Lonavla

Girl Guides along with their Guide Captains celebrated the festival of Raksha Bandhan on with the Lonavla Police. In the school, the students made eco-friendly rakhis to celebrate Raksha Bandhan with officers. A short speech was delivered by Ms. Saher Shanawas to show our love and gratitude towards the Lonavla Police Force. The celebration ended with a motivating and encouraging speech given by Inspector Vaibhav Swami.



15 August-Auxilium Ahmednagar-Past Pupils' Meeting

The Meeting was held to give information regarding the different career options available. Sir Siddharth Bhingarkar, a teacher in SVN branch from the past 6 years was invited as the resource person to enlighten the students. The topic for the day was 'Career: Challenges, Opportunities and Possibilities.



Mr. Siddharth enlightened the students on how one must be firm and determined to reach the desired goal. He spoke about the challenges that may come in future and how to overcome them with self – confidence. He motivated and inspired the gathering by sharing his own life experiences and many were influenced by his thoughts. After the meeting, a few games were conducted before each of them dispersed home.

16 August - Raksha Bandhan with Yerwada Jail inmates – Auxilium Lonavla



The USM members along with Sr. Sheela Furtado, the headmistress, Sr. Rexela Kharjia, Sr. Shanti Fernandes and teachers Sangeeta and Margaret went to celebrate Raksha Bandhan with the inmates of Yerwada Jail, Pune. The USM students staged a short programme and they tied rakhis to our fellow brothers. They then distributed ladoos to them. They were touched by our gestures and many wept. It was indeed a very touching scene.

From there they moved to Remand Home where boys from the age of 18 to 21 are kept who have finished their term and have no one or have been abandoned by their families. The Prison Ministry of Pune sponsors for these boy's education so that they are prepared to stand on their own feet and after the age of 21 can support themselves. The students conducted a short prayer moment and staged a short programme. They tied rakhis to them and distributed sweets and

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napkins. One inmate responded to our kind gesture by singing a very touching song. (I have no sister but today I have found many sisters, I want to give them something but I can't give as my pockets are torn) Another inmate remarked, "Our Didi who looks after us has been tying rakhis all these years. This is the first time we have had sisters who have come to tie rakhi for us." We also had a dance session on the famous song ' Zingat'. It was a beautiful moment. Our thanks to Fr Wilfred, director of Prison Ministry of Pune for making it possible for us to visit the Yerwada Jail.

17 August - International Youth Day- Auxilium Lonavla



The USM members had a day's session on the theme "Youth Ambassadors of Peace" conducted by Fr V. Louis, Finance Director of Pune Diocese. The session focused on the responsibility and the role of youth, being a medium of spreading peace in today's world. Through a powerpoint presentation and games activity, the students learned that peace is losing ground in the current era. There was much interaction among the students and realized that the youth have to be trained to take charge of the nation with an inclusive, broad and lasting vision.

17 August - Outreach Programme – Auxilium Pali Hill

The AYG members, along with the headmistress Sr. Shiny Alphonse visited Fr. Agnel Ashram to celebrate Raksha Bandhan a festival which brings about love and bonding between brothers and sisters. They were accompanied by Sr. Sunita Moteghar, Sr. Akshitha Lobo, Tr. Jharna and Tr. Bridget and few representatives of the Past-Pupils. Fr. Trevor extended a warm welcome to our staff and students. The programme began with a prayer service.



The AYG members and Past-Pupils tied Raksha Bandhan to the boys and distributed sweets, snacks and stationery. The boys on their part thanked and sang a song as a sign of brotherly love and appreciation.

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17-18 August - Vocation Camp – Pansora



The meeting for the vocation promoters began with a meaningful adoration service animated by Sr. Monica Macwan. This was followed by a session by Fr. Kumar a diocesan priest in charge of formation. “The harvest is great but the labourers are few”. But are the labourers truly few? Fr emphasized that the labourers are not few but their zeal and enthusiasm are lacking and diminished. He also placed before the participants some proposals, strategies and some points to promote vocations.

A second talk was guided by Fr. Dinesh Vasava SDB. Fr. dwelt on the theme “Holiness for you too”. He presented strongly the message of holiness which consisted of being separate from this world and not of the world. Holiness also consisted of attracting vocations. There was an open discussion where the participants expressed their suggestions and thoughts. Later in the evening, they viewed the movie “The least of these”.

The second day began with a prayer moment by Sr. Gloria Landgi. This was followed by a sharing by Sr. Mary Cherian wherein Sr. spoke of her missionary experience. The Sisters formed groups region wise to plan and organize the programme for a vocation camp. During the Holy Eucharist Fr. Lawrenzo SDB spoke during his homily that vocation is life, a mission and it is to be lived in holiness. Once again the groups planned and discussed important points that were to be implemented for the growth of vocations. The 2 days meet concluded with a sumptuous meal and a vote of thanks.

18 August - Social Media Awareness - Shirva



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A seminar was organised for the Youth comprising of Std. X and YCS (Young Catholic Students) on addiction to Social Media. It was a two-hour programme from 8.30 am to 10.30 am. Rev. Fr. Chethan Lobo, a Carmelite priest spoke in brief on the use and abuse of social Media and elaborated through a ppt and by giving examples of how youngsters get addicted to the different apps and the consequences often lead to substance abuse, and even death. Sr. Margaret Misquitta who has taken over as the YCS Coordinator in the Parish organised this programme with the help of the parish priest, for the youngsters.

19 August - Health Talk – Auxilium Pali Hill

Ms. Sneha Panchal, a lecturer from Yakult Danone India Pvt. Ltd. gave a health talk to the students and staff of Auxilium Convent High School Pali Hill, Bandra from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Through models and videos, she explained to the students the importance of leading a healthy lifestyle and also told them to consume probiotic products which will help their digestive system and also to build immunity. She told them about the balanced diet too. After the health talk, Ms. Sneha offered Yakult, a probiotic health drink to those gathered.



23 August - “Live Jam session” - Auxilium Baroda

The Band Live Jam is a travelling band that travels to cities and states all over India as well as abroad. They have singing sessions where they involve students from different schools too.

The students of Std.VI to Std. XII of English Medium were very enthusiastic about participating in an interactive session that involved activities that enhanced their concentration and listening skills. One of the members of the group gave a testimony about his life changed for the better after he made good decision of choosing a good company and a good mentor in his life and how important it is to take control of one's own life. In the end, a memento was presented to Sr. Teresa D'Souza as a mark of respect.



24 August - Social Ministry Seminar on leadership skill - Baroda

The first floor of the pre-primary school of Auxilium Baroda was bustling with excitement. Around 50 women from the SHG leaders and assistant leaders gathered together for a seminar cum workshop on leadership skill from 02:00 pm to 04:00 pm. The resource person of the day was Fr. Shaun D'Lima SDB.

The session began with an ice breaker and was followed by a presentation on various types of leaders that we see around and the qualities of a good leader. A documentary titled 'Gubbare' and videos titled 'Tough Mom' highlighted various daily family issues that women face and how women as wives or mothers must take up the lead in the family to solve such issues. The workshop concluded with a game "Action" wherein each group has to bid for various articles and purchases them with fake money. The game was thoroughly enjoyed by all.



24 August - Love in Action - Auxilium- Ahmednagar

57 young Auxilians together with the teachers in – charge and Sr. Agatha Fernandes visited the mentally disabled children of the MDC Institute in Shirur, Ahmednagar. The 50 inmates welcomed the visitors with an amazing band performance and later escorted them to the vast exhibition of hand- made articles like candles, purses, flower pots, doormats, etc. made by them. Our Auxilians were amazed by the neatness and precision with which the various items were prepared and each one made sure to purchase something as a souvenir and as a reminder that there are countless less privileged people in this world who need a helping and caring hand.

Since this was a joint initiative of the members of the Eco club and the Amazing Young Guardians, the students planted a few saplings in their garden and also gifted the inmates with stationeries and daily articles of daily use such as soaps, toothpastes, hair oil and the like. After conducting a few games for them and having spent some quality time with them, our students returned home with a feeling of satisfaction and realized that the countless blessings which we often take for granted in daily life are indeed to be noted down and thanked for every moment!



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26 August - Investiture ceremony– Auxilium Ahmednagar

More than 120 scouts and guides of Std. VI were invested with scarves. The Chief Guest for the ceremony was Sir Dilip Bhor, the District organizing Commissioner (Scout section) and Mrs. Anita Shinde (Guide section). Sr. Teresa

Plathara, the animator, Sr. Latha Arogiaswamy, the headmistress and Sr. Nilima Rodrigues, the supervisor were the Guests of Honour. The programme began with the flag break after which the names of the new unit were declared of both – the Scouts and the Guides. The Chief Guest advised the young scouts and guides to perform a good deed every day and be alert and active at all times, ready for action.



27 August - AYG Investiture Ceremony - Auxilium Baroda



The investiture programme for the Gujarati medium students to be the AYG members began with a meaningful prayer moment wherein students offered themselves to God in a symbolic gesture- heart, hand, flower, and seed. It was followed by the ceremony wherein Sr. Priscilla Travasso, the Manager and Sr. Philomena Lobo, the headmistress of the school vested them with scarves. With fervour and enthusiasm, 54 students took an oath with a lighted lamp as a sign of selfless service they will render to the school and that of the society. Sr. Priscilla delivered a speech where she highlighted, "brighten your future with hope, joy, faith, and love." She motivated them to be a change in one's lives and also in the lives of others.

28 August - Pushpanjali Inaugural Day - Dakor

The inaugural day commenced with the opening prayer service, prayer dance asking God's assistance for the new scholastic year 2019-2020. The Chief Guest for the day was Mr. K.P. Chavada, the lab technician in P.H.C. The Guests

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of Honour were Mr.Kartik Jain, Head of the Ashirwad Institute, Mr. Narsinh Vala, Sarpanch of Vanoti and Sr. Hilda Braganza, the animator of Pushpanjali. Miss Sativa Parmer welcomed the dignitaries with words of welcome and the students of ITI with a bouquet.

Thereafter the students of nursing were given the nursing kit and all took the pledge with the lit lamps. The kit was also given to COPA students and NCVT. The dignitaries encouraged the students with a motivational talk. The powerpoint was viewed on Pushpanjali ITI by Sir. Hemant Thakur. We ended our celebration with the Nursing Anthem.

28 August – AYG –Auxilium Baroda



The inaugural ceremony started with the invocation to God the Almighty by a prayer dance performed by Diya Chavda, Krishna Bhatt and Alisha. The AYG members marched in the auditorium by waving their hands. The moment when they entered the hall was truly amazing. Their eyes were gleaming with future dreams. Their dedication and eagerness were reflecting the spirit of becoming a great individual.

The parents and students were in awe of the passion of members. The Chief Guests for the ceremony were Sr. Priscilla Travasso, the animator, Sr. Luiza Fernandes, the administrator and parents as the special invitees. The Sisters invested the students with AYM scarves. The new members were delivered an oath of allegiance by the president of AYG Yuga Bhatt. Sr. Priscilla in her address mentioned about four main things: love, hope, faith, and charity. She motivated the young and enthusiastic members with encouraging words.

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29 August - National Sports Day – Auxilium Lonavla



National Sports Day was observed as it was the birth anniversary of India's hockey wizard Dhyhan Chand. All the classes along with their class teachers assembled on the school ground. Each class teacher arranged a game for her class.



30 August - Friendship Day and Rakhi Celebration - Dahanu

The programme began at 9.30 a.m. with a short prayer and lighting the lamp. The Sisters welcomed the 48 members with a rose. 3 GDA students spoke on the beauty of friendship and two other students enlightened the other on Raksha Bandhan, brother-sister relationship. The students came forward to tie rakhi and friendship bands to the Sisters and to each other. There was a great joy and celebration among us all. Sr. Mariet Luckose, the animator spoke on the relationship among themselves and with all around. Sr. Shaila Jadhav spoke about the relationship in their family and with the extended family to improve the relationship with love, joy, trust, and happiness. They had a cultural programme where they danced and enjoyed themselves.

31 August - Cooperators visit the Migrants' Home - Ahmednagar



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The Laura Vicuna Niwas Savedi Salesian Cooperators unit visited the home run by Mr. Youraj Gund for the migrants. The Cooperators interaction with the children. They performed some programme by showing their talents and what they have learned so far. Mr. Youraj gave us some information about the NGO. It is run for the girls and boys. The migrants, who come from different walks of life in search of jobs and to earn money. Their main business is robbery and their children do the same. So there is no much interest in education. This NGO does not get any help from the Government. They try to help and support themselves by the individual donors and charity base. At present they are staying in a bungalow offered by a Doctor. There are 106 children staying in that place. Mr. Youraj and his team are doing their best to educate them and make them good citizens. Our future plan is to adopt two or three children for their education.

31 August - Career Guidance –Velim



Mr. Lawrie Colaco, a research scholar who is working on the impact of skill development training in the service sector, along with Miss Siya Fernandes a student volunteer conducted a session on 'Decide your tomorrow'. Mr. Lawrie works for Skill Plus. Skill Plus is a training and career development project that works with young Indian youth and helps them know their career choices with industry-relevant skills and supports employment. The session was conducted to help the students to make correct choices on their career. They were introduced to RAISEC Test, which is a personality test that focuses on career, vocational choices, and possible career choices. The NIOS students benefited much from this session.

31 August- 2 September -Vocation Camp - Auxilium Ahmednagar



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For the first time in Ahmednagar District 12 Congregations came together to animate the Vocation Camp. There are 120 boys and girls from Std. VII to Std. XII. The purpose of the camp was to help youngsters discern the call of God in their lives.

During the camp, the boys and girls were offered a holistic development programme. Various sessions were held on different topics like career guidance, apostolic vocation, personality development, making the right choices in life, etc. These sessions were conducted through workshops, group discussions, and presentations.

Through various games and competitions, the participants will be helped to discover their call.

1 September - The Chand Bibi exposure – Auxilium Ahmednagar

The Cultural Heritage Club visited 'The Chand Bibi Mahal'a 70 feet high tomb built by Salabat Khan in the year 1580. It is one of the historical monuments in Ahmednagar. 17 students together with Tr. Archana Lokhande and Sir Mayur Temak, spent half a day there, learning about the history of the monument and knowing many things in detail about that particular area.

As a gesture of respect, the

students got together to tidy and clean the surrounding area, doing their bit to preserve and conserve this historical site which remains mostly hidden and unknown to a majority of the citizens. The students shared their personal experiences with the entire school during the assembly the following day.



1 September – Annual Recollection for Salesian Cooperators –Pali Hill

The Annual Recollection is always held on the 1st Sunday in September, whereby all the Co-operators from Ahmednagar, Gujarat, Pune, ADMA and the Past Pupils participate. This year, unfortunately, due to the heavy rains only 2 from Ahmednagar, and one Past Pupil could attend the Recollection held on 1st September 2019 at Auxilium Convent, Pali Hill, Bandra. In all, approximately 60 Cooperators attended the recollection.

After the registration the session began with the welcoming Fr. Diego Nunes and Fr. Brian Moraes began the recollection on the topic 'Emotional Management'

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The recollection was followed by Mass at 12:15 pm Fr. Brian Moraes was the main celebrant Fr. Diego Nunes SDB Provincial Delegate and Fr. Shekar Mariadas in charge of Dominic Savio unit were the concelebrants.

Sr. Catherine Fernandes, in collaboration with Sr. Leema Joseph, animator of Auxilium Convent, Pali Hill and the community sisters, provided a melodious choir for the Mass and made all the arrangements which finally ended with a sumptuous lunch. Despite the rain, we proceeded to the Mount at 2:15 pm, walking and praying the Rosary on the way. At 3:30 pm, tea and biscuits were served outside the Church. Everyone dispersed with a happy and meaningful recollection.

7 September - POSH seminar – Auxilium Ahmednagar



A seminar on POSH (Prevention Of Sexual Harassment) was held for the teaching and non-teaching staff of Auxilium Convent High School and Junior College, Ahmednagar. The Sisters of the community, as well as the helpers, also attended this seminar. The resource persons sensitized the gathering on the various rules and regulations which are made to protect the employees in their workplaces. The POSCO Act which safeguards the rights and dignity of children was also discussed in detail. It was an interactive session wherein various queries were answered and doubts were resolved.

7 September – Eco Talk – Auxilium Baroda

Dr. Nitin Bhate, Dr. Sangeeta Patel and Dr. Sanat Shah, from Chemical Engineering Department of the Faculty of Technology, associates with the Indian Plastics Institute and other NGOs conducted a session on our English and Gujarati Medium students. Dr. Nitin Bhate started with the introduction about how plastics name into existence. He covered many topics like “Where all do we



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find plastics?" Then he continued saying practically everywhere from buttons, electric lines, packed food containers to gadgets, trains, and airplanes, stressing that we use plastics in almost every step of our lives and living without them is almost impossible. He even talked about the benefits FAQs, misconceptions and disposal surrounding the use of plastics. The students listened patiently and responded eagerly to questions asked by them.

7 September - Eco-Club Exhibition – Auxilium Ahmednagar

The 'Best out of waste' exhibition was displayed by the students. Being the 'Open Day' in the school, the parents and students visited each stall which displayed articles made out of waste paper, clothes and the like. The students had prepared charts and items to sensitize the visitors on how to avoid the use of plastic and replace those articles with paper and cloth items instead. They also made 'Ganpati' idols of eco- friendly soil to save Mother Earth and preserve our environment from further deterioration.



12 September - A Day with God - Velim

Rev. Fr. Ronaldo, the assistant Parish Priest of St. Xavier's Church Velim conducted half a day with the NIOS students of Auxilium Velim. He took a session on faith and trust in the Lord, the importance of education and the precious gift of our life. He showed them some motivational video clippings and a powerpoint presentation where the youngsters could draw many reflections for their own life. The youngsters were very alert and enthusiastic during the session and then followed by the Holy Eucharist.



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A special Goodnight was given by Sr. Shantha Philo. Sr. Shantha read the book *My Beloved Jungle – the life of Mother Troncatti*. May this saintly FMA inspire us to be builders among all those entrusted to us especially those who are in need.

13 September - Cleanliness Drive –Auxilium Pali Hill

The Guides of the school along with their Guide Captains participated in "Breha Mumbai Swachata Abhiyan" conducted by West Mumbai Bharat Scout and Guide Association. The main aim of the campaign was Juhu Beach Cleanliness after the immersion of Ganpati idols. The initiative was undertaken to spread Cleanliness awareness among society and to forbid single-use plastic.



15 September- Auxilium Ahmednagar-Marian night

The FMA and SDB of Ahmednagar communities organized an inter-parish Marian Nite for the boarders.

The Marian evening began with a meaningful and prayerful adoration. A joyful atmosphere reigned as the youth actively participated in quiz rounds and puzzles given to them. Indeed the youngsters came closer to Mary our Mother.

15 September-Annual Meet of Salesian Co-operators & ADMA Groups

Some Delegates and Office-bearers of Salesian Cooperators & ADMA Units gathered at Mazzarello Youth Centre – Wadala for their annual meeting. Sr. Caroline Menezes, the animator warmly welcomed the small group and gave each a picture of Mary Help of Christians. Sr. Catherine Fernandes presented a ppt, and they were happy to see themselves involved in various outreach programmes, an expression of their commitment towards the young and poor. Fr. Cletus D'Souza SDB, through his lively and inimitable style, on the theme: The role of lay people in the Salesian mission.

He then celebrated the Eucharist, driving deep in us the essence of the Gospel of the day on the Prodigal Son through an interactive homily. In the afternoon Sr. Caroline D'Souza gave a delightful video presentation of "Christus Vivit". We then discussed how we could boost vocations to these groups of the Salesian family.



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17 September- Auxilium Ahmednagar-Jesus Nite



"Jesus My Super Star" was the theme for Jesus Nite which held at Don Bosco parish Savedi. The youth got to know our God and faith through various games. The key point of this evening was they wanted to know more about the Bible.

19 September - Beach Cleaning Drive-Auxilium Caranzalem



In association with Goa Science Centre, 30 students along with Sr. Melissa D'Souza and Tr. Guilhermina Vas went for a beach cleaning drive. This was in response to Swachhata Pakhwada as a part of the Swachh Bharat Mission. The students were given a session on segregation of waste and the ill effects of plastic, especially the single use plastic. They were then provided with gloves, and divided into groups. Each group would collect different items – plastic, glass and twigs respectively.

The excited and enthusiastic troop marched off to the beach along with a team from Science Centre and their teachers and spent around an hour, cleaning the assigned area. The segregated waste was put in special dust bins. After a treat of snacks, the students returned back to school.

20 September- Auxilium Ahmednagar-Gratitude Day

The theme was: 'Sisters you spin a wonderful yarn of love. The teachers and students felicitated the Sisters with bouquets, saplings and gifts. The entire Auxilium Family showcased their thankfulness through a grand cultural programme. Dances, skits and songs were put up by the students and games were conducted for the sisters after the programme followed by a fellowship meal. To add beauty to the celebration, the students contributed some amount for the victims of the flood in Kolhapur. The day ended on a happy note.



21 September - Teachers' Training Workshop - Auxilium Baroda

The Teachers' Seminar was based on the topic- 'Teaching in the 21st century' was organized by 'Extra marks, India's largest Education company and Ms. Nakkashi Jain, the resource person for the day in a creative manner highlighted the process of teaching in 3 phases – Planning, Execution, and Reflection. Finally, she told us to give the students tough challenges and let them find innovative solutions and to have self-assessment.



22 September - Past Pupils' Meet-Auxilium Caranzalem

With great enthusiasm and joy, Auxilium High School Caranzalem is heading towards its Golden Jubilee. This wonderful event brought together around 120 past pupils for the meeting. The main focus of the meeting was to plan for the Jubilee Year - 2020. It was a wonderful reunion as past pupils right from the year 1982 to the last academic year were present, recalling and reliving old and nostalgic memories. After a short briefing about the present school scenario, they were divided into groups, where there was serious planning and sharing to make the jubilee year a wonderful one.

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25 September - Fire Safety Training Programme – Auxilium Baroda

The staff and students had a training programme on fire safety methods conducted by ABB fire and the Safety Team, Vadodara. They emphasized on how to rescue or protect oneself and others from various situations caused by fire. They provided information regarding the various types of fires caused due to short circuit and how to use the fire extinguishers. The students and the staff also learned to use the fire extinguishers and posed wise questions to the team and clarified their doubts.



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27 September – Thank you Tr. Marthina – Auxilium Wadala

With these sentiments, the Primary, as well as the Secondary students of Auxilium Wadala School, thanked and bid farewell to our dear Tr. Marthina Rodrigues the headteacher of the Primary Section. We are grateful to our dear Tr. Marthina Rodrigues for her 24 years of service to our Institution.



The students, teachers and the management expressed heartfelt gratitude to our dear Tr. Marthina for her dedicated, selfless and generous service towards this our school as a teacher and headteacher. The students performed various programmes to bid farewell to our dear Tr. Marthina. The animator, Sr. Meena D'Silva and the Principal Sr. Gloria Ferrao expressed their gratitude towards her through their inspiring thoughts. Tr. Marthina too thanked the entire crowd, the management, and the school for the 24 years that she spent in this our school. We pray that the good Lord Jesus be the strength and guide to our Tr. Marthina today and always.

28-29 September - Karate Champs – Auxilium Caranzalem

The students participated in the District level Karate Tournament. They returned victoriously securing 9 Gold Medals, 8 Silver Medals and 9 Bronze Medals. We are proud of our young champs.



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CONGRATULATIONS & GOD BLESS YOU !



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Auxilium Lonavla

The explanation of the icon of the Wedding Feast at Cana

THE MARIAN DIMENSION OF OUR IDENTITY AND OUR CHARISM



The beautiful mosaic created by Father Rupnik for the chapel of Auxilium Rome does not only represent the Gospel passage of the wedding at Cana. It also contains the meditation of Father Rupnik on this biblical episode.

Father Rupnik's meditation is grafted onto the centuries-old meditation of the Church on this passage.

The mosaic also lends itself well illuminating the Marian dimension of our identity and our charism.

We will let ourselves be guided, in the interpretation of the mosaic, by the structure of the image.

In fact, it is possible to recognize a kind of "frame" open at the top, bounded by the figures of Jesus and Mary on the right and on the left and by the six jars below; at the centre of the frame is the couple who were just married, seated at the table; to the right of Mary, slightly outside the frame, is a servant with a Jar in his hands.

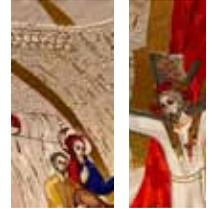
We will now consider these elements one by one.

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1. **FRAME:** All the action narrated by the episode takes place on the line drawn by the frame, not in the centre. At the centre are the spouses, or those who are at the centre of attention and care of God and Mary.

2. The **TWO COLUMNS:** Jesus and Mary, standing upright on both sides of the scene, suggest two columns. How can we not think of the dream of Don Bosco's two columns? Mary who intercedes for us



and Jesus who gives himself to us in the Eucharist are the two pillars that sustain the life of the Church. This arrangement of the characters in space refers to the architecture of the Gospel of John, from which the episode is taken. In fact, in the fourth gospel, Mary appears only in two scenes: Cana and the Cross. These two scenes, however, constitute the supporting pillars of the evangelical narrative: in Cana, in fact, Jesus realizes the inaugural sign of his mission; on the Cross Jesus fulfills his mission. In both episodes the Mother is called by Jesus "woman" and in both cases she exercises her maternal mediation in favor of the disciples. Let us now look at the details that characterize the figure of Mary and Jesus.



3. **Jesus:** He is represented as the Risen Crucifix, at the same time glorious and marked by the wounds that led to his death and to our new life. Behind him is the Cross, which, however, is represented as a tree: it is the tree of life, from which Adam could not eat because of sin; in the book of Revelation we find again the tree of life: it is found in the middle of the square of the New Jerusalem, it produces fruit every month and its leaves serve as medicine (Ap. 2:7; 22:2 and following). The Fathers of the Church recognized in this tree the Cross and in its fruits the Eucharist.

4. **Jesus is dressed as a priest:** From his open side come blood and water, symbols of Baptism and the Eucharist. Behind the cross we see it descend from above like a red, gold and blue river. This river represents the grace of God, a gift of the Father, who reaches the world by passing through the open side of Jesus and fills the jar at his feet.

5. **Mary indicates with one hand the servant, with the other Jesus:** With this gesture the author of the mosaic wants us to remember his words "Do what he tells you". Mary bears three stars: one on the head and two on the shoulders, which recall the mystery of her perpetual virginity (before, during and after childbirth).



6. **Mary's feet trample the only green space in the mosaic:** This small square of grass reminds us of the image of the closed garden found in the Song of Songs (chapter 4). Mary is the garden of God, the paradise on earth.



7. **The open scroll of Scripture:** Behind Mary, the open scroll indicates her relationship with ancient prophecies, which are finally fulfilled in her. The red river behind it flows into Scripture: it is the Word that took flesh in its womb. The jar full of water that the servant is overturning is exactly at the height of the Virgin's womb, as if the water made available by the miracle flowed directly from her womb. Mary made her own flesh available so that God could become a man. The water made available by the servants represents the small but necessary contribution that human beings are called to offer to God so that the miracle of salvation can be realized. This image of the water that flows from Mary recalls the image of the sealed source and that of the channel that brings the water of paradise to the earth (Sir 24).



I WILL GIVE YOU A TEACHER!

The images used by St. Bernard to speak of virginity and of the maternal mediation of Mary. Don Bosco also willingly used the image Mary. Finally, this image recalls to our mind the meeting of Mother Mazzarello and the first FMA missionaries with Pope Pius IX, when the Holy Father invited our sisters to be like the great source of the fountains, to give everyone the living water with virtue and wisdom.

8. The six Jars. The number of the completeness, according to Scripture, is seven. The creation, in fact, was accomplished by God on the seventh day, the Sabbath and contemplation of creation. The Jar instead is you and me. This means that the miracle of Cana is not yet the fulfillment of the mission of Jesus, but only the beginning. Jesus himself says this to Mary: "My hour is not yet come". The six jars, however, are arranged in two groups of three: the miracle of Cana, in fact, takes place on the third day; the resurrection of Jesus will be the third day. The third day, in the Scripture, it is normally the day when God intervenes in favor of his people. The first three Jars, therefore, represent the fulfillment of the sign of water that becomes wine and gives the start to the mission of Jesus. The three jars at the feet of Jesus, on the other hand, contain the wine i.e. it turns into blood. Thanks to the sacrifice of Jesus, that is the Eucharist and represents the fulfillment definitive of the saving mission. This mission is accomplished by Jesus with the power of God. However, it would not be possible without the contribution of Mary.



9. The centre of the mosaic: At the centre of the mosaic is the couple. They appear sad. They represent humanity that has not yet taken awareness of the salvation that was fulfilled in Jesus. They do not notice the miracle. They drink wine, but are unaware of what is happening. All the action that took place around them it took place for them. Every child that is born comes into the world in a cradle of love of their parents. The love of the mother, his care, his welcome, far surpasses the child's ability to recognize and reciprocate this love. So is the care of the maternal of Mary to each of us. This is maternal love of God the Father towards each of his creatures. In this married couple we can see in youth and young people around the world that, without them knowing, they expect us to help them to discover the joy of following Jesus.



10. To the side, the servant: Besides Mary is the servant, who trusting in Mary's word. Jesus offers and makes water sign possible turned into wine. It is no coincidence that the servant is the closest to Mary. In fact, she loves to define oneself as the servant of the Lord. Even Jesus spoke of himself as the Servant of Yahweh. Through this sign, therefore, Mary and Jesus indicate to us that the teacher of Christian life is service. We are called to be servants of brothers and sisters, who has the courage to bend down in service of brothers and sister, like Mary and Jesus, comes raised by the Father to the dignity of a child.



11. We and the disciples: Am I the disciples of Jesus? In fact, in this episode of the Gospel does not speak much of them. It is said only that they were present and, after seeing the sign, began to believe in Jesus. The disciples, in other words, are the audience of the scene. So you don't find them in the framework, but out of the picture among those who contemplate it. Like the disciples of Jesus, we are invited to contemplate this framework and to enter it gradually.

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ANSWERS of TRIPLE TWISTERS

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|--|--|--|--|
| 1. A) angel
B) angle
C) glean
2. A) serve
B) verse
C) sever | 3. A) skate
B) steak
C) stake
4. A) glare
B) large
C) regal | 5. A) steal
B) least
C) stale
6. A) trace
B) crate
C) cater | 7. A)stain
B)saint
C)satin
8. A) smile
B)miles
C) slime |
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ANSWERS FOR DOUBLING UP

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|--|--|--|--|---|
| 1. (a)coma
(b)comma
2. (a)bus
(b)buss | 3. (a)holy
(b)holly
4. (a)smother
(b)smoother | 5. (a)biter
(b) bitter
6. (a)raged
(b) ragged | 7. (a)pined
(b) pinned
8. (a)ruder
(b) rudder | 9. (a)robed
(b) robbed
10. (a)fury
(b) furry |
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9 lessons we learnt from iconic films about TEACHERS and STUDENTS

"Make your lives extraordinary" — John Keating *Dead Poet's Society*

➤ "Har bachche ki apni khoobi hoti ha, apni kaabiliyat hoti ha,
apni chahat hoti hai" — Ram Shankar Nikumbh

➤ "There are no victims in this classroom" — Louanna Johnson

➤ "I believe one should fight for what one believes. Provided one is absolutely
sure one is absolutely right" — Mark Thackeray

➤ "Violence doesn't pay" — Aman Verma

➤ "Iss mitti se tilak karo, ye dharti hai balidan ki" — Shekhar

➤ "It is our choices that show what we truly are,
far more than our abilities" — Albus Dumbledore

➤ "Look beyond the paint. Let us try to open our minds to a new idea. — Katherine Ann Watson

➤ "Izzat darr se nahi ... mohabbat se jeeti jaati hai" — Raj Aryan

Taare Zameen Par

Dangerous Minds

To Sir With Love

Sir

Jagriti

Chamber of Secrets

Mona Lisa Smile

Mohabbatein

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