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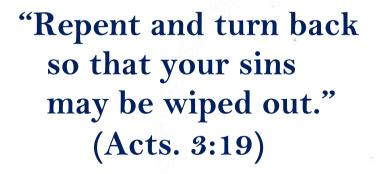
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TENTATIVE PROGRAMME OF THE SUPERIOR GENERAL

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PRIESTLY ORDINATION IN BHITBUNA PARISH



5th February 2023 was as auspicious occasion when Dn. Sanjay Dhanwar was ordained as a Priest. His Priestly Ordination took place at St. Herman Catholic Church, Bhitbuna in Khunti Diocese during the Solemn Eucharistic Celebration at 7.30 a.m. The Ordination was conferred by His Excellency Bishop Binay Kandulna, DD, Bishop of Khunti Diocese, which the newly ordained Priest- Fr. Sanjay Dhanwar belongs to. More than fifty Priests from different places and many Religious Sisters as well as the Parishioners and other guests were present on this joyous day. Fortunately, Rev. Sr. Lily Grace Topno, DSA and four more Sisters from Generalate Community also got an opportunity to attend this Priestly Ordination. After the Eucharistic Celebration, there was a colourful Felicitation Program followed bv festive meal. Thus, the day was full of God's choicest blessings and mutual sharing of profound joy. May the Good Lord continue to bless the newly ordained Priest- Fr. Sanjay Dhanwar abundantly.

ARRIVAL OF HIS EXCELLENCY IN ST. ANNE'S GENERALATE



The Congregation of the Daughters of St. Anne, Ranchi was blest to receive His Excellency Leopoldo Girelli, Apostolic Nuncio to India and Nepal on 14 February 2023 in St. Anne's Generalate Loadih. Ranchi. He arrived there around 9.30 a.m. along with Most Rev. Bishop Binay Kandunlna, D.D., Bishop of Khunti Diocese, Most Rev. Bishop Theodore Mascarenhas, S.F.X., Auxiliary Bishop of Ranchi Archdiocese and Rev. Fr. Bishu Aind, Vicar General of Khunti Diocese. As soon as he arrived near the entrance gate of Generalate, the DSA Sisters and Novices warmly welcomed by waving the Vatican flag as well as various banners with greetings written on them in different tribal languages such JOHAR, as JISU MARANG, JAI YESU and so on. Rev. Sr. Lily Grace Topno DSA, Superior General, Rev. Sr. Manjula Kindo DSA, Provincial Superior, Ranchi Province, Rev. Sr. Emelda Soreng DSA, Provincial Superior, Gumla Province and the four General Councillors – Rev. Sr. Mary Pushpa Tirkey DSA, Rev. Sr. Sosan Bara DSA, Rev. Sr. Jacinta Kerketta DSA and Rev. Sr. Monica Kujur DSA escorted the Apostolic Nuncio with great joy and reverence from the entrance gate to the shrine of St. Anne, in the courtyard of Generalate. According to the tribal culture, the hands of the guests were washed by the Sisters and then they paid homage to Mother Mary Bernadette, Servant of God and her three Companions by offering the flower petals to their sacred relics.

On this auspicious occasion Rev. Lily Grace Topno, DSA delivered a welcome speech with a brief history of the DSA Congregation to His Excellency Leopoldo Girelli, Apostolic Nuncio. She expressed her profound gratitude to him for his arrival in the Generalate with lots of God's blessings and love. At the same time, she thanked him on behalf of the entire Congregation for giving a wonderful opportunity to render our humble service in the Apostolic Nunciature, Delhi where right now Sr. Rashmi Kanta Kiro, DSA is working. After the welcome speech the Nuncio as well as both the Bishops present along with him were honoured by offering the flower bouquets and shawls. The Apostolic Nuncio was given the Memento of the Quasquicentennial Jubilee of the DSA Congregation too.

His Excellency Leopoldo Girelli too expressed his deep joy and gratitude to the DSA Congregation for the precious service rendered to the Universal Church in general and to the Apostolic Nunciature, Delhi in particular. With loving words of appreciations, he said that the DSA Sisters have been doing well right from the beginning and contributing to the mission of Christ with full dedication and enthusiasm. He gave all the Sisters his best wishes and assurance of prayers too. On this great day of happiness, fortunately around forty Nurse Sisters of the entire Congregation also were present those who gathered for their 8th had Nurses Conference at St. Anne's Generalate held from 13-15 February 2023.

> Sr. Mariam Anupa Kujur, DSA Generalate Loadih, Ranchi

PASTORAL VISIT OF NUNCIO LEOPOLDO GIRELLI



The Ambassador of Pope Francis, His Excellency Leopoldo Girelli visited Khunti Diocese on the occasion of Silver Jubilee of Khunti Diocese *Mahila Sangh*. On 12th February 2023 he presided over the solemn Holy Eucharistic Celebration for *Mahila Sangh*. Holy Mass started at 9.00 a.m. Along with the Nuncio there were Rt. Rev. Binay Kandulna, D.D., Bishop of Khunti Diocese, Rt. Rev. Anand Jojo, D.D., Bishop of Hazaribag Diocese, Rev. Fr. Manoj Bingayam, TOR Provincial, Rev. Fr. Raymond Kerketta, S.J. Sosius and many Priests from different places.

Rev. Sr. Lily Grace Topno, DSA, Superior General, Rev. Sr. Manjula Kindo, DSA, Provincial Superior of Ranchi Province, Sr. Toppo, DSA, Sr. Kumudini Marv Dungdung, DSA, Sr. Seema Ekka, DSA and many DSA Sisters and other Religious Sisters were also present there. In St. Michael School premises above thousand women had gathered on this occasion of Silver Jubilee of Mahila Sangh to receive blessing from the Nuncio. It was blissful moment for everyone. During his homily he appreciated women saying that they are the powerful instruments to build up the family. He explained about two colours which were put around, that were yellow and white. The yellow symbolizes heaven and white symbolizes earth. Thereafter, the members of Mahila Sangh new Karvakarini Samiti took oath.

After the Holy Mass, there was a short cultural programme. The Nuncio was honoured with shawl by Rev. Sr. Lily Grace Topno, DSA Superior General. It was blissful moment to receive the outpouring blessing of God through the Ambassador, His Excellency Leopoldo Girelli. Hence all returned from there with cheerful heart.

> Sr. Kumudini Dungdung, DSA St. Anne's Generalate, Loadih

PILGRIMAGE TO BANHAR

On 1st February 2023, we all the Postulants along with the in-charge Rev. Sr. Neelima Xalxo, DSA and Junior in-charge Rev. Sr. Mridula Toppo, DSA set for a pilgrimage to Banhar. There were lots of excitements within us. Varieties of thoughts were emerging in the mind. We had many intentions and petitions in our heart. In our journey we prayed rosary. By reciting we Panchdhar. reached We all were mesmerized by the environment over there. It was so calm and prayerful. At night we halted in Panchdhar.

1st Day: The day began with a procession. In that all the pilgrims carried empty pots and all were barefooted. As we reached pond, first of all the Priest blessed the water, then the Gospel passage from Jn.4:7-15 was read. Gospel was based on living water. Then we returned with water in pots. As coincidence there were other religions' people too along with us.

2nd Day: On the second day we had talk by Rev. Fr. Ritesh, I.M.S. At night there was Adoration.

3rd Day: On this day before Holy Mass the statue of Mother Mary was taken from house to house with the procession and we got turn to lead rosary prayer. Rev. Bishop

Paul Toppo, DD Bishop of Raigarh Diocese, Fr. Ritesh and many other Priests too participated in the procession. Holy Mass was presided over by Rt. Rev. Paul Toppo, DD Bishop of Raigarh Diocese. There is a huge statue of *Eesh Janani Jagat Mata* (Mother Mary). It was blissful to be there. During these three days we offered our Congregation and all the Sisters in prayers.

We returned from there with joy and profound experiences to grow more and more in our spiritual life.

> Postulants M.P. Province

TWO DAYS SEMINAR ON INDIAN PRESIDENCY OF G-20 SUMMIT YOUTH 20 INDIA 2023



Two days Local Institutional Seminar was organized on 23rd and 24th February 2023 at Xavier's College of Education, St. Ambikapur for the I Year and II Year B.Ed. students. Under the main theme "Indian Presidency 2023", of G-20-Summit following the direction Youth of department of Government of India, the theme for the youth was "21st Century skills and the Future of Work ". Mr. Binod Ekka Registrar, Sant Gahira Guru Vishwavidyalay Surguja University, Ambikapur was the chief guest who inaugurated and delivered the keynote address to the gathering on the first day. He stressed on hard and genuine work of the teachers as they are the backbone and builders of the nation. Guest of hounour, Fr. Polycarp Tirkey, S.J. the Spiritual director of Pratap House of Formation and Training, Apostolic School gave tips on the methods and ways to score good marks in examinations. On the first day five sub topics were presented.

On the Second day, Dr. Sr. Manju Toppo HC, Vice Principal of Holy Cross Women's College Ambikapur was the chief guest and main resource person who advised the students to be honest in small things that will lead to success. Sr. Asha Kerketta, Asst. Professor, Holy Cross Nursing College Ambikapur talked on the importance, advantages and benefits of Seminars participation, paper presentation in seminars and being part of the organizing team of the seminar. On the second day too five sub themes were presented.

The 10 sub topics or themes were: 'Teacher, Students, Educational Innovation and Teaching Skills for 21st Century', 'Indian Democracy and Governance: Shared Future for Youth Cohort', 'Save Mother Earth from Dangers of Climate Change', 'Indian Diversity and Need of Peace Building', 'Education, Teachers and Teaching Technology: new prospects for new Generation', 'Health well- Being and Sports: Agenda for youth', 'India Beyond COVID-19 Crisis: new Opportunities', 'Digital India: Dream of Young India', 'National Education Policy-2020 and its Teachers', Demand from 'Yoga Awareness: Secret Every of Healthy Youth'.

Student Teachers from first year 10 and second year 10 formed one seminar preparation group. Every individual teacher student worked hard to prepare the qualitative research paper according to the given format. All the Assistant Professors of the B.Ed. College were assigned responsibility to guide a group to prepare the research papers as well as to moderate a session. All the presenters presented their paper very systematically and creatively. Through this seminar presentation students developed their communication skills. Very enthusiastically and in an open and bold manner, the student teachers were able to share their knowledge and findings. Seminar presentation brought great change among the students by building the confidence level higher. All the students professors cooperated and for the successful program. The Internal Quality Assurance Cell of the college played a key role to organize it systematically. I had the opportunity to guide a group and moderate a session which gave a unique learning experience to me. Now I feel confident that if I am given a chance to organize and conduct a seminar, I can take up the responsibility. It was an educative, memorable and meaningful seminar.

> Sr. Lalita Tirkey, DSA St. Xavier's College of Education, Ambikapur



The 8th Nurses Conference of the DSA Nurse Sisters was held from 13-15 February 2023 in St. Anne's Generalate Loadih, Ranchi. The theme of this Conference was- "Healing of people and planet". The participants were from

all four Provinces namely- Madhya Pradesh, Gumla, Ranchi and Jalpaiguri. On 13th February the registration began at 3.00 p.m. followed by tea. Then all gathered in the Conference Hall for work division in the guidance of Rev. Sr. Jacinta Kerketta, DSA the Central Health Coordinator cum the third General Councillor. On 14th February the morning prayer and meditation were led by Gumla Province after which Rev. Fr. Justin Tirkey, S.J. presided over the Holy Mass. In his homily he reminded all the Nurse Sisters that Jesus is the greatest healer and we are his followers. Through our healing ministry we continue the mission of Christ and heal the wounded humanity. After the breakfast all the participants gathered in the premises of the Generalate in order to welcome His Excellency Leopoldo Girelli, the Apostolic Nuncio. Having finished the welcoming program, the session of the Nurses began at 10.45 a.m. with a prayer dance performed by the Nurses of St. Anne's School of Nursing, Raja Ulhatu. Thereafter, the lamp lighting took place by Rev. Sr. Lily Grace Topno DSA, Superior General, Rev. Sr. Florencia Minj DSA, Rev. Sr. Emelda Soreng DSA and Rev. Sr. Manjula Kindo DSA, the Provincial Superiors of three Provinces M.P., Gumla and Ranchi respectively. Then Sr. Jacinta Kerketta DSA gave a welcome address. A plant was offered to the dignitaries as the token of love. Each one of them gave the message which was based on serving the sick and suffering lovingly with the word of God. Afterward, the report of the 7th DSA Nurses Conference was presented by Sr. through power Basila Minj point presentation. The afternoon session

began with the central health report presented by Rev. Sr. Jacinta Kerketta, Central Health Coordinator. On this occasion, Mr. Rajesh Kumar also gave a talk on the theme- "Healing of people and planet". He said that as cleaning our houses is our habit so also protecting and cleaning the environment should be our habit. There was evaluation after supper. Next day Rev. Fr. Ajit Kumar Xess, S.J. presided over the Holy Mass who in his homily underlined the qualities of the nurses that help them to come closer to God by serving the sick in better way. Rev. Sr. Nirmala, Director of CHABIJ too gave some inputs on Artemisia and Telemedicine in one of the sessions. Likewise, D.K. Indwar imparted knowledge about supplementary food product. All the more, Dr. Stephan Marandi, Medical Superintendent of St. Anne's Hospital and Research Center Raja Ulhatu presented the report of the Hospital. Thus, in this Conference the Nurses were enlighten by various resource persons and they departed for their respective destinations on 16th February morning. Sr. Prema Xalxo DSA S.S.D.T.C. Old Rampur



13th February 2023 was the great day for all

the faithful of Bandgaon Parish because His Excellency Leopoldo Girelli, the Ambassador of Pope came to Bandgaon Parish. Really it was a very joyful and gracious day. Before coming of the Ambassador and the Bishop of Khunti, all the Parishioners and all the students and teachers stood in the line to welcome the Nuncio. All were very eager to see the Nuncio, as he reached along with Bishop Binay Kandulna, DD Bishop of Khunti Diocese. Mahila Sangh of Bandgaon Parish washed hand and welcomed the Nuncio and Bishop of Khunti Diocese and brought them inside the church. On the way children by showering the flowers showed their love and some students were standing both sides of the road.

After the welcoming programme, there was a blessing of stone erected in remembrance of the Nuncio's visitation to Bandgaon. There was a short introduction of Bandgaon Parish given by Rev. Fr. Mashi Italian. The Holv Eucharistic in Celebration was at 9.45 a.m. with the entrance dance by the students of St. Teresa Girls' Hostel and recessional dance was from St. Michael Boys Hostel Bandgaon. In his homily, the Nuncio told about the freedom and said that because of freedom today we all are brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ. At the end of the Holy Mass, Rev. Fr. John Topno expressed his gratitude towards the people for their great services and generosity. We the Sisters of Bandgaon Community were privileged ones that we could welcome the Nuncio and Bishop and all the guests in our Community. It was the great plan of God for Bandgaon Parish and Convent to send the Nuncio in our midst. They had coffee and the Nuncio visited all the Community Sisters. The students escorted him with bands till the stage for a short cultural programme. The Nuncio was very much impressed by the Mundari dance. After

programme, the lunch was prepared in the Convent and the Nuncio spent sometimes in the Convent itself. Rev. Sr. Jacinta Dhanwar, DSA, Superior of the Community and all the Sisters severed and showed their love and acceptance to the Nuncio and all the guests in Bandgaon Community.

> Sr. Punam Lakra, DSA St. Anne's Convent, Bandgaon





Jalpaiguri Parish had decided to have the Eucharistic Adoration every Friday in its different village Churches. First Friday in Cathedral Church, second Friday in Bhandiguri T.G. (Munshi Line), third Friday in Pashchhim Line, Danguajhar T.G. and fourth Friday in Kerla Valley T.G. (Bahidar Line). The turn to lead the Adoration is given to the Local Institution for whole through the year at 5.30 p.m. and in each village church at 6.00 p.m. followed by Holy Mass for the villagers. Sr. Linda Mary Vaughan, Sr. Elizabeth Minj and Sr. Madhuri Kerketta participated in it. Sr. Linda Mary Vaughan led the prayer and gave reflection on the Holy Eucharist and Sacred Heart of Jesus. Fr. Daya Kishore Barwa, the Parish Priest and Fr. Suman Barla, Assistant Parish Priest offered the Holy Mass on 10.2.2023 at Bhadiguri T.G. (Munshi Line). On the second Friday (17.2.2023) at Pashchhim Line, Sr. Linda Mary Vaughan, Sr. Kanta Kiran Minj, Sr. Monika Tirkey and Sr. Elizabeth Minj attended the Eucharistic Adoration. Fr. Kiran Hemrom and Fr. Suman Barla offered the Holy Mass. On the fourth Friday (24.2.2023), the Adoration was in Kerla Valley (Bahidar Line) in which Ursuline Sisters also joined with the people.

GOLDEN AND SILVER JUBILEE CELEBRATION IN MAL

On 3rd February 2023 Community of Mal Bazar celebrated the Golden Jubilee of Sr. Tara Ekka and the Silver Jubilee of Sr. Rashmi Sudha Minj. Bishop Clement Tirkey, D.D., Bishop of Jalpaiguri and Bishop Vincent Aind, D.D. were the Main Celebrant and Con-Celebrant respectivly including 30 Priests from various places. Both Jubilarians are from Jharkhand -Katkahi and Noadih Parish respectively, therefore the guests came from afar to participate in the Jubilee celebration. Local guests and well-wishers also were invited. Programme was well prepared by Sisters, Teaching Staff and students of Puspika Girls' High School and Primary School, Mal.

ANNUAL SPORTS DAY 2023

St. Anne's Junior High School, Jalpaiguri had organized the Annual Sports Day 2023 on 21st February 2023. Due to COVID-19, it was organized after three years. Sr. Sushma Soreng, DSA Superior of the Provincialate Community was the Chief Guest. The Annual Sports Day started by the flag hoisting. March Past by four groups, welcome dance and drill was performed by the students with colourful balloons. There were 20 different items of sports for all levels of students. All the children participated in it. The members of Managing Committee and many guardians also were present to encourage the children on this auspicious day. After the prize distribution, Fr. Suman Barla gave the message to all the children, teachers and guardians. After the programme, the lunch was provided to all the children and guardians.

SEMINAR ON SCC & CFC AT MANCOTTA

There was Seminar for Head Catechists and Touring Sisters at Christ Ashram, the Pastoral Training Centre, Mancotta, Dibrugarh from 15–19 February 2023. Fr. Robert Kachhuwa was the resource person with his team for SCC. First of all, they divided the participants into 6 groups and taught them seven steps of SCC. 37 Sisters and 24 Catechists participated in the Seminar. Within these two days Seminar they came to know about the Bible Reading, Sharing and Praying.

Another resource person was Mr. Kelvin Castelion with his team. This class was very interesting for which the theme was MFC (Missionary Families of Christ). The participants included the couples and kids as well. They shared their experiences how they are preaching the Word of God. They are working with Youth, old men and women, kids, handmaids and so on. Also they told 5 Pillars: Live full, Live life, Live pure, Live the Word and Live the faith. These points were very important for the MFC groups. On 18th February, Most Rev. Bishop Albert Hemrom, D.D. presided over the Holy Mass and encouraged all the participants.

This Seminar was very successful and fruitful for all the participants. Everybody had decided to start SCC programme in each Parish as well as in the village churches. On 19th February, all departed

cheerfully for their respective destinations after the Eucharistic celebration.

Sr. Suman Baxla, DSA St. Anne's Convent, Pengaree



The Social Center Shanti Bhawan took an initiative to bring together all the SHGs. The annual gathering of SHG was organized in Shanti Bhawan, Jashpur on 17th February 2023. The chief guest was honourable Mr. Vinay Bhagat, MLA Jashpur and other distinguished guests present were - Rev. Sr. Florencia Minj DSA. Provincial Superior of M.P. Province, Rev. Fr. Nirmal Minj S.J., Parish Priest of Shanti Bhawan, Rev. Fr. Silbanus Beck S.J. and two representatives from Catholic Sabha of Shanti Bhawan Parish.

There were 260 women who participated in the annual gathering. The SHG women welcomed the guests with a tribal dance. The gathering started by lighting the Indian Lamp by the honorable chief guest and other distinguished guests. Then God's blessing was invoked by a prayer dance which was presented by SHG women. This was followed by a traditional way of welcoming the guests and washing their hands.

Sr. Poonam Kujur DSA, in-charge of the Social Center, Jashpur, presented a brief report about the works carried out by the Center for the sustainable development of women in 8 Blocks of Jashpur District. This was followed by the address of the honourable chief guest, Mr. Vinay Bhagat MLA. In his address he appreciated the venture taken by the Social Center to empower and help women for their sustainability. He also encouraged the women to be more active and alive in their life and society. He said that women should follow the instructions and guidance given to them. He gratefully acknowledged that the Social Center always works for the betterment of the society.

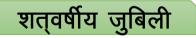
During the program, one of the SHG groups presented a skit on formation of SHG and its positive effects on women, family and society. A competition was organized to stitch the plates with natural *saal* (*sakhuwa*) leaves. It was decided not to use disposal plates and plastic glasses in the function. Hence, the stitched plates were used. All the *Gram Panchahayat* SHGs presented colorful cultural programs.

After the program, the prize distribution ceremony was conducted. The Social Center donated a carpet to each Gram Panchayat. The carpets were given to ten Gram Panchayat SHGs by Rev. Sr. Florencia Minj DSA, Provincial Superior, Sr. Poonam Kujur DSA, Rev. Sr. Neelam Vandana Tirkey, Superior of Shanati Bhawan Community, and Rev. Sr. Prema Xalxo DSA. After the prize distribution, time was allotted for sharing by SHGs. Two women came on the stage and shared about their income generation activity. The both groups had good earning by the cultivation mushrooms. The purpose of such sharing was to inspire and motivate the other SHGs.

Rev. Sr. Florencia Minj, DSA, Provincial Superior, in her message congratulated the organizing team and especially Sr. Poonam Kujur, DSA, In-charge of Social Center and the staff and Sisters of Shanti Bhawan Community. She pointed out the areas of concern, such as family and women as well as stopping the abortion. She encouraged women to accept children as God's gifts. Mr. Vinay Tirkey, one of the members of the *Catholic Sabha*, Shanti Bhawan Parish, in his message, motivated the participants to undertake livestock rearing to increase their income.

Then Sr. Poonam Kujur, DSA, proposed vote of thanks to the Chief Guest honourable Mr. Vinay Bhagat MLA, for his valuable presence in the program. She also thanked Rev. Sr. Florencia Mini, DSA, Provincial Superior for her encouraging message and loving presence. She appreciated the staff for their hard work and congratulated them. The words of gratitude were expressed to all the Sisters of Shanti Bhawan Community. Finally, Sr. Poonam Kujur thanked all the women for their active participation and colourful program. She wished them all the best to work and grow together. The annual gathering of SHGs was concluded with the lunch.

> Sr. Poonam Kujur DSA Shanti Bhawan, Jashpur



11 फरवरी 2023 तपकरा पल्ली एवं पल्लीवासियों के लिए गौरवपूर्ण दिन था। और इस गौरवमय दिन को चिरस्मरणीय बनाने के लिए पल्ली पुरोहित एवं सहायक पल्ली पुरोहित, संत अन्ना की धर्मबहनें एवं पल्लीवासियों ने अथक परिश्रम किया था। सभों ने मिलकर 11 फरवरी 2023 के दिन को बहुत ही यादगार बना दिया। यह दिन आनन्दमय तथा उत्साहपूर्ण था। इस उत्सव को मनाने का कारण था कि तपकरा के प्रथम विश्वासियों ने खीस्त की ज्योति को पहचाना और उस ज्योति का अनुसरण करते हुए उन्होंने 100 साल की यात्रा पूरी की। 100 साल के इतिहास के अनुसार फा. फेरोन, ये. सं. ने अपने साहसी घोड़े पर सवार होकर येसु खीस्त की ज्योति को लागों के बीच में फैलाया।

सन् 1923 से 2023 की इस लम्बी यात्रा में पल्ली ने बहुत कुछ पाया और बहुत कुछ खोया। जो पाया वह पल्लीवासियों के लिए धरोहर है जो खोया वह इतिहास है। यह धरोहर और इतिहास का होना तपकरा वासियों तथा संत अन्ना की धर्मबहनों के लिए स्वर्णिम समय है। धर्म की शुरूआती के 10 वर्षों बाद संत अन्ना की धर्मबहनों ने फा. फेरोन ये. सं. के बाद आये पुरोहितों का संदेश द्वार–द्वार तक पहुँचाया एवं ईश वचन की ज्योति को लोगों के हृदय में तथा उनके घरों में जलायी। पूर्व में आये येसु समाजी पुरोहितों ने तपकरा के विश्वासियों के लिए विश्वास रूपी धरोहर को सौंप दिया। इस धरोहर को सुरक्षित रखने के लिए कई विश्वासियों ने अपने प्राणों की आहुति दी।

इस स्मरणीय दिन को यादगार बनाने के लिए उस दिन की शुरूआत पावन खीस्तयाग समारोह से हुई। खीस्तयाग समारोह में शामिल महाधर्माध्यक्ष, धर्माध्यक्षों तथा परोहितों को तपकरा पल्ली की 100 माताओं ने अपने सिर पर मटका ढोकर जुबिली गीत से स्वागत कर बलि वेदी तक पहँचाया। इस दिन के मुख्य अनुष्ठाता महाधर्माध्यक्ष विक्टोर हेनरी ठाकुर थे। सह–अनुष्ठाता अति मान्यवर महाधर्माध्यक्ष जोन बरवा, कटक भवनेश्वर महाधर्मप्रांत, अति मान्यवर धर्माध्यक्ष एम्मानुएल केरकेटटा, जशपुर धर्मप्रांत तथा अति मान्यवर धर्माध्यक्ष पौल टोप्पो, रायगढ धर्मप्रांत, तीन अन्य धर्माध्यक्षगण तथा श्रद्धेय फा. लिनस पिंगल एक्का, प्रांतीय प्रशासक गुमला धर्मप्रांत उपस्थित थे। बडे दिन में ईश्वर को धन्यवाद देने, उसकी कृपा पाने के तथा उसकी साक्ष्य देने के लिए बडी संख्या में पुरोहित, धर्मबहनें एवं विश्वासी माता–पिता और अतिथिगण उपस्थित थे। तपकरा पल्ली से कई पुरोहित एवं धर्मबहनें बने हैं। फ. फेरोन ये.सं. द्वारा बोया गया ईश्वरीय विश्वास आज दूर–दूर तक फैला हुआ है और ईश्वरीय कृपा की धारा दुनिया के चारों दिशाओं में बह रही है।

तपकरा पल्ली से कई पुरोहित एवं धर्मबहनें बनी हैं जिनमें सबसे ज्यादा संत अन्ना की धर्मबहनों की संख्या है। जुबिली में उपस्थित 15,000 से अधिक उमड़ती भीड़ इस बात की साक्षी है कि जिस बीज को फा. फेरोन ये. सं. ने बोया वह व्यर्थ नहीं गया। इस दिन को रंगारंग बनाने के लिए कई राज्यों से नाच का आयोजन किया गया था। यह ऐतिहासिक

जो अपनी मनोरम हरियाली एवं सौंदर्य से भरा हुआ है। यह लोगों को स्वतः ही अपनी ओर आकर्षित करती है। हमारी यात्रा की शुरुआत छोटी प्रार्थना से हुई। हम लोग प्रातः 9:00 बजे प्रकृति की सुंदर छटा का आनंद लेते हुए पतरातू पहुंचे।

वह जगह अति मनोहर थी। बच्चों के खेलने के लिए तैयार किए गए चिल्डून पार्क में हम लोगों ने खुलकर आनंद लुटाया। सभी पर्यटकों ने स्वतंत्रतापूर्वक चेहरों में मुस्कान लिए इधर–उधर सैर किया तथा झुला एवं विभिन्न तरह के खेलों का लुफ्त उठाया। सबकी खुशी देखते ही बन रही थी। डैम में हमें वोटिंग करने का भी सौभाग्य मिला। वहाँ से हमने पूनः सुंदर एवं मनोरम प्राकृतिक तथा घुमावदार सड़क को निहारते हुए ओरमाझी की ओर प्रस्थान किया। वहाँ के सुंदर दुश्य को हम कभी भूल नहीं सकते हैं। ओरमाझी में उपस्थित भगवान बिरसा जैविक उद्यान का भ्रमण करते हुए, विभिन्न तरह के वन्य जीव–जंतुओं एवं पश्—पक्षियों को देखते हमारे छोटे–छोटे पाँव थक गए थे परंतु मन की उत्सुकता एवं जिज्ञासा खत्म नहीं हुई। हमने उन वन्य प्राणियों को भी देखा जिनके बारे हम पढ़ते हैं परंतु कभी हमने देखा नहीं था। अतः हम लोग उन दृश्यों का स्मरण करते तथा एक—दूसरे को अपना अनुभव बताते हुए करीब 4:30 बजे शाम को ओरमाझी से लचडागढ के लिए निकल पडे | ऐसा रहा हमारे एक दिवसीय पर्यटन का सुनहरा सफर ।

> सि. शशि किरण तिर्की डी.एस.ए. संत अन्ना कान्वेंट लचड़ागढ़



स्व. सि. क्लारेंस टोप्पो, डी.एस.ए. का जन्म पश्चिमी सिंहभूम के जमशेदपुर धर्मप्रांत के पारिश चारबंदिया के गाँव छत्ताडाँड में 03 मार्च 1945 ई. में एक आदर्श परिवार में हुआ था। उनके माता–पिता स्व. मारकुस टोप्पो और फुलमनी मिंज थीं। ईश्वर ने परिवार को 07 संतानों से सुशोभित किया था। वे चार भाई तथा तीन बहनें थीं जिनमें स्व. सि. क्लारेंस टोप्पो, डी.एस.ए. का स्थान पहला था। उनका

दिन तपकरा पल्लीवासियों एवं आये सभी विश्वासियों के लिए सदा अविस्मरणीय रहेगी।

> सि. अंजना पाले, डी.एस.ए. संत अन्ना कॉन्वेंट, जबला, तपकरा

कूसवीरों की तीर्थ यात्रा

तपकरा पल्ली की शत्वर्षीय जुबिली के अवसर पर दिनाँक 18.02.2023 को गिनाबहार डीनरी के सभी क्रूसवीर, संचालक—संचालिकाएँ लगभाग 1,100 की संख्या में उपस्थित थे। निर्मला प्राथमिक एवं पूर्व माध्यमिक शाला नवाटोली कुनकुरी से 160 क्रूसवीर बच्चे बस से रोजरी माला करते हुए तपकरा पारिश पहुँचे। सभों के पहुँचने के पश्चात् एक साथ रोजरी माला सि. रोसलिन तिग्गा, डी.एस.ए. की अगुवाई में कुनकुरी युनिट द्वारा संचालित किया गया। इसके बाद तमामुण्डा डीनरी के क्रूसवीर संचालक श्रद्धेय फा. एरेनियुस और पारिश के पल्ली पुरोहित श्रद्धेय फा. इलियस के द्वारा स्वागत किया गया। सभी बच्चों को गिरजा घर में प्रवेश करा कर स्लाइड शो के माध्यम से तपकरा पल्ली का इतिहास दिखाया गया।

इसके बाद पवित्र मिस्सा फा. एरेनियुस तिर्की के द्वारा सम्पन्न हुआ। गाना संचालन का कार्यभार कुनकुरी युनिट को दिया गया था। पवित्र मिस्सा का कार्यभार सभी स्थानों के क्रूसवीरों को दिया गया था। मिस्सा के बाद गिनाबहार डीनरी के क्रूसवीर संचालक श्रद्धेय फा. मंगल प्रसाद बेक द्वारा धन्यवाद ज्ञापन हुआ। भोजन करने के बाद जो फोटो लगा हुआ था सभों ने उसका आनन्द उठाया। सभी क्रूसवीर बच्चों ने भक्ति पूर्वक इस कार्यक्रम में भाग लिया।

> सि. दिव्या कुजूर, डी.एस.ए. निर्मला नवाटोली, कुनकुरी

पर्यटन का सुनहरा सफर

दिनाँक 19.02.2023 को संत अन्ना बालिका छाव्रावास लचड़ागढ़ की 63 नन्ही—मुन्ही छात्राएँ, चार धर्मबहनें एवं एक दीदी के साथ 5.00 बजे सुबह ठंढी—ठंढी शीतल हवा का मजा लेते हुए पतरातू एवं भगवान बिरसा जैविक उद्यान ओरमाझी के लिए रवाना हुईं। झारखंड के मध्य बसी खूबसूरत पतरातु घाटी झारखंड के रामगढ़ जिले में स्थित है। इसके चारों ओर पहाड़ ही पहाड़ भरा हुआ है। पहाड़ों को काटकर एक बहुत ही खूबसूरत घुमावदार घाटी बनाई गई है बपतिस्मा नाम मगरीता टोप्पो था। उनकी प्रारंभिक एवं मध्य विद्यालय की शिक्षा संत जोसेफ विद्यालय चारबंदिया तथा उच्च विद्यालय की पढ़ाई संत जेवियर्स हाई स्कूल चाईबासा से हुई।

धर्मसंघ में प्रवेशः

स्व. सि. क्लारेंस टोप्पो ईश्वरीय पुकार सुनकर 04 जून 1968 ई. को प्रार्थी के रूप में प्रवेश कीं। उन्होंने 06 दिसम्बर 1970 ई. को प्रथम मन्नत तथा 24 मई 1977 ई. को आजीवन मन्नत ग्रहण कर सदा के लिए अपना जीवन प्रभु की सेवा के लिए अर्पित कर दिया। वे संत उर्सुला नर्सिंग ट्रेनिंग सेंटर लोहरदगा से नर्स ट्रेनिंग कीं।

प्रेरिताई क्षेत्रः

संत अन्ना कॉन्वेंट चाईबासा –सन् 1970–1980 ई. | संत अन्ना कॉन्वेंट जोकारी –सन् 1080–1987 ई. | संत अन्ना कॉन्वेंट तमड़ा –सन् 1987–1989 ई. | संत अन्ना कॉन्वेंट समसेरा –सन् 1992–1996 ई. | संत अन्ना कॉन्वेंट समरेला –सन् 1996–1999 ई. | संत अन्ना कॉन्वेंट तमड़ा –सन् 1999–2002 ई. | संत अन्ना कॉन्वेंट तमड़ा –सन् 2002–2007 ई. | संत अन्ना कॉन्वेंट कुरडेग –सन् 2007–2012 ई. | संत अन्ना कॉन्वेंट कुटुगिंया –सन् 2007–2012 ई. | संत अन्ना कॉन्वेंट टैंसेर –जुलाई 2012–05 फरवरी 2023 ई. तक |

स्व. सि. क्लारेंस टोप्पो, डी.एस.ए. एक सुयोग्य रोगी सेविका थीं जिन्होंने मातृतुल्य स्नेह से पूर्ण होकर एक सुपीरियर के रूप में विभिन्न स्थानों पर अपनी निःस्वार्थ सेवाएँ दी है। वे विगत कई वर्षों से उच्च रक्तचाप तथा शुगर की बीमारी से ग्रसित थीं। अतः उनकी गंभीर स्थिति को देखते हुए बेहतर इलाज के लिए 25.09.2022 को संत अन्ना अस्पताल उल्हातू लिया गया। उनकी स्थिति में सुधार आने पर 25.10.

2022 को वापस संत अन्ना कॉन्वेंट टैंसेर लाया गया। अचानक उनकी स्थिति गंभीर होने पर उन्हें 05.01. 2023 को डॉ. पी. एस. लिण्डा के पास सिमडेगा लिया गया। उनकी स्थिति में काफी सुधार हुआ। दिनाँक 04.02.2023 को उन्हें पुनः डॉ. पी. एस. लिण्डा के पास लिया गया। उस दिन वापस आने के बाद समुदाय की सभी बहनों ने देखा कि उनका चेहरा खिला–खिला दिखाई दे रहा था। उन्हें देख कर सभी बहनें खुश हुईं कि उनकी स्थिति में काफी सुधार आया था। दूसरे दिन शाम को स्व. सि. क्लारेंस टोप्पो ने स्वयं समुदाय की संध्या वंदना प्रार्थना की अगुवाई की तथा एक साथ रात्रि भोजन किया। उसी रात लगभाग 12:30 बजे उनकी स्थिति और गंभीर होने लगी। समुदाय की सभी बहनों ने उनके लिए प्रार्थनाएँ की। श्रध्देय फा. पौलूस लकड़ा ने उन्हें रोगियों का संस्कार दिया और लगभग 01.00 प्रातः वे शांतिपूर्वक प्रभू में सो गईं।

स्व. सि. क्लारेंस टोप्पो, डी.एस.ए. 78 वर्षों की आयु में 53 वर्षों तक धर्मसंघ में रहकर प्रभु की तथा कलीसिया की सेवा की हैं। वे स्वभाव से धार्मिक, प्रार्थनामयी, सेवाभाव, हंसमुख एवं अपने समर्पण के प्रति वफादार थीं।

> सि. जीवन्ती ठिठियो, डी.एस.ए. प्रांतीय सचिव, गुमला प्रोविंस