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TENTATIVE PROGRAMME OF THE SUPERIOR GENERAL

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“YOUR WORD IS A LAMP TO MY FEET AND A LIGHT TO MY PATH” (Ps. 119:105).

INAUGURATION OF THE BIBLE **YEAR-2023**

The Daughters of St. Anne, Ranchi began the New Year – 2023 with the solemn Holy Eucharistic Celebration and Inauguration of the Bible Year - 2023. It was a special Year organized by Rev. Sr. Lily Grace Topno, DSA, Superior General for the DSA Sisters. Many Sisters came with new zeal and enthusiasm to participate in this one day Programme. A special prayer service was organized in each Community with veneration of the Holy Bible. It was compulsory for all DSA Sisters. Each Community did it very meaningfully and devotionally. They prepared themselves spiritually to live the Word of God for whole through the year.

On the occasion of the Inauguration of the Bible Year -2023, Sisters started the day by lighting the lamp. Light was lit by Rev. Sr. Lily Grace Topno, DSA, Superior General, Rev. Sr. Manjula Kindo, DSA, Provincial Superior Ranchi Province, Rev. Sr. Gabriela Turkey, DSA, representative of M.P. Province, Rev. Sr. Valentina Kujur, DSA Gumla Province and Rev. Sr. Monika Turkey, DSA, Jalpaiguri Province.

After lighting the lamp, the Holy Bible was taken front solemnly and was established in a certain place. Rev. Fr. Ignatius Tete, S.J. told in his talk about five things-

Holy Spirit is the original gift of God whom we have to allow to work in our life.

What is written in the Book of Psalm and prophesized by the Prophets should be completed.

Secret Life of Jesus.

Evangelization. You are the witness of the life of Jesus.

He told about the life history of St. Ignatius and Mother Mary Bernadette Kispotta, Servant of God. Today it is needed that all DSA Sisters have to walk in the footprints of Mother Mary Bernadette Kispotta. The day was filled with good inspiration to renew our life and regain strength from God to be ablaze in the world.

JUBILEE CELEBRATION

“Let your light shine before others” (Mt. 5:16).

Jubilee Celebration took place on 15th January 2023, in Mother House, Ranchi in front of the Shrine of Mother Mary Bernadette Kispotta and her three Companions. It gave us good feeling of the presence of our Founder and her three Companions. It was the day to rejoice and to celebrate the blessings and graces of God and to thank Him for beautiful life of our five Sisters- Rev. Sr. Maria Bela, DSA, (60 Years) Rev. Sr. Punit Ignatia, DSA, (50 Years) Rev. Sr. Sosan Bara, DSA, (50 Years) Rev. Sr. Lorencia Toppo, DSA (25 Years) and Rev. Sr. Tara Kujur, DSA (25 Years).

The Holy Mass started at 9.00 a.m. with entrance dance by hostel girls. Introduction was read by Sr. Celine Bara, DSA. The main celebrant was His Grace Most Rev. Felix Toppo, S.J. Archbishop of Ranchi Archdiocese and con-celebrant was His Excellency Rt. Rev Bishop Theodore Mascarenhas, SFX, Auxiliary Bishop of Ranchi Archdiocese.

After the Holy Mass a short cultural programme was presented by DSA Juniors, hostellers and family members

of Jubilarians. During cultural programme the life history was read by the Junior Sisters. Rev. Sr. Lily Grace Topno, DSA, Superior General, Rev. Sr. Manjula Kindo, DSA, Provincial Superior, Ranchi province, Priests, Religious and Sisters were present in the jubilee celebration. The words of appreciation were expressed by Rev. Sr. Lily Grace Topno, DSA, Superior General. Programme was well arranged and enjoyed by all. At 1.00 p.m. there was festive lunch which everyone enjoyed.

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

PRIESTLY ORDINATION IN BHIKHAMPUR PARISH



“You did not choose me but I chose you” (Jn. 15:16).

18 January 2023 was indeed a wonderful day when Rev. Fr. Ohma Kujur was ordained as a Priest at Sacred Heart Church Bhikhampur, Gumla Diocese, during Eucharistic Celebration at 8.00 a.m. The newly ordained Priest is the younger brother of Sr. Sujata Kujur, DSA who is at present in St. Anne's Convent Tropea, Italy. The Priestly Ordination of Fr. Ohma Kujur was conferred by Most Rev. Ivan Albert Pereira, Bishop of Jammu-Srinagar in the presence of Most Rev. Fr. Linus Pingal Ekka, Administrator of Gumla Diocese. On this auspicious occasion

around fifty Priests and many DSA Sisters and other Religious also were present from different places. Rev. Sr. Lily Grace Topno, DSA too got an opportunity to participate in this Priestly Ordination. Fr. Ohma Kujur belongs to the Diocese of Jammu-Srinagar. Hence, along with the Bishop of this Diocese, many other Priests also had come for his Ordination. After the Solemn Eucharistic Celebration, there was a colourful felicitation program and all participants expressed their profound joy and gratitude to God for the newly ordained Priest with lots of congratulations and best wishes.

Sr. Mariam Anupa Kujur, DSA
St. Anne's Generalate Loadih, Ranchi

TRAINING FOR THE CATECHIST SISTERS

“Youth and Evangelization Today” training program for the Catechist Sisters was held from January 4-6, 2023 in St. Anne's Generalate, Loadih. Rev. Fr. Ashok Kujur, SDB was the resource person for the three days' seminar. The total number of the participants was 43 from all four Provinces. The main concern of the three days' workshop was to learn the method of teaching the catechism to all categories of the Christian faithful, especially Youth and School Children. The ten groups were formed according to the Province for the teaching practice and exposure program. On the last day of the seminar, the Sisters were sent in four different places for teaching practice such as; St. Anne's Girls' High School, Ranchi, St. Joseph's School, Samlong, St. Francis School,

Samlong and St. Anne's Novitiate, Samlong.

At the outset of the seminar Fr. Ashok threw light on three questions that indicate the actual situation of the people today in catechizing- Why "Catechism" is on decline in general? What are reasons for decline? What can be the possible solutions for the improvement of Catechism? These are the basic questions discussed in the group and some important issues were listed out through the discussion. At the first platform Father sketched out the historical background of the Faith Formation in the Church of Chotanagpur. He emphasized saying that I must become first a Catechism teacher. Our commitment must be to become a Catechist as the Daughters of St. Anne, Ranchi. He gave the procedure for lesson plan to teach the Catechism. As Sisters were divided into groups, various topics were given. He also gave the method for Effective Presentation and Group Dynamics. It helped Sisters to prepare the Catechism Class in a new way. Sisters, before the exposure program in the School, had a class presentation under the guidance of Fr. Ashok Kujur. This created more confidence in Sisters to come forward to teach the Catechism effectively.

On the second day of the seminar, Most Rev. Sr. Lily Grace Topno, Superior General, addressed the participants saying- "The prime Apostolate of the Congregation of the Daughters of St.

Anne, Ranchi, is Evangelization. The work of Evangelization is the mandate or command of our Lord Jesus Christ who ordered His Apostles to go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Therefore, we have to obey our Lord as we are bound to the Vow of Obedience. We have to go back to the root following the foundational inspiration of our beloved Mother Mary Bernadette and her three Companions. Foundational grace is our Charism. We have to commit ourselves for this grace. We all are a good instrument of the Lord Jesus. We all are called to know, love and follow Him through the work of Evangelization.

Finally, Sisters went four by four and three by three to different places for the Catechism classes. The Catechism classes included chart papers with some points written on it along with action songs, act plays, etc. It was indeed a rich experience. This teaching method was quite new for many. Therefore with great interest and enthusiasm Sisters tried to impart the faith to the Students following the dynamics of the teaching. They had evaluation after returning from the Catechism classes. There was a great joy in the face of all Catechist Sisters after the class. At the end of the Seminar, Fr. Ashok said that we have to enter into the life of the people and share our faith with them. He also said that we, as the DSA, are called to bring God to the people and people to God. Mary Bernadette reached out to the people and

gave God to the people. We are also called to do like her. Through this very act we can become the true witness or true follower of Christ. Thus, seminar on Youth and Evangelization Today helped to become an effective Catechist Teachers today.

Sr. Ranjita Minj, DSA
Central Coordinator
Evangelization Commission

TWO-DAYS' WORKSHOP



Attending the two days' workshop was a golden opportunity for all the Sisters of our Congregation who are involved in Social Work and Project Commissions. After Covid -19, it was first time that we came together to be enlightened and reenergized through the workshop. It was organized from 21-23 January 2023 in St. Anne's Generalate, Loadih, Ranchi (PHC). 29 Sisters from all four Provinces participated in this workshop. The topics that were dealt with in the workshop were: Migration, Business and Marketing, Conflict Resolution and SWOT Analysis. At the beginning of the workshop, Sr. Poonam Kujur, DSA, the Central Social Work Commission Coordinator, welcomed all the participants to the two days' workshop. In her welcome addressed, she

appreciated the hard work of the social worker Sisters of the Congregation and wished them 'all the best' for the workshop.

The workshop had the privilege of having the loving presence of Rev. Sr. Lily Grace Topno, DSA, Superior General of the Congregation. In her opening address, she spoke words of encouragements to all the participants. Further, she stressed the need to go back to our origin. She also drew the attention of the participants to our Founder's life and mission to be followed. She presented Lord Jesus as our model in our life and apostolate. Jesus was a teacher, a healer and a social worker who reached out to the needy. As a true God and true man, Jesus too faced many challenges. Superior General further advised to be inspired by the life and work of Jesus in order to serve the poor and the needy for their betterment.

Rev. Fr. Sebastian Lakra, S.J. was the resource person for the workshop. His input sessions on the issue of migration were very enlightening ones. He introduced to the participants about MAIN (Migrant Assistance and Information Network)– a collaborative venture by the Jesuits in India. The MAIN helpline number is 18008912995. This helpline will be beneficial for those who are distressed migrants.

Sr. Poonam Kujur, DSA spoke about the Social Work Commission. She

explained to the participants in detail about the Vision, Mission, Goal Objectives and Activities of the Commission which will guide all the social workers of the Congregation to work smoothly with productivity.

The second half of the session was engaged by Rev. Fr. Ranjit Kindo, S.J., another resource person. His session was based on business and marketing. With regard to migration, he proposed different alternatives to mitigate migration. He encouraged the Sisters, especially the tailoring in-charges, to have brand production. He emphasized in his session that we ourselves are resources and our people too are resources. Therefore, we need to provide work for our people in our tailoring centers. He motivated the tailoring Sisters to undertake stitching the school dresses. Rev. Sr. Frida Toppo, DSA continued the session and dealt with the topic of Conflict Resolution. She underlined the need to manage ourselves in conflicting situations. The participants enjoyed lighter sessions in the evening by participating in different games: rock and roll, musical chair, and blasting balloons. The evening session was concluded with the prize distribution for the winners.

On 23rd January, the Holy Mass was presided over by Rev. Fr. Ranjit Kindo, S.J. The following session was continued by Rev. Fr. John Henry, SDB, on SWOT analysis. The Sisters were

divided into four groups: Tailoring In-charges, Social Workers, Project Commission and Lawyers Group. The session was enriching and it helped us to know about our strength, weaknesses, opportunities and threats. The group exercise helped us to know better about our own department. Based on the session and its learning, we undertook the work of planning for the future. Each tailoring center undertook the responsibility of stitching school dresses of one school.

The workshop was concluded with the evaluation of the workshop. Then Sr. Poonam Kujur, DSA, Central Social Work Commission Coordinator proposed vote of thanks. She expressed her gratitude to Rev. Lily Grace Topno, DSA, Superior General, for her valuable presence and inspiring message. In a special way she thanked the Generalate Community for their service and good accommodation. She also expressed her gratitude to all Provinces' Social Work Commission, Coordinators and Rev. Sr. Frida Toppo, DSA, Secretary, Central Social Work Commission and Rev. Sr. Ruth Xalxo, DSA, Central Project Commission Coordinator for their hard work, initiative and collaboration. With a special mention, she thanked the social work Sisters for making themselves available for the workshop which was so fruitful.

Finally, she also expressed her sentiments of gratitude to Rev. Sr. Florencia Minj DSA, Provincial

Superior of M.P. Province, Rev. Sr. Emelda Soreng DSA, Provincial Superior of Gumla Province, Rev. Sr. Manjula Kindo, DSA, Provincial Superior of Ranchi Province, Rev. Sr. Roseline M. Ekka DSA, Provincial Superior of Jalpaiguri Province, for their encouragement and the support they give to the Social Work Commission for its effective functioning.

Sr. Poonam Kujur, DSA
Central Coordinator
Social Work Commission

LAST VISIT TO POPE EMERITUS BENEDICT XVI

The blessing of a great person is very precious in our life. It is precious more than any other things in the world. We are the luckiest ones to see the mortal body of Holy Father Emeritus Benedict XVI, just two days before his burial who breathed his last on 31 December 2022. On 3 January 2023, as we reached St. Peter's Squire Rome, we could feel his blessings. His graces and blessings surrounded us, in the form of the clouds. The environment was also very calm and cool.

There was very good arrangement for the visitors. The Holy Eucharistic Celebration was organized every hour just behind the main altar of St. Peter's Basilica. We could attend the Holy Mass in the name of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI. We had very graceful feelings within us and also very deep experience of God's love. Personally I felt very glad to participate in this great event of the Catholic Church as well as in the historic event of the world. His last words were- "Jesus, I love you". I am

really touched very deeply by his last words and I am forced to think- what will be my last words at the end of my life?

Sr. Jayanti Kujur, DSA
St. Anne's Convent Atri, Italy

ONE-DAY TRIP TO ACRÍ

On 2nd January, on the occasion of 150th birthday of St. Teresa of the Child Jesus, we had great opportunity to go out from the Seminary to visit some important places of Acrí. It is a town of 19,949 inhabitants in the northern part of Calabria region, Province Cosenza in southern Italy. The oldest well known heraldic coat of arms of the city of Acrí is present on the door of the church and convent of St. Domenic. Acrí is a beautiful place and is a fundamental popular artistic locality of Calabria which is spread across three hills in a panoramic position. There are many artistic attractions in Acrí.

We began with its two splendid churches. Although both suffered various earthquakes over the centuries, they have preserved their historical and architectonic value. Acrí still preserves its castle ruins. As we reached there, we had the Holy mass in the Basilica of St. Maria Maggiore then visited the house of Fr. Gianpiero, our spiritual Father. There we were surprised to see Francesco Maria, a nine years' boy whose dream is to become a priest and now onwards he has arranged the vestments instead of collecting the toys to play. He is also well known for collecting the statues of Saints in order to know about their life History. Then we visited all main churches of Acrí and that boy explained wherever we went. I could see in my life for first time such intelligent a boy describing everything

without hesitation about the historical places, churches, saints, holy pictures etc. I got many inspirations listening the descriptions of Francesco Maria. May God bless him. Thus, we enjoyed thoroughly and then came back to Seminary thanking and praising the Lord.

Sr. Mukta Prabha Bilung, DSA
Catanzaro, Italy

LAMP LIGHTING CEREMONY



“A lamp does not speak; it introduces itself through its light. Achievers never expose themselves but their achievements expose them”. The Lamp Lighting Ceremony is an auspicious occasion in every Nurse’s life, held in honour of Florence Nightingale- ‘the Lady with the lamp’. Such ceremony formally recognizes the students’ entry into the nursing profession. A lamp symbolizes the light that a nurse becomes to her patients. A nurse is a symbol of hope and comfort to the sick and suffering. During this ceremony the students lit the lamps as a sign of their commitment and took the nursing pledge.

The Lamp Lighting Ceremony was held on 21 January 2023 at St. Anne’s School of Nursing, Ulhatu. The Eucharistic Celebration was at 10.30 a.m. which was presided over by Rev. Fr. Suresh Kujur, SDB- Apostolic Director, Hulhundu. The chief guest was Rev. Sr.

Lily Grace Topno, DSA, Superior General of the Congregation of the Daughters of St. Anne, Ranchi. In her message, she emphasized on the theme of the day- “You are the light of the world” (Mt. 5:14). She also underlined the biography of Florence Nightingale, the Founder of Modern Nursing and inspired the young girls to render their selfless service to the suffering people. The entire Nursing School is grateful to the Superior General for her wonderful and effective message.

All were overwhelmed to welcome 49 new comers who have already completed their PTS (Preliminary Training Students) Course of three months successfully. Now they are eligible to join the nursing profession as the first year Nursing Students. On this joyous day, Rev. Sr. Jacinta Kerketta, DSA, Principal-cum-Administrator of St. Anne’s Hospital and Research Center Ulhatu also took an opportunity to present the school report. On behalf of her, she too welcomed the new comers with heartiest congratulations and best wishes.

Sr. Rajkishori Lakra, DSA
St. Anne’s School of Nursing, Ulhatu

NEW YEAR MESSAGE OF BISHOP THEODORE MASCARENHAS, SFX



“Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love endures forever” (Ps. 107:1).

On 16 January 2023 His Grace Bishop Theodore Mascarenhas, SFX, the Auxiliary Bishop of Ranchi Archdiocese had come to St. Anne's Novitiate, Samlong for the Holy Eucharistic Celebration at 6.30 a.m. The entire Novitiate family as well as the Generalate family warmly welcomed him by washing hands and the flower bouquet presented by Rev. Sr. Lily Grace Topno, DSA, Superior General. At the beginning of the Holy Mass, Sr. Ranjita Aind, the Assistant Novice Mistress gave a short Introduction with the words of welcome. During his homily, Bishop Theodore Mascarenhas, SFX emphasized on the religious vocation saying- "Each one of us is called by God in unique way. God loves everyone and invites us to walk in His footprints in order to be holy. We have to follow Jesus carrying our cross and making sacrifice like the light". After the Eucharistic Celebration once more the Novices and the Staff, along with the Sisters of Generalate Community cordially welcomed Bishop Theodore Mascarenhas, SFX with a melodious welcome song and garland. Having taken the breakfast, all the Novices gathered in their classroom where again the Bishop gave them some inputs and message of New Year. In his message he underlined the Consecrated Life, three Evangelical Counsels of Chastity, Poverty and Obedience. Thus, the Novices were enlightened by his beautiful message and they were encouraged to go ahead in their religious vocation constantly.

St. Anne's Novitiate
Samlong, Ranchi

New Postulants of M.P. Province

"For many are invited, but few are chosen" (Mt. 22:14).

On 5th January 2023, in the guidance of Rev. Fr. John Crius Minj, secretary to the Bishop of Jashpur Diocese, 12 candidates had their one-day recollection before entering the Postulancy. The theme of the recollection was - "the call". This theme inspired and helped them to know more and understand the real vocation of God. On 6th January they had their personal meditation which helped them to know Jesus more deeply. Thus, they prepared themselves to step ahead and say "Yes" to the Lord.

Finally, on 7th January all the candidates entered into Postulancy. Before starting the Holy Mass there was a short introduction. After that in the guidance of Rev. Sr. Provincial and Mistresses Sr. Mridula Toppo and Sr. Neelima Xalxo they proceeded to the altar with entrance Hymn. Rev. Sr. Florencia Minj, DSA, Provincial Superior welcomed them Whole heartedly and they received the chain from Rev. Sr. Mary Kusum Tirkey, DSA, Novice Mistress as the sign of entering the Postulancy. The Main celebrant was Rev. Fr. John Crius Minj. After the Holy Mass there was a short felicitation program including wishing song and cutting the cake. All participants congratulated the new Postulants and gave good wishes to them.

Sr. Mridula Toppo, DSA
M. P. Province

JUBILEE CELEBRATION IN GUMLA PROVINCE



21st January 2023 was the day of great joy for Gumla Province when three Sisters celebrated Jubilee of their Religious Commitment in the Congregation of the Daughters of St. Anne, Ranchi. Sr. Apolina Toppo, DSA and Sr. Elizabeth Kerketta, DSA celebrated their Golden Jubilee (50 Years) and Sr. Phulkaria Dungdung, DSA celebrated her Silver Jubilee (25 Years). There was a solemn Thanksgiving Mass at St. Anne's Provincialate, Gumla. Rev. Fr. Linus Pingal Ekka, Administrator of Gumla Diocese was the main celebrant of the Eucharistic Celebration and Deacon Prabhat Kujur was the con-celebrant. About thirteen Priests from various places were present on this auspicious occasion. In his homily, Rev. Fr. Linus Pingal Ekka highlighted the significant role of the Jubilerian Sisters and thanked for their selfless services to the DSA Congregation as well as to the Church at large. He appreciated them for their courage to face boldly the various challenges of Religious Life. They are good example for all. The choir was led devotionally by the Sisters of Provincialate in the leadership of Sr. Karuna Nag, DSA.

Soon after the Holy Mass, there was a felicitation program performed by the

Community Members of Provincialate, other invitees and the family members of the Jubilerians. At the end of the program, Sr. Elizabeth Kerketta expressed her heartfelt gratitude to all on behalf of the Jubilerians. Thereafter, all the participants enjoyed a festive meal and departed to their respective destinations cheerfully. Thus, the day was a memorable one.

Sr. Josphine Surin, DSA
St. Anne's Provincialate Gumla

Golden and Silver Jubilee Celebration

On January 28, 2023 there was the Jubilee Mass of two DSA Sisters namely- Sr. Sheela Kumari, DSA and Sr. Anna Nirmala Tirkey, DSA in St. Anne's SITARA, Sisai Road Gumla at 10.00 a.m. The solemn Eucharistic Celebration began with the entrance dance by St. Anne's girls' Hostel Daud Nagar.

Rev. Fr. Erenticus Minj S.J. was the main celebrant and Fr. Neelam Ekka and Fr. Amrit Tirkey were the con-celebrants. Along with them 7 more Priests from various places were present. As the representative of Rev. Sr. Emelda Soreng, DSA, Provincial Superior, Rev. Sr. Karuna Nag, DSA 1st Councillor, Rev. Sr. Prabha Baxla, DSA 2nd Councillor and many DSA Sisters from different Communities as well as the family members of the Jubilerian Sisters brought double joy on this blessed occasion with their loving presence. The choir was led by Sr. Sushmita Kujur, DSA, Fr. Kuldeep Xalxo and Fr. Navin Kullu with their group.

Fr. Erenticus Minj S.J., in his homily said that this long Religious life journey

is the mixture of experiences amidst companionship of God who never leaves them in various circumstances of pain and pleasure, success and failure, joy and sorrow. The Word of God “I wrote your name on my palm; I will never forget” (Is. 49:15b-16a) and “Better Service with the Love of Jesus” the Charism statement of the Congregation of the Daughters of St. Anne, Ranchi reminded us of God’s wonderful works. After the holy Eucharistic Celebration, there was a short cultural programme in which all the guests were warmly welcomed and the Jubilerian Sisters were wished by the participants with beautiful flower bouquets and gifts. Having enjoyed, fellowship meal together, the guests left for their respective places cheerfully.

Sr. Frida Toppo, DSA
SITARA Gumla

ENTRANCE INTO POSTULANCY

Now the Lord came and stood there, calling us before, “Samuel! Samuel!” And Samuel said “Speak, for your servant is listening” (1 Samuel 3:10). As the seasons and days passed, we finished our candidacy and entered into the 2nd stage of the formation. On 06 January 2023, we entered into Postulancy during evening Mass. Our joy was doubled by the presence of Sr. Manjula Kindo, DSA., Provincial Superior, Ranchi Province and her Councillors, Sr. Mary Toppo, DSA, Sr. Prabha Kullu, DSA and Sr. Sujata Kujur, DSA. The Eucharistic celebration was presided over by Rev. Fr. Bipin Tirkey, S.J. The homily of that precious day consisted of reflection of our life. If we keep our life joyful, we get the same reflection. The way we treat our life makes us the persons, who we really are. We have got only one

chance to live on this earth, so we should live a life meaningfully. We are fortunate to receive the seed of vocation.

We are preparing ourselves to be ablaze with the love of Jesus to enlighten the thoughts and minds of the people in and around our circumstances. After the Holy Mass, we had a fellowship meal. We pray for all the new Postulants for their faithful religious, spiritual life and a bright future ahead.

Karmila Surin
Postulant, Ranchi Province

REPUBLIC DAY



Every season brings different joys and celebrations. Month of January is very special month for all the citizens of India. Thus 26th January 2023 brought double joy for all. On this day we celebrated two important feasts - Republic Day and Basant Panchami. In St. Kuldeep School, Harmu the Republic Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm. The chief guest was Mr. Arun Ku. Jha. (Parshad of Harmu). Band group welcomed the chief guest with slow march past. After flag hoisting Guide and Bulbul Students presented their talents by making pyramid. On this occasion the patriotic Dance and *Jhanki* were presented by the students.

Sr. Reshma Regina Tirkey, DSA
St. Anne’s Convent, Harmu

PILGRIMAGE TO SARGAON

People are born on this earth for a special purpose which is planned by God and fulfilled by us in our life. When a person lives, he is identified by his works and life. His belongings become much more significant treasures for others as an inspiration. So our Founder Mother Mary Bernadette Kispotta, Servant of God's life is also one of the souls which was sent by God to fulfill His mission and as we know she gave and surrendered her whole life in serving others. Hence her life and deeds are inspiration to us.

Sargaon is the sacred place where she lived her childhood. On 8th January we, the Sisters of Mother House Community started our pilgrimage by praying in front of the shrine and began our journey at 8:30 a.m. The whole way to Sargaon was filled with prayerful atmosphere praying rosary and Marian Songs. We got down a little away from reaching Sargaon and walked barefooted reciting Rosary along with the whole Community. As we reached the Chapel of Sargaon, we paid homage to Mother Mary Bernadette Kispotta, Servant of God. We had Holy Mass which was offered by Fr. Nilam Tiru. He beautifully broke the Word of God and gave the homily on the Readings of the Feast of Epiphany. He mentioned and highlighted the significance of Star, the Three Kings and the gifts offered by them. Thus with the beautiful choir and devotional atmosphere the Eucharistic Celebration was filled by God's graces and blessings. Soon after the Holy Eucharist, we enjoyed the festive meal. After the meal we all together went to visit the birth place of Mother Mary Bernadette and her Companions where we all felt the essence of our Dear

Mothers. Some of the Sisters rushed to take and drink the water from the well situated in her house. We also took memorable photos for our remembrance. Roaming around the village we saw people busy with their works and some of them too interacted with us. After returning from the village to our Convent of Sargaon, we had a little enjoyment and all of us together with the beat of the *Dholki* we started to lift up our feet in dancing and experiencing the real culture of ours.

It was a beautiful moment being there. Rev. Sr. Lourencia Toppo, DSA the Superior thanked the Sisters of Sargaon Community and wished them for their mission. Thus we bid Good-Bye from them and came back to our sweet home, Mother House. As a whole, this Pilgrimage was indeed to see, experience and enhance the sweet memories and life of our Founder who is our inspiration. God showered His blessings being with us during our journey and made us to experience His deep love through many things especially through the life of Mother Mary Bernadette Kispotta, Servant of God.

Sr. Rose Kongari, DSA
St. Anne's Mother House, Ranchi

Veneration of the Holy Bible

In order to inaugurate the Year of the Bible, as Rev. Sr. Lily Grace Topno, DSA, Superior General had requested the entire DSA Congregation to venerate the Word of God in each Community on 1 January 2023, the Superior, Rev. Sr. Linda Mary Vaughan informed about the programme at St. Anne's Provincialate, Jalpaiguri. Programme started with Christmas hymn in front of the Crib of playground

at 11.30 a.m. First of all, Rev. Sr. Roseline Malika Ekka, DSA, Provincial Superior read the Scriptural passage from the Gospel of St. John- “In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being...” (Jn. 1: 1-5). And then proceeded the procession singing the devotional hymn of the Holy Bible- “*Wachan tera he Prabhu, Jiwan ki Jyoti hai...*” The procession ended in the Provincialate Chapel, holding the candle by Community Sisters and the Holy Bible by Provincial Superior. She placed the Holy Bible in the respective place and garlanded the Holy Bible followed by *Arti*. Thereafter, all took the blessing from the Holy Bible by stretching out both hands towards it.

Similar to the Program of Jalpaiguri, the veneration of the Holy Bible took place in other Communities too on 1 January 2023. In the leadership of Sr. Kanta Kiran Tigga, St. Anne’s Convent, Chhotparua venerated the Word of God. The House Superior, Sr. Kanta Kiran did the *Arti* and all the Sisters showered the flower petals in the place of garland and honoured the Holy Bible. In Mal Bazar Community, Sr. Mary Clara Tirkey garlanded the Holy Bible, Sr. Chandrika did the *Arti* and all the Community members participated in it. At the end all took the blessing from the Holy Bible.

Sr. Elizabeth Minj, DSA
St. Anne’s Provincialate, Jalpaiguri

ENTRANCE OF POSTULANTS, **JALPAIGURI PROVINCE**

After Christmas Holidays six candidates came back on 4th January 2023. On 5th January they prepared themselves spiritually reflecting on the theme of “Vocation” in Recollection including Confession and Holy Eucharist in the guidance of Sr. Roseline Malika Ekka, DSA, Provincial Superior. “*You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit*” (Jn. 15:16). She told that Religious Vocation is a special grace that God gives to certain persons, calling them to give oneself to a life of sacrifice in the footsteps of Jesus Christ. 6 January 2023 was the memorable day for them. Before entrance hymn, Sr. Kanta Kiran Minj gave a short introduction. They had an entrance ceremony at St. Anne’s Provincialate chapel during Holy Eucharistic Celebration.

They proceeded in procession holding the burning candle along with Rev. Sr. Roseline M. Ekka, DSA, Provincial Superior. Fr. Santosh Melgandi, Chancellor of Jalpaiguri Catholic Diocese presided over the Holy Eucharist and encouraged them in his homily.

The new Postulants expressed their gratefulness to Sr. Kanta Kiran Minj, Candidate In-charge and all the Sisters of Provincialate Community for their prayerful support. Provincial Superior congratulated and welcomed them into DSA Congregation and handed to Sr. Monika Tirkey as their Postulant In-charge for further Religious Formation.

**FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF INSTALLATION OF
PROVINCIAL AND PROVINCE TEAM**

7 January 2023 was the memorable day for Provincial Superior and Province Team of Jalpaiguri Province. Thanksgiving Day started with Morning Prayer and Adoration, led by Sr. Elizabeth Minj and Sr. Amrita Ekka. Well prepared Introduction was given by Sr. Monika Tirkey. There was thanksgiving Holy Mass in the evening at 6.30 p.m. presided over by Rev. Fr. Daya Kishore Barwa, V.G. and Parish Priest of Christ Redeemer Cathedral, Jalpaiguri. Rev. Fr. Joseph Kujur was con-celebrant. All the Province Team Members were present on this auspicious occasion.

Jalpaiguri Province

New Postulants -2023

“For many are invited, but few are chosen” (Mt. 22:14).

Madhya Pradesh Province

S.N.	NAME	VILLAGE	PARISH	DIOCESE
1	Alina Tirkey	Kharkona	Ajdha	Jashpur
2	Anjela Beck	Sarmana (Koilar dhodhi)	Shantipara	Ambikapur
3	Archana Kindo	Taragi (Bhandardad)	Shantipara	Ambikapur
4	Aruna Kujur	Kohpani	Kersai	Jashpur
5	Kauna Minj	Mahuatoli	Portenga	Jashpur
6	Nekelata Beck	Ratasili	Ratasili	Ambikapur
7	Nikita Kujur	Dokra (Pokhratoli)	Darupisa	Jashpur
8	Nikita Xaxa	Kurkurbhuka	Beoradar	Jashpur
9	Preeti Lakra	Ratasili	Ratasili	Ambikapur
10	Priyanka Toppo	Suplga	Patari	Ambikapur
11	ShobhaLakra	Sakrdiha	Ghaghra	Jashpur
12	Sunita Toppo	Dhelsara	Sur	Ambikapur

Gumla and Ranchi Province

S.N	Names	Village	Parish	Diocese	Province
1.	Alka Topno	Jhagardanr	Karondabera	Gumla	Gumla
2.	Asma Nawrangi	Pharsabera	Tamra	Simdega	Gumla
3.	Amuliya Ekka	Lawabar	Parsa	Gumla	Ranchi
4.	Anandini Lakra	Jhagarpur	Kesramal	Rourkela	Ranchi
5.	Anushanka Minj	Kaliga	Mamarla	Gumla	Ranchi
6.	Amisha Hemrom	Barkuli	Torpa	Khunti	Ranchi
7.	Elizabeth Minj	Korkotoli	Kruskela	Simdega	Ranchi
8.	Karmela Surin	Madeena Baugh	Ukkunagram	Visskhapatnam	Ranchi
9.	Magdali Jamuda	Budigoda	Dharmsai	Jamshedpur	Ranchi
10.	Prabala Lakra	Kudarkho	Dighya	Ranchi	Ranchi
11.	Singren Aind	Itcha	Torpa	Khunti	Ranchi
12.	Smita Ekka	Lawabar	Parsa	Gumla	Ranchi
13.	Susana Hembrom	Tilaibani	Tilaibani	Bhagalpur	Ranchi

Jalpaiguri Province

S.No.	Name	Village/T.E.	Parish	Diocese
1.	Alpana Tirkey	Aibheel T.E.	Jyoti Ashram	Jalpaiguri
2.	Anjana Hemrom	Chinchula	Kalchini	Jalpaiguri
3.	Madhuri Dungdung	11 No. Line Pengaree T.E.	Pengaree	Dibrugarh
4.	Mary Stella Bhengra	Lili Koto	Rumtukel	Khunti
5.	Pramila Soren	Ura Polas Dighi	Galsi	Asansol
6.	Pushpa Hassa Purty	Sarwada	Sarwada	Khunti