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Principal's Message

"Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked shall I return there; the Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord."

This is the prayer of a person named Job in the holy Bible. He makes this beautiful prayer after the sudden death of his children and after losing all his property. It is the prayer that comes to my mind when I think of the sudden demise of Mrs. Devamita Sen. She was truly a gift from the Almighty for the Josephite family for the last seventeen years. She was a dedicated, sincere, hardworking and loving teacher. The Josephite family remembers her with gratitude for all that she had done for the School. We also remember with sorrowful hearts Khushi Katare of Class V who left us for her heavenly abode. May their souls rest in peace.

St. Joseph's Co-ed celebrated its Annual Day on 24th and 26th of November, where about three thousand Josephites got an opportunity to showcase their latent talents and abilities. On the one hand, the mega event was a glimpse of what the Josephites are capable of and on the

other it was an occasion where once again the dedication, commitment and hard work of the staff members of this great school were exhibited. I take this opportunity to appreciate and congratulate all the staff members who put their heart and soul to make this day a memorable one. I also extend my whole hearted gratitude to the parents and well-wishers for their constant support and collaboration. May the Almighty help all of us to continue to give our best to the students of St. Joseph's Co-ed School.

It is the Season of Christmas. In Christmas we celebrate the incarnation of the Almighty God in the form of a little babe in a manger in Bethlehem. The All-powerful God in the form of a little babe! In a world where everyone tries to prove that he/she is more powerful than the other, where no one likes to be inferior to other,

the Almighty comes to us in the form of a little child, who is not a symbol of power but a symbol of purity, innocence, peace and love.

Reminding us once again, it is not the hunger for power or superiority but the childlike innocence, purity and love that will give peace and happiness to everyone in our family, in the society and in the world at large.



Fr. Varghese Shiju P. S.
Principal



A tearful adieu...

Late Mrs. Devemita Sen

Date of Birth : 17-10-1959

Date of Death : 05-12-2014

*Your memory is a treasure that nobody can steal
But separation is a wound that nobody can heal*



“Simple in Speech
Clear in Explanation
Punctual & Pleasant
Dutiful & Disciplined
Caring & Compassionate
Just & Full of Zest”

Such was our dear Devamita Madam whose sudden demise has left us shattered. Co-ed family extends its heartfelt condolences and prayers for the departed soul of Mrs. Devamita Sen who had served the institution with sincerity and dedication for about 17 years.

“Life is a cycle. It begins with one's birth and ends with death.”

On 4th October 2014, we lost our dear student Kumari Khushi Katare of Class 5A, her beloved parents and uncle in a fatal road accident. The Josephite family pays condolence to Khushi Katare for her tragic and untimely death. We pray for the bereaved family and relatives.



(27-02-2004 to 04-10-2014)

May Their Souls Rest in Peace

An experience to share

In order to celebrate a meaningful Children's Day, we, the students of class XII visited the orphanage-Missionaries of Charity, Nirmala Shishu Bhavan at Nehru Nagar and the old age home Sneha Bhavan at Jehangirabad, Bhopal. Counting each and every blessing of ours, we shared some empathetic moments with them who are deprived of the basic things that we enjoy. We had taken with us to share with them, items such as groceries and other necessary things. We were really moved by the touching words of Rev. Sister Mary. They were a great source of inspiration, courage and positivity to us. The visit has left an ever lasting impact not only in our hearts but also in our souls.

By Tanu Khare & Survi Sen

Inspire 2014



Inspire Winter Science Camp 2014 was organized by ITM University, at Gwalior. Eminent scientists from all over the country gave expert views in the field of Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics and Life Science. This seminar was conducted for budding scientists; Our Josephites- Vanshika Warathe, Aakansha Dixit, Mrinoy Banerjee, Kunal Ladhani & Shashwat Shivam participated in it and got first position in poster making competition titled “Technology in Synchronization with Nature”.

A step towards learning

Pollution is a burning issue in the present scenario & its effects can be seen in the form of global warming.



For this, an educational trip was organized by the school for the students of Classes VII to IX. The students were taken to the M.P. Pollution Control Board where they had an interaction with Dr. P.S. Bundela who told them about the major air and water pollutants that are continuously released into the air and also the methods used to control them. They were made aware of the plastic waste that is regularly discharged and is widely used as a co-fuel in the cement industries.

The students also got the golden opportunity to visit Chirayu Medical College where they had an interactive session with the chairman of the college Mr. Goenka. There they enhanced their knowledge about the segregation of different types of wastes into 10 categories and their proper disposal. They also saw the working of Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) and Effluent Treatment Plant (ETP).

These visits were a highly enriching experience as the students got the information regarding the problems faced by the environment and solutions to confront them.

Culturally Diverse



St. Joseph's Co-ed School, Primary and Kindergarten Section celebrated its Annual Day on November 24, 2014. The theme was "Exuberanza – Zest in Motion". The function was graced by the Chief Guest His Grace Rev. Dr. Leo Cornelio, Archbishop of Bhopal, Emeritus Archbishop Dr. Pascal Topno and other dignitaries.

The programme began with the lighting of the lamp followed by a prayer service and a welcome song. There was a series of cultural programmes which took the audience to a flight of delight. Dreams and imagination came alive in the form of mesmerizing dance drama, "Daughter – A blessing or a burden?" The Hindi Skit – "Immandari ka Paudha", "Manglu" and the English Skit – "A Glass of Milk" moved the audience. It was indeed a realistic portrayal of the contemporary social scenario. There were several other vibrant and

enthusiastic cultural performances by our little dancers and singers.

K.G. students performed classical, western, punjabi and carnival dance. The nursery students tapped their feet on the rhythm of "chak dhoom dhoom"!!

The primary students walked the ramp and represented flamboyant

colours of fashion in their gorgeous attires, creating social awareness for the public by their captivating messages. It was a delight to watch them perform with such confidence. The exuberant participation by the students was appreciated by one and all. The programme came to an end with the Vote of Thanks proposed by Ms. Sanjana Francis (Cultural Co-ordinator, Primary Section).



Glittering Glimpses



St. Joseph's Co-ed School (Secondary & Senior Section) organized its 11th grand Annual Day at the school premises on 26th November 2014. The theme was, "The Exodus Towards Peace" which stated that the world wants to lead a peaceful life and therefore motivates efforts for harmony and advancement from all directions to achieve peace in our lives.

His Grace, Dr. Leo Cornelio (Archbishop of Bhopal) was the chief guest to preside the cultural evening along with other dignitaries. The guests were overwhelmed by the traditional and warm welcome offered by St. Joseph's Co-ed Family. The event was a saga of different dances, enactments depicting different colours of peace and terrorism in different parts of the world in different eras.

The performance truly showcased the "Generation of Smiles across miles." which expressed feelings around the world in search of comfort, peace and tranquility.

Peace comes from being able to contribute the best that we have, and all that we are, towards creating a world that supports everyone. But it is also securing the space for others to contribute the best that they have and all that they are. The programme concluded with grand finale and School Anthem.



It's My Day



Children's Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm and fervour. Our multi-talented teachers proved themselves to be good entertainers too through their breathtaking performances, in various arts. Students were thrilled to see their favourite teachers enacting on the stage. Principal Fr. Varghese Shiju P.S, Manager Fr. Ronald Cardoza and Sisters presented a beautiful card to the primary & secondary Head Boy & Head Girl. Fr. Principal addressed the students and appreciated their smile and innocence. The programme concluded with the National Anthem followed by distribution of sweets to children.

Hindi Diwas

Hindi Diwas was celebrated on September 14, 2014. Students conducted the morning assembly in Hindi for a week. Different banners emphasizing the significance of Hindi language were put up by the students. Rev. Fr. Varghese Shiju P.S. and Sr. Hitha also shared their views depicting the importance of Hindi language.

GANIT Week Celebrated

Mathematics has played a very important role in building up modern civilization. Shri Srinivasa Ramanujan, the great mathematician, made extraordinary contributions for the subject. GANIT Week (16th – 22nd December 2014) was celebrated to create more interest and reduce the fear of learning the subject.

Different activities were held to mark the week followed by a formal culmination function where the inauguration of the SJCS Maths Club was done.

Teachers' Day

Teachers' Day was celebrated with great zeal. The students welcomed their teachers with warmth by presenting flowers. Josephites hosted a cultural programme which filled the mind and sight of their beloved teachers. The programme concluded with Fr. Principal's message and a vote of thanks by Mrs. Shalini Samuel. Thereafter, the students gathered in the Eugene Memorial Hall to listen to the special message of P.M. Narendra Modi and his live interactive session with the students of different schools.

Feast Day of



Sr. Thecla and Sr. Mercelet

Feast day of Sr. Thecla and Sr. Mercelet was celebrated in a simple and solemn way at St. Joseph's Co-ed School on 24th September 2014. The programme started with a prayer service followed by Principal's reflection on a reading from the Bible. The members of the management and staff wished the Sisters. Principal Fr. Varghese Shiju P.S, Manager, Fr. Ronald Cardoza and Staff representatives presented cards, bouquets and gifts to the sisters.

Feast of Sr. Soona



The tender flowers of the K.G. section celebrated the feast of their Headmistress Sr. Soona, who shares her name with Saint Theresa of Child Jesus, popularly known as the 'Little Flower'. The tiny tots gave away their 'fragrance of love' by presenting bouquets to their beloved sister.

Rishika of K.G. I.E recited a poem and Ariana of K.G.II. C filled the hearts and eyes of the audience with her mesmerizing performance. A special 'get-together' was organized for the teachers and everyone prayed for the Almighty's abundant blessings and good health for dear Sister. On this special day, Sister Soona cut the cake and a beautiful card was presented to her by the teachers.

Inter-School Quiz Competition

Aastha Kapoor (8B) and Anesh Shrivastava (8C) participated in 4th Montfort Cup Inter-School Quiz Competition (Mind Crunch 2K14) conducted at St. Montfort School. They stood runners-up in the competition.



Upcoming Researchers

Our mind is a mental workshop
We can build anything in it



Our young Josephites are in the exact track of building their skyscrapers and have brought laurels for themselves and for the school as well. The students from Classes VII to IX participated in the 22nd National Children's Science Congress. It was a proud moment as all the four projects submitted at the district level were approved and selected for the state level. The project "Carbon Footprint", a household carbon emission calculator has been declared the best project in M.P. This group was led by Pragati Maheshwari and is selected for the National level. Lakshya Tripathi from the same group has been invited to interact with the Prime Minister of India in Mumbai from 3rd to 7th January 2015.

Following are the names of participants and their models:

Group I	Maanasa Shankar Arpit Shet Aarohi Jain	} Polyfuels
Group II	Vigneshwar Ravindran Viplav Khubchandani Priyansh Agrawal	} Effects of change in climate on water Ecosystem
Group III	Videh Raj Nema Pransh Khubchandani Aaditya Jain	} Co ₂ Emission and Environmental ethics
Group IV	Pragati Maheshwari Lakshya Tripathi Sanika Babel	} Carbon Footprint & house hold Carbon Calculator

The participants received certificates of merit and Gold Medals. These participants were aptly guided by Ms. Preeti Jain and Ms. Janki Darlani.



Laurels Achieved

The state government of M.P. organized a programme on 29th August i.e. National Sports Day in the School of Excellence. Following national medalists in Skating & Rope Skipping have been awarded with the Scholarships.

SWACHH BHARAT SWACHH VIDYALAYA

On 2nd October 2014 Josephites gathered cordially in the school premises to pay homage to Gandhiji, 'The Father of Nation'.

Principal, staff and school cabinet members paid floral tribute to Mahatma Gandhi followed by the Principal's inspiring message. The Head Girl of the school shared her views on Gandhian ideologies.

Thereafter, the staff and the students started off towards the cleanliness programme governed by the Prime Minister of India to make the slogan SWACHH BHARAT ... SWACHH VIDHYALAYA... come true.

Different Clubs Inaugurated

St. Joseph's Co-ed school has always believed in the overall development of Josephites. In order to employ the students in bringing about a change with learning experiences, different clubs are organized and formally inaugurated in the school. The clubs are:-

Eco Club, Maths Club & Literary Clubs (English, Hindi, Sanskrit)

These clubs aim at the improvement of students through various activities and competitions. These clubs also plan to create awareness regarding important issues such as cleanliness, discipline, global warming etc. through their programmes.

Leaders' Summit

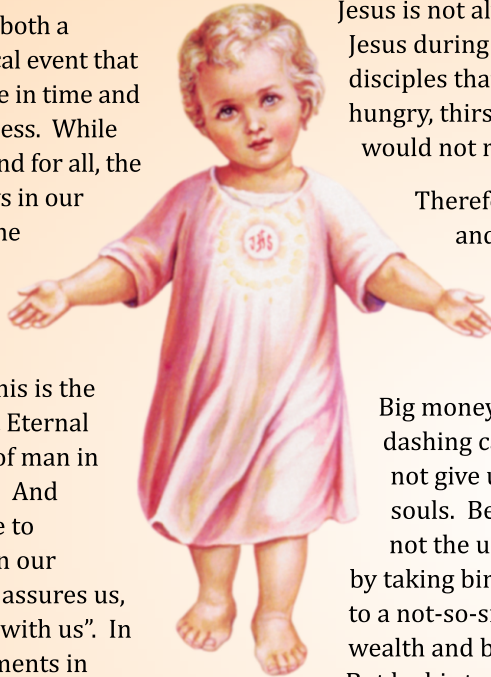
The Archdiocese of Bhopal hosted the annual Young Leaders' Summit for this year with the aim of bringing together the office bearers of all the schools under its umbrella and empower them to be better leaders. The summit was held in Champion School on 13th October 2014 with the theme "Unstoppable". The programme was inaugurated by His Grace Rev. Dr. Leo Cornelio. Mr. Suryanarayan Bahadur, a Professional Leadership Trainer, was the resource person for the day.

School cabinet members of Co-ed family participated in the Summit and learnt to become unstoppable and better leaders by improving themselves and inspiring others.

GOD WITH US

The birth of Jesus in the manger in Bethlehem is both a historical event that has taken place in time and space as well as an ongoing process. While physical birth took place once and for all, the spiritual birth takes place always in our lives. And this is the source of the evergreen strength of a believer.

Jesus is called Immanuel which means "God-with-us". This is the true message of Christmas that Eternal God came to earth in the form of man in order to save His own creation. And Christmas is a very special time to experience this "God with us" in our lives. On every Christmas, God assures us, renews his promise that "He is with us". In our lives, we do encounter moments in which we feel 'left alone', confused, irrelevant, bored, meaningless etc. In such phases of life, those who believe in Jesus and in his birth would find the



presence of Him and his guidance in their lives; a beacon for the lost ship of our lives. And no other human experience can substantiate the presence of Jesus and his touch in our souls.

However, we also experience that the experience of Jesus is not always possible and how to find him. Jesus during his life time very explicitly tells his disciples that if they don't recognize him in the hungry, thirsty, lonely, sick and the needy he would not recognize them either.

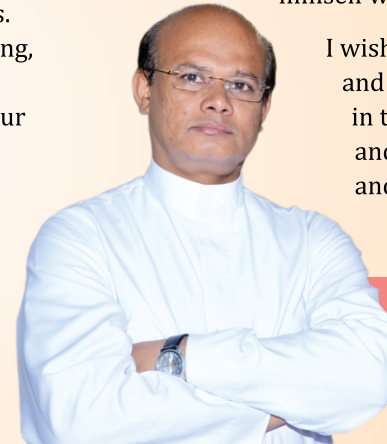
Therefore it is quite evident from the lives and testimonies of the selfish people which our world is filled with; that they don't find Jesus. They live a self-seeking life centred on their own profits and pleasures.

Big money, palatial houses, expensive clothing, dashing cars, mind-blowing success etc. do not give us true fulfilment to the quest of our souls. Becoming rich and being famous is not the ultimate goal of our lives. Jesus by taking birth in the abysmal poverty and to a not-so-significant parent proves that wealth and big family name do not count. But by his true and authentic life, He becomes the fulfilment of all those who seek Him in truth and spirit. Jesus' command to his

followers "love another" finds its fulfilment in the service to the humanity. Jesus is the God who tells that God cares for his creation through the instrumentality of his children and he wants us to care for one another. This is the very reason that by our very faith in Jesus, we are called to be compassionate and generous, forgiving and caring, seeking social justice and creating a world free of fear.

To truly make the event of Jesus' historical birth a concrete reality in our lives let us feed the hungry, cloth the naked, forgive the guilty, welcome the stranger and the unwanted child, care for the ill and love our enemies etc. and those who seek Jesus in such people will also discover that Jesus himself would be seeking them.

I wish you a Happy Christmas and "God with us" experience in the manger and in the joys and sorrows of our brothers and sisters.



Fr. Ronald Cardoza
Manager

Christmas is a time for introspection, to journey into one's deeper self and meet God who dwells in the cave of one's heart.

God our Father sent His only begotten Son, as a human being to dwell among humans - 'Emmanuel' God with us. This was the proof of God's unconditional love, God's gift to us so that God could raise us up to become like Him. Jesus was born in a poor stable as a poor Child of poor Parents. What is the significance of this act?



Jesus wants to teach us a way of life. We are the creatures of the creator, God. If our God could empty Himself of His God head and assume the form of a slave, what is it that we can boast of? Jesus teaches us to shed our pride which is the root of all evil. We have to put on love because God is Love. With love comes humility, patience, obedience, respect, self-discipline, sacrifice, peace and joy. These values will enable each one of us to live life in all its fullness. Jesus says, "I have come in order that you might have Life" - Life in all its fullness. (Jn 10:10).



Sr. Thecla (Counsellor)