

# Disciples India

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According to Sigmund Freud the founder of psychoanalysis, the mother-child relationship is vital for the healthy development of children. Mary is our mother. Our relationship with Mary, according to our founder Bl. James Alberione's Marian spirituality is 'living under Mary's maternal presence'. Living under someone's gaze means living in that person's presence. Because presence implies relationship, living in someone's presence means being in a relationship with that person. Mary's presence is an active force in the life of every Christian. As we celebrate the Birthday of our Blessed

Mother on the 8<sup>th</sup> September, let us renew our love for her and continue to live in her maternal presence as our beloved founder desires. Dear Sisters, the Disciples India wishes each one of you a very Happy Feast. Let us be proud to bear the name of Mary and strive to be her worthy children. We also wish all our Mangalorean sisters a very Happy feast for the 8<sup>th</sup> of September.

#### **CARE OF CREATION**

1st of September has been declared by Pope Francis as "World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation" The annual World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation will offer individual believers and communities a fitting opportunity to reaffirm their personal vocation to be stewards of creation, to thank God for the wonderful handiwork which he has entrusted to our care, and to implore his help for the protection of creation as well as his pardon for the sins committed against the world in which we live.



#### The Holy Father's Intentions for the Month of September 2020

**Respect for the Planet's Resources:** We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner.

#### INTIMACY WITH THE DIVINE BRIDEGROOM

We, the Novices at Orsola Bhavan got the golden opportunity to spend time and prepare ourselves for our First Religious Profession at 'Dhyana Sadhana' which is a center for Holistic Spirituality run by the Order of Discalced Carmelite (OCD) Fathers. Our retreat was guided by Fr. Lawrence D'mello OCD, who beautifully explained our call and mission connecting it to the life and call of Moses. He explained to us that the burning bush and the call of God is the same experience that we will be having on the day of our Profession and that God's mission will be entrusted to us to bring His kingdom on this earth, a kingdom of justice, peace, love and joy. He also beautifully shared about the evangelical counsels and that in keeping them our life will be fulfilled because it is the will of God that we do. Everything indeed depends on the relationship that we have with our Divine bridegroom.

All these experiences and inspirations will help us as we journey ahead. This was possible because of the initiative taken by our Provincial Superior Sr M Celine Cunha and her team and especially by Sr M Josephine Rodrigues, Director of formation. We are very grateful for all their efforts. We also thank Sr. Kumudini and our community sisters for their support. Thanking also all our sisters in the province who have prayed for us to make this retreat a fruitful one.

Anjela, Asmita, Rowena and Sharolin Novices, Orsola Bhavan, Mysore.



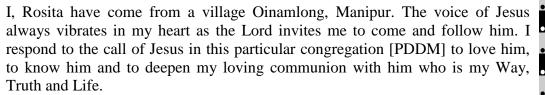
Congratulations
dear sisters on the
day of your first
profession. May our
Divine Master bless
you abundantly and
may the example of
Blessed James
Alberione, Mother
Scholastica and all



the Pauline saints help you to choose the way of the Gospel in every circumstances of your life.

## Know our Novices:

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments" Jn 14:15.



As he said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest" Ex 33:14 where I found his presence and rest in the most Blessed Sacrament from which incessantly flows his love for me. I feel privileged to be a novice to experience more the love of my Lord. And I ask Mary my Mother, Queen of the apostles to accompany me during these years until Christ forms in me.



Rosita Gangmei.

Jn 15:16. "You have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, ordained you, and you should go and bear fruit that will last"

Drawn by the love of Jesus, I Sushita Kispotta from Odisha, joyfully begin the journey of the novitiate in the Congregation of the Sister Disciples of the Divine Master. I am filled with joy to follow the footstep of Jesus, who is the Way, Truth and Life. I am inspired by our specific mission: Eucharist, Liturgy and Priesthood. The Eucharist is the true joy of my life where the true living water flows. I thank God for this beautiful invitation 'come to me' and I implore the grace through the intercession of Mary Queen of the apostles and St. Paul to accompany me in my formative journey that I may follow Jesus, the Divine Master faithfully and be able to say as St. Paul 'No longer I who live but Christ lives in me.



Sushita Kispotta

### Independence Day Celebration at Orsola Bhavan - Mysore



Together with the people of India, we the community members at Orsola Bhavan, Mysore, celebrated the feast of the Assumption of our Blessed Mother and the 75<sup>th</sup> Independence Day of our Country. The day began with the solemn prayer highlighting the humility and simplicity of Mary and her Glorious Assumption into heaven. We also acknowledged the freedom fighters whose lives were sacrificed to obtain the freedom for our country. The Eucharistic celebration was also enriching and enlightening. After the Mass a short cultural programme was arranged. As Fr. Pratheesh CMI hoisted the tricolor Flag, the community paid homage by singing the national anthem. Aspirant Maria Catherine delivered a beautiful Independence Day Speech, highlighting the greatness and the rich heritage of our nation.

The theme 'Unity in Diversity' was beautifully brought out by the novices and aspirants as they represented some of the states in India and filled the atmosphere with

beauty and joy and thus as a community our pledge as citizens



enhanced our love for our Mother

Land. We also celebrated the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Religious Profession of Sr. Josephine our formator. With love we acknowledge





day was concluded with the distribution of Desi sweets. We are grateful to God for the beautiful day which unfolded the richness of God's love for each of us. May Mary the Pride of all Indians help us to live a Holy life.

#### **INTER - NOVITIATE PROGRAM**

From 23 to 27 August 2021, Sr Mary Gracelet pddm, had been invited by the Inter - Novitiates of Carmelaram, Bangalore, to conduct the course on: Liturgy, Liturgy of the Hours, Sacraments, Sacramentals and the directives of the Eucharistic Celebration. The Course was conducted at 'Claret Bhavan', Carmelaram. 80 Novices from different congregations participated in this program. All participated in it very actively and the classes were very much appreciated by all.







#### "Congratulations on your well-deserved success."

Sr M. Rabeka and Sr M. Salima, for completing their graduation in B.A English.

Sr M. Jenipher, for completing her degree in theology at St. Peter's Pontifical Institute, Bengaluru.



#### **Celebrating your Dedication**

Dr. Sr Theresa Sinduraj has been issued this certificate for her excellent contribution towards the health ministry on 24-08-2021 by 'Alternative Medicine Doctors Association', Maharashtra, India. The PDDM family feels proud of you dear sister for your tireless and sacrificial service to the humanity. "Celebrating the dedication, you've shown on the way to this achievement. You've earned every bit of this success with your hard work."



#### **Important Days of September**

- **National Nutrition Week:** is observed from 1st September to 7th September to provide knowledge among people about the importance of nutrition for the human body, for better health.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> World Coconut Day: is observed to make people aware of the importance of this crop in poverty reduction.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Skyscraper Day: Skyscrapers are very tall buildings that define a city's skyline. This day marks the ability of humans to construct an industrial masterpiece.
- **5**<sup>th</sup> <u>International Day of Charity:</u> Mother Teresa's death anniversary is observed as an international Day of Charity to eradicate poverty in all its forms and dimensions to achieve sustainable development goals.
- 5<sup>th</sup> <u>Teachers' Day (India):</u> On this day we appreciate and acknowledge the efforts of teachers in making responsible individuals. We also acknowledge and wish all our sisters who are involved in various teaching ministries 'A Very Happy Teachers Day'.
- 8<sup>th</sup> Mother Mary's Birth Day: We celebrate the Name of Mary and it's our day.
- 8<sup>th</sup> <u>International Literacy Day:</u> is observed to make people aware of the importance of literacy which no doubt is a matter of dignity and human right.
- **15**<sup>th</sup> <u>International Day of Democracy:</u> This day provides an opportunity to make people understand the importance of democracy and the effective realization of Human Rights. But today Democracy is at risk in our country. Let us pray for our country.
- **16**<sup>th</sup> World Ozone Day: This day reminds people about the depletion of the Ozone Layer and to find solutions to preserve it.
- 21<sup>st</sup> <u>International Day of Peace</u> of non-violence and cease-fire. We pray for the troubled parts of our world.
- 21<sup>st</sup> World Alzheimer's Day to raise awareness among people about the challenges that the patient faces due to dementia.
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Rose Day (Welfare of Cancer patients) this day marks the hope for cancer patients that cancer is curable.



#### **SEPTEMBER**

- 02. Sr M. Valerian Parayamnilam
- 03. Sr Rose Mary Muttasseril
- 05. Sr M. Prescilla Patrao
- 09. Sr Zhinee Mary Tithi
- 10. Sr M. Rosy Menezes
- 10. Sr M. Elsy Kattiparambil
- 11. Sr M. Gracelet Mudiappan
- 14. Sr M. Lucia Bouche
- 18. Sr M. Asha Madhuri Soreng
- 23. Sr M. Celine Pushpadas
- 28. Sr M. Sushma Dung Dung

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