The JPIC animators of various communities of Bangalore region, along with the Regional Superior and team met together on 18th November, in the Regional House. After watching a short power-point presentation on what is JPIC, how and why it arose in the Church, we had an evaluation about the activities of the JPIC units in every community during the academic year 2016-17. We also prepared a JPIC action plan for the year 2017-18.

Throughout the year, we organized various programs in schools to instill in the students the values of Justice, Peace and Integrity of creation. A report of the activities conducted in different schools is given below.

**St. Mary's Convent ICSE School Begur**

St. Mary's School Begur has taken the initiative to bring into full force the movement JPIC, as a result of which the following steps have been taken.

**At community level:**
- a) The entire vacant land has been used for gardening. We mostly use the home grown vegetables and fruits.
- b) Judicial use of electricity and water has been our prime concern.
- c) Providing just wages and proper holiday list for our domestic staff have been fixed.

**At school level:**
- a) Sr.Auxilia, the JPIC Co-ordinator of SMS spoke to the students and teachers on "Let us nurture our nature so that we can have a better future “which has had a positive bearing on our students.
- b) The special feature of the academic session 2017-18 is to bring about eco-friendly culture among the teachers and the taught. To bring this view into focus the staff and the students of our school presented the principal the saplings of ornamental plants on her Feast Day. Besides this, on teachers’ day our students gifted each teacher with a sapling. Our special guests from the Generalate Sr.Elizabeth and Sr.Prisca were honoured by presenting them with saplings.
- c) Holiday list for employees has been fixed.
- d) The students of each class take into turn on weekly basis to clean up the school campus immediately after their lunch break.
- e) Suggestion box for the parents has been kept.
- f) Students themselves prepared sandpit for the sports day.
On July 14th Friends of Mary Ward Club celebrated the World Population Day. They put on a street play depicting the harmful effects of population explosion like poverty, unemployment, illiteracy, lack of job opportunities, lack of availability of natural resources like water, electricity and so on….

August

The JPIC Club observed the World Youth Day on 11th August. The club leader Master Rohan Joby delivered a speech on the problems faced by the youth and the power of the youth. It was followed by a classical dance presentation the Noble Prize speech of Malala Yousafzai, in which she
describes the crimes happening around the world, asking the youth to stand strong and united against it.

They also presented a Mime show – an enactment of God creating man and giving him all the pleasures of the world and finally man getting separated from God and becoming a slave of drugs and social media. This helped the students become aware that without God they would drown in the pool of evil. Later a poem was recited which talked about youth growing as generous, kind and helpful and make this world a better place to live in.

September

The Friends of MaryWard Club observed World Peace Day combined with Grandparents’ Day. The Club leader gave a message on Peace. Thereafter a short skit was enacted depicting the pain and sorrow caused due to war and violence and the Joy of Peace.

Then there was the student dressed as Mary Ward and shared her thoughts on her grandmother who had a great role in molding her life of virtues. It was followed by a short prayer service accompanied by a song dedicated to the grandparents.
October

As a tribute to Gandhi, whose birth anniversary was on 2\textsuperscript{nd} October, JPIC Club organized various activities. The whole school campus was cleaned by the club members and planted new saplings in the school garden with much joy and enthusiasm.

Reported by Sr.Shradha CJ JPIC Animator, Nirmala Convent, Pizhaku

St. Mary’s Convent Secondary School Alakode

On 5\textsuperscript{th} June, \textbf{World Environment} day was observed. The students organized a prayer service and stressed the importance of caring for Mother Earth through a skit and a Power Point presentation. They also pledged to make the three “R’s of waste management - ‘Reduce, Re-use and Recycle’” - a part of their daily living. On 3\textsuperscript{rd} October the students of class 9 cleaned the bus stop in front of the school.
**Anti-Drug Day**: On 7th June, the Sub Inspector of Excise Department, Alakode Mr. Hemachandran Nair inaugurated the Anti-Drug Day function in the presence of seven of his colleagues.

He spoke to the students for an hour, conscientising them about the ill effects of drugs and asked them to beware of the subtle ways through which children can be trapped into drug abuse. Essay writing, Poem composing and Poster Making competitions were conducted and the winners were awarded prizes which were sponsored by Excise Officer of Alakode. He also released an Anti-Drug Magazine, which consists of essays, poems and posters written by the students themselves. The function concluded with the students taking an Anti-Drug Pledge

**Hiroshima Day** was commemorated on 7th August. Students prayed for peace in the world after watching a video on the devastating incident. Mr. Sibi our Social Science teacher and Ann Mary of class IX spoke about the huge loss of lives and property caused by the tragic bomb explosion in Hiroshima and Nagasaki and emphasized the need to pray for world peace.

On 31st August, **Onam**, which is a harvest festival of Keralites, was celebrated in the school by distributing Onam Kits to 44 very poor families of the area. The kit contained rice, provisions and a pair of dress that was indeed sufficient for the family to celebrate the festival. The students visited two old age homes namely Asha Bhavan and Sneha Bhavan and a mentally challenged people’s home called Thirurakthashram. They gave one-quintal rice each to all three homes. A few student leaders with the help of a few staff collected the money, bought the things, packed and reached to every house. The money needed for provisions and dress was collected from the High school and Higher Secondary students and the rice was collected from the students of the primary classes. We have also displayed awareness posters to conscientise the students about the need to use natural resources judiciously and carefully.
Sr. Sherly CJ, JPIC co-ordinator, Bangalore Region.

SAVE ENVIRONMENT SAVE EARTH

- Plant trees.
- Turn off lights when leaving a room.
- Carry your lunch in a reusable lunch box, or cloth bag, or reuse paper bags until they wear out.
- Walk, ride bicycle, or use public transportation whenever you can instead of going by car.
- Turn off the water tap when you are brushing your teeth.
- Use a refillable water bottle and drink tap water instead of buying bottled water.
- Avoid wasting food; take only as much as you can eat.
- Don’t leave the refrigerator door open longer than you need to.
- Take newspapers, cans, and plastic and glass containers to a recycling center.
- Give outgrown clothes and unused toys to charity or sell them rather than throw them away.
- Use up scrap paper completely before discarding it.
- Write to business firms who use more packaging than necessary.

JPIC & MARY WARD FRIENDS