DELHI PROVINCE

Community wise Activities conducted to mark the year of Mercy / JPIC/ SDG

St. Anthony’s Convent, Jeolikote

To shelter the homeless, five families of our neighbourhood were supported to put up the roof of their houses. All got tin sheet to repair the houses.

Kusum is of 70 years of age, she fractured her hand and she was left alone. Her own did not turn to her.

Sr. Pratibha played the role of a good Samaritan in her life and took special care of her, her hand was plastered, she was provided with nutritious food for two months from the convent, and now her hand is healed. All the necessary things were done for her from the community.

A teenage girl, named Saumyata, got burnt herself, about 70% burn above the waist, she was hospitalized for few days, since she was not making any improvement her mother got her discharged and brought her home thinking she could do the dressing in any of the clinics close to her house till she breaths her last. No one wanted to look at her, her appearance was such a fright. Her mother works as a maid servant in different houses to meet the needs of the house. Her meagre income could reach nowhere. This was the situation when we came to know about this case. Sr. Sherly seeing the image of Jesus suffering in her decided to treat her. She consulted with doctors, got the medicines and bandaged her for one and a half months regularly. Saumyata herself could not stand the stinking. Now she is cured outwardly and managing herself and does the house chores.

One girl is supported financially for doing her General Nurses training which would help her to stand on her legs in future. This help will be given in the coming two years as well. One poor family, with four members, is supported with ration regularly.

An orientation was conducted in the school for teachers and students to raise awareness on protection of environment.
Children planted 150 saplings last year. Students under the guidance of teachers took up cleaning drive especially of roads leading to the school to keep the environment clean. Small initiative is taken to make a botanical garden by teachers and students to create and nurture love for the plants and be familiar with the plants. Regular instruction is given to students to keep the environment, earth and water clean and to protect the environment. Sisters continue to visit the families and strengthen their family bond through their presence and prayers. Especially sisters make it a point to visit bereaved family members without any discrimination of caste and religion.

**Mount St. Mary’s Convent Inter College, Lalpur**

During the year of mercy our students were motivated to render help to the poor by way of providing biscuits and provisions. In the evenings on week days we teach the weak students of our school. Children from the nearby colony are very eager to learn. The students are taught to care for the environment. They begin with keeping their classroom and the surroundings clean. Once a week they are encouraged to clean the compound. The students brought seeds of vegetables and plants. They were enthusiastic to sow the seeds and to nurture the tiny seedlings. Time to time we till the soil so that no weeds grow on it. We plant varieties of (organic) vegetables by using natural manure. We use solar energy for lights and cooking. We make compost with the waste materials and leaves. Use of plastic and plastic water bottles are completely avoided in the school. The students are encouraged to use cloth bags. We keep the potted plants to keep the flow of oxygen.
Mary Ward Bhawan, Mayur vihar, Delhi

In Order to make our students aware of taking care of the environment we have formed a group named Eco friends. These group of students belong to class IV & V. They take care of their environment by keeping their surroundings neat and clean specially their class room. They also used to clean the ground after recess. we also motivated them to plant small saplings and to take care of it. The students showed extra interest at least in keeping their class room clean.

As our action plan for the year of Mercy we had also taken the children for a pilgrimage to one of the oldest church in Delhi. There we recited the mercy rosary and prayed for the whole world. It is indeed a joy to see our catholic children growing in faith.

Keeping in mind the need to care for the poor we had taken our children to a slum and distributed some provisions for them. The students became aware that they have enough of everything but the poor do not have. While talking to them one of them said from now onwards they will generously contribute for the poor. They also so how eagerly the poor are waiting for people. Seeing the flight of them we realized the need to reach out to them.

Jesu Bhawan, Provincial House, Delhi

From the saving of Advent season, we got food items for mentally challenged persons staying in a home close to our house. We also prepared a festal meal for the children of orphanage-Birds of the Air. During December we also reached out the huts of daily wage workers and shared food items and clothes. These things helped us to come in touch with the realities of life around us. Shahbad community too joined us.

We also make use of the small plot of land in cultivating seasonal vegetables using the organic
St. Mary’s Convent, Nainital

During the past one year – year of Mercy, we the community at Ramnee, Nainital reached out to various groups of needy brothers and sisters. Our students in the school were motivated to be agents of JPIC.

We visited the nearby families in the town, surveyed and made a list of families who really needed help. There are many families who go around the town picking up rags, plastics, papers etc…and through this they have their daily earning. So the community decided to give them ration – wheat flour, oil and pulses every month. In the beginning 12 families were the recipients but we were able to reach up to 30 families. Every month they came to take their share of ration. And for Christmas they were given a blanket each too.

Sr. Deepa with the help of Mrs.Kusum began the FRIENDS OF MARY WARD in the school. These children were encouraged to reach out to be agents of JPIC through their small activities. We visited the nearby hospital and talked to the patients, prayed for them and distributed fruits and milk. The same group went to an informal school and gave then some warm clothes for this winter. Students make mufflers, gloves, socks, sweaters during their SUPW period (Some Useful Productive Work). These were distributed to the children in the poor colonies.

Our senior girls joined in the 66th ‘Vanmahotsav’ (the annual tree plantation festival) organized by the Forest Department and planted many saplings with an aim to promote Forest conservation and preservation of environment. Ramnee girls also participated in a Peace March organized jointly by the Hill Schools Association and Templeton Academy, Bhimtal on 6th August to Commemorate Hiroshima Day. It was held to appeal to the world leaders to abolish nuclear
weapons to make the earth a better place to live in and safeguard the future generations yet to be born.

On the Birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi - 2nd October, we brought our nation to the Lord through our prayer and fasting. Our students did a good work; they moved out to the road to clean our surroundings – Eco friendly and clean India, green India.

During the SUPW period children make paper bags with old newspapers. The senior girls took these bags to the town to give them to the shopkeepers thus making Nainital polythene free. Polythene is banned in our campus too. Drive against polythene running in sixth year: Students of St.Mary's Convent College Nainital distriubted 100 packets containing 50 paper bags each as part of their drive against polythene and to help spread the message for a healthy environment. Thus they are motivated to be eco-friendly; Green India, Clean India. Children recycle the old papers of the school with the help of the recycling machine of the school and these papers are used for the bulletin boards. Again through this they are encouraged to be eco-friendly.

We contributed Rs.3,00,000/- for building a small house for one of our Catholics in Jeolikote parish. Mrs, Shanti with her son and family has a good house to live in.

Our project with the families in the leper colony is another attempt to bring awareness to our students. The school fete is a time when they contribute a lot for this project. They sacrifice something from their pocket money and save it for the poor. Every month ration is provided for 34 families in this colony. For Christmas we gave a quilt each to
them and the children through their SUPW distributed warm clothes for these inmates. We were able to reach out to 130 potters, boatmen, cycle rickshaw pullers and labourers who are really poor; they received a blanket and 5 kilo wheat flower for Christmas.

**St. Francis Convent, Jhansi**

To mark the year of mercy we constructed a house for a poor catholic family. We also conducted International Trafficking Day prayer service in the community and based on this we had a short assembly in the school. Students have already started practicing the JPIC. We have formed a group of students who are active. They see that the campus is kept clean, Saving water, electricity and recycling the useless papers. April on we are planning for more activities. Below is the house built for the family.

**St. Mary’s Convent, Mauranipur**

We visit families whenever we can. In the school we give more attention to the weak ones, we tried to form them with good character. Some of the children who cannot pay fees, we help them. This year we have paid fees for 40 children. Whenever teachers face difficulties we are there to help them. We help them financially too. We have shown mercy to a teacher who had almost lost her job.
St. Mary’s health centre, Mauranipur

1. Counselling pregnant women

One Day program was conducted for counselling and general check up of pregnant women. Dr. Kushboo conducted the program. All the patients’ routine blood check up was done and those who are very anaemic advised and made arrangement for the blood transfusion and iron supplements are given. Around 57 women from target villages attended the program. Sr. Julita instructed them on balanced diet. She also told them to have delivery in the hospital and get tetanus vaccination on time. She also explained to them about the importance of medical check ups, taking medicines like Iron and calcium during pregnancy. She insisted to feed children with breast milk for six months. Many other informations were given to them. She also told them about taking care of new born babies. They were grateful and all of them received refreshments.

2. Workshop on communicable Diseases

A workshop was conducted on communicable diseases like T.B, HIV/AIDS, Cholera etc. Mr. Manish was the resource person and he explained to the causes of diseases and how to prevent them. About 96 women attended the program. They were also given information on cleanliness, hand washing, and use toilets in their homes.
3. Tailoring classes in the villages

Mr. Santhosh our tailoring teacher visits the villages and teach them tailoring. It is a six month course for the economically poor section. Daily he conducts the courses in two villages. The girls are very much interested in the tailoring.

We are giving partial help to driver Babloo’s getting his share of ancestral home. Whole family in that cooking and living with his mother, grown up boys and girls. It is still under construction. Now they have one room down and two rooms up.