



SISTERS OF THE CROSS - AMRAVATI PROVINCE

"I have come that you may have life and have it abundantly." John 10:10

In the midst of death, we Christians see life. In the midst of darkness, we find the light. Indeed, despite these tough times, there are so many reasons to rejoice, as news pours in from the vineyard of the Lord, lovingly tended by the Holy Cross Sisters of Chavanod. Here are a few stories from around the province.

FIRST PROFESSION – IPN BHOPAL



L to R: Rev Melvin, Archbishop Leo Cornelio, Rev Siberius, Srs Anusha, Cicilia, Pronita, Mary & Rajani

29 May 2020 was a significant day in the lives of our **5 newly professed Sisters - Anusha, Cicilia, Mary, Pronita and Rajani** who committed themselves to the Lord, through service in the Congregation of the Sisters of the Cross of Chavanod. Archbishop Leo Cornelio of Bhopal celebrated the Eucharist and invoked God's blessings on them. We welcomed Srs. Alestina Dapki, Cicilia Mundri and Rajani Kumariya to our Province with a very meaningful and beautiful Eucharistic celebration.



Teachers' Day, and the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross using appropriate liturgical themes. They also performed short cultural programmes, exhibiting their talents and skills. They are now busy with their classes growing in the knowledge and love of Jesus and that of our Mother Foundress.

NEWS ABOUT FORMEES AMARAVATI

On the 13th of July 2020, 7 candidates were initiated into the Pre-Novitiate expressing their joyful response to God's call through the Magnificat. We have seven 1st Year Pre-novices and two 2nd Year Pre-novices. The Pre-novices celebrated the following events like Mother Foundress' death anniversary, Independence &





sanitizers, masks etc. as well as conducting awareness programs to prevent COVID-19. All our Schools and communities assisted in providing relief and were totally involved in the alleviation of the suffering of humankind.

RELIEF WORK COVID 19

This virus travelled far and wide resulting in a Pandemic. In the midst of this sudden suffering and bewilderment, our Institutes reached out to the marginalized, unemployed and the migrant workers providing human and health services like daily food items,



VOICES OF HOPE

“TOUGH TIMES DONT LAST. TOUGH PEOPLE DO.

OUR FAITH IN CHRIST WILL SEE US THROUGH.”

SR. CYNTHIA CABRAL, BADNERA



FLOODS & NATURAL CALAMATIES

Our sisters were involved in the flood-hit areas of western Maharashtra. With the support of our schools and the generosity of our students and teachers, relief and rehabilitation work was carried out in the



district of Kolhapur and our mission at Talasari near Mumbai. Though we could not personally visit places where the calamity occurred we were connected with our Sisters of Kolkata, Bihar and Assam through social media. The time has come to direct all our energies to disaster prevention rather than disaster management.



MINISTRIES-ONLINE EDUCATION

For those who are not techno-savvy this was a huge challenge because updating oneself with new technology and getting accustomed to using various new apps was mind boggling. Students too had to be updated with regard to their assignments, projects, etc. It is extremely difficult to keep a track on the students and to check whether they are in tune with what is happening in the school and classroom.



Adaptive learning has taken the role of text books in the classrooms and learning has become self-paced based on individual interests. Although motivational webinars are being conducted regularly for parents and students the task seems to be more and more challenging for a teacher today. But the journey continues. Working with our students enabling them to reach their full potential even when teaching has become so impersonal!



become more common. No matter who wins the election, things do not change much.

SOCIO-ECONOMIC-POLITICAL SITUATION

Unemployment & inflation are the biggest concerns for Indians. Most people leave the country to advance their career and pursue educational or job opportunities. In every sector corruption whether in the field of education, social, political, health care, etc. deprive the poor of securing government jobs. Communal violence & terrorism have

Our Sisters working in the field of social & health care create a growing awareness among the people. They visit the villages to take care of the essential conditions of their good health. They provide

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"WOMEN LEADERS HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN DEALING WITH COVID 19. WOMEN RELIGIOUS CAN TAKE HEART AND USE THEIR FEMININE INSTINCTS TO USHER IN HEALTHIER COMMUNITIES." SR. ANNA RITA, NEW DELHI



them with preventive, curative and rehabilitative services. War, violence, conflicts often arise because of religious fanaticism. Religious conflicts are among the most harmful social issues of today.

India faced the worst ever economic crisis due to COVID -19. All our institutions and communities have experienced great financial crisis. We look at our present situation with hope and rely on God's mercy!

VOICES OF HOPE

"HAPPINESS IS NOT ABOUT GETTING ALL YOU WANT IT IS ABOUT ENJOYING ALL YOU HAVE. HOPE IS THE ONLY THING STRONGER THAN FEAR. MY GRACE IS SUFFICIENT FOR YOU."

SR. ANNETTE JOSEPH, AMRAVATI



OTHER INITIATIVES: LAY ASSOCIATES – Wadali



On the 14th of October 2019 some of our Catholic women expressed their desire and spiritual quest to live a life of faith, as members of the Body of Christ. After prayer and discernment, our community at Wadali invited 12 members and explained to them the need to serve as collaborators with the Sisters of the Cross of Chavanod, in living the mission and charism. The next meeting was scheduled for October 17, 2019 where Sr. Eugene

D’Souza, Coordinator of the Commission for Lay Associates enlightened the members about the purpose of forming Lay Associates and the importance of working as partners in the establishment of God’s kingdom. Subsequent meetings with the members were held to plan out events and conduct liturgical services in the Parish which are being implemented with the support of our Sisters. We hope and pray that our Lay Associates may bloom & grow!

VOICES OF HOPE

“PEOPLE NEED TO FOLLOW MANDATORY SOCIAL DISTANCING. SANITIZE HANDS, WEAR MASKS AND LEARN TO LIVE TOGETHER WITH COVID 19. STAY HEALTHY, BUILD IMMUNITY, KEEP SAFE.”

Sr. SARITA CORREIA, BHOPAL




In these times of separation and exclusion, our Newsletter strives to connect us all. So keep the NEWS flowing in from the North, East, West and South as we strive to live out our Mission and Vision, to reveal to all, the merciful love of God and the power of the Holy Cross. Stay connected. Stay loved. Stay safe.

Thanks and God Bless you all!

Sr. Mary Pinto, Provincial, Province of Amravati





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DE LA CROIX
DE CHAVANOD**

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