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The MSMHC Provincial Chapters scripted a remarkable and historic event with its significant theme: *Creative Fidelity to the Founding Charism and Spirit: Challenges and Responses*. The Chapters were held in all the six Provinces at different point of time spanning from the month of May to July.

Underling the significance and relevance of the theme in her orientation talk titled - '*Creative Fidelity to the Founding Charism and Spirit: Understanding through the Prism of Three Lives*', Sr. Philomena Mathew, the Superior General emphasized that creative fidelity to charism "aims to connect together our roots and our wings, that is to say to conjoin

tradition and creativity harmoniously." She called for a forward march with a blend of tradition and innovation in living and responding to the emerging situations with creative fidelity to the founding charism of the congregation.

A week-long spiritual retreat guided by Fr. Devasia Vazhayil SDB preceded the Chapters. With a time of collective study, discernment and varied spiritual experiences, Chapter was a fulfilling pilgrimage wherein 'My Story becomes Our Story'. The confluence of the members trod the path of a synodal journey of discernment, communion, participation and mission.

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From the Superior General

Hasten to Serve with Love

The significant event of World Youth Day was held in the capital city of Lisbon, Portugal, from August 1- 6, 2023 with the theme - “Mary arose and went with haste” (Lk 1:39). The biblical episode of the Visitation presents Mary as both a woman of charity and missionary. Leaving in haste signifies the attitude of Pope Francis depicted in World Youth Day 2023: “May young people's evangelization be active and missionary, for this is how they will recognize and witness the presence of the living Christ.”

“Mary went in haste” has also inspired the apostolic life of the MSMHC. Article 2 of the first constitutions thus stated: “The Blessed Virgin 'went with haste into the hill-country' to perform a work of charity and carry the treasure of the divine grace to Elizabeth and John. The sisters will imitate the readiness and charity of Our Lady, to be worthy of the missionary vocation.”

Every little act of charity done out of pure love for God and neighbour is a treasure more precious than gold in the sight of God. Jesus affirms this truth when He exalted the poor widow who put in two small copper coins into the treasury (cf. Lk 21:3). The works of charity as the key to paradise has been lucidly depicted in the parable of 'the Last Judgement'. So insignificant was their actions that those on the

right side of the King were not even aware that they had extended their helping hand to the King. Through this parable, Jesus teaches us that He takes note of every small act of charity done to the poor and vulnerable, especially those at the margins.

At the end of all, what counts is love. Loving kindness, be it in word, deed or gaze generates life. It leaves a permanent mark in the memory of the recipient. Addressing representatives of some aid and charitable centres in Lisbon, Pope Francis urged them to continue making “life a gift of love and joy.” He also said that there is no such thing as “abstract love”. Concrete love that let one's own hands dirty by touching the reality and the misery of others generates life, and is an inspiration to others. Love makes us happy not only in heaven, but here on earth too, because it expands our hearts and allows us to embrace the meaning of life. Pope Francis emphasized: “If we want to be truly happy, then, let us learn to transform everything into love, offering to others our work and our time, speaking kindly words and doing good deeds with a smile, an embrace, by listening, or even with a look.” He encouraged the young people and those gathered before him to live in this way.

If we do not waste time complaining, but instead focus



on meeting people's concrete needs with joy and trust in God's providence, then wonderful things can happen in life. While we are fragile and in need, the Gospel's compassionate outlook leads us to see the needs of the most vulnerable. It likewise impels us to serve the poor – the excluded, the outcast, the discarded, the little ones, the defenceless – those most beloved of God at the peripheries. They are the Church's real treasure. Jesus identifies himself with the poor. The best and only way to love and serve Him is to love and serve the most vulnerable in our community and in the society.

Mary went in haste to help because she observed and listened from the heart and was propelled by love. Selfless service with compassionate outlook is possible if we can only identify ourselves with our suffering brethren.

Sr. Philomena Mathew
Superior General

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Bangalore

The historic event of the 7th Provincial Chapter of St. Therese Bangalore Province held from May 25 - 28 at Kengeri focused on being rooted in the founding charism while moving forward with the changing tide. It had a befitting start with an invocation of the divine presence through Bible reading, prayerful steps by the postulants and lamp lighting ceremony at a grand inaugural function. Sr. Tessy Joseph, the Provincial Superior officially welcomed the august assembly.



In his inaugural message, Archbishop Peter Machado of Bangalore accentuated the urgency of proclamation of the Goodnews. Commenting on the theme of the Chapter, Sr. Philomena Mathew said that it is from creative fidelity that new initiatives can bloom. Sr. Katherine Joseph, the General Councilor for Education called on to respond to the call of the mission being captivated by the love of Christ.

The core theme running through the messages from the dignitaries echoed witnessing values of Christ and missionary vibrancy in the face of challenges.

Kolkata



The momentous event of the 7th Provincial Chapter of Mary Immaculate Province Kolkata unfolded at 8.45 on June 1 with the solemn inaugural function at Bandel. Began with a sacred moment of prayer, the event had a befitting start with invocation of blessings. Sr. Sini Mathew, the Provincial Superior accorded a warm welcome to the invitees and declared the Chapter open. Prior to the inauguration was the Holy Mass wherein Archbishop Thomas

D'Souza of Kolkata, in his homily set the chapter objective clear as a time to look deeply into the origin of the congregation, its journey and then plan for the future.

Sr. Philomena Mathew, the Superior General and Sr. Bridget Diengdoh, General Councilor for Evangelization were present for the Chapter. The event was wrapped up on June 4 with valedictory function. Sr. Monica Thangbiakmawii expressed chapter as ennobling and enabling time that inspired her to be creative for effective apostolic activities. Sr. Dipa Sardar felt that the Chapter proceedings enabled her to reflect on the challenges and respond to them creatively like Jesus Don Bosco, Bishop Stephen Ferrando and the Pioneers.



Shillong

With the ceremonious inaugural function of the 12th Provincial Chapter of Mary Help of Christians Province, Shillong on June 28, a new page of transformative period unfolded in the history of the province. Gathered in the chapel at 8.30 am, the program began with a prayer of invocation and an act of entrustment to Mother Mary. Sr. Maria Goretti T. Sangma, the Provincial Superior, echoed the heart of Founder Venerable Stephen Ferrando exhorting to 'seek only the love and glory of God'.

Led by Sr. Philomena Mathew, the Superior General and Sr. Ancila Jose, the Economer General, the assembly proceeded to the Chapter Hall.



Traditional lighting of the lamp, reflection on the Word of God, inspiring messages by dignitaries and melodious reverberation of songs and prayerful steps by the novices of Bethel and aspirants from Grace Villa set the tone for the Chapter. The fundamental theme running through various messages accentuated the urgency to rediscover the founding charism and a blend of tradition and innovation in all the activities.

The event came to a close on July 1. Sr. Lucy Laltluangi said that "Chapter days had been a synodal journey towards a transformed missionary life" and Sr. Sisily Cherian exclaimed the whole process as "celebration of God's powerful presence."

Tezpur



The milestone event of the 12th Provincial Chapter of St. Joseph's Province, Tezpur was held from July 8 - 12 at Jyoti Bhavan, Tezpur. A solemn inauguration program ushered in the most defining days of the province. Procession, lighting of the lamp, songs and prayer dance by the aspirants of Jyoti Bhawan, invocation and inspiring messages marked the inaugural function. The aspirants of St. Mary's Convent, Teenmile presented a theme song. Sr. Asha Paul, the Provincial

Superior officially welcomed the dignitaries and declared the Chapter open. Bishop Michael Akasius Toppo of Tezpur appreciated the MSMHC for their rich contribution to the Church in Northeast and beckoned them to be a light to those in darkness.

Sr. Philomena Mathew, the Superior General and Sr. Asha Mao, General Councilor for Formation graced the event by their presence and inspiring interactions.

Group discussions, reflections and sharing facilitated in pin pointing challenges and mapping appropriate responses to emerging situations.

Tinsukia

The 12th Provincial Chapter of Sacred Heart Province Tinsukia kicked start with a ceremonious inaugural function at Tinsukia on July 15 - 20. After a brief moment of prayer and an act of consecration to the Sacred Heart, the assembly moved from Chapel to the Chapter Hall in procession led by Sr. Philomena Mathew, the Superior General and Sr. Rose Paite, the General Councilor for Social Apostolate. Bible reading and reflection, lighting of the lamp,



official welcome address by Sr. Ancy Varghese, the Provincial Superior, messages by the dignitaries and a hymn to Mary Help of Christians marked the solemn inaugural function. Focusing on the theme of the Chapter, the message of Bishop Albert Hemrom of Dibrugarh highlighted the importance of creative fidelity to the Charism and Spirit in the context of the current situation.

The event was indeed a tipping point to start afresh and carve out a new path with creative fidelity to founding charism while adapting to the changing time.

Guwahati



A four days august event of the 3rd Provincial Chapter of Ferrando Province ushered in with the solemn inaugural function at 8.30 a.m. on July 22. Introductory speech, prayers and reflections on the theme of the Chapter at the onset infused the right tone to enter into this remarkable event. The procession from Chapel to the Chapter hall was led by Sr. Philomena Mathew, the Superior General and Sr. Christine Mynsong, the Assistant General.

Prayer dance and a theme song presented by the novices further set in a conducive ambience for reflection. Sr. Lisa Chettri, the Provincial Superior officially welcomed the gathering and declared the Chapter open.

In his address, Archbishop John Moolachira of Guwahati suggested venturing into new areas of mission with the same vision of the Founder with creativity. Fr. Januarius Sangma SDB, the Salesian Provincial of Guwahati stated Chapter as an opportunity to stop, look back to go forward ignited ever brighter with renewed vigour for the mission.

Sr. Bindu Thomas testified the event as spiritually enriching while Sr. Kusum Vandana Topno lauded the insightful presentations, discussions and well-motivated participations.



Editorial

Weaving the Past, Present and Future

Stories of old have been told and retold orally from one generation to the next before written script began. That's how the past became traditions that define the culture and identity of the people.

Folks before 80's may be nostalgic at recalling bedtime - stories when siblings cuddled together at night to hear the myths, folklores, ancient heroic, romantic or ghost stories from grandma or elders. Those were in fact entertaining and educative moments when the past met the present while shaping the future. The significance of it is obvious as - "A people without the knowledge of their past history, origin and culture is like a tree without roots." - Marcus Garvey. The saying holds true to nations, tribes, ethnic groups and institutions as the past becomes heritage that defines their uniqueness.

Yet, the wheel of time continuously churns out impressive new trends, lifestyle and attitudes which are alien to the traditions, faith, cultures and values inherited. There's often a tug of war between traditions and modernity. While getting stuck in the past is a no-win situation, progressing with the time in creative fidelity to the foundational heritage facilitates the uniqueness, strength, beauty and effectiveness of the people or organizations.

The award-winning musical film of 1971 'Fiddler on the Roof' still resonates today with its relevant theme of traditions and modernity. The opening line stresses that "Without our traditions, our lives would be as shaky as a fiddler on the roof." The tidal waves of instability in the society, brokenness in family and relationship, empty pews in churches, self-identity crisis and various forms of lawlessness can be largely due to shaky traditions and disregard of the valuable heritage of practices and values. Embracing the past heritage, recreating them in the present context can be an endless stretch to the future giving immortal status to the group as new stories with a strong foundation is woven time and again.

For a stable life today, it is crucial to uphold and respect each other's history and cultural values; reinforce family togetherness and traditional values; connect the broken chain in the society and community living; renew devotions to the divine and belief in life beyond the grave; revitalize the Church's traditional practices to strengthen the faith and promote a synodal journey, where everyone participates like the earliest Christians.

The MSMHC Provincial Chapters with its significant theme calls for a blend of tradition and novelty for effective mission and relevance. Today's vibrant MSMHC is the blooming of the seeds sown by Founder and pioneers and tomorrow's harvest depends on the seeds sown today by its members with traditions held high. The MSMHC's rich legacy will have relevance when it becomes bedtime - stories and relived in novelty by its members.

Be a thread that weaves the past, present and future into a mosaic of beauty.

Sr. Irene Zosiami

TITBITS

Educational Tour: Students of St. John Bosco, Eswatini on August 4 went on annual educational tour and visited Hlane Royal National Park and Simunye Sugar Cane Museum.



Independence Day: Little Flower School, Hatigaon on August 15 celebrated the 76th Independence Day of India. Fr. Januarius Sangma, SDB, the Salesian Provincial of Guwahati hoisted the tricolor and addressed the gathering.



Training for Mothers: The MSMHC sisters at Papua New Guinea regularly conduct training on *income generating skills* mainly on basic cooking for the mothers of the settlements or slums.



Grand Felicitation Clicks with Domestic Staff



systematic functioning of the community. “They are the first to begin and also the last to end the day” said by Fr. Santosh Chavaranal MSFS in his homily spoke volumes of their duties accomplished with dedication and love. He also said that every work is to be respected and honoured. The community organised a solemn prayer service in gratitude and prayed for God's blessings upon each of them and the working class across the world. While acknowledging their dedicated service, Sr. Rita Rabha, the Vice Superior exhorted them to be faithful in little things be it in their assigned duties, personal and family life.

It was a day of glitz for the domestic staff of Little Flower Convent unlike the rest of the days in a year enrobed with household chores. On the occasion of

International Workers Day on May 1, Little Flower Convent Hatigaon felicitated its domestic staff for their round the clock services rendered for the

Guided Retreat for Retreat Preachers

A twelve-member team comprised of Provincial Councilors with one more member each from the six provinces attended a week-long guided retreat from May 1 - 6 at Abhishekagni Renewal Centre, Attappadi, Kerala. Guided by Sr. Amy Emmanuel ASJM and her team, the retreat with focus on training retreat preachers dealt with the word of God, renewal through personal transformation, guidelines on how to become good news to people. One of the participants Sr. Bernadeth Kropi, Provincial Councilor for Evangelization, Guwahati said, “The retreat has taught me how to be an agent of the Good news to all through the power of the Word of God.”

The sisters went on pilgrimage to St. Alphonsa's tomb and Infant Jesus Church at Cherppunkal. They visited old age home run by Medical Sisters of St. Joseph and home for the destitute run by Daivadan Sisters at Vadakkencherry, Palakkad and prayed for the inmates. At Lord Matha Forane Church, Vadakkuncherry, the sisters had

meaningful interaction with about 200 children and youth who were on summer camp. While speaking on the Church in Northeast India, they also shared about the MSMHC congregation, its charism and contributions to the Church and society. The sisters participated in the church feast at St. Joseph Church Kannambra, joined the procession and other programs.





May 24 as 'a day of Gratitude'

Little Flower Convent Hatigaon observed May 24, the feast of Mary Help of Christians and the principal patroness of the congregation as a 'day of gratitude, a day of love'. Hence, gratitude to 'Our Lady Help of Christians' for the countless blessings upon the congregation marked the day's celebration.

The junior sisters enacted different episodes from the Gospel depicting Mother Mary's role and interventions in the salvific mission of Jesus.

Reflecting on the help Mother Mary rendered on humanity, Fr. Sunil Barla SDB in his homily cited scriptures in which Mary was the first to initiate help even before she was approached. He exhorted to have this same attitude of Mary to be a committed religious and missionary.

'The beautiful month of May' devoted to Mother Mary had a befitting wrap up with Marian procession on May 31. The entire Little Flower premises was filled with the resounding song of love and prayers to Mother Mary.



Northeast Domestic Workers' Week

Like every other year, the Northeast Domestic Workers' Week 2023 was observed from June 10 - 16 with vibrancy at various centres across the Northeast states under Centre for Development Initiatives (CDI),



the social wing of the MSMHC. The week long observation had its primary purpose of disseminating awareness about the domestic workers with the theme - *"Recognize Decent Work for Domestic Workers for their Social Protection and Sustainable Development."*

The series of events organized during the week were, awareness campaigns, observation of anti-child labour day, salary slip campaigns, flyers distribution, petition submission, celebration of international domestic workers

day. The activities highlighting the plight of the domestic workers and other social issues aimed at nurturing hope for better lives. The weeklong observation culminated on June 16 with the celebration of international domestic workers' day.



Football Tournament



from five districts of Assam - Udalguri, Baksa, Chirang, Kokrajhar and Dhubri. While speaking on human trafficking and unsafe migration, Sr. Rose Paite, General Councilor for Social Apostolate and Director of CDI emphasized the importance of education and sports. She encouraged the young to dream big and work hard to achieve their goals. The exhilarating football match was witnessed by thousands of spectators who enlivened the tournament with their cheers.



A one-day under-14 Football Tournament for boys and girls was organized by Centre for Development Initiatives (CDI) with an objective to create awareness on human

trafficking among the youth of Assam tea garden areas. The event took place at Champabati football playground, Chirang district on July 23 in which a total of 11 teams participated

Founder's Day

Homage to Bishop Stephen Ferrando on his death anniversary June 20





Feast Day of Mother Cum Community Day



Little Flower Convent Hatigaon celebrated the feast of St. Philomena on August 11, the name feast of Sr. Philomena Mathew, the Superior General. The occasion was also observed as a Community Day – a day of gratitude and appreciation. In his homily, Fr. Sabu Francis, MSFS Provincial of Guwahati Province

emphasized on self-denial that is to give up one's priority for the sake of Christ.

The day was stuffed with series of spiritual and entertaining programs for which all the community members and inmates got together. Speaking to the community, Sr. Philomena Mathew heaped praises for

everyone's potentials, dedication and service. She thanked the sisters and inmates for contributing their best for the systematic functioning of the community. She also urged to let the kingdom of God reign in the hearts of everyone and the community by living a life of witness and of love.



FEI Alumni Association



The official meeting for a full-fledged establishment of the Federation of Ferrando Educational Institute (FEI) Alumni Association was organized respectively in the provinces of Tezpur, Tinsukia, Guwahati, Shillong, and Little Flower School, Hatigaon in the month of July and August. This milestone event in the educational realm of the MSMHC witnessed the presence of Principals, Vice Principals, representatives, and office bearers from all the schools within their respective provinces. Sr. Katherine Joseph, General Councilor for Education enlightened the participants about the association, providing a comprehensive overview of its structure, motto, aim, spirituality, and mission. During this gathering, office



bearers for each Federation were duly selected and appointed, signifying a significant step towards achieving the association's goals and objectives. The events marked the beginning of a promising journey for the Federation of FEI Alumni Association as it strives to foster unity, camaraderie, service and a sense of purpose among its members.



Congratulations!

Sr. Genevieve Hazel Khain MSMHC

Sr. Genevieve Hazel Khain MSMHC has completed her Doctorate (PhD) in Theology with specialization in Catechetics with the theme: *Lived Theology as a Paradigm for Catechesis*.





The world is richer because of you: Archbishop John Moolachira to Jubilarians

Little Flower Convent Hatigaon basked in grandeur and splendid vibes on August 19 with the celebration of Jubilee of the religious profession of 11 Golden and 23 Silver Jubilarians. In his homily, Archbishop John Moolachira of Guwahati greeted the Jubilarians and appreciated their “many talents and fine human qualities” which they use “for the glory of God manifested in their service to the people.” Acknowledging the selfless sacrifices of the Jubilarians the Archbishop said, “The world is richer because of you”. In her introductory speech, Sr. Philomena Mathew, the Superior General congratulated the Jubilarians for the 'fiat' they uttered every day of their lives for the past 50 and 25 years of their religious life. She gratefully recalled God's goodness and



blessings upon them, making each “one a blessing to a multitude of people”.

Prior to the grand finale of the celebration, the Jubilarians had a spate of spiritual and motivational programs for about two and a half weeks at Bethel. It was a time of reminiscence of the past in gratitude and a brace for future mission with greater hope and aspirations.

The Golden Jubilarians were animated by Sr. Philomena Mathew, the Superior General. They went on pilgrimage to Don Bosco's Shrine at Cherrapunjee and Founder's tomb at Peachlands.

Under the guidance of Sr. Christine Mynsong, the Assistant General, the Silver Jubilarians visited the famous Shrine of Our Lady of Good Voyage, Bandel and explored Kolkata known as the city of joy and its historic and monumental places. Sr. Rosemary T. Sangma, the silver jubilarian jubilantly exclaimed the occasion as “celebration of God's unconditional love and His faithfulness” and Sr. S. P. Lucy, the golden jubilarian beamed with an overflow of gratefulness to God for His faithfulness and care for the past 50 years of her religious life.



News from Overseas

Italy

He had a compassionate heart: Don. Pier Luigi Cameroni on Bishop Ferrando



To further the cause of the canonization process of Bishop Stephen Ferrando, a get together was held in reminiscence of his life, mission and charism on May 27 at Rossiglione, his native place. The occasion was marked by book release on Founder “Apostolo di Cristo”, the Italian version of the book, “Mons. Stephen Ferrando, Apostle of Christ” written by (L) Sr. Elizabeth Packumala, the former Superior General of the

MSMHC. It was released by Don Cameroni Pier Luigi SDB, Postulator General for the Cause of Saints in the presence of the Mayor of Rossiglione, Don Badano Aldo, the Parish Priest of Rossiglione, a good number of MSMHC and parishioners from different parishes nearby.

Speaking on Founder, Don. Pier Luigi Cameroni said, “As a Founder, he could impact in his spiritual daughters the devotion to Mary Help of Christians, zeal for mission, love for the poor and aged, special care for women and children. As a formator he sowed his own sanctity to his formees. Thus, even from his novices the Salesian family has candidate for the sainthood”. In his homily the following day he said, “The gift of the Holy Spirit led Bishop Ferrando to understand his mission and fulfil his duty”.

Summer Camps

With the conclusion of the scholastic year, the MSMHC sisters working in Parishes were engaged with various activities in the oratories. As tradition holds it, the annual Summer Oratory filled with festive mood was organised for weeks spanning from June to July at different Parishes such as Cassine, Acqui, Piossasco, Torino and Rossiglione. The days were thrilling with adventurous mountain camps and entertaining programs besides catechetical instructions and spiritual exercises. In Cassine, the oratory children performed a skit on Moses' story, inspiring the audiences with Moses' trait of trust and obedience. The sisters were actively engaged in assisting children and organizing programs along with the church volunteers.





Hawaii

WAC Outreach Program



Women Apostles for Catechesis (WAC) which was officially formed in 2021 continues to be vibrant under the guidance of Sr. Meristella Umdor. The members regularly flow out to the needy in service through charitable deeds and prayers, conducting adoration and participating in the eucharist. On July 30, Sr. Meristella and Sr. Lucinda Salboro along with WAC members and the Good Samaritan ministry reached out to the needy, providing cloths and other neccessities.

Mozambique

Animation for Altar Servers

In view of updating catechetical and liturgical knowledge, enhancing faith with spiritual inputs, animation programs were organised for altar servers also known as acolitus with the initiative of the MSMHC sisters of St. Stephen Convent of Ponta Douro. For the convenience of the children, the animation was conducted on June 3, 10 and 17 that fell on Saturdays. Fr. Jins Devasia MSFS, the Delegation Economer guided the altar servers highlighting their sacred role, sacraments, Catholic faith giving them practical experiences on how to serve during Mass. On June 4, the altar servers reached out the elderly couple with their charitable services, helping them in their household chores. They were assisted by the sisters.



Ethiopia

Graduation Ceremony



On July 7, about 182 tiny tots of KG - 3 who were groomed and taken care by the MSMHC sisters of St. Joseph's Convent graduated in a solemn graduation ceremony. The occasion with all its academic grandeur showered a morale boost to the children who climbed a step forward to a thousand miles journey in their life. Children with outstanding academic performance and winners in other co - curricular activities were felicitated with mementos. It was also a significant day as parents meet was held wherein a good number of parents turned up with goodwill and cooperation.

Major Superiors Visit African Mission

Sr. Philomena Mathew, Superior General and Sr. Rose Paite, General Councilor for Social Apostolate visited MSMHC African mission from August 22-30. About 17 sisters representing all the eight communities of vice delegation from six countries gathered at Johannesburg for retreat as well as Chapter animation. The program was animated by the Superior General. The visit played a significant role in mapping creative missionary endeavours for effective apostolate in this exotic African continent where the MSMHC has been present for the past 22 years.



Papua New Guinea

Marian Pilgrimage



Shrine of Mary Help of Christians, Taurama, East Boroko is the national Shrine in Port Moresby cared by the Salesians of Don Bosco to promote devotion and honour to Mary Help of Christians. The MSMHC sisters organized a pilgrimage on May 27 for the mothers from the three sub centre - Serokone, Sabama, Gabutu. Eighty mothers along with few children and fathers went on pilgrimage and were assisted by the catechists. The day was enriched with spiritual inputs and exercises such as insightful reflections on 'Mary, woman of daily life' by Br. Antony Wale, SDB from

Don Bosco Technical Institute. In his homily, Fr. Gregory Bicomong Jr. the Salesian Provincial of Papua New Guinea & Solomon Island (PGS) Vice Province and incharge of the Shrine spoke on the institution of the feast of Mary Help of Christians, and how mothers can play a role of Mary in their home and the church. The pilgrimage was a concrete manifestation of the charism of the congregation and Bishop Ferrando's predilection for women.



Eswatini

Workshop on Lifeskill

A one day workshop on life skill was conducted on June 29 at St. John Bosco Pre-school, Eswatini for the Pre-school teachers. It was a part of an updating program for the teachers mainly to up-skill their teaching techniques and impart enriched learning for the kids as the second term of the academic year commenced. The resource person was Mrs. Pushpa Sandeep, a reputed dignitary in Early Childhood Care and Development in the Country. The teachers learned new skills to enhance their competency and effectiveness in teaching and caring the children. The workshop inspired the teachers to strive harder for the holistic growth of children.



South Sudan

Missionary Outreach and Mobile Clinics



The MSMHC sisters at Tonj continue to respond to the call of the mission at the peripheries through mobile clinics and pastoral visits. On May 5, mobile clinics were conducted in different villages and the first mobile clinic was conducted in Kilo 7, an outstation from Tonj where people are completely cut off from the main stream. The sisters were able to reach out to the poor with medicine and food. On July 23, the sisters set out for missionary adventure and walked miles to Abudugo village. After the mass they organised mobile clinic and reached out to more than 200 people.

South Sudan Welcomes Sr. Rose Paite

The MSMHC sisters and people of Tonj welcomed Sr. Rose Paite, General Councilor for Social Apostolate on August 31 as she reached for her maiden visit to South Sudan mission.

