

Ursuline Sisters, Congregation of Tildonk



E-News - September 2017

From the Congregation Leadership Team

International Finance Committee Meeting-The newly formed International Finance team will meet in Brussels from September 13 - 15, 2017. Joanna Kennedy from UK will facilitate this meeting.

Approximately 650 members of the LCWR (Leadership Conference of Women Religious) met in Orlando, Florida from August 8-11. Sisters Nirmala and Jane attended the annual assembly. They represented the



Sisters Mary Ellen, Jane and Nirmala joined with other Ursulines during the LCWR

General Leadership Team. The theme, "**Being the Presence of Love: THE POWER OF TRANSFORMATION**", focused on the service of leadership in furthering the mission of the Gospel in today's world. For a short video capturing highlights of this assembly <https://animoto.com/play/WMAxoiTam4bAoBDcLeGD5A?autostart=1>

News from the Ambikapur Province

Through the intercession of our founder Fr. John Lambertz we have received 21 candidates. We thank our founder for his prayer and praise the Almighty God for the gift of our candidates this year.

Life Orientation Seminar- Three Ursuline H. Sec. Schools namely Dharamjaigahr, Ambikapur and Kodaura organized a Life Orientation seminar for the students of classes 10th, 11th and 12th. All the participants were enthusiastic and inspired to know themselves better. They were given input on various subjects. **Congratulations to the Principals and teachers of three Ursuline H. Sec. Schools** for organizing such a wonderful seminar for the students.

News from the Gumla Province

On July 20, 2017 Srs. Sosan Anima Kujur and Helena Soreng flew from New Delhi to Georgetown to join Sisters, to take-up their new mission in Karasabai, Guyana. It was the time of blessing for them to bring the message of love to the people of Guyana.

The initial time of adjustment will reveal how cultural values in Guyana are lived out on a daily life. We wish them well and extend our prayers to them as they respond to God's call by saying "Yes".

The Sisters in the Province organized and ran a Camp in the Ursuline Convent Gumla and also held Music classes for over 160 students. The purpose of organizing this music program is to develop their qualities and talents at an early age.

24th June 2017 is a red letter day in the history of the Ursuline Convent, Konbir Noatoli. On this auspicious day, the long awaited English Medium School building was blessed and inaugurated. The staff and students of this school and neighbouring schools, parents, guardians, government authorities were overjoyed and showed their deep gratitude to God, to the Ursuline Congregation, to the builders and well-wishers by offering the highest form of thanksgiving that is the Holy Eucharistic celebration, in the attractive decorated school courtyard.



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17 energetic candidates have responded God's call to work in His vineyard. Their entrance ceremony was held on July 1, 2017. We pray that they may persevere in their vocation

News from the DR Congo

The Sisters in the Vice Province rejoiced at the Profession of five Sisters on August 15. Sisters Juliette, Joséphine et Marie Dominique pronounced their final vows and Sisters Aimérance et Pascasie made their temporary vows.



L-R : Sisters Marie Dominique, Juliette, Joséphine, Aimérance et Pascasie

Sr. Espérance organized and gave several conferences to the Sisters on the two personages of St. Angela and Father Lambertz. The on-going formation sessions were in August.

News from the Ranchi Province

The annual Headmistresses and Principals' Meeting took place on July 15th & 16th

The theme developed by the following sisters was well received and set the tone for the year of jubilee:

Sr. Suchita Shalini Xalxo reminded the educators that our Founder Fr. John Lambertz started this noble task of education in its central axis which was circled by Faith Formation in the periphery. Hence education with Faith Formation is an Integral part of Ursuline Education.

Sr. Matilda Dungdung said, "We as leaders are like a bridge between students, teachers and guardians. We need to trust the capabilities of teachers as Jesus focused on the disciples' potentials rather than their weaknesses".

Sr. Mary Grace Toppo, led the participants back to the holy ground of the Tildonk Parish, school and convent through a slide show. Browsing through our history, we come to know that he began the Congregation mainly for the education of the children, so let his noble work be a guiding force for all time.

Sr. Eve Justina Romould spoke on "Leadership secrets of Jesus" focusing on His leadership skills. Jesus is the Leader of all leaders.

Sr. Julia George made us aware of human trafficking, violence against girls and women. On the 25th of every month, students could be provided with yellow ribbons which will remind us of the Orange Day, an expression of our protest against all violence.

News from the Tezpur Province

On the occasion of the bicentenary, our province arranged a retreat in July based on the spirituality of our Founder, Fr. John Lambertz. Our sisters showed a great interest in our Founder and came to know him through this retreat. For the first time our sisters had a retreat preached by our own sisters.



News from the US Province

One of the Ursuline houses in Kindu was recently named The Barbara Wright House. The Sisters in the US Province are grateful for the great tribute given to Sister Barbara for her time in the D.R. Congo. Sr. Joanne expressed their appreciation in these words, "She loved the people and we're grateful to Sr. Esperance for doing this in her memory."