

Ursuline Sisters, Congregation of Tildonk



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From the Generalate

Three members of the CLT visited India during October and November. After the Four Province Meetings in Ranchi, Sisters Bimla and Bernadette visited the Sisters in Ambikapur. Sisters Jane and Bernadette spent time in Tezpur Province. Their visit to the Assam area was to present three sessions to the Sisters and Novices on St. Marie of the Incarnation as well as to become familiar with the ministries and life in Assam.

Besides very pleasant visits to the communities in Assam there was time to visit a tea factory, small rubber plantation and to pass through Kaziranga National Park and to visit an Orchid and cultural center. Kaziranga National Park is a world Heritage Site by UNESCO. The Indian one-horned rhinoceros, buffalo, and elephants were spotted in the distance in the grasslands.

On November 2 while in Ranchi Sr. Jane spent time in the cemetery where all religious of the diocese are buried. It was an incredible experience watching people stream in for the outdoor Mass celebrated by the Cardinal. The sisters decorated all the Ursuline graves with garlands of marigolds, bouquets of flowers, and even candles and incense.

The Sisters will all have returned to the Generalate by December 11. They are deeply grateful for the warm hospitality and love received during their time in India.

Ranchi

Ursulines address Khunti Diocese Youth Convention

The Khunti Diocese held a Youth Convention in the Torpa Parish. The theme of the convention was *"The Present Situation and Future of Tribal Youth."* The

three day programme was solemnly inaugurated by bishop Rt. Rev. Binay Kandulna D.D. on October 26.

The two great missionaries, Fr. Constant Lievens S.J. and Fr. Hoffman S.J. were paid homage. These two veteran missionaries worked very hard to save the land, water and forest of the tribals. Many expert resource persons were invited to address the 1,200 youth in attendance.

Topics included: social and tribal identity and rights as well as challenges and responsibilities of youth. Two Ursulines spoke to the group: Sr. Eva Roumold spoke on education, Sr. Ranjita Kindo covered the topic of Human Trafficking.

The youth staged a very colorful cultural programme before they left with much joy and enthusiasm for their respective places. They were filled with hope and generosity to walk the extra mile for the good of their tribal community.

Adapted from a report submitted by Sr. Bridgit Lakra

Ursuline Inter College Cultural Events

The Grand Annual Meet on November 14 at the Ursuline Inter College was organized by the Education Team in the Ranchi Province. From the flamboyant costumes to the dances both traditional and modern, all the



students displayed extraordinary artistic talent. There was a wide array of ability portraying skill and imagination. The young women showed intricate yoga routines with amazing acrobatic feats. The fashion show was an educational experience. The parade of beautifully dressed girls captured the uniqueness of each Indian State.

Children's day Inter School Skit Competition

The children who performed during the Inter School Skit Competition on November 15 in honor of Father John Lambertz engendered joy and happiness to all present. In their



skits, the children showed the life and spirit of Father Lambertz, a great man dedicated to God and the education of children. With just a short time allotted for each skit, the students from many Ursuline Schools managed to convey important messages on his life. The costumes were fitting for the part and the actions and words were clear and easy to follow. All the children on stage acted with ease while having fun and showing creativity and talent. Sister Mary Grace, OSU and her dedicated faculty as well as all the teachers who prepared the skits are to be congratulated for two truly educational events.

Gumla

Missieprokuur Sponsored Children project

Mrs. Fanny and Mr. Hugo have completed 25 years of their service in India as part of their work in the Ursuline Missieprokuur. With gratitude to God the Sisters celebrated their silver jubilee in the Ursuline Convent in Gumla. During November they visited India to speak with the Sisters responsible for the sponsored children and to collect the prepared Christmas Letters, Progress report (Family) and Money Report (Family).

