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Message

Nagpur Community began its life officially in a rented apartment on July 20, 2008. On June 26, 2009 Marie Poussepin's Academy was blessed. On June 29, 2009 our mission of education in Nagpur began when for the first time our students walked into Marie Poussepin's Academy. The dedication and the hard work of Sr. Deepa and others who joined her in the building process of both of the structure and of the institution is bearing fruit in the quality education that is being offered and the increase in the number of Students. In the Year 2016 the first batch of 10th class students passed out in flying colours! The life of the community is very much shaped by the mission of education for which the

community is totally given. Thus the community truly becomes evangelizing!

In this issue of Pro.India@com.Link let us appreciate the life and mission of the sisters of the Nagpur Community.

Sr. Philomina Vengachottil





Community...

.....a Family

“Behold how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity (Ps 133:1)

Community is like a family where one feels accepted, loved, cared and understood. It has to be nourished and built up day by day. It is the place where we witness Christ first, which encourages us to witness same Christ in our mission, for our life style becomes a light and way to the people who are broken into pieces on the basis of caste, creed, birth, blood, wealth and color, not only in our mission places but also wherever we go.

We, the members of the Nagpur Community have differences in age, liking, qualities and goodness but the respect and consideration given to each sister help her growth in freedom and responsibility. The proverb goes; **“United we stand divided we fall.”** The unity, understanding, sharing and love, which were in the early Christian community, are felt in our community and this allows us to be together and more open to give oneself for the mission and the community. It is in the community we come together, share our joys and concerns, and encourage and support one another. We collaborate in all the community activities and find joy in the company of one another.

Each of us with our unique strengths and qualities, contribute to the building up of our community. Each one assumes her responsibilities and gives her best. This helps in the smooth functioning of our community and mission

Sisterly love is felt as we all grow together with our goodness and limitations.





“Family that prays together stays together”.

This is what we have experienced in our community living here. We entrust our mission and our life as a community at the feet of the Lord each day in the Eucharist. Our devotion to Our Lady of Lourdes draws us to her especially on February 11 of every year as we

conduct chain Rosary entrusting to her all our concerns and cares. With A family atmosphere in living and dealing with each-other, a loving home with lots of goodness, our community stands as a pillar of support for our mission.



Sr. Neeta & Sr. Pratheeksha

MAPOS' 2016



The month of December witnessed an array of activities in Marie Poussepin's Academy. The climax of it was *MAPOS-2016* (Marie Poussepin Sports) with the Theme '**Team works makes the Dream works**'. Team work is the ability to work together, toward a common vision; the ability to direct individual

accomplishments toward organizational objectives. It is the fuel that allows common people to attain uncommon result. These days we all had been glued to our televisions, watching the ISL 2016 football match with much excitement. According to Jobe Lewis five important lessons we learn from the football. When we are part of the football team understanding our role and that of our teammates is critical. Trusting other players to do their job is of utmost importance. Football requires the player to discipline himself and work hard. It provides a variety of challenges that will test perseverance. Without team work



and co-operation real success is impossible. We can only do so much by ourselves. By channeling efforts, talents and resources of other people we not

only succeed faster and easier but also help others to utilize their God given abilities. Only by doing so can we become all that we can be in this life which is very short in reality.

The audience witnessed the realization of the dream of our team. If Marie Poussepin's Academy has grown to the status of its name and fame, it is only because of the team of enthusiastic, devoted, assiduous and audacious staff who has dreamt of something that is unattainable for individuals. We, a team of simple people have dared to dream what one can't dream alone.

The dignitaries for the celebrations were Most Rev. Dr. Abraham Viruthakulangara, Archbishop of Nagpur, Lieutenant Colonel Joby Joseph, NCC training Officer and Chetan Dipak Mahadik, an International Softball Player.



Varieties of program like yoga, Pyramid, Malkam and number of colourful drills were displayed. The school Band is the master piece of Marie Poussepin's Academy. With their displays and performance they enthralled the audience. The fusion dance left the audience tapping in the floor twisting their legs along with the children. Children used varieties of props like umbrella, wings, brushes, pom-pom, hearts etc to give colour to the display



The chief guest spoke about the discipline of the children, meticulous management and high standard of the performance which is truly an eye view of the standard and culture of the school. The pulse of the parents was totally of contentment and satisfaction. *Sr. Deepa Moonjely*



*Congratulations
to the Winners
of the year!*



*Few of our Alumni
who joined us for Mapos' 2016*

Christmas in the Academy



The celebration of Christmas in the Academy does not limit itself to the Santa Claus and the Crib scene but an attitude of sharing with the poor is instilled into children through Christmas sharing of their gifts and goodies. Children visited the villages and distributed various items they had collected from among themselves.



Family Day

Family day is another important event of the month of December in the school. Teachers try to give joy to their friends and their families, whose name they receive in the beginning of December. Families of staff are invited to share an



evening with each other to get to know one another. Each family entertains others with their performances. The Christmas message given by Sr. Deepa is an opportunity to proclaim the incarnate Jesus.

The day concluded with a sumptuous meal which everyone enjoyed.

Sr. Shyby Simon Puzhukunnel

Parish

Ministry



St. Alphonsa's Parish is a newly established Community of believers. The parish was formed in 2014. Our chapel in Marie Poussepin's Academy was used as Mass Centre for the families and Sunday Mass was celebrated there. When the church was built and was blessed in July 2015 we started to have Mass in the new Church where we go for Mass on Sundays and other days when we do not have Mass in our chapel.

We collaborate with the Parish Priest, Fr. Lijo Mampilly, in the mission of evangelization. Through parish ministry we contribute for the spiritual growth of the parishners. Sr. Neeta Toppo and Sr. Punam Lakra teach Catechism for the children. By animating the BCC (Basic Christian Communities) we try to bring unity among the families and help them to grow in Christian faith. We also inculcate love for the Word of God. Going for 'Caroling' to all the families were an occasion to bring the message of Christmas to them and share the joy of the season. We also collaborate with the Sisters of St. John the Baptist (Wardha) for decoration and other activities of the Parish.

Sr. Punam Lakra

My Experience of Teaching

When children are around there is full of life and full of joy. **"Unless you become like little children you will not enter the kingdom of Heaven."** In my teaching



ministry more than teaching I am learning from children. They fight and play with the same friends; they complain about each other; but at the same time love the company of their friends. They never keep any grudge. They are very happy to share their ideas and suggestions. I love to be with children. I simply enjoy teaching the little ones. Their petty complaints and their sincere compliments add beauty and joy to every new day. They teach me to smile, they teach me to love, they teach me to forgive, and they teach me to laugh at myself!

Sr. Pratheeksha R

