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“NATURE IS
PAINTING FOR
US,
DAY AFTER
DAY,
PICTURES OF
INFINITE
BEAUTY”

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CELEBRATING 25 YEARS IN RELIGIOUS LIFE



Sisters Priscilla and Rosemary during their jubilee celebration in Kwekwe

The Latin word *jubilaeus* is from *jubilō*, meaning “I shout for joy,” So Jubilee is “a time of celebration or a time for rejoicing.” The 30th of April was our day for rejoicing and praising God for the gift of our jubilarians Sr Rosemary Masvimbo CJ and Sr Priscilla Chinyere CJ. The Eucharistic celebration was presided over by the Shepherd of Gweru diocese His Lordship Bishop R, Nyandoro, and many other priests. It was a well-attended celebration as relatives, friends, and fellow religious brothers and sisters from various congregations came to help the Mary Ward family

ring out their joy to God. The three readings were very apt for the occasion of the day, especially the first reading (Amos 7:10-15) about the call of Amos to be a prophet, which was used to help the jubilarians trace back their roots in their journey. The second reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians is one long prayer of thanksgiving to God for having chosen us to participate in Christ's life and the overarching theme of this blessing is thanksgiving for God's gifts to us in and through Christ. The gospel from Mark couldn't have been more suitable for poverty and mission.



Sr. Priscilla CJ receiving a Papal message from Sr. Maria Goretti CJ



In his homily Fr Masuna gave many insightful reflections relating the readings to the vows and he urged the sisters to be grateful to God who called them and not to relax as this is just a milestone along the journey. The celebration was lively and vibrant with quality music and spectacular gestures which really spoke to the profound gratitude that everyone was expressing to God. His Holiness Pope Francis wrote congratulatory messages for the two jubilarians that were read during mass by Sr Maria Goretti, the regional leader.

After the Mass, the sisters and all those present were treated to a scrumptious lunch

at various serving points, which had been beautifully decorated for the grand occasion. Celebrating a Silver Jubilee is an opportunity for us to step back and give thanks for the gift of our two sisters' vocation to the Church and especially to our congregation, and to give thanks for each of our own vocations, praying that each of us will be given the grace to remain faithful until death. Mary Ward says, "It is an honour to work for God" what a great honour it must be to work for him for twenty-five years and continue with such great zeal.



Picture on the left show's members of the choir and the one on the right shows a procession of dancers and sisters to mark the jubilee celebration of Srs. Priscilla and Rosemary.

FROM NEW NORMAL TO NORMAL

Covid 19 pandemic has not only affected the physical, social and psychological aspect of human life but the spiritual dimension as well. Since the commencement of Covid 19 pandemic gatherings and traveling were banned and this affected the congregation's annual retreats that were to be done physically, therefore sisters started to venture into online retreats. Online retreats were done whilst people were staying in their various communities and this was a challenge to most of the

sisters, especially to those with demanding apostolates because one would be tempted to carry out her day-to-day duties. Retreat means to withdraw one's self from daily stress. Life can be stressful therefore, going away for some time to reflect and pray is very crucial as it rejuvenates the drooping spirit. Even Jesus himself used to withdraw from crowded people going to solitary places in order to pray (Mark1:35). From the 19th to the 26th of April 2022, CJ Zim region

sisters were very happy to undertake their first physical retreat at Chishawasha since the advent of the pandemic that restricted interactions and movements of people. The directed retreat was led by Fr Kayra SJ from Kenya and Fr Muller SJ. The eight days retreat was a moment of intense prayer, self-inspection, transformation, body relaxation, and reconnecting one's soul. Our gratitude goes to our retreat directors who journeyed with us during the retreat.



SPIRITUAL RETREAT

'You have to go deeper to go further'

MARY WARD CHILDREN'S HOME

Reunion after 30 years

It is with great joy that Elizabeth one of the former children from Mary Ward's children's home discovered her mother after 30 years. Elizabeth's mother went to the department of social services in search of her child DNA test were carried out and the results proved that it was her biological mother. We thank the almighty God that Elizabeth is reunified with her family.



“Mothers' Day”; A Day to remember



Sisters at Mary Ward Home celebrate Mother's Day.

Great joy on Mother's Day as they were remembered in a special



Children from Mary Ward children's home expressed love and joy to their CJ mothers on Mother's Day. Both former and current children from Mary's Ward children's Home showed a good gesture of love for their mothers.

ST PADRE PIO POLY CLINIC



St. Padre Pio Poly Clinic in Norton, by Sr Kudzanai Chiteka CJ



Africa Tremila, an Italian Catholic non-governmental organization, sponsored the construction of St. Padre Pio Clinic. Since it opened in 2016, the sisters have continued to provide the local community with services such as out-patient care, antenatal and maternal and child health care services that include growth monitoring, immunizations, antenatal and maternity services, daily covid vaccinations Voluntary counselling and Testing (VCT), Opportunistic Infection (OI) and Anteretroviral Therapy (ART) services. We also receive monthly outreach services from for cancer screening. We have generous support for red cross nurses who come for attachment. We offer demonstration to our staff and our redcross nurses who come for attachment. (not clear to me) St Padre Pio goes on outreach to offer services to less privilege members of our community to assess those

with malnutrition in order to provide additional supplements. We are grateful to Africa Tremila for the feeding scheme program



Pictures of activities at St. Padre Pio Clinic

Children love to come to us for growth monitoring from our neighboring communities. We do take pregnant mothers on a tour of our maternity department and also give them information about what is expected when they are in labour. We are very happy to offer our best quality care in a clean environment where clients and patients feel at home with their health workers.



ST JOSEPH CLINIC DEVELOPMENTS

In every institution there is a need for infrastructure development and this leads to a good quality of service. St Joseph clinic has constructed a bottle crusher for throwing used medication vials, Ashpit and incinerator for medical waste management.



Ashpit

Bottle crusher



Incinerator

MARY WARD PRIMARY SCHOOL PREFECTS WORKSHOP



MaryWard primary prefects and a child protection committee went to Palm and Rose resort for a day's workshop on team development workshop, conflict management, God fearing mind set, communication skills as well as child protection issues. The pupils were educated on procedures of reporting Child abuse and urged to report all abuse cases. The students were equipped with leadership skills that will help them in carrying out their duties effectively. They also appreciated the input they received from their facilitators that enriched them in their various responsibilities.



JOINT RECOLLECTION DAY



Teachers from MaryWard High School and MaryWard Primary School participated in a joint recollection day at the Golden Miles Hotel in Kwekwe. The emphasis was on incorporating MaryWard principles into our classrooms. This was facilitated by Sr. Pelagia OP. Teachers were urged to provide pupils with a well-rounded education. Mission schools are distinct from state-owned institutions because it was emphasized that their profession should be driven by their mission rather than money. The facilitator exhorted the in-attendance staff employees to be dedicated to their work

NEW MISSION IN MOZAMBIQUE

After a prolonged process to obtain visas, sisters Magna Maminimini and Maria Kalonga departed for Mozambique on February 7th to continue their new mission. They were driven to the Nyamapanda border by Sisters Maria Goretti and Tendai Chirhomoh, where they awaited the arrival of Fr. Bentito, a Jesuit priest from the ESIL mission. The Jesuit boarding school (ESIL) is designed to serve both boys and girls. The clinic is for both the students and the community at large.



Sr. Maria Kalonga attends to an injured girl as she starts her new assignment in Mozambique.

They relate their story,

We were greeted by Rev. Fr. Ananias, the bishop's secretary, as we arrived in Mozambique. The Bishop of Tete, His Lordship Right Reverend Diamantino Antunes, was not present, so Rev. Fr. Ananias, escorted us to the Vicar General, Right Reverend Fr. Vital Adriano Conala, who kindly welcomed us.

Fr. Cesar SJ, Fr. Mukani SJ, and Fr. Bendito SJ, the priests on the Mission, welcomed us when we arrived at ESIL.

The mission's rector, Fr. Cesar SJ, introduced us to the students that day during Mass.



Visit to the Chief's place who warmly welcomed the sister

We also met the District Medical Officer in Tsangano, who once served as a district administrator in Zimbabwe. He expressed his optimism that the clinic would open soon and pledged to help us with personnel.

We reside in one of the staff houses, which has four rooms and serve as our temporary convent. In order to register with the Ministry of Health, Fr. Cesar is the one coordinating with the government on our behalf and working

to iron out the logistics with the District Medical Officer. Along with helping us get oriented to the area, he is also assisting us in learning about the culture of the people. Fr. Cesar is in charge of overseeing the clinic's various construction projects, including the installation of burglar bars for security, water lines, and building ice-skating. Since he has no medical experience, we provide him with professional assistance.



A visit by the district health authority team who expressed their desire to have the clinic opened soon. After their visit the following day some patients came thinking the clinic was already inaugurated.

Challenges

Although we formerly had introductory lessons before studying Portuguese, these lessons were merely an introduction to a new region of our own vocabulary, and the language barrier still poses the greatest difficulty. Once more, there is a necessity for us to be familiar with the Chichewa language of the region. In order to practise our language and become more accustomed to the culture, Sr. Maria and I spent about a month in Angonia with the Dorothea sisters and Sr. Magna in Tete with local communities.

We appreciate that the majority of the ministry's recommendations for expensive building adjustments, such as skating the structure and fixing barglabars, have already been made.

The equipment from Action Medeor that was ordered is still outstanding. The

government overemphasizes the need for the clinic to open without tap water.

Srs. Magna and Maria doing pastoral work in the local community.





Fr. Cesar is making a lot of effort to get the water problem fixed before the clinic is operational. Additionally, an ambulance is required to transport complex cases to the referral facility. We are still working on our paperwork so that the ministry of health would accept us. While Sr Maria is in Mozambique with another community of sisters receiving an introduction on how the clinic function in the country, Sr Magna is currently working on the papers in Zimbabwe. We are extremely grateful to the Generalate, our Regional Superior and her team, the region as a whole, and each individual for giving us this assignment and their constant support. We feel connected to the underprivileged, who are in need of our love and care.

By Sr Magna Maminimini CJ

Mary Ward 1585-1645

It is an honour to work for God



MARY WARD'S FRIENDS ANNUAL RETREAT

The annual retreat for the Friends of Mary Ward from the three Regions Chishawasha, Norton, and Kwekwe began on April 8 and ran until April 10 at Twinlakes Private Primary School in Galloway Park, Norton. 'Finding God in everything', was the Retreat's central message. 32 people, including five Congregation Jesu Sisters, attended the retreat. Fr. Mulongoti, a priest stationed in Norton, facilitated the retreat. In his talk, he urged the retreatants to stay

determined and perseverant, like Mary Ward, even when things seem hopeless. Time was given between sessions for individual reflection. Confessions and Mass were held to conclude the final session. Later, in accordance with the established policy, the Executive Members held a meeting. The friends wrapped up on Saturday night with a braai and socializing. The Members attended Palm Sunday at St. Matia Kalemba Center in Norton on Sunday, 10 April.



Mary Ward Family embracing the call for synodality

As we are halfway through the 2021-2023 journey of the synodal Church; reflecting on the synodal process, we realize the importance of this historical moment and we already perceive the small seeds of synodality that we are sowing as the Mary Ward Family. It gives us joy to see that the processes we are living, in the preparation for our General Congregations, the discernment process of “Becoming One” and other processes within our Institutes are along this line of synodality.



Since the opening of the synodal process Mary Ward’s sisters and Friends of Mary Ward were actively involved in the dioceses, parishes and the various institutions where they practice their apostolates in the first phase of the synod, whose objective was “the consultation of the People of God”. We continued to make our prophetic and discerning contribution first of all in the particular communities in which we live our charism and exercise our ministry. The Mary Ward sisters in Zimbabwe have done communal discernment answering key questions that relate to how the three pillars of the synod are a treasure in the Region.

We have also participated in many dialogues and webinars as efforts of moving together with others. In the Institute we are grateful that we have already been living in the spirit of oneness by embracing internationality of our Mary Ward Family participating in ministries such as “The House of Prayer”, ensuring that there is communion, participation and growth in the mission as we pray with and for others.

Through prayer and offering we express irrevocable ecclesial commitment. The long list of other activities we do and participate in involve discerning the path forward together as well as living in a spirit of collaboration, openness and mutual listening.

The call for a synodal Church has been such an encouragement for our journeying together and will surely go a long way in confirming the day-to-day activities we do as part of our Mary ward charism.



Sisters involved in Parish work

“In listening to each other we grow in communion and we create a conducive environment for participation in the life and mission of the church.”

*Living the synodal message of communion, participation and mission
we pray and remember in a special way:*

- ❖ The victims of conflicts and wars
- ❖ Those infected and affected by the Covid 19 pandemic
- ❖ The CJ and IBVM General Congregations 2022
- ❖ Mary Ward's Beatification
- ❖ CJ and IBVM on Becoming One
- ❖ Deceased members of the Mary Ward Family and our families
- ❖ Our benefactors
- ❖ The sick and suffering
- ❖ Our country as we prepare for the elections in 2023

Venerable Mary Ward Pray for us and give us your spirit.

Congratulations!

- ❖ Sr Gamuchirai for renewal of vows
- ❖ Evelyn for being received as a postulant
- ❖ Sr Rosemary and Sr Priscilla for 25th anniversary in religious life
- ❖ Sr Priscilla, Sr Tabith and Sr Agatha for completing their Diploma in Ignatian Spirituality at Arrupe Jesuit University, Zimbabwe
- ❖ Sr Faith, Sr Valeria and Sr Brenda for completing their online certificate in Theology at Hekima University, Kenya.

CJ MEMBERS FEAST DAYS

1.	Sr Priscilla Chinyere CJ	16 January
2.	Sr Charlene Makuzha CJ	25 January
3.	Sr Josephine Nyikadzino CJ	08 February
4.	Sr Agatha Magaya CJ	05 February
5.	Sr Bernadette Takaendesa CJ	11 February
6.	Sr Beauty. B Machona CJ	11 February
7.	Sr Memory Magege CJ	11 February
8.	Sr Talent Magwendere CJ	26 February
9.	Sr Tendai. E Chirhomoh CJ	13 March
10.	Sr Ester Gamundani CJ	25 March
11.	Sr Aleta Dube CJ	1st Sunday after Easter
12.	Sr Charity Munjanja CJ	1st Sunday after Easter
13.	Sr Valeria Chirhomoh CJ	28 April
14.	Sr Grace Hapanyengwi	7 May
15.	Sr Nokuthula Dube CJ	13 May
16.	Sr Ester Jaravaza CJ	24 May
17.	Sr Patience Rwodzi CJ	24 May
18.	Sr Shumirai Tanyanyiwa CJ	25 May
19.	Sr Tendai Chirume CJ	31 May
20.	Sr Irene Gunda CJ	28 June
21.	Sr Lethel Tavengwa CJ	28 June
22.	Sr M. Goretti Mudhovizi CJ	06 July
23.	Sr Veronica Rufurwokuda CJ	12 July
24.	Sr Caroline Shonhiwa CJ	17 July
25.	Sr Christopher Angell CJ	25 July
26.	Sr Anna Jinga CJ	26 July
27.	Sr Anna Mubaiwa CJ	26 July
28.	Sr Brenda Mapambe CJ	06 August
29.	Sr Magna Maminimini CJ	15 August

30.	Sr Sikohliwe Mary Tambudzai CJ	15 August
31.	Sr Greater Gladys CJ	22 August
32.	Sr Rosemary Matsvimbo CJ	23 August
33.	Sr Monika Mujera	27 August
34.	Sr Talent Gamuchirai Waduka CJ	05 September
35.	Sr Nomatter Maposa CJ	05 September
36.	Sr Regina Makwiramiti CJ	07 September
37.	Sr Maria Kalonga CJ	08 September
38.	Sr Kudzanai Chiteka CJ	14 September
39.	Sr Hildegardis Chimhanda CJ	17 September
40.	Sr M. Mercy Shumbamhini CJ	24 September
41.	Sr Tariro Ncube CJ	01 October
42.	Sr Florence Gandashanga CJ	05 October
43.	Sr Faith Dhlamini CJ	06 October
44.	Sr Salome Mateko CJ	22 October
45.	Sr Tabeth Marezva CJ	25 October
46.	Sr Irene Matindike CJ	01 November
47.	Sr Spiwe Elizabeth Tambudzai CJ	17 November
48.	Sr Elizabeth Gotore CJ	19 November
49.	Sr Mary Chironga CJ	08 December
50.	Sr Angeline Mudondo CJ	08 December
51.	Sr Leocadia Mutizira CJ	09 December

