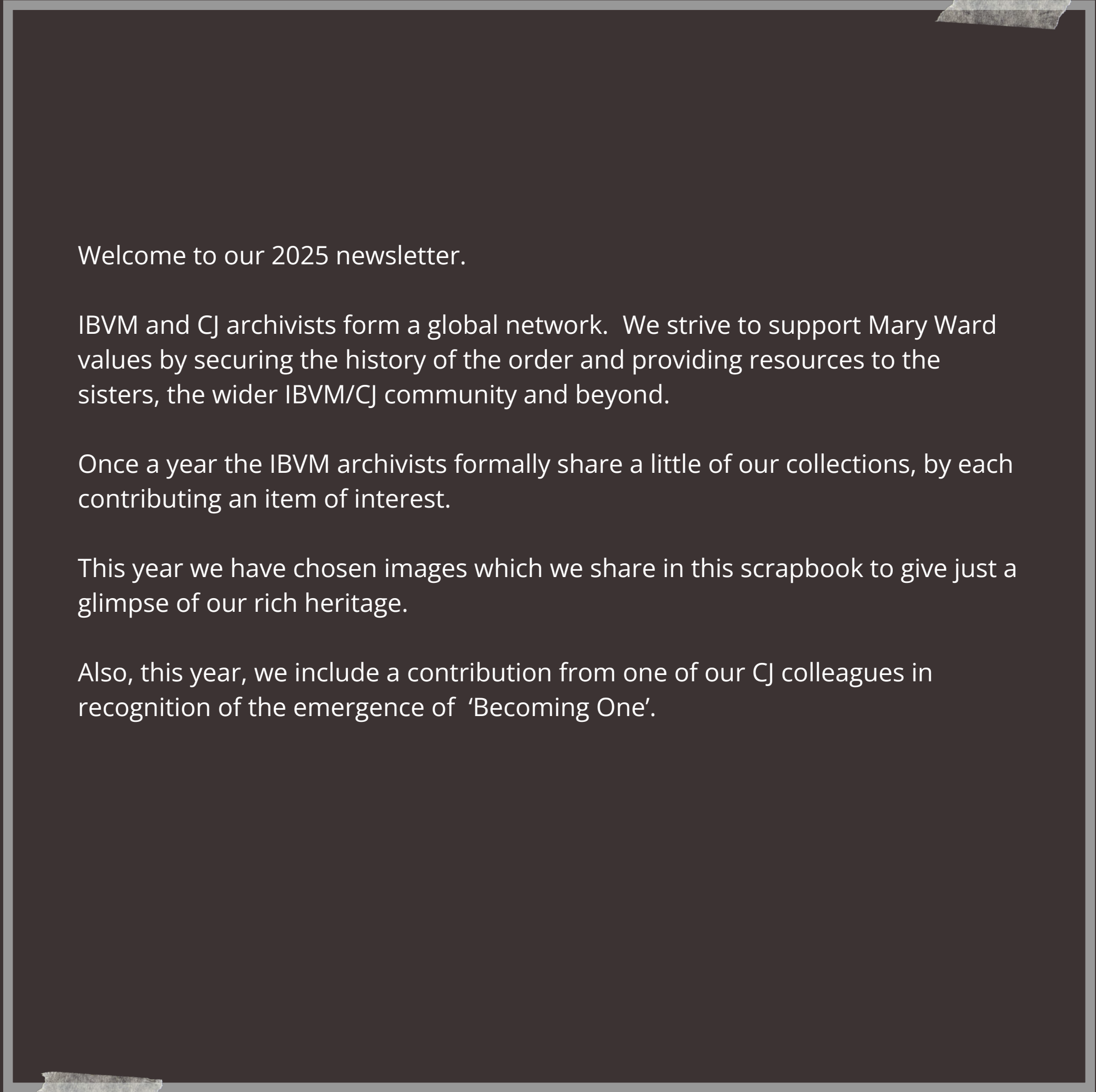


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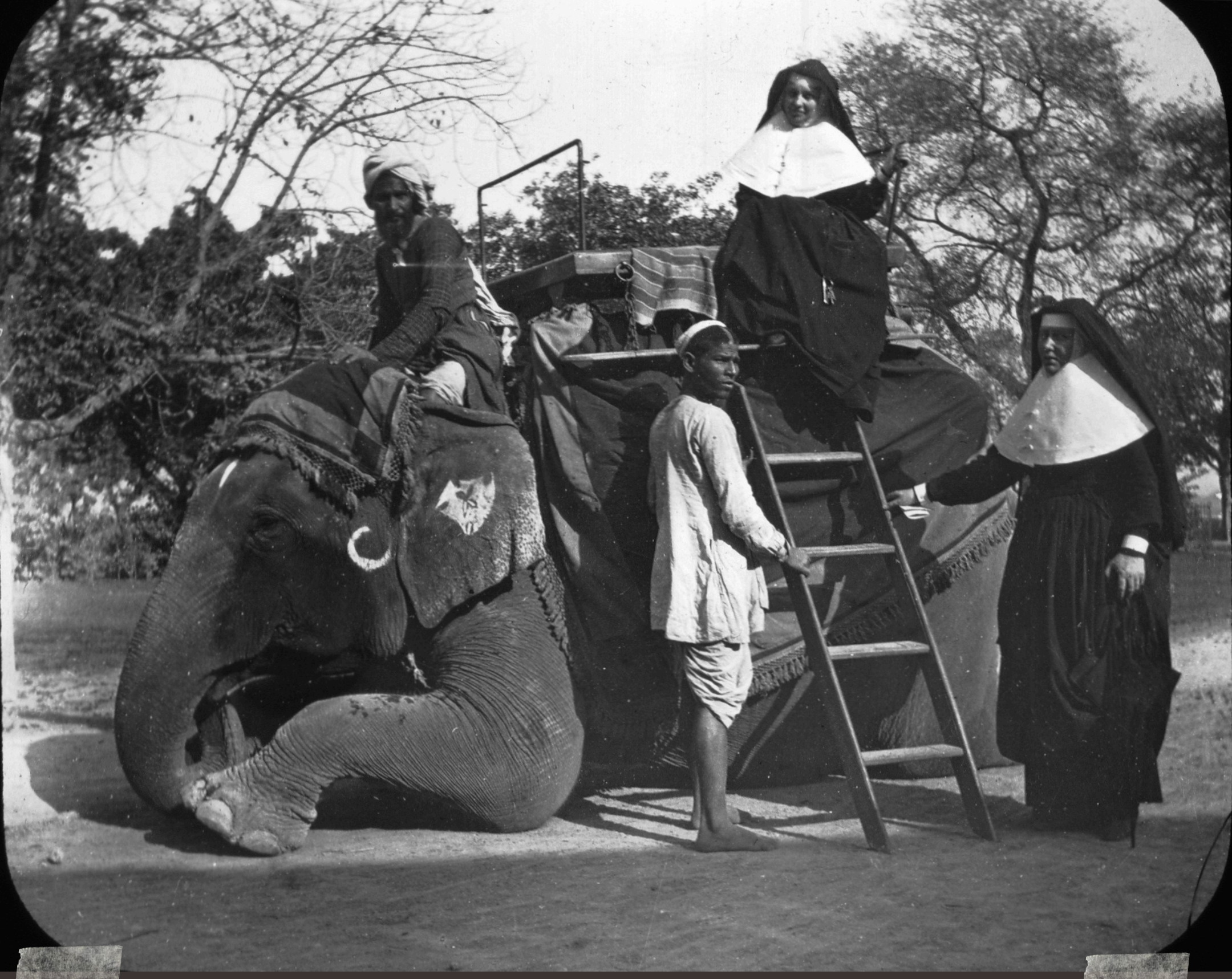
Welcome to our 2025 newsletter.

IBVM and CJ archivists form a global network. We strive to support Mary Ward values by securing the history of the order and providing resources to the sisters, the wider IBVM/CJ community and beyond.

Once a year the IBVM archivists formally share a little of our collections, by each contributing an item of interest.

This year we have chosen images which we share in this scrapbook to give just a glimpse of our rich heritage.

Also, this year, we include a contribution from one of our CJ colleagues in recognition of the emergence of 'Becoming One'.



From our Institute collection, we have chosen one of the many photographs taken by M. Michael Corcoran IBVM, Superior General, during her visit to Assansol, India, in 1903.

She wrote of the photograph -

"The nuns borrowed an elephant that we might see it. I have the letter of the owner to show you. His name is Prince Piaray. The elephant interested me much, and the children got several rides on it round the convent grounds....I have a fairly good one (photograph) of the elephant, with a nun, M. Philomena [de Dombal], on it."

*Áine McHugh
Institute and Irish Province Archivist*



Ireland est. 1821

The image that we selected from the Irish Province collection is a photograph of pupils from Leeson Lane National School, Dublin City, at the regular Attendance Party in the grounds of Loreto Abbey Rathfarnham, c.1902-1906.

Leeson Lane National School was established in Dublin City Centre in 1853 catering for the children living, often in poverty, in local tenements.

In order to encourage good attendance, pupils who attended school regularly were treated each summer to a day in Loreto Abbey Rathfarnham, where the Sisters organised games, picnics and treats, including games with the convent dog!

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The joy of service and meeting challenges with a smile.

We have chosen this photo of Sr. Ursula Darcy, from the Archives of South Asia, negotiating traffic in Bombay (Mumbai) whilst taking Holy Communion to the sick.

Loreto Convent School Bombay functioned under the Loreto sisters from 1968 to 2000. In its short life of 32 years Sr. Ursula served as Principal for a total of 26 years, overseeing the start and the handing over of Loreto's second venture in Bombay city.

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South Asia est. 1841

Bless the Lord
We are Loreto 70s

Moral Values
Foi Discipline Amitié Don de soi Charité
Accepter nos différences Compassion solidarity
Reconnaissance persévérance
Résilience
"Pass it on" Mother Antonia Merci

Yours ever Mary Ward



Avec Marie hier ...aujourd'hui et demain...

Anciennes élèves de Lorette
... 1959 — 1973 ...

2024

Mauritius est. 1845

From our Archives in Mauritius we share this image made using the pyrography technique, which is the art of decorating wood with burn marks.

The piece was made and designed especially for the celebration organised by ex students of Loreto girls, all of them being 70 years old now.

Values of Mary Ward are engraved on the frame; values with which students were inculcated during their school days in Loreto schools, building their lives on those values and passing them to new generations.

Past, today and to-morrow... keeping values of Mary Ward alive.

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Librarian and Archivist Loreto Mauritius
Sandra Bauda
Sr. Jacqueline IBVM
Loreto Archives, Mauritius



This image of the Sisters attending the Roman Congress in 1900, is from the Canadian Archives.

Included are Mother Evangelista O'Sullivan (top row, 2nd from left) Mother Loyola Byron (top row, right), Rev. Mother Ignatia Lynn (bottom row, centre) No names are documented for the others in the picture.

The Roman Congress was one of the many steps taken 125 years ago on the long journey to Becoming One.

From 'Notes on Roman Congress', 1900 -

"The English Nuns of York and representatives of Munich Germany and Austria and Prussia Germany and America, all of which were separate Generalates, met in Rome. [...] The point at issue in the Roman Congress in the year 1900 was on the part of some to have a re-union of the various branches of the I.B.V.M."

Voting members at the Congress included:

Rev. M. Michael Corcoran, M. Teresa Ball [Ireland], Rev. M. Ignatia Lynn, M. Loyola Byron [Americas (Canada)], Rev. M. Gonzaga Barry, M. Berchmans Stafford (Australia), M. Isabelle, Sister Winifred Butler (Nymphenburg), M. Thaddea, M. Marcella [Maifence (?)], Rev. M. Josefa Castigliano, M. Gonzaga (St. Polten), Rev. M. Virginia (?), Rev. M. Magdalen, Sr. M. Teresa (Rome), Rev. M. Francis Pope, M. Loyola Giles (York), M. Stanislaus Murphy (Spain).

Michelle Pariag

Archivist, Loretto Sisters Canadian Region

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Canada Est. 1847



England est. 1851

From the English Province we present 'Sister Gaudete'.

This doll was dressed by a Sister of Loreto Convent, Manchester, about the year 1900, for the meeting in Rome at which amalgamation with York and Germany was to be discussed.

'Sister Gaudete' was to be sent to model the habit and accessories worn by the Sisters of Loreto Convent, Manchester at that time.

She is authentically dressed, even to the detail of her check handkerchief. All of her clothes were handmade as was the custom then.

Clare Walsh
English Province Archivist



From the the Australian collection, we have chosen a painting of the entrance to the first Loreto convent and school in Australia, which seemed appropriate as our 150th Anniversary is celebrated this year.

This watercolour of the entrance to Loreto Abbey Mary's Mount, was painted by Mother Catherine Goddard and given to a past pupil, Noela Newton, as an engagement present around 1930.

Having been stored for many years and then regifted to various people, the painting finally found its way back home to Ballarat.

*Robin Scott,
Province Archivist, Loreto Australia & South East Asia*

Australia est. 1875

From the South African Province, we have a scrapbook, recording not just an ending, but a beginning.

In June 1991, the Loreto Mission in Glen Cowie came to an end, and in February 1992, Srs Linda Prest, Marian Moriarty and Eileen Gallagher set off for a new mission in Kwaguqa, in the Witbank diocese.

Áine McHugh
Institute and Irish Province Archivist





HELLO!

JOAN HARKEN RIDER

USA est. 1880

From the Archives of USA we have a charming drawing dating from the late 1930s and created by Woodlawn Academy student, Joan Harkenrider.

A Chicago native, Joan entered the IBVM in 1948 and took the name of Dorothea.

Just one of the many small treasures held in the archives, materials like this provide insight into the life of a Loretto student and the talents of a future sister.

Kevin Korst
Archivist USA
Sr. Betty Crotty IBVM
Archivist USA



From the Spanish archival collection we have chosen a photograph of the "Irlandesas" nuns in the Summer of 1964.

The sisters were invited to visit the American Base in Rota, Spain, in gratitude for giving catechesis on Sundays to the children of the soldiers stationed there.

Several photos were taken with the Captain of the base and the planes.

*Maria Velazquez,
Archivist, Spain*

Spain est. 1888



*The six pioneers pictured at Msongari in 1921.
Left to right: Mother Dolores Stafford, Mother Raphael Gordon, Mother Borgia O'Shaughnessy,
Mother Catherine Beauvais, Mother Teresa Murphy and Mother Sixtus Naughton.*

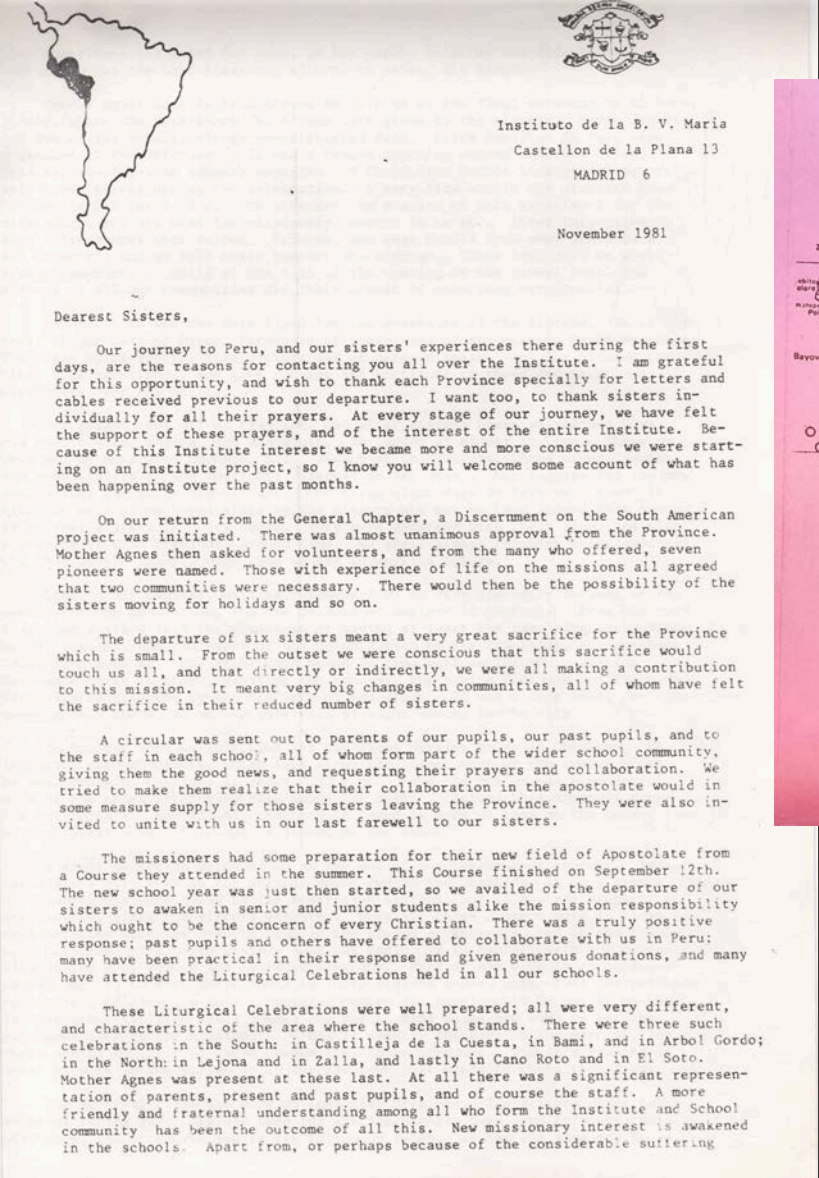
East Africa 1921

In memory of a dear colleague and archivist of the East African Province, Sr. Nuala Brangan RIP, we have selected an image originally submitted for the 2012 IBVM Archivists' Magazine.

In October 1921, six pioneers gathered in Msongari to begin the new IBVM foundation in Eastern Africa; a new venture in cross-province missioning, with Sisters drawn from Australia, India, Ireland and South Africa provinces.

This photograph captures the Sisters as they embark on this new venture.

Submitted by Sr. Stephanie O'Brien IBVM, then Eastern African archivist, IBVM Archivists' Newsletter 2012.



April, 1983

gently for Peru. I was the all the of time, having quite extraordinary weather, with freak rainstorms and floods and, at the coast, unusual heat.

It was a great experience to share the Sisters' lives even for a few days. In Lamud, schools did not open until early April but S.M.Evangeline and S.M.Josefa were already planning their religion classes. School holidays meant no lessening of activity in S.M.Iciar's dispensary or in the calls for visits to the sick. Sister Carmen Maria, the newest arrival, was also preparing religion lessons and is already acclimatised to country and altitude (8,200 feet). For all, there were constant callers for help of many kinds, plans to be made for visits to villages higher up in the mountains, visits to the old & ill, groups for prayer and instruction, liturgies and paraliturgies to prepare and the daily household chores. It was very moving to see the constant gifts from the poor people: a few eggs, two or three heads of 'corn on the cob', a little fruit, some vegetables.

On St. Patrick's night, just as we finished supper, we heard music and singing and found a large group at the door to serenade us. All trooped into the hall; adults and teenagers gave us a programme of Peruvian song and dance and the little boy followers happily enjoyed sweets and applauded everything. Then the leader thanked the Institute for the

gift to the town of the four "Madrecitas" ("little Mothers") and expressed deep appreciation for all that they are and do for his people.

Next morning we set off for Chiclayo and were very grateful to get there safely by midnight in spite of all the happenings of that "black night" on the coast. Sister Begona continues her service as "agent" for several dioceses, with equal skill finding any item needed and a means of sending it to the mission station, however remote. The day I left, a lorry from the Jesuit Mission procurator in Lima brought 104 large cases to be somehow forwarded to the missions in her area. She still finds time to help the American pastor in his diocese-size shanty town across the road. S.M.Angelos and S.M.Carmen take an active part in the direction of retreats in the Jesuit centre adjoining the convent, supervise its maintenance and catering and yet manage to do some catechetical work in local schools. S.M.Irene came down from Lamud to help plan the new dispensary which is now in action and had received its 100th patient before I left. Eleven specialists have pledged themselves to a rota of free service in that area where health needs, especially of the children, are quite beyond description.

It was a great joy to find all the Sisters well and happy. As you can understand, this first year and a half has called for great endurance and generosity. Both missions are very difficult though in quite differing ways but the Sisters have been truly admirable in their cheerful acceptance of loneliness and deprivations of many kinds. Not least has been the difficulty of communication, even between the two communities. Lamud now has its first telephone, a public one, not

often in working order; it has electricity only from 8-12 p.m.; Chiclayo, in theory, has it always; in practice, an evening rarely passes without a power cut.

Each of the Sisters mentioned with gratitude their awareness of the prayers and support of the Institute. I know you will continue to pray for them. Theirs is a great mission. They are trying to meet the needs of a simple, kindly people who endure patiently great poverty and all its attendant ills. Most of all they help them to grow in faith and in knowledge of Christian values, especially in relation to the family. Of late, two new sources of danger have come to Peru: some highly funded non-Catholic sects who greatly bewilder the uneducated people and, from other South American countries, terrorist groups who are a growing threat to the peace of the country. Please pray specially that the people may be protected from these evils.

Our I.B.V.M. pioneers in Peru have gone "afar" with the same loving trust in Christ as Mother Teresa Ball's first missionaries to India. And for all the 140 years that have come between, their circumstances are very similar.

I know you are very much with us in spirit during these final weeks of preparation for the General Chapter. We rely on your continued prayers.

With love to each one,
Your affectionate sister in Christ,
M. J. Agnes, IBVM

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New Starts in 'Loving Trust' - the Peru Mission

Forty-three years ago in October 1981, the new mission in Peru began, with the arrival of seven Sisters from the Spanish province, in Chiclayo and Lamud. The images selected record these beginnings.

Myriam Yabara, Spanish Provincial, accompanied the first group, remaining with them for a month.

The wider Institute waited with interest for news of this new mission, and in November 1981, Myriam Yabara issued a newsletter summarising the start of this new mission.

The "beginning in Lamud has been difficult in every way, and the sisters are experiencing total detachment, not only from family and country, but even from the minimum of comfort....."

Agnes Walsh, Superior General wrote after visitation in 1983, *"It was a great joy.....this first year and a half has called for great endurance and generosity.....Our IBVM pioneers in Peru have gone "afar" with some loving trust in Christ as Mother Teresa Ball's first missionaries to India. And for all the 140 years that come between, their circumstances are very similar."*

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Peru est. 1981



From our CJ Middle European Archives we have selected this image of CJ sisters doing a Carnival performance in Korea 1994; part of the celebrations to mark 30 years of the CJ foundation in Korea by the province of Munich-Nymphenburg.

Sisters from Nymphenburg were present at the celebration: Sr. Meinrada Riedel IBMV*, Provincial and Sr. Anna Resch IBMV, a former missionary Sister from Germany. For this reason, the image came to Germany.

The original of this image had been a slide. It has been digitalized by Prof. Nataliia Pipchenko and her mother Sophia, two holders of a residency fellowship, offered by the EMMAUS living project, which was established in 2020 by CJ presence in Munich Nymphenburg and led by Sr. Britta Müller-Schauenburg CJ.

The project hosted international - mostly female - students and academics in need, who empowered the Archives with their knowledge and attention. The two had come as refugees from Ukraine.

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