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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



We cannot think Christmas without Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God and our mother. The Mary is a role model for all eras, without any discrimination and a reference point for all crisis or situations, because she is a model of a perfected human being, and her example transcends time and cultures. A simple, humble woman who gave birth in a barn would come to be hailed by one fifth-century writer as the one from whom came forth the divine power which created heaven and earth. Mary is a genuine example of faith acted out in discipleship and response to God's word.

Mary is not intrinsically superior in essence to the rest of us. She received from God all of the grace that she possessed in abundance. God chose to act in a special way to preserve Mary from sin, since this was appropriate for the ark of the new covenant who carried God incarnate and shared even her own blood with Jesus.

Pope Benedict XVI, in his Encyclical 'Deus Caritas Est', said outstanding among the saints is Mary, Mother of the Lord and mirror of all holiness.

Motherhood has always been a sacred and noble vocation, but Mary raised it to even greater stature when she became the Mother of God. As the mother who is "blessed among women". Mary gives us the clearest and most inspiring picture of what the ideal mother should look like, and every Christian mother would be wise to take her cues from the one who excelled at motherhood like none other. St. Ann was Mary's mother, and the elder Ann taught her young daughter to be loving and kind, attentive to God's Word, and obedient to God's will. The gospel says that Jesus was obedient to Mary.

When Jesus was crucified, Mary stood at the foot of the Cross and suffered with him. She never abandoned her child, even during adulthood, particularly when things were at their worst. This sort of enduring love is exemplary for a mothers.

"If you ever feel distressed during your day, call upon our Lady, just say this simple prayer: 'Mary, Mother of Jesus, please be a mother to me now.' I must admit, this prayer has never failed me."
- Saint Mother Teresa

Prof. Fr. Johnson
Principal

Birthday Celebrations

Mr. Raja Ram Vishwakarma

Dr. Diwakar Singh

On November 4, 2024, the faculty and staff of Christ College came together to celebrate the birthday of Mr. Rajaram Vishwakarma, our dedicated Office Assistant, whose hard work and positive spirit have become integral to our institution. The event began with a cake-cutting ceremony, with Rev. Prof. Johnson, our Principal, leading the gathering in extending heartfelt birthday wishes to Mr. Rajaram. Everyone joined in singing the birthday song, creating a festive atmosphere by all for Mr. Rajaram. Mr. Rajaram, visibly moved, expressed his heartfelt thanks to the Principal and everyone present. The celebration concluded with refreshments and a joyous gathering.

The birthday of Dr. Diwakar Singh, Associate Professor, was joyfully celebrated on November 21, 2024, at Christ College. Principal Rev. Fr. Johnson praised Dr. Singh for his dedication and contributions to the institution. The event was marked by a cake-cutting ceremony, followed by warm wishes from colleagues and students. Dr. Diwakar expressed heartfelt gratitude towards everyone for their kind gestures and support.

Exploring Nature's Serenity: A Memorable Visit To Madhai

On 15th November 2024, Christ College organized an educational and recreational visit to Madhai, a serene location renowned for its natural beauty and rich biodiversity. The trip was aimed at fostering environmental awareness and providing participants with an opportunity to unwind amidst nature.

The journey began early in the morning, with faculty and students boarding buses with great enthusiasm. Upon arrival, the group was welcomed by the lush green landscapes and refreshing ambiance of Madhai. A guided tour was organized to explore the region's flora and fauna, enriching participants' understanding of the local ecosystem. Students enthusiastically participated in discussions about conservation efforts and sustainable practices.

Rev. Prof. Johnson, the Principal, emphasized the importance of such visits in connecting theoretical knowledge with real-life experiences. A short recreational session followed, including games and activities that enhanced camaraderie among the group. The day concluded with a reflection session where participants shared their learnings and experiences. The visit to Madhai proved to be a blend of education, relaxation, and inspiration, leaving everyone with cherished memories and a deeper respect for nature.



Faculty Participation in Faculty Development Programme

Faculty members from Christ College, Bhopal, participated in the Faculty Development Programme (FDP) on Changing Landscapes in Education in Lense with NEP 2020 under the PM USHA Scheme at Barkatullah University, Bhopal, from 18th to 30th November 2024. Prof. Fr. Johnson S.V., Principal of Christ College, was honored during the inaugural ceremony, highlighting his contributions to education. Dr. Diwakar Singh served as a Resource Person on the second day, delivering a session on NEP 2020: Self-Reliant India. Other participating faculty members, including Dr. Pallavi Shrivastava, Mrs. Jaya Saini, and Mr. Augustin William, completed all tasks and actively contributed to the discussions. The FDP deepened understanding of NEP 2020, emphasizing curricular reforms, innovation, and fostering self-reliance in education, aligning with the college's commitment to academic excellence and national education objectives.



Mother Mary: A Beacon of Love, Obedience, and Strength

Mother Mary, revered as the Blessed Virgin and the Mother of Jesus, embodies unparalleled love, unwavering obedience to God, and unyielding strength in the face of life's challenges. Her life, though humble, is a profound testament to divine love and human resilience, inspiring millions across the globe.

Her Love for the World

Mary's love for humanity is a reflection of her maternal heart. As the chosen mother of the Savior, she embraced her divine calling not only for her child, Jesus, but for all humankind. Through her intercession, Mary continues to extend her care, acting as a bridge between heaven and earth. Her apparition in places like Lourdes, Fatima, and Guadalupe highlights her enduring concern for the world's spiritual and physical well-being. These moments serve as reminders of her constant vigil over humanity, offering comfort, hope, and guidance.

Her Dedication and Obedience to God

From the moment the angel Gabriel appeared to her, announcing she would conceive the Son of God, Mary displayed unshakable faith and obedience. Despite the uncertainties and societal repercussions, her response, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be done to me according to your word" (Luke 1:38), exemplifies her total surrender to God's will. Her life was a continuous affirmation of faith, from the Nativity in Bethlehem to the agony of watching her son's crucifixion.

Mary's dedication is seen in her role as a supportive mother and disciple, guiding and nurturing Jesus while silently enduring personal sacrifices. Even at the foot of the Cross, her obedience to God's greater plan never wavered, as she accepted the divine purpose of her son's suffering for the salvation of humanity.

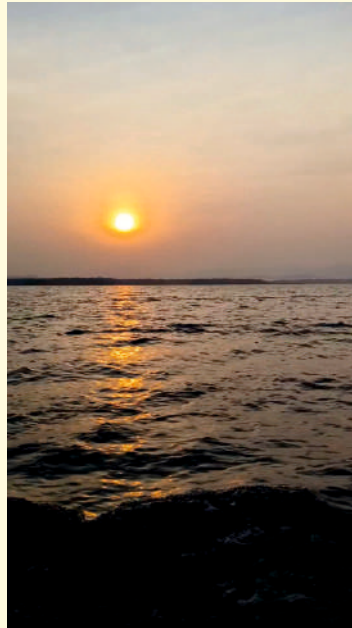
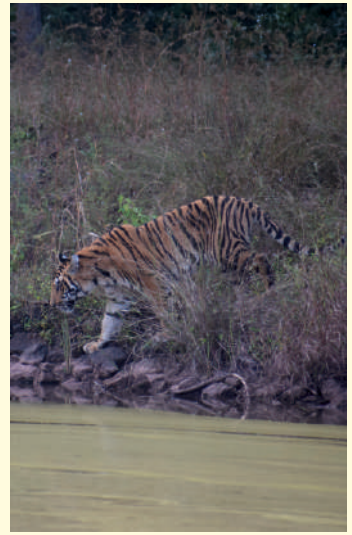
Her Strength in Adversity

Mary's strength shines brightly in her ability to endure immense sorrow with grace and fortitude. As a mother, she faced challenges that could break the strongest of hearts—giving birth in a manger, fleeing to Egypt to protect her child, and ultimately witnessing his crucifixion. Yet, she stood firm, her faith unshaken. This resilience is a source of inspiration, teaching the world that strength is not the absence of pain but the ability to trust in God through trials. Her Magnificat, a hymn of praise recorded in Luke 1:46-55, echoes her joy and unwavering trust in God's providence, even amidst life's uncertainties.

A Mother to All

Mary's love, obedience, and strength make her not only a model for mothers but also for all believers. As the Mother of the Church, she continues to guide the faithful towards Christ, encouraging them to emulate her virtues. Her life is a reminder that love and faith, even in the face of adversity, can transform the world. In honoring Mother Mary, we celebrate her legacy of unconditional love, her steadfast obedience to God, and her unmatched strength. She remains a source of hope, intercession, and inspiration, drawing us closer to her son, Jesus, and to the divine purpose for our lives.

Let us always remember her message of faith, humility, and love, striving to reflect even a fraction of her grace in our daily lives.



GLIMPSES OF MADHAI TRIP

List of Important Days in December 2024

December 1 - World AIDS Day:

This day is dedicated to raising awareness about AIDS caused by the spread of the HIV infection. People around the world unite to support those living with HIV and commemorate those who have died from AIDS-related illnesses.

December 2 - World Computer Literacy Day:

This day emphasizes the importance of computer literacy for individuals of all ages. It encourages the development of technological skills to bridge the digital divide.

December 3 - International Day of Persons with Disabilities:

This day is observed to promote the rights and well-being of persons with disabilities in all spheres of society and development.

December 3 - World Conservation Day:

This day is aimed at raising awareness about the importance of conservation and the sustainable use of resources to protect the earth.

December 4 - Wildlife Conservation Day:

This day raises awareness about the importance of protecting endangered species and other wildlife. It encourages actions to fight against wildlife crime and trafficking.

December 4 - Navy Day:

This day honors the maritime military branches and recognizes the importance of the navy in national security and warfare.

December 5 - World Soil Day:

This day highlights the importance of healthy soil and advocates for sustainable management of soil resources.

December 10 - Nobel Prize Day:

Celebrates the anniversary of Alfred Nobel's death and the awards given for achievements in physics, chemistry, medicine, literature, and peace.

December 10 - International Animal Rights Day:

Coinciding with Human Rights Day, this day advocates for the rights of animals to be acknowledged and respected.

December 11 - UNICEF Birthday:

Marks the founding of the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund on this day in 1946.

December 14 - International Energy Day:

Focuses on the importance of sustainable energy sources for global conservation efforts.

December 18 - International Migrants Day:

Recognizes the contributions and rights of migrants around the world.

December 19 - Goa's Liberation Day:

Marks the day Goa was liberated from Portuguese rule in 1961.

December 20 - International Human Solidarity Day:

A day to celebrate unity in diversity, encouraging global cooperation and solidarity.

December 23 - National Farmers Day (Kisan Divas):

Celebrated in India to honor farmers and acknowledge their crucial role in the economy.

December 24 - Christmas Eve:

The evening or entire day before Christmas Day, observed around the world with various traditions and celebrations.

December 25 - Christmas:

Celebrated globally to honor the birth of Jesus Christ, offering time for family, giving, and community spirit.

December 29 - International Biodiversity Day:

Emphasizes the need for biodiversity conservation as a vital resource for humanity.

December 31 - New Year's Eve:

Celebrated worldwide as the last day of the year, marking the conclusion of the annual cycle with festivities and reflections.