

LORETO DAY SCHOOL ELLIOT ROAD PRESENTS THEIR

ECO CARNIVAL E-MAGAZINE



Cherishing moments of 10th November, 2020...



“If you want something you never had,
You have to do something you’ve never done.”

– Thomas Jefferson

Mrs. Rosalinda Edwina Ireland Junior Section Coordinator, LORETO DAY SCHOOL, ELLIOT ROAD

In the words of Walt Disney - ‘All our dreams can come true if we have the courage to pursue them.’ ‘Eco Carnival’ was a dream come true for Sr. Marilla D’Souza, our Principal and the Junior Section of Loreto, Elliot Road. The concept of organising an Environmental Fest was conceived at the beginning of the academic year. However, with the Pandemic came the uncertainty of organising this event. As months passed by, working on the virtual platform became the ‘New Normal’. It was then that I approached Sr. Marilla and asked her if we could organise the fest online. Sister readily agreed and immediately began the preparations. Organising it online meant the possibility of including a larger number of participating schools. Therefore, Loreto Institutions from every part of India were contacted. Our twin school, St. Alfred’s, Bangladesh was also invited to be a part of this dream project. The challenge was accepted and as they say - the rest is HISTORY!!!

A portrait of Sr. Sabrina Edwards IBVM, a woman with dark hair pulled back, wearing glasses and a blue top. The portrait is framed by a light blue circular border. To the left of the portrait is a red wavy line, and to the right is a grid of blue dots. Below the portrait is a teal banner with white text.

MESSAGE FROM THE PROVINCE LEADER OF THE PROVINCE OF SOUTH ASIA

Sr. Sabrina Edwards IBVM

The Province Leader of the Province of South Asia,

Dear Sr. Marilla, Sr. Clara, Teachers, Parents and students of Elliot Road,

I want to congratulate you on the success of the Eco Carnival held virtually on 10th November, 2020. Unprecedented circumstances prevented me from being present at that time but the positive feedback I heard made me proud of Loreto Elliot Road and the many Loreto Schools that participated - urban, rural as well as our school from Bangladesh.

You at Loreto Elliot Road have 'Walked the Talk'. We as Loreto say- 'JPIC is in our DNA'. By dedicating a special event of the year to an environmental friendly theme, you have shown that care and respect for creation can go hand in hand with academics. Providentially, our Holy Father, Pope Francis has declared 2020-2021 as a Special Anniversary year for Laudato Si (Care for our Common Home). It is important that we adults hear the voices of young children speaking to us about their concerns for the Earth. The choice of events were well thought of and relevant. Through verse, song and dance - "Recite to Preserve", "Environistas", "Nature Vibes" the young students displayed a high level of creativity and apparently had fun in the process. Since, this involved noncompetitive participation. WELL DONE!!

I was particularly pleased with the informative session 'Botanical Healers' which explored the medicinal properties of several uncommon plants and trees. Every event must have something that we can take forward and this e-magazine will help the reader to revive the memory of an exciting Eco Carnival.

May this resource help our students to reflect and engage with what is important to us as a human species as we navigate through the Covid 19 pandemic

MRS. KAVERI DUTT



I congratulate Sister Marilla, Principal, Sister Clara, Vice- Principal, Sisters, teachers and students of Loreto Day School, Elliot Road for undertaking to organise an “Eco Carnival” for primary pupils. It was no mean feat to involve students of Classes II- V, from 19 Loreto schools in India and Bangladesh, in a collaborative celebration of the environment, on a virtual platform! In the true spirit of a “Carnival”, this joyful online event too had colour, variety, music and movement.

The “Eco Carnival” was well conceptualised and effectively designed to develop cognitive, affective and psycho- motor skills in the young participants. Care had been taken to plan activities that were creative, informative and stimulating and which enabled the young students to imbibe the values of conservation and caring for our mother earth, in a fun- filled way. As was palpably evident, this fest with a difference, elicited an enthusiastic response from the students.

“Eco Carnival” with its captivating performances, was an event to remember and I thank Sister Marilla, Sister Clara and the Loreto Day School, Elliot Road family for their worthy initiative. May God bless and keep you.

Dr. (Fr.) Robert Athickal SJ



It was a pleasant surprise to get invited to the virtual Fest - Eco Carnival organised by Loreto Day School Elliot Road for Loreto Schools in November 2020. Remember the world was in the grip of the Pandemic- Covid19 and schools were closed. Students of nineteen schools including St. Alfred's , Bangladesh participated in this virtual Celebration. In keeping with the Loreto Ivy-league tradition of excellence, this first ever online Environmental Fest ‘Eco Carnival ’ I must say was no exception. It was a successful and a memorable event !! Each of the junior school children who participated from Bangladesh and India , showcased their best at this Fest .

We must organise more of such programmes avoiding long travels on trains and buses. The pioneering efforts of the nineteen Loreto Schools must be appreciated and not go unnoticed .

Thanks to Sr. Marilla D’Souza and Mrs. Rosalinda Ireland who were the ace pioneers of this wonderful online gathering.



Fr. Arun Lucas



A Phrase that impressed me most in the year 2020 was 'Eco-Carnival'. I found it a very unique approach and interesting indeed when the children from various schools came forward to share their knowledge of nature and plants. An innovative thinking and a trend setting moment to communicate to the world that we can even have a carnival of sharing knowledge and information. It's a path-breaking style of Loreto Schools to form leaders with lasting values.



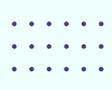
Mrs. RATNA RANJAN

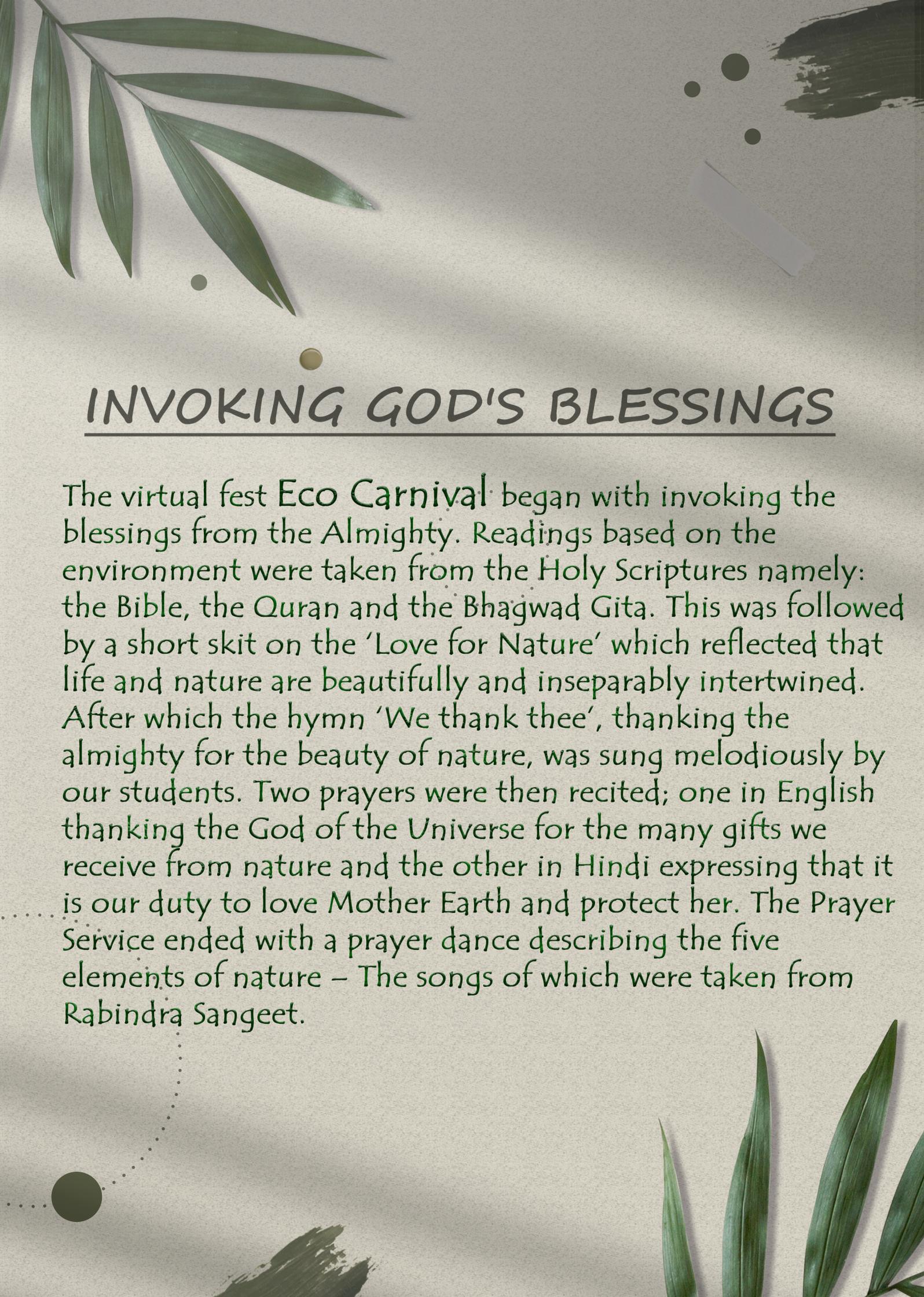


Though the lockdown still continued the Eco Carnival by Loreto Day School, Elliot Road, Kolkata through a virtual platform celebrated the significant role that the environment plays in our lives.

The students participated with great enthusiasm in a wide range of events held during this fest. They highlighted the implementation of the 2 R's – reuse and recycle, vital to save Mother Earth. The children spoke with confidence and clarity about the medicinal properties and health benefits of plants. Students danced gracefully and rhythmically to melodious folk songs beautifully conveying the message that nature is God's gift to man and we need to preserve it.

With clear diction and effective expression students recited self-composed poems pledging to restore Mother Earth to her former glory. It increased awareness levels in the participants and the audience about the immense and varied benefits of our environment and also its fragility and therefore the need for it to be protected and conserved.





INVOKING GOD'S BLESSINGS

The virtual fest **Eco Carnival** began with invoking the blessings from the Almighty. Readings based on the environment were taken from the Holy Scriptures namely: the Bible, the Quran and the Bhagwad Gita. This was followed by a short skit on the 'Love for Nature' which reflected that life and nature are beautifully and inseparably intertwined. After which the hymn 'We thank thee', thanking the almighty for the beauty of nature, was sung melodiously by our students. Two prayers were then recited; one in English thanking the God of the Universe for the many gifts we receive from nature and the other in Hindi expressing that it is our duty to love Mother Earth and protect her. The Prayer Service ended with a prayer dance describing the five elements of nature – The songs of which were taken from Rabindra Sangeet.

Readings from Religious Books



Idfa Eram



Ayesha Anjum



Uzma Fatma

Singers of the Hymn



Mary Ann Manual



Marissa Rahman



Sreya Misra



Sourjya Saha

Actors in the Short Skit



Shamaila Fardeen



Fatima Siddiqui

Narrator of the Skit



Aaratrika Paul
V(ii)

Prayer Dance

Introduction to the
dance



Eram Saba
Hussain



Cynthia Jessica
Mondal
(English)



Mrs. Ratna
Ranjan
(Hindi)

Prayer Dancers



Adrija Banerjee



Debadrita
Chakraborty



Indrakshi Chiki



Divyanshi Gupta



Preyoshi Saha



Adrishia Dutta

Represented the Earth

Represented Water

Represented Fire



Raima Gomes



Angel Riya
D'rozario



Ridhima Karar



Adrija Mukherjee

Represented Air

Represented the Sky

OUR SPECIAL GUESTS

We were privileged to receive the blessings and good wishes from **Sr. Sabrina Edwards**, our Province Leader who unfortunately could not be a part of our celebration. We missed her dearly. **Sr. Nirmala** and **Mrs. Kaveri Dutt** of the Loreto Education Board also graced the occasion. We thank the province leadership team for being a part of all our endeavours and encouraging us in this inter Loreto virtual fest.



Sr. Sabrina Edwards



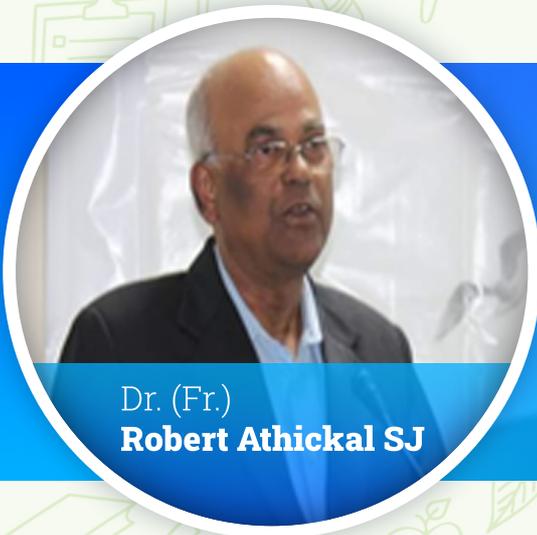
Sr. Nirmala



Mrs. Kaveri Dutt



Sr. Anjuman



Dr. (Fr.)
Robert Athickal SJ

Coordinating 'Tarumitra' a students' organisation which promotes ecological sensitivity in India.

Organised thousands of camps for students on Environmental Education.

Campaigning for Herbal plants and trees which resulted in the creation of the Tarumitra Bio Reserve in Patna.

Campaigning in Vehicular Pollution in Patna

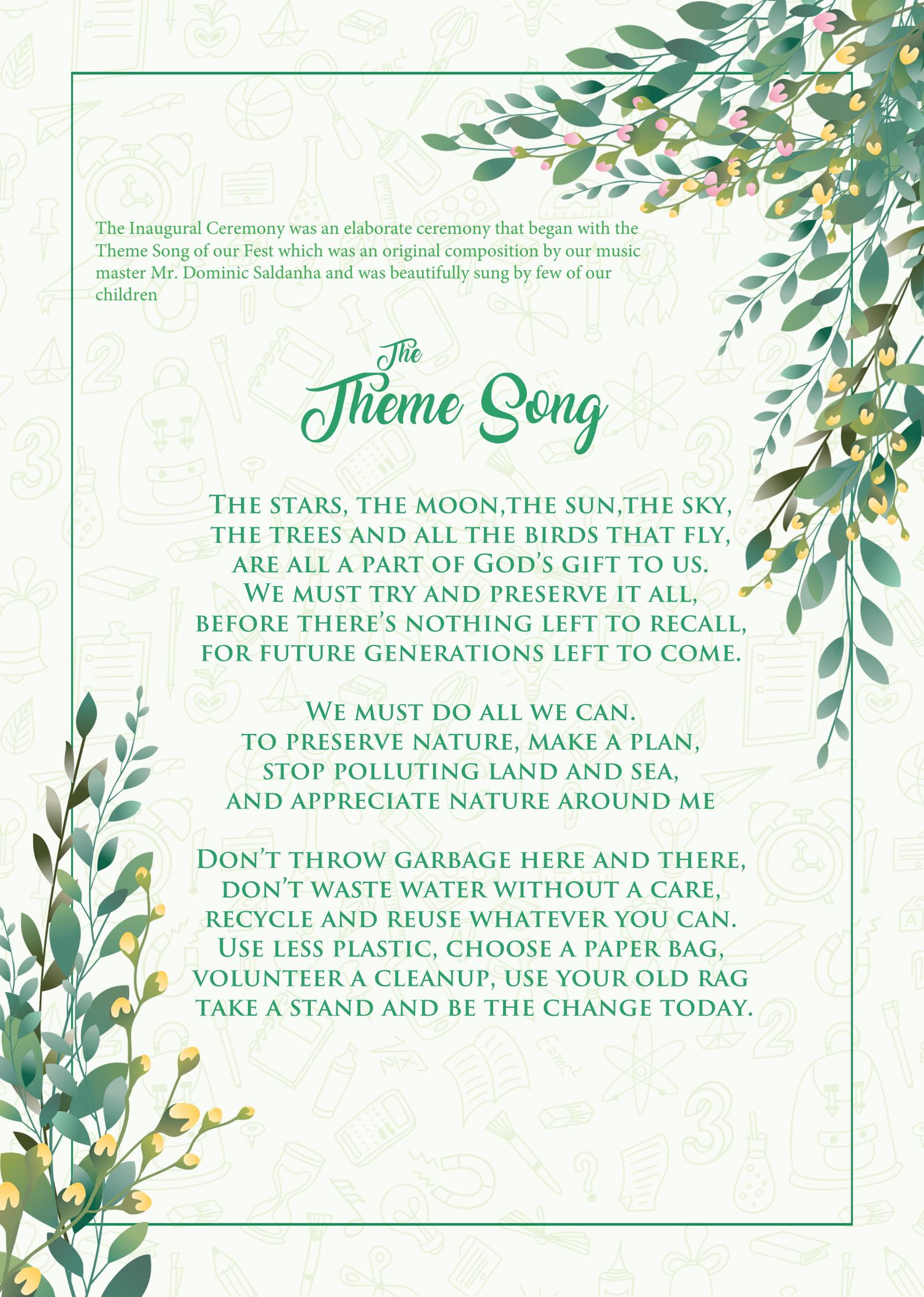
JPIC National Coordinator
from 2018 to March 2021.

Completed a successful career of 29 years in Loreto Convent School, Delhi as a dedicated Mathematics Teacher.

Installed a Solar Panel and Rain Water Harvesting in Loreto Convent School, Delhi.



Mrs **Ratna Ranjan**

The background is a light green color with a pattern of faint, white school-related icons such as a pencil, paper airplane, ruler, and backpack. The page is framed by a dark green border. In the top right and bottom left corners, there are illustrations of green branches with leaves and small yellow and pink flowers.

The Inaugural Ceremony was an elaborate ceremony that began with the Theme Song of our Fest which was an original composition by our music master Mr. Dominic Saldanha and was beautifully sung by few of our children

The **Theme Song**

THE STARS, THE MOON, THE SUN, THE SKY,
THE TREES AND ALL THE BIRDS THAT FLY,
ARE ALL A PART OF GOD'S GIFT TO US.

WE MUST TRY AND PRESERVE IT ALL,
BEFORE THERE'S NOTHING LEFT TO RECALL,
FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS LEFT TO COME.

WE MUST DO ALL WE CAN.
TO PRESERVE NATURE, MAKE A PLAN,
STOP POLLUTING LAND AND SEA,
AND APPRECIATE NATURE AROUND ME

DON'T THROW GARBAGE HERE AND THERE,
DON'T WASTE WATER WITHOUT A CARE,
RECYCLE AND REUSE WHATEVER YOU CAN.
USE LESS PLASTIC, CHOOSE A PAPER BAG,
VOLUNTEER A CLEANUP, USE YOUR OLD RAG
TAKE A STAND AND BE THE CHANGE TODAY.

Girls who rendered their melodious voices for the theme song:



Srestha Sarkar
2-1



Rachel Das 5-2



Adrija Chakraborty
4-1



Srijita Paul 3-1



Sarah Batin
2-2





Loreto Sealdah



Loreto Delhi



Loreto Shillong



Loreto St. Teresa's Darjeeling



Loreto Lolay



St. Vincent's Thakurpukur



Loreto Darjeeling



Loreto Lucknow



Loreto Sadam



Loreto Elliot Road



Loreto Panighatta



Loreto Ranchi



Loreto Bowbazar



St. Alfred's Bangladesh



Loreto House



Loreto Dharamtala



Loreto Asansol



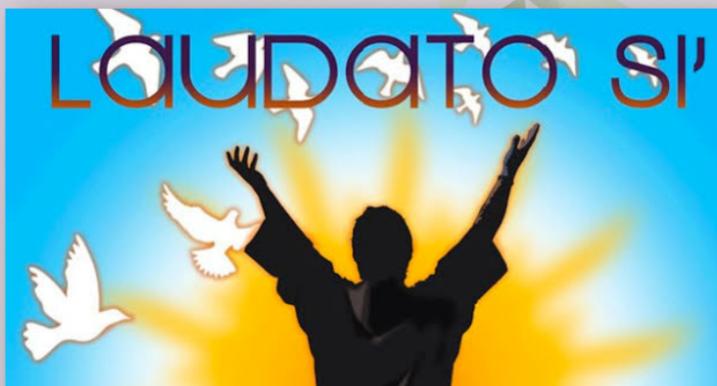
Loreto St. Agnes' Lucknow



Loreto Entally



As we believe our foundress, Mary Ward is our source of inspiration, the song "Lead us on Mary Ward" was played while the names of the various Loreto institutions were symbolically presented with Mary Ward watching over them.



It was also befitting for us to mention about the fifth anniversary of the encyclical Laudato Si which began from 24th May, 2020 and will be ending on 24 th May, 2021. It seemed providential that our environment fest had fallen during this Laudato Si anniversary year.



Being an environment fest, we recalled the role of JPIC (Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation) in the life of a Loretoite. This movement is not just something we do but rather an attitude which can change our lives.



This ceremony ended with our chief guest, Fr. Robert Athickal declaring our environment fest, 'Eco Carnival' open.



VOTE OF THANKS

Sr Marilla Anne D'Souza Principal, Loreto Day School, Elliot Road

Gratitude is the highest form of Worship

Our Principal, Sr Marilla D'Souza, began her vote of thanks by thanking the Almighty for his blessings throughout this endeavour. Sister expressed the fact that we had only visualized the participation of the schools in Kolkata but the virtual platform made it possible for the participation of nineteen Loreto Schools across the country and she was proud that our twin school; St Alfred's School and College, Bangladesh joined us from across the border. We also wanted the Eco Carnival to be in diverse languages and our desire was fulfilled particularly with Nature Vibes.

To our honoured guests, Fr. Robert Athickal SJ and Ms. Ratna Ranjan, JPIC National Coordinator, Sister expressed her heartfelt gratitude for their presence and for words of encouragement to our young participants. She was excited that we had also received many warm congratulatory messages.

Sister thanked Sr. Janet Palafox IBVM who joined us for part of our inaugural ceremony and Sr. Cynthia Mathew CJ (our representatives at the UN office), Sr. Adina Balan CJ and Sr Pauline Macharia IBVM (representatives at our Mary Ward JPIC office) in a very special way too.

Special thanks went out to Sr. Sabrina Edwards, Province Leader and members of the Province Leadership Team, animators, community leaders and every Sister present whose blessings and support, Sister said, is the wind beneath her wings. Sister also expressed her sincere gratitude to Sr. Nirmala and Mrs. Kaveri Dutt of the Loreto Education Board for their constant proactive support specially in moments of doubt and despair. None of this would have been possible without the assistance of Fr. Arun Lucas SJ of Chitrabani, Mr. Michael and Mrs. Anne Rocha who worked tirelessly side by side with the Junior Section Staff to perfect as many technical loopholes as they could. Sister expressed that it was not a highly professionally choreographed programme but it was a result of the humble efforts of our friends along with our teachers and two senior students Madhurima and Tanishtha.

We, at Loreto Elliot Road did want an Inter Loreto Event but it was the Principals, Junior Section Coordinators and the teachers of other schools who trained and guided the participants and transformed our dream into reality. This is the first virtual presentation where nineteen Loreto Schools participated on one virtual platform! A very special thank you to the parents who proved to be the best teachers which is why the children excelled in their presentation and in their creative expression in verse, song, dance and the use of props. Sister told the students that they stole the show. Their commitment to the environment in the way they conceptualized and creatively presented whatever they did has shown us adults that we have much to learn from them and we applaud their dedication to the environment.

To the Elliot Road family Sister hoped that every student both senior and junior were watching the programme LIVE and she knew that our senior section teachers and students' hearts were filled with pride. So many of our children participated in ways both big and small. Sister was proud of our girls for setting a benchmark for all future virtual presentations. Special mention was made of the office staff for the role they played behind the scenes. The core team and other teachers of the junior staff were specially thanked for accepting the challenge to conceptualize the Eco Carnival on a virtual platform. When it came to thanking the Junior section coordinator, Sister said she was falling short of adjectives for the captain of the ship Mrs. Rosalinda Ireland who with her gentle yet excellent mentoring kept stirring the staff with positive energy and trust in the Almighty. Sister ended her address with a powerful phrase- To God be the Glory!

HEARTFELT GRATITUDE



Mrs. Rosalinda Edwina Ireland
Junior Section Coordinator

Mrs. Ireland, in her Vote of thanks, expressed her gratitude to none other than the Principal, Sr. Marilla D'Souza. Mrs. Ireland recalled how Sr. Marilla's face lit up and how Sister gave her a 'thumbs up' when she was told that the Junior Section wished to have their Environmental Fest online, Sister immediately swung into action with great enthusiasm. Whenever they felt that the ship was sinking, it was Sister's farsightedness that stood them in good stead. Her faith in the teachers and students made them put in their best. They were extremely grateful to Sister for being their anchor.

THANK YOU DEAR ANCHORS!

A big thank you to our three students, Dikshita Roy, Rachel Das and Suchismita Mukherjee for their praiseworthy anchoring of the fest. A special mention to be made here of one of our Junior Section teachers, Mrs. Nirmala Biswas for her excellent anchoring of the event - Recite to Preserve.



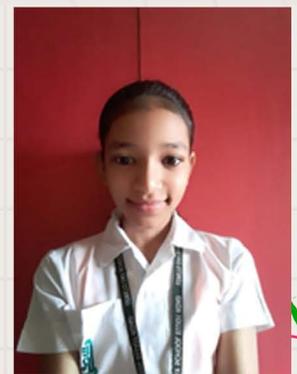
Mrs. Nirmala Biswas



Dikshita Roy



Suchismita Mukherjee



Rachel Das



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**Special thanks to Fr. Arun Lucas SJ,
Chitrabani for his unstinting technical support to
'Eco Carnival'.**
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**Words can't express how grateful we are to
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this magazine for us.**
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JPIC HYMN

**God is our creator
God is the way
God loves us all
Out in the world there are people praying saying
Let your mercy fall**

**Let us join our hand and stay under one roof
Let the power of love fill our heart and make our spirit
move Together we can make the change and transform
the world That's all we want**

**Chorus: Lets turn it all around
We can make the change
If we put our Hands together
We'll find a way**

**Justice, peace, integrity
That's what we strive for
Years of inequality
Now will be no more**

**Peace is all we seek and love is all we spread
With your gracious hands you bind us with the same
thread We will change the world and make it alright The
sun will shine.**

**Chorus: Lets turn it all around
We can make the change
If we put our hands together
We'll find a way ... (3)**

