



*Sr. Maria Theresa trembles as she signs the declaration of her vows; Sr. Maria Immaculata keeps a watchful eye over proceedings while Sr. Mary Celine nervously waits her turn.*

Dear friends in Christ,

**Greetings from Servi Domini.** It's already six months since I sent you my last newsletter! How the time flies!

For the feast of the Sacred Heart, with great joy we renewed our vows – Sr. Mary Celine and Sr. Maria Theresa for one year and I for three years. Also on that day one of our novices, Sr. Maria Filomena made her first profession in Italy.

On 19th May, our fourth

“grandchild,” Mary Celestina, was born to Mary Anusha and was baptized on Pentecost Sunday by Fr. Couture who visited us in May. Our girls always enjoy Fr. Couture's visits as he always teaches them some new songs and tells them Catechism stories.

In May we acquired two more destitute ladies, Papu and Sundari – both mentally challenged, but not much. They are sisters: the elder in her 50's and the younger in her late 40's. They were living



*Mary Celestina was born to Benjamin and Mary Anusha and baptised at Pentecost.*

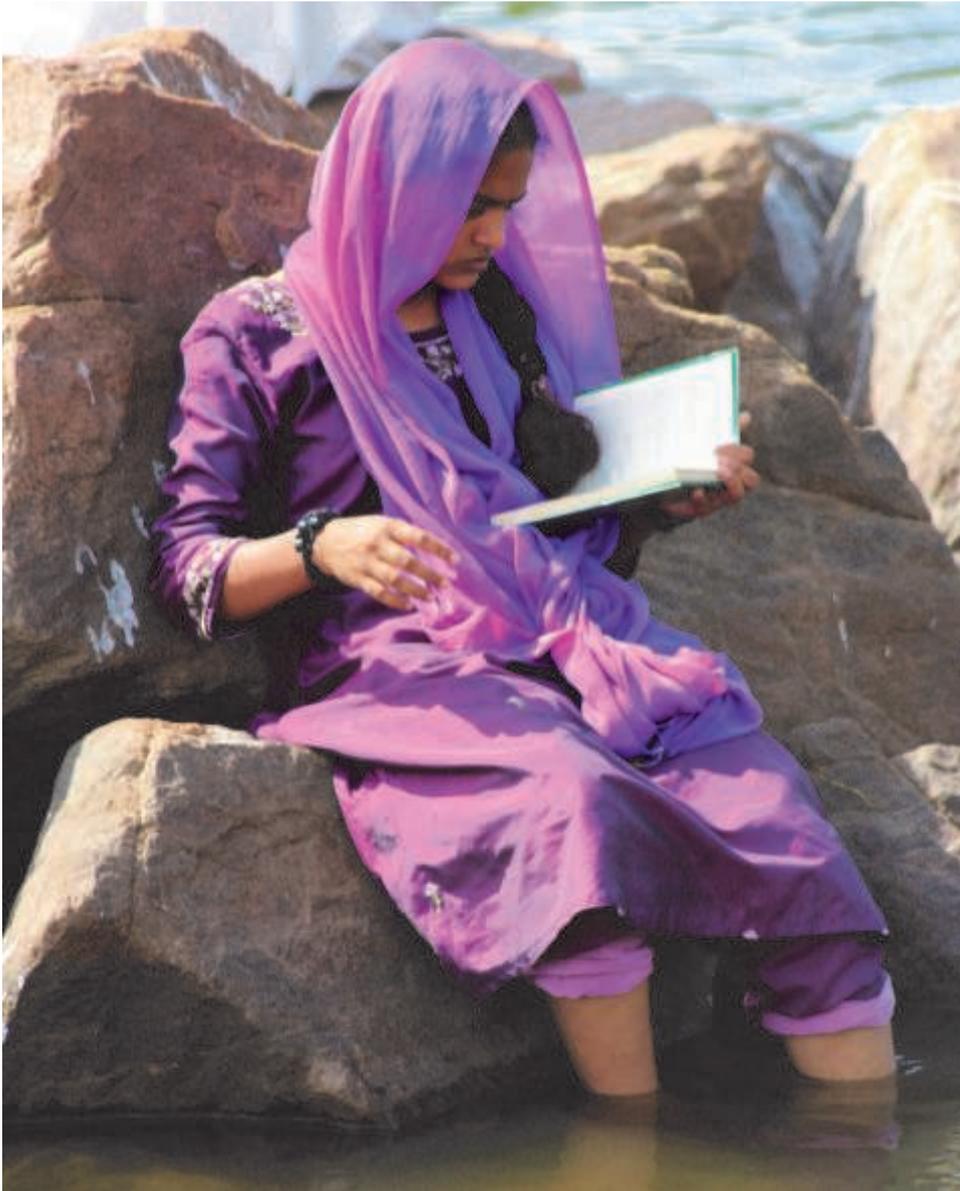
with their parents and once they died they were left alone. They are not capable of living on their own. The older one is also affected by Polio a little bit. All the other old ladies are doing well. We have seven now, including these two new arrivals.

Among the children, we have accepted two new girl boarders, Jeransia and Anushiya - both from Singamparai. Anushiya is 11 years old and Jeransia, a physically challenged girl of 13 years. Even though physically challenged, she writes a lot better than most of the other girls. Michaelammal who has finished 10th class went back to her village as Anushiya her sister took her place at the orphanage.

This year in April, six of our girls wrote their 10th Standard (10th Grade - High School) government exams and all of them passed. Now they have joined in



*The eastern monsoon begins in July and brings endless sunshine and wind to Tamil Nadu (in south-west India) instead of rain. It is an ideal time for flying kites.*



*'...as he lay dying amid the carnage of battle, he whispered the words he had kept so long in his heart...' Mary Rita : lost in a fairytale on a sunny afternoon by the river.*

11th Standard (Higher Secondary – 2 years) in different schools as we have only up to 10th Standard at Veritas Academy. Four of these girls: Theresa, Sophie, Jacintha and Josephine go to school from the orphanage, so it is not all that bad.

In April-May I took a month of vacation at our mother house in Italy. It was good to see them all after such a long time (two and a half years).

The construction is going on at its own pace. The ground floor ceiling is all

finished and now they have started constructing the first floor walls.

Thank you very much for all your prayers and continued support—without which we would not be able to do so much. Keep us in your prayers and please pray for many vocations, so that we can take care of many people and bring many more souls to God.

In Jesus and Mary,  
Sr. Maria Immaculata



*Happy newcomers: Papu, Sundari, Anushiya and Jeransia.*