

Passages from India

SIX LASALLIAN TEACHERS TRAVEL TO SAINT JOSEPH'S BOYS' VILLAGE

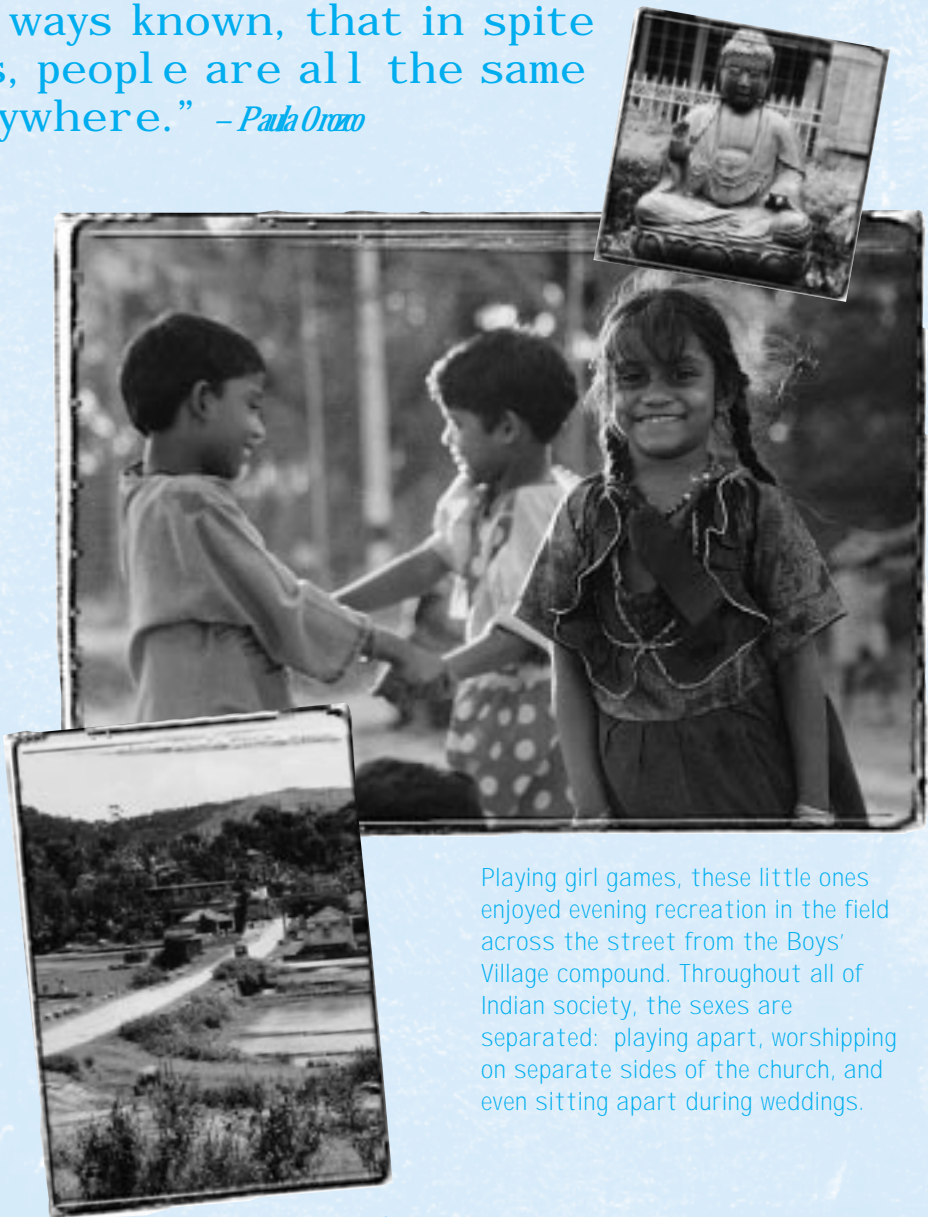
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"I don't know if I have the adjectives to begin to describe my experience in India. I have come across oceans to discover what I think I've always known, that in spite of our differences, people are all the same - God is truly everywhere." - *Paula Orozco*

During the Fall 1998 Convocation, San Francisco District members discussed various methods of including teachers and other Partners in the worldwide Lasallian experience. As a part of that effort, a pilot program was launched which sent six Lasallian educators to St. Joseph's Boys' Village in Southern India. It is hoped that the success of this program will inspire others to reach beyond their Districts and join in that part of the Lasallian mission which calls us to serve the international community.

6/14 Sitting for three hours on the runway waiting to take off in Amsterdam, my body is tired and my mind numb. I seem to have completely lost Sunday. I've had no real rest, yet am able to be present to my experience. This is the longest I've ever been on a plane. Another delay . . . waiting, waiting, waiting.

Later that evening . . .
I'm sitting in a Bombay hotel.
Humidity, pungent smells, and



A rural farming community with a one-wheeled taxi. These taxis were common in the poorest areas; cars were seen only in more affluent districts.

Playing girl games, these little ones enjoyed evening recreation in the field across the street from the Boys' Village compound. Throughout all of Indian society, the sexes are separated: playing apart, worshipping on separate sides of the church, and even sitting apart during weddings.