

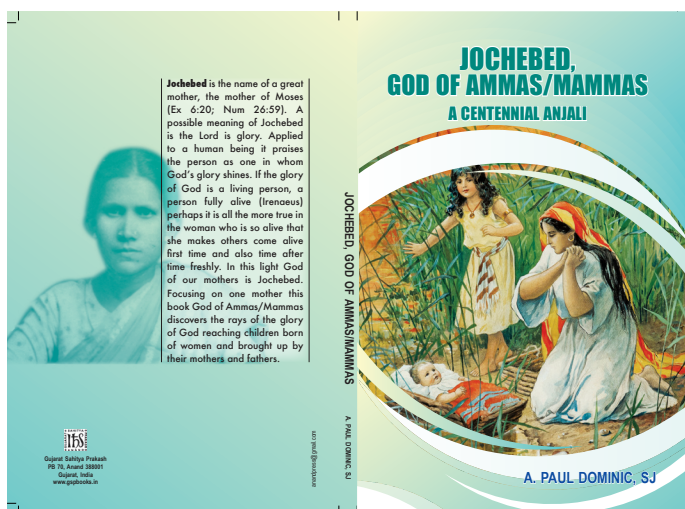
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## DNC, Pune

The month of December began with community days. The theme for the community days was 'Bandhutva'. We all participated in the community days with great zeal and vitality. There was a variety of programs and games organized by the organizing comity. Community days helped us in building relationship with one another.

During this month, we were blessed by the Annual visit of Fr. Amrit Rai (Regional Superior) in our DNC community. We enjoyed his company throughout his stay. We are grateful for all the encouragement and support.

As the days started becoming cool and chill, we started our preparation for Christmas celebration physically and spiritually. Everyone looked very busy in various tasks like cleaning the house, decorations, crib making, carol singing etc. Now we are enjoying our winter holidays, and a waiting to celebrate New Year 2019. We wish you all a very happy New Year 2019.

Sch. David D. Minj

## Yes, we can live in faith and hope!



Father Arturo Sosa, Superior General of the Society of Jesus, is pleased to offer his wishes for Christmas and the New Year to his Jesuit companions and to the whole "Ignatian family". Year 2019 promises to be of great strategic importance as the discernment on the Universal Apostolic Preferences of the Society for the coming years will be completed at the beginning of the year. Take 3 minutes and listen to him @ <https://sjcuria.global/en/more-other-news/360-yes-we-can-live-in-faith-and-hope>

## St. Joseph's College, Bangalore

The social work department organized a rural camp for 10 days near Bannarghatta. The students benefited lot from this camp. Fr. Amrit Rai made annual visit. He also offered mass for the BNSCC (Bangalore Nepali Speaking Catholic Community) faithful were very excited and happy. Fr. Stan, The provincial of Karnataka province offered mass for all the Catholic staff and students of St. Joseph's College. These days community members are busy exchanging joy and happiness through carol singing and distribution of cakes in the neighborhood. Happy Christmas and Joyful New Year.

Fr. Rajasekaran S.J.



# Shishu Bikas Kendra, Pokhara



December month has been the advent of many events and blessings to Shishu Bikas Kendra. On the 1st of December SBK students along with their parents celebrated the annual picnic day at the outskirt of Pokhara city, Doban on the river bed. On that day SBK students could jump, dance and laugh around with the natural flowers and blowing fresh air in the open area. There were more than 120 participants in the picnic celebration. They enjoyed the day to their hearts content. Fr. Paul had arranged two buses for the picnic. Fr. Mathew Das along with his teaching staff and 45 students visited Pokhara city all the way from Assam, India. They stayed in SBK over night.

On the 3rd of December, there was a special procession of the differently able people starting from human right chowk, Chiplidhonga and culminated in city Subhagreha. Our students partook in it with full enthusiasm and maximized the show. Fr. Amit had gone to Siligulri, India to participate in the young priests combined meeting of Nepal and Darjeeling province. It was a joyous occasion of meeting and sharing with young and vibrant Jesuit priests. There was a CRN meeting held at SBK of Pokhara Religious priests and nuns in preparation of the advent of Jesus Christ. They had a meaningful recollection and sacrament of reconciliation at the end of the day. Pokhara Jesuit house hosted a Christmas celebration

fellowship meal for the Doctors of Manipal Medical College, Korean guests and all the Sisters of St. Ann's Church. SBK children enacted the Nativity of Jesus Christ on the occasion of Christmas celebration in the school. They enjoyed the different role play given to them. It was a joyous moment to see all the children well dressed up in angelic forms. Congrats to the HC Srs. Ranjita and Chanchala and the staffs for their captivating decoration at SBK and at the Church. SBK remains closed till 4th of January 2019. There was a combined Mass celebration of St. Ann's and Pillar Mata Churches at St. Francis School on the occasion of Christmas gathering and family day involving all in Carol singing and dancing, participating in different games and finally concluding with the Agape meal. St. Ann's Parish parents and youths erected an attractive manger which pulled the attention of all people in and around. On the Christmas Vigil Mass the church was full of people with Catholics and non- Catholics. Most of the neighbors of this area were invited for the celebration. They had a meaningful Christmas celebration. In the cold winter night a cup of hot coffee and a good tasty piece of cake spirited the people to sing and dance. At the end of the celebration all wished one another Merry Christmas and Happy New Year 2019 in advance.

Fr. Amit Lakra, SJ





# St. Ignatius Parish, Baniyatar



To accomplish great things, we must not only act, but also dream; not only plan, but also believe. First time we had Christ the King procession this year from Prernalaya Hotel to our Church. It was something new for the people around but it all went very peacefully and devotionally. Parish Youth conducted Bible Quiz Competition for the Krusveer. They took the first book of Bible as it's rarely used by them. It was really very tough for the Youth to conduct as our Krusveer children were well prepared for the quiz. Fr Tej was out for a few days to Matigara to attend Young Ordained Priest meeting and brought some statues for the Christmas crib competition. This year our Parish had Zone Christmas Crib Competition. All the Zones had made wonderful cribs and it was really very difficult to judge for the judges. There-

fore 3 Zones got the first prizes.

Fr Jiju was the main celebrant this year for the Christmas Eve Mass, Campion and Kamal Niwas communities were present there for the Mass. Especial Thanks to NJSI for distributing each family as Christmas gift a mat and big size religious picture. I also thank Fr Simon Chu from Korea who helped me to distribute warm cloths to all our children. This year all the families went home with some or the other Christmas gifts and blessing from God. We bade farewell 2018 by thanks giving adoration followed by Mass and then burning of effigy. It was very meaningful to all of to thanking and welcoming the New Year 2019 with God's Blessing.

Fr. Tej Kalyan Kujur S.J.

# St. Xaviers' Jawalakhel Community

December was a month filled with activities at school. We started with the feast day celebration of our patron St. Francis Xavier on 3rd, combined with science exhibition as every year. On 8th we had the senior school sports day and report card distribution. This year's school play was the famous "My Fair Lady" and we had two shows. . Many neighbor schools were also invited to witness the excellently performed play. Other activities included Plus two English debate, ex tempore speech competition for high school, Christmas celebrations for junior school, senior school, and plus two, etc. The most awaited event was the school Mela and this year it was a big success with a big crowd showing up. We closed the school with the mela and on the next day class 9 took off to Lumbini for their social study tour. Fr.Etienne went to Calcutta for the province days and for classes for juniors. Tomson , George, and Sanjay

went for home visits and for various programs. Tej made a long trip to Matigara for the young priests' meeting for one day! Ignatius was busy at the Social Service Centers with various programs like Gafney Day, Christmas celebrations and Carol singing. He is readily available for any maintenance and repair works at the centers and in the community. Martin and Tej joined the NJSI group for a trip to Dolaka and the latest is that their jeep broke down near Cherikot and that they are stuck on the way waiting for motor parts from Kathmandu. We have the regular guests, Bandipur sisters, come for their Visa renewal. Ignatius and Martin will be guarding the house during the winter holidays as Mathew will be going to Kerala to bless a Wedding. As every year our staff is planning to have a winter camp for junior children. Happy New Year to all.

Mathew Assarikudy S.J.



# St. Xavier's Deonia Community



The month was packed with so many activities internally and externally: On December 3, we had a feast day celebration of St. Francis Xavier among the religious community at SXD. We had Holy Eucharist followed by a festive dinner. On December 14, we had an inaugural ceremony of the 8th Fr. Thomas Gaffeny Tournament. We were happy to have Fr. Boniface Tigga, S.J. as a Chief guest for the day. The final was held on 21st of the same month, the Chief guest for the final day was Mr. Dhruba Siwakoti, Mayor, Birtamode Municipality. On December 9, all the CRN Members (Eastern Zone) gathered at St. Xavier's Deonia for one day Recollection and Penitential Service. Fr. Arul led the group with his meaningful points and Fr. Mani SDB celebrated the Eucharist. On the same day class 8 'B' students had food preparation as part of their project. On 15th we had report card distribution of the Second term. The Classes 1 & 2 AB and 6 & 7 AB had their one day field trip accompanied by their class teachers and few others. The mathematics memory and English Proverbs for the students were held as part of their internal co-curriculum. We were happy to accommodate

few guests: Fr. Lawrence, Fr. Vincent, Fr. Basil, Fr. Paul, and Fr. Joseph from Darjeeling; later Fr. Juel, Fr. Samuel, Fr. Sanjay, and Sch. Devadhas as they were on the way to their REGAE II Program.

On December 22, we had a penitential service for the nearby faithful at 4:30PM at SXD Chapel with the help of Fr. Victor. On 23rd we celebrated Christmas day in the School followed by a dinner for the Teaching and the supporting staff. On December 24, the winter vocation began along with the Christmas holidays. The entire Deonia community joined for the Christmas night celebration at Sadakbari and morning at Maheshpur. On 25th evening, we had our Christmas fellowship meal at SXD for all the nearby religious communities. The Class 12th students of both Science and Management had a productive and experiential tour to India (Vishakhapatnam & Kolkata) accompanied by Fr. Principal, Class teachers, coordinator and a few other teachers. The regular class commenced after the winter vacation on 2nd of January. Fr. Samuel is with us making his retreat, we wish him a fruitful stay with us.

Sch. Ravindar Bara S.J.





# Nepal Jesuit Social Institute [Kamal Niwas]



This month began with Personal Development Camp (PDC) for the students of Shree Bachchaladevi Secondary School. The school is located at Satyadevi, Dhading. This program comprises assorted activities that help the students to be aware of self and their environment. Along with this, Eco-club was introduced to them. Basically, the club is monitored by the school itself once it is established. NJSI is just helping them to establish and provide needful information to run the club. A short presentation was given to them regarding the practices that help to conserve the environment. The agricultural Training Program was held at Knowledge Park, ICIMOD, Godavari on 10th and 11th December. This training program was especially for the people of Tipling so that they can acquire the knowledge to improve the agriculture sector in their village. Altogether, 24 people



participated where all the members were women. The training was on greenhouse construction, methods of composting and improved cooking stove. The construction of two floors building with four classrooms and a toilet facility has been completed. On 21st December, the building was handed over to the school management committee. Along with the building, NJSI furnished the building as per the need of the students, NJSI provided 26 sets of chairs and tables, 4 ECD tables, 10 chairs and 5 tables for the teachers. On 24th of December, the children from Social Service Center came to NJSI for carol singing. NJSI team and Social Service Center team celebrated the Christmas together.

Ms. Sristi Thapa





# St. Xavier's Godavari Community



"God gives gifts to everyone, some can write, some can dance. He gave me the skill to play football and I am making the most of it", says Ronaldinho. The month of December started with 23rd Moran Memorial Football Tournament for little budding students and 16 schools participated in the event. Our 4 Jesuits schools (St. Xavier's School, Jawalakhel, St. Xavier's School, Godavari, St. Xavier's School, Deonia and Moran Memorial School, Maheshpur) participated in the tournament. The tournament lasted for two weeks. St. Xavier's School, Godavari reached the final with Little Angle School, Hatiban. No scores in the first and second half of the game. The players were very tough. SXG won the game with penalty shots. Maheshpur bagged 3rd place. Mr. Yuvraj Rajbansi, green jersey no. 10 from MMS, Jhapa, scored the highest goals in the tournament. Congratulations to all the players, schools and participants. The same day class ten students also went for hike in Pulchowki hills.

On Dec 3rd Xavier's Day celebration was held with the prompt speech of class 11 and 12.



For the final vows of Fr. David Ekka the community had Eucharistic celebration in the Chapel of Godavari Ashram followed by columbarium blessing by Fr. Amrit Rai. On Dec. 7th our students were back from Mumbai after the student exchange programme at St. Mary's School, Mazagaon. They had wonderful experience there.

On Dec. 19th from Bright Star (blind group:

Mr. Basudev Adhikary, Sushil Adhikary and Ms. Suprabha Aryal) gave motivational talk to class ten students based on their life experiences.

On Dec. 24th the school had Christmas Celebration with the students and the staff. Christmas Eve Celebration the community members joined the Godavari Parish. Christmas Day morning Fr. Samuel Simick and Sch. Devadhas V. left for Kolkatta (Dhyan Ashram) to attend the REGAE meet. On Dec. 26th winter day camp begun for the students.

On Dec. 29th the school management arranged the meeting with Federal and State Member of Parliament and Local Authority to use of Keshar Mahal and open space below the road. Mr. Nawaraj Silwal (Member of



Federal Parliament), Mrs. Sushila Pun (Member of State Parliament), Mr. Gajendra Maharjan (Mayor, Godavari Municipality), Mr. Bal Mukunda Ghimire (Ward Chairman, Ward No 3, Godavari Municipality), Fr. Amrit Rai



S.J., (Chairman NJS), Fr. Jiju V. Kevillil, S.J. (Principal, St. Xavier's College, Maitighar), Fr. David Ekka, S.J. (Superior, Godavari Community), Mr. Laxman Gurung (Senior V.P., SXG), Mr. Subarna K.C. (V.P. Admin, SXG) were present in the meeting. We concluded the month and the year 2018 with short get-together and meal with supporting staff.

Fr. David Ekka S.J.



# 「Moran Memorial, Maheshpur」



## 「School」

After the third term the classes began but everyone looked relaxed and already in Christmas mood. We had a meaningful Christmas celebration with the students and teaching and non-teaching staff. Several guests added the joy in our community. We celebrated Fr. Victor's birthday with religious of the neighboring communities. Fr. Norbert took his time out to make his annual retreat at Sadakbari as Br. Clarence took class IX students for Lumbini and Chitwan for educational tour. Then we had a day picnic with Class 10 to mark the New Year. Once again we are back to the normal time schedule, the temperature feels low in the morning and quite high during the day. The loss of Fr. Sanctius' dad was sudden sad news. Moran Memorial school participated in the Moran Football tournament at Godavari and won the 3<sup>rd</sup> place. One of the players was awarded as the highest scorer of the Tournament. School and the parents are proud of the players.



## 「Parish」

This year we celebrated the Christmas in different places. We had mid night Masses Maheshpur, Mital and Gherabari. On 25<sup>th</sup> morning, we had Masses in Maheshpur, Dhuklabari and Gherabari. In Maheshpur, we had some games for children and adults; and meal after the Mass on Dec 25<sup>th</sup>. We had carol singing in Mital and Maheshpur. Mr. Sushil, one of our Catholics helped in carol singing. Fr. Boniface Tigga S.J.





# Gonzaga House



December 3rd was marked with the twin celebration, Xavier Day and school day. There was a short program prepared by all the classes. Students were asked to come in their Dashain dress so all of them were colorful. It was a beautiful program. Around the last part of the program was witnessed by Mr. John Pet and company accompanied by Frs. Boniface and Dennis. They were around for a while after lunch so they could interact with few students and teachers. At the end of the program students were asked to be seated according to their House and teachers distributed snacks. After snacks students went back to their home. From Dec. 11 we started out 2nd term exam which ended on 20 and on 21 we had a small Christmas Tree celebration after the program students were given a piece of cake and sweets. 22 to Jan 5 was the Term break. 22 Br. Irenius left for home to get his official papers done like Election ID card, Aadhar card. For Christmas we had priests half of the number of the Apostles, may be for the first time faithful saw such number on the altar here. Thanks to Fr. Boniface as a main celebrant assisted by Frs. Arul; house superior, Dennis, Peter and Vijay. The Presence of Socius; Fr. Juel was highly appreciable. Thanks to our FC sisters and Scholastics and volunteer for being there. Special thanks to Srs. Nirmala, Mary and Jayasheela from Loyola school for their wonderful

Altar decoration. Parishioners made a big pandal/ tent by themselves much ahead of time that even the school used it for Christmas Tree celebration. A large number of faithful turned up for the vigil mass which was preceded by PREM BHOJ/ common dinner, which was served from 6.30 pm onwards and the vigil mass was at 10 pm. Before the mass all the fathers sat for the confession. Mass was followed by hot tea and graceful group dance. It went on almost whole night. Following day we had mass in both the centers in Simlbari and Sadakbari. Fr. Vijay filed the up gradation file to the ward office on 26 and went for quick home visit to see his old and ailing father on 27 with getting caught up in traffic jam for more than 7 hrs in Bihar. His father was happy to see him. When Br. Irenius and Fr. Vijay were away Fr. Peter guarded the house of Frs. and also Sisters. Meanwhile he was visited by his sisters and nephew. Nephew is still in Gonzaga House.

Loyola school too had its 2nd term from Dec. 10 and Christmas Celebration on 21 and closed for term break. Sr. Sunita left for home visit early in the 2nd week and Sr. Mary after Christmas.

Fr. Norbert made our place more holy and grace filled by making his annual retreat from 27th onwards.

Fr. Vijay Pratap Toppo S.J.





# Regis College, Toronto

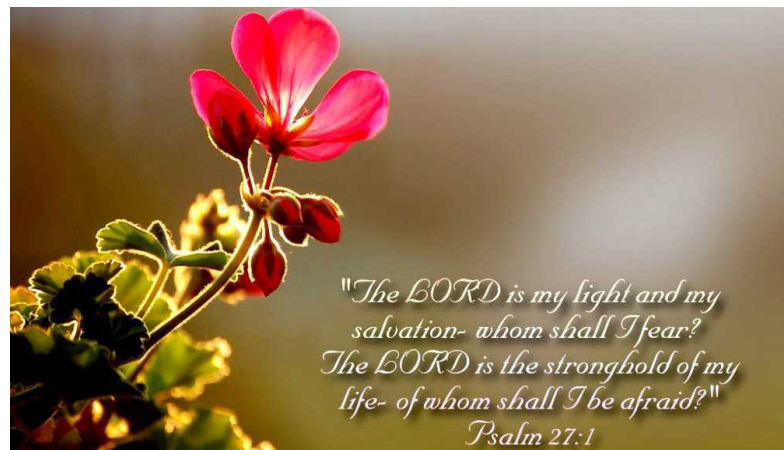
The month of December was a time of intensive studies as well as a time of relaxation. Manu and Augustus were busy with their exams of the fall semester until December 15. After finishing their exams, they, along with the other Jesuits in formation, made their Triduum at Loyola House Retreat and Training Centre, Guelph. As usual, on the Christmas day, the member of the community volunteered to prepare pre-prandial snacks and meals. While the other members of the community had their own plan for the winter holiday, Manu and Augustus decided to spend time in Washington, DC, USA. They stayed at the Aloysius Gonzaga Jesuit Community and enjoyed their time of relaxation until January 2. Manu and Augustus will be entering into the final semester of their theology on January 7.

Sch. Augustus Ekka S.J.

## Birthdays



### Pray for Departed souls



\*Fr Samuel Rayan, SJ, (KER) 98/79, expired on January 02, 2019 at Kozhikode, Kerala.

\*Fr. Benjamin Henry Miller S.J.(SRI) 93/77, passed away on January 01, 2019 at St Michael's, Batticaloa.

\*Fr. Thomas H. Radloff, S.J. (UMI) 88/70, died on December 15, 2018, at Colombiere Center in Clarkston, Michigan.

\*Fr. Tej Kumar Ekka SJ (MAP) 62/38, passed away on 15 December 2018, in Holy Cross Hosital, Ambikapur.

\*Fr. John E. Dister, S.J. (UMI) 87/69, died on December 12, 2018, at Colombiere Center in Clarkston, Michigan.

#### Those who served in Nepal

Laurier C. Harvey	13/01/2016
Robert J. Mayer	28/01/2000

Fr. Bobby Thadathil	06 January
NS Binay Lakra	06 January
Fr. S. Arualandam	09 January
Sch. Akhlesh Lakra	10 January
NS Lawrence Kertketta	10 January
Fr. Sanctius Beck	12 January
Sch. Ashish Ekka	19 January
Fr. George P.M.	20 January