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Approved for First Vows

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Approved for Novitiate

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Appointment by Region Superior

Dn. Augustus Ekka Diaconate Min., Tipling
Dn. Manu Mathew Diaconate Min., Sadakbari

ST. XAVIER'S JAWALAKHEL

Frs. Etienne, Sanjay, Tomson, and Ignatius took part in the REGAE II at Godavari Ashram. We had a few community meetings to discuss the UAP and apostolic planning and to prepare for the Region Days. All of us attended the region days, some of us commuted while others stayed at the Ashram. Fr. Etienne left for Belgium on 23rd for his eye check-up and holidays. George and Tej attended an assistant level meeting in Pune. We had a combined quiet community celebration of Sanjay's and Tej's birthdays. Mathew took part in the Citizens bank tennis tournament at the stadium in the seniors category and won the semi-final trophy and cash prize. We had many guests at different times from India, USA, and Australia.

At the school side all are busy as usual with various activities. Classes 9 and 10 had their field trip to Chitwan national park and Pokhara and now they are busy preparing for their parents' night. Donnelly hall exterior has a new look as we completed the painting recently. The main attraction as you walk into the school compound is the statue of St. Francis Xavier which is painted in gold color recently. The pigeons also respect it now as they don't sit on the head and dirty the statue! Our tennis court was the venue for the first Fr. Watrin-Xavierian Memorial tennis tournament. This was for 45+ category and 30 players from different fraternities took part in it. Our alumnus Mr. Bhoo Arun Malla (GAA president) was the main organizer and it was a great success. Last



week-end we had a Joint school staff training program at SXJ and all the staff members profited from presentations made by experts in different subjects.

A.V.Mathew

CAMPION HOUSE

One of the ways we accompany our college youth towards a hopeful future is through Rural Immersion Camps (RIC). RICs are mandatory for every student in college who undergoes a two-year study program and if a student is in a four-year program that student will have to participate in two RICs in his/her time here. The past month saw two such RICs; one was organized by the Department of Physics from 10th to 12th May and the other was organized by the Department of Micro-biology on the same date. The former was held in Pipaltar, Nuwakot and the latter was held in Lamjung. The Pipaltar camp involved thirty first year and second year students from BSc Physics and the Lamjung camp had twenty-six students from Bsc Micro-biology. The students were accompanied by their faculty members.

These camps expose students to stark realities in rural Nepal. They get a firsthand experience of life without the basic necessities as they have to sleep on the floor in classrooms, cook for themselves share a single toilet etc. The camps also reinforce in the students the importance of becoming men and women for and with others. In these camps, the students with the help of the Out Reach Program Coordinator, Mr. Mohan Bhanjade and their faculty members, conduct career counseling sessions for the students in the village, organize environmental campaigns and conduct street plays to raise awareness on social issues.

May 1-4 Jomon participated in REGAE in Godavari Ashram. Champion House was delighted to host a few of the REGAE participants from North Zone including Fr. Job Kozhantzhazham and Fr. Paul Coelho who was a key member of the team that conducted it. Bobby represented the college in a meeting of all the Vice-principals of the Jesuit colleges in South Asian Assistency, held in Tamil Nadu, India in the first week of May.

Dr. Tom Fricke, the Head of Anthropology Department of University of Michigan and a long-time friend of the Nepal Jesuits arrived on 8th and stayed with us for three weeks. Tom brought a lot of joy to our community and especially to Fr. Cap whose first contact with the Tamangs in Tipling came through Tom who was doing his studies on the Tamangs there in the early 1980s.

International collaboration and networking has been one of the priority areas of the college for the last few years. The latest possible institutional collaboration is with the Catholic University in Slovakia. The visit of Mr. Peter Nemeč from the Catholic University, has

set the process of collaboration in motion.

St. Xavier's is also a part of a network of universities that have formed a team of experts in order to train teachers in devising innovative curricula, under a project titled DVINE. The team members are from Finland, Norway, Turkey, Vietnam, Lalitpur Nursing Campus in Nepal and St. Xavier's College. As a part of the project, Lalitpur Nursing Campus and St. Xavier's together hosted a Spring Workshop for the team members from 13th to 17th May. The project is supported by the European Union education fund. For the first time in anyone's memory Fr. Cap could not make it to the Region Days held on 17th and 18th due to his discomfort in travelling. However, he was very much present with the Region in spirit, as he offered masses and prayers for its success.

The Department of Social Work (BSW) participated in a Meet and Greet program organized by Kathmandu University on 17th May in Pragya Bhawan. Our students, under the expert guidance of our dedicated staff, put up stellar performances and won the hearts of all with their outstanding and edifying conduct. Congratulations to the entire Department.

Sharing our rich spirituality with our staff has been a priority of the College for several years now. Another step with the same intention was initiated by the administration this year; it is a progressive course designed for the teaching and non-teaching staff of our institutions, in order to inculcate the spirit of Jesuit education in them. The course is titled, Shared Vision- the Jesuit Spirit in Education. It is inspired by and modeled on, with permission, the Shared Vision course offered by the Jesuit Institute in London. St. Xavier's offers the course under three categories: an induction course when a staff joins the college (SVi), a course for those who have spent a couple of years as a staff in our institutions (SV 2) and a third course for staff members who have served for five years or longer (SV3). All the courses are offered to limited number of staff through strictly timed sessions. When a staff completes the course, he/she receives a certificate. The Shared Vision folders and Shared Vision diary make the course more tangible to the participants. We had two batches of teaching staff undergo Shared Vision 2 already. Along with Jomon, the animators of the course include Mrs. Pramila Parajuli, a lecturer in the Department of Microbiology and Mr. Sajal Paudel, a lecturer in the Department of Social Work. The college will soon bring out a schedule for the Shared Vision courses so that all of our schools can also send their staff to participate in them.

Jomon Jose

MORAN MEMORIAL, MAHESHPUR



SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY:

Staff members run the school well while the Jesuits went to Kathmandu for the Region days. Deepak attended the scholastics program. We inaugurated the Jesuit Worldwide Learning program with 17 students and all of them are our teachers. Sch. Deepak is the instructor for the JWJ. We had general health check up for all the students organized by a group of doctors. Br. Clarence travelled to Simbagnoor for his tertianship. Schs. Ruben and Bipin helped out in the school for a few days. At present, Sch. Martin is assisting us in the school. Students are getting ready to participate in the sports event organized by the local education office.

PARISH:

Our Guru babu, Amar Bista was sick for two weeks and he is fine now. Mr. Bablu, one of our parishioners is seriously sick and is in the hospital in Biratnagar. Fr. George from Dharan offered Mass for the Parishioners while the Jesuits were away for the Region days. Rosary prayer was conducted in various tea garden of this locality. Fr. Norbert continues to beautify the Parish premises.

Boniface Tigga





GONZAGA HOUSE

Classes are going on in full swing. Nursery classes end at 12.35 and LKG at 1.45. In the first week of May class captains, house captains and school captains were elected. House division too took place and the measurement for the house dress was taken. Mr. Sanjeev Khanal and Mr. Bishwa Shrestha came all the way from Kathmandu to help us out. We, Jesuits went to Kathmandu on 16 May for Region Days and were back on 21st. When we were away Sr. Jagrani held the fort for the last time as she is being transferred to Telangana. SXS family expresses its deepest gratitude for her selfless service rendered to the family; with her a trace of history of senior religious in the place comes to an end. We wish her all the best! Two new Sisters are on the way, by the end of this month they will arrive here. The 1st Cycle test for this academic year is on. SXS South block adding up of the first floor has started and work is in progress. Sand, bricks and rods etc. have already come. Fitting and fixing work



for slab is on.

Sch. Paleswor is back with us for a while till he goes to his next destination, Pune for his higher studies in Natural Resource Management and Sustainable Development. Meanwhile SCC Srs. Jaya and Albina blessed us with their presence. They got 4 of the girls from our parish for the 'Come and See' program in Kolkota. Fr. Peter reached two young men from Simalbari to SXS, to experience 'Come and See' program, wish them good luck. The timings for the Mass on Saturdays in Simalbari and Sadakbari is 8.30 am followed by catechism classes. Fr. Peter blessed another wedding on 23. Lately weather has changed - lots with frightening thunder and lightning, storm and rain. Thank God these things are happening at night not during the day.

Loyola School is also going smoothly. Name board is being written on the wall and gate. The storm broke away the 1st floor *hawamahal* of Sister's residence and needed to be fixed. The ground is more or less levelled now.



Vijay Toppo



SBK – POKHARA

The month of May started by observing International Labor's Day; SBK remained closed on 1st of May. Four new students have joined SBK family and learning the functioning of the place. The senior students take great interest in helping out the new ones. The students are taught meditation in the morning. Most of the children are able to sit quietly without much movement. We have had three female volunteers at SBK. Gyanendra and Khen rendered their service at Kavre for a week in setting up looming machines through NJSI. Recently a strong 'Hurri Battas' fell the SBK boundary wall and due to this students are unable to play the outdoor games. A group of Jesuit priests from Indian Provinces and few more guests had a wonderful stay at SBK and 'Darshan' of Pokhara. Frs. Paul and Amit attended

the long awaited Region Days at Godavari. It was a grace filled spiritual conversation and great meet of all Nepal Jesuits guided and facilitated by Darjeeling – Nepal Jesuit Provincial Fr. Wilfred Lobo. Fr. Paul stayed back for few more days in Kathmandu to have his eye check up.

On 14th of May Our Lady of Pillar Church was blessed by Rev. Bishop Paul Simick. All the parishioners of St. Ann Bagaletol participated in it. St. Vincent De Paul members had a meeting in Kathmandu in which our parish members partook. The Easter House Blessing takes place on Saturdays. The month of May being dedicated to Mother Mary, there is Rosary in the evening after the Mass in the church.

Amit Lakra



NJSI [KAMAL NIWAS]

This month NJSI staffs moved around with scholastics in different project sites where NJSI has been working. Nine scholastics studying in India joined NJSI from 20th to 24th May for their exposure program.

For their exposure program we had special arrangement for them. On their first day, NJSI gave a presentation on its history, its evolution, present working sectors, intervening methods, number of beneficiaries served till date, number of districts reached and so on. After introducing NJSI, next day, the scholastics were divided into groups along with the NJSI staffs for the excursion where they had to appraise the project respectively. The scholastics were dispersed in different districts: Kavre,



Ramechhap, Sindhupalchowk. They stayed in the site for a day and on the following day, they came up with their evaluation sheets. On 23rd evening NJSI team and scholastics sat together where scholastics shared their experiences, feelings. They were happy and proud seeing the reach of NJSI to rural population in different sectors. On the other hand, the construction of Kavre Regional Center at Kavre has been started, layout of buildings have been completed. By this year the center is expected to be complete. On 29th May, Pilar Lopez Defonte Suanzes, Xavier network coordinator for South Asia and Philippines will be with NJSI for mid-year evaluation.

Ms. Shristi Thapa

SXSSC, JAWALKHEL



Nine boys and five girls have been admitted to St. Xavier's Social Service Center for the academic year 2019-20. Among them one boy and a girl are physically disables.

The Relief Trust based at Basundhara conducted a one day session on Mental Health and Counseling to the staff of St. Xavier's Social Service Center at Jawalakhel. Ms. Laxmi Tamang working at Aruna Bhawan has been enrolled in the same institute for counseling training.

Children of Aruna Bhawan had organized a surprise birthday celebration for Fr. Dilip by putting up cultural program and joyful activities. Miss Norah Tamang (daughter of Seema Tamang from Assumption Church) celebrated her birthday with children of Aruna Bhawan on 18th of May. Rev. Bishop Paul Simick, Fr. Richard Rai, parish priest of Assumption Church, Sr. Cecelia and others were present for the event. Aruna Bhawan thanks Ms. Seema for opting to celebrate her daughter's birthday and provide them all with catering services and many mores.

Miss Margret Bara, one of the volunteers of Aruna Bhawan has successfully completed her first year of Bachelors of Arts in Social Work. Mukesh Rana

Magar, a volunteer staff from Gafney Bhawan finally completed +2 examination and given farewell and best wishes for his future endeavors. He served at Gafney Bhawan for two years. Gafney Bhawan thanks him for his service to the sick and the old.

Meena Aryal from Dadeldhura had been admitted to HRDC hospital to correct her feet. He has got club boot, S shaped rib and bent hands. However, she could move around awkwardly. He has been admitted to one of the government schools. Other children support her to reach to the destination.

The BSW trainees from St. Xavier's College, Maitighar with the help of St. Xavier's Social Service Center successfully rehabilitated two children from Godavari brick kiln to SOS. Children have become homeless after husband slit the throat of his wife. He is imprisoned and children have been left to themselves with minimum care from neighbors. SXSSC could not keep the children because they were under age. After lots of negotiation and advocacy the trainees got success in giving new life situation to the children. SXSSC thanks the trainees for taking initiatives in protecting and safeguarding the minors.

Dilip Toppo



REGIS COLLEGE, TORONTO



At this time of the year, summer is in full swing with pleasant days and occasional rains. In the first week of May, Augustus and Manu made their diaconate retreat at Manresa-Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre, Pickering under Fr. Robert Foliot, SJ. After successfully taking the Comprehensive Exams, they have completed all the requirements for MDiv. (Theology) at Regis College.

This academic year, the Jesuit ordinations were held on May 11 at St. Paul's Basilica, Toronto. Two Canadian Jesuits Adam Douglas Hincks and Edward Dawson Penton were ordained to the Priesthood.

Five Jesuits were ordained to the Diaconate at the Mass: Gregory Sean Celio (US West), Augustus Ekka (Nepal), Kevin Cahill Hughes (Maryland), Julio Miguel Minsal-Ruiz (Antilles), Manu Mathew (Nepal). These ordinations were conferred by the Most Reverend Terrence Pendergast, SJ, Archbishop of Ottawa.

Congratulations and best wishes as they begin their new ministries. Augustus and Manu are winding up their stay in Canada and getting ready to start their Diaconate ministry in Nepal.

Manu Mathew

ST. XAVIER'S DEONIA

The Litchi trees of Deonia are in full bloom giving a visual treat to all the visitors and a fruit treat to the community members. The month of May saw a number of eminent guests, Jesuits as well as collaborators, passing through the Deonia community. The community bade farewell to Gregoire Deyme, a member of the Jesuit Volunteers from France, whose services to the school and the community was much appreciated. Sch Martin rendered his generous service to the school as a teacher during his stay over here after his home visit. Thank you Martin! There was an orientation programme for the staff of St Xavier's on May 25, 2019, by Sr Mary, a renowned educationist. The programme was

much appreciated by the staff. The First Cycle for the students took place in the last week of May. Two prospective candidates to the Society from Sadakbari and a would-be novice from Jharkhand stayed in the community in preparation for their onward journey in the Society. The scholastics who are doing their college studies in different colleges in India had a brief stay over here. Fr Arul keeps himself busy overseeing the construction of the new building. We are eagerly awaiting the arrival of one more member in our community, Sch Wilson Kandulna, from Ranchi Province.

Ivin Tomy

HRDRC

This month gave us great joy because we had an opportunity to come together including dispersed community members, Frs. Paul, Amit, Mike and Ayar during the region days on 18th and 19th of this month. It was a hectic month for our Regional Superior, Fr. Amrit with Region days, many meetings and a few trips to Tipling and Jhapa. He made a trip to Tipling with the architect to make a plan for the construction of a church. He has gone home now for the death anniversary Mass of his younger brother. Fr. Juel was also busy with Region days and a few other meetings. Fr. Dilip has gone home to make his passport. Bobby is back after attending vocation promotion meeting in Kerala followed by another meeting at Sirumalai in Tamilnadu for higher education in South Asia. Fr. Tek is fully dedicated to the completion of his M.A thesis.

Boby Joseph

DESIDERI HOUSE

In the two months since Desideri House contributed many news to Sagarmatha Samachar there have been high points and low ones. In April we had a very enjoyable visit from Mr Peter Church, from Washington, DC, who was back in Nepal on US Embassy business. Peter and his wife, Erin, and their three children are close to many Nepal Jesuits.

Easter was busy here due to there being a number of devout Catholic students at Rangjung Yeshe Institute. We did the whole range of Holy Week services, bringing to mind the old line "As confused as a Jesuit in Holy Week".

Just before and during Holy Week we had a challenge of a very different order. The three volunteers from the Australian Province's Cardoner Project took advantage of the school holiday in Tipling to renew their visas in Kathmandu, then head to Chitwan for some adventure. And adventure is what they got!

During a jungle walk they unknowingly wandered in between a mother rhinoceros and her baby. The mother attacked Will McManus and their guide, doing some serious damage. The mother shattered Will's thigh by nearly biting through it, then tossed him around with her horn, causing several major puncture wounds. Clearly his guardian angel was with him. Surgeons at Mediciti Hospital said that, in the case of three wounds, a one inch difference would have cost him his life.

Will's parents, who had just visited Nepal, came back to collect him. He was medically evacuated first to Bangkok, then to Sydney. He is recovering

well and receiving regular physiotherapy. We are very grateful to Frs Bobby & Tek, and to Fr Mathew and community at SXJ for providing assistancy and hospitality to the other Tipling volunteers during Will's hospital stay.

This month we had the great pleasure of a visit from Tom Fricke, who is celebrating his "phased retirement" from the professor's life. Tom taught his last class on Easter Monday. He remains a full professor for a few more years. But during his long years of service as Anthropology Department chair he accumulated leave time that he will now spend writing... and visiting Nepal when he can.

This spring and summer we are experiencing a surge of visits from Boston College alumni. Mr Ryan Chen Lee, who made the wonderful short video of the trek to Tipling, and Miss Julia Hirsch are both back in Nepal on business. Two other BC alumni are enrolled in our summer institute, joining Mr Andrew Bishop, a BC Nepal Program alum who has come back to do a master's degree in Buddhist Studies and Himalayan languages.

My plans to settle in for a summer of book-writing are in jeopardy. The fickle finger of fate has poked me in the eye, so to speak. Dr Irina Kansakar, wife of SXJ alumnus Rajesh Tuladhar '85, has informed me that I must have some eye surgery fairly soon. We are still working out whether I should do it now, or wait until after the fall semester ends. Getting older is not nearly as much fun as I thought it would be.

Greg Sharkey

ST. XAVIER'S GODAVARI

The theme of the year 2019-20 is "Motivate, Inspire and Excel". In the first week class 10 students went to Gandruk and Pokhara for their educational tour accompanied by school teachers.



The students enjoyed the tour. The school is grateful to all the organizers. In the first week of May Sch. Devadhas left for Kolkotta for his visa process. The theme of Nepal Region Days 2019 was "Universal Apostolic Preference" guided by Fr. Wilfred Lobo, S.J. held in Godavari Ashram. Altogether 47 Jesuits participated in the event.



Schs. Ashish Ekka and Pankaj Kerketta (DAR) joined the community for their regency programme. Joint school workshop was held in SXJ and our teaching staff participated in it. Club activities has begun for new academic year. Godavari Municipality had arranged President Cup through St. Xavier's School at Godavari school premises. Altogether thirteen schools participated in it.

David Ekka

ST. JOSEPH'S, BANGALORE

MSW first year students went to Goa for a study tour. After returning, Raja went for vocation promotion to Tamilnadu. As part of the academic curriculum, Raja is doing internship in ISI besides visiting Nepali houses



for house blessings. This month Bangalore too was high on temperature, as June begins we hope for bit cooler weather.

Raja B.



Prayers for the departed Souls

* Fr. R. Jesu Raja, S.J., (86/67), MDU passed away on May 06, 2019 at Beschi Illam, Dindigul.

* Fr Mathew Nampiarambil S.J., (82/49) KER passed away on 04.05.2019 at Christ Hall, Calicut.



Those who served in Nepal

Fr. Charles Leneghan, S.J.	06/06/1999
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Fr. Mike Parent	12 June
Fr. Norbert D'Souza	12 June
Fr. Augustine Amakkatt	22 June
Br. Irenius Guria	29 June