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### FR. GENERAL APPOINTMENTS

- Fr. Koppala Abraham Stanislaus SJ, as the new Provincial of Andhra Province.
- Fr. L. Jebamalai Irudayaraj SJ, as the new Provincial of new Province of Chennai (CEN).

### Announcement

Eight Day Ignatian Retreat in  
Godavari Ashram

January 10 to 18, 2020

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### REGION SUPERIOR APPOINTS

Fr. Jomon Jose to Shishu Bikas Kendra for Ph.D. studies and Spiritual Ministry. His new:  
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*"The time of Advent ...returns us to the horizon of hope, a hope that does not disappoint because it is founded on the Word of God. A hope that does not disappoint, simply because the Lord never disappoints! He is faithful!"*

Pope Francis  
December 1, 2013

## ST. XAVIER'S SCHOOL, JAWALAKHEL

We had the second term exams after Diwali holidays. On the last day of the exam we had the annual staff badminton tournament. As we had a few days break, George with a couple of other staff members went to Pokhara, Jomsom, and Muktinath, most of the time on motorbikes. Tomson went to Jhapa and visited Ilam also with some friends. Sanjay and Mathew joined a couple of office staff for a day's outing to Kulekhani reservoir.

We had a memorial dinner for Sahuni Didi in the canteen area on Nov.7th. Her son Tulasi, settled in the USA, was the main organizer. Family members, friends, SXJ maintenance staff and a few other well wishers were present. The family presented Rs. One lakh to the school and set up an award in memory of Sahuni Didi whom all of us remember with great love, especially for her Dashain dinners with the oldest "rakshi" in town! There was a school staff football

tournament in our school, in which 13 schools participated, and our school staff were the winners! Congrats. Our junior and senior Sports day was on 23rd combined with the report cards day.

In the middle of Nov. Mathew took off to Calicut for the annual meeting of the Province Development Directors (PDD). Before the meeting he spent three days at home with his 91 year old father, and visited the families of George and Jiju also. Both Ignatius and Anil reached Kathmandu on 29th and we are a full community now. Etienne gave a course to the CJ tertians on the documents of the SJ General Congregations starting from GC 32. Visitors in the community this month included the Bandipur SSND sisters, COJET members from different provinces, Fr. Robert Athickal, family members of the Holy Cross sisters, Fathers from Raiganj diocese, etc.

A.V. Mathew

# ST. XAVIER'S SCHOOL, GODAVARI

We began the month with Holy Eucharist in the school and prayed for all our endeavors and upcoming events and activities. In the first week we had St. Mary's School students from Mumbai for the exchange program. They had wonderful experience.



There was a One Day Educational Tour for Classes 3, 4 and 5 respectively. The students of class 3 had gone to Central Zoo, Jawalakhel, the students of class 4 had gone to Santaneshwar and Bajrabarahi and the students of class 6 had gone to Katmandu Darbar Square, Narayanhiti Museum. The Educational tour indeed was a great learning and enriching experience for all of them.

There was also a One Day Football Tournament for teachers in Jawalakhel. We had our Second Term examination from 8th to 14th of November and on the last day of the exam there was Boy's scout camp for class 6 students. They stayed overnight in the



school and had great fun time together with their companions.

On 17th of November Fr. Lawrence conducted a day seminar on UAP for all the teachers. He ignited and brought alive in us the realization of importance of education. Fr Lawrence underwent a successful cataract operation of his right eye.

We had one-day hiking for classes 10, 11 and 12 respectively. All three groups went to different places accompanied by the teachers. On 25th of November, there was a screening of Moran Memorial Tournament players in our school. The selected are the ones who will be allowed to take part in upcoming tournament. On the last day of the month our students received the fruit of their labor of Second Term. For preparation of the Feast we started the novena to St. Francis Xavier in the school.

To the north of Keshar Mahal property Nepal Government has taken 14 Ropanis of land to build City Hall for 3000 capacities. The sad thing is Nepal Gov-



ernment did not consult the school and the responsible officials. Due to the land issue, Fr. David was busy in running around attending various meetings with various people to sort out the solution for it. He is also busy in preparation for the inauguration of our new academic building which is going to take place on 3rd of December. In the community too we had a number of meetings related to the same issues.

Sch. Pankaj



# ST. XAVIER'S COLLEGE, MAITIGHAR

As the month of November rolled in, a month full of activities began in the college. 13 of our catholic students participated in the SIGNIS CommLab programme on the theme Caring for our common home from 27th October to 2nd November 2019. The program was held in Kamal Niwas. At the end of the training, these students produced three interesting documentaries which are available on YouTube. Later in the month the Asian Lay Leadership Forum organized a Moving School Program 2019 with the theme Practical Capacity Building of Young Leaders to Empower and Support Their Communities in Light of Laudato Si. In this too many of our catholic students participated and benefited immensely. Sunday 24 November was a historical day for the college as we began to use the new building. A Level and BSW programs have been shifted to the new compound. There is still some work to be completed for the building to be in full-fledged use. After visiting the building, Fr. Casper Miller had only one word to say, "Wow"!

All the Plus two sections have now completed the Rural Immersion Camps for the academic year 2019. As per the feedback, camps were well organized, students were very committed and all came back with unforgettable meaningful experiences. Likewise, BIM and BSc physics also had exposure to rural areas as part of their student life in the college.

BSW department has inaugurated the Winter Warmth Vol. 5. Through this program the department has been raising funds to provide warm materials to street children and those in need. This year they intend to offer warmth to the needy in Sindupalchowk and Kavre.

Ten of our students and one staff went to St. Xavier's Jaipur for an exchange program. They spent ten days there and came back with memorable experiences and learning. At present 10 students and staff from St. Xavier's Jaipur are with us for the same. They are attending classes, visiting various organizations and fields to learn about life situations in Nepal.

Another feather in our collaboration and networking cap is the "Holistic tools for competence based curricula to promote dignity in Vietnam and Nepal -DVINE" program started last year. The second phase of the program is about to conclude in the college with participants from Finland, Norway, Turkey, Vietnam, Lalitpur Nursing Campus and our college.

New admissions for the Bachelors are complete and there was a sudden surge in the number of applicants for many courses. One reason attributed to this increase is the research activities of the college. Fr. Vincent Braganza, S.J. of the Gujarat province has been a constant support in promoting a culture of research in the departments. At the time of going to the press, he is with us to see the progress of the research activities initiated a few years ago and to offer further guidance. We are gearing up for the Xavier Day/College Day function on 3rd December. Xavier cup tournaments and other competitions have been held. The organizing committee has been working hard to ensure that the celebration is outstanding. You are all invited to the celebration starting from 8 am.

University of Tokyo along with seven other universities from Japan organized an interaction program for our students on higher education possibilities in Japan. They had this program for only four institutions in Nepal and we were the first in their list. A lot of our students participated in it and many look forward to availing the opportunities on offer.

There were many national and inter college events and competitions organized by the various clubs and departments of the college. Besides, many of our students participated in a number of competitions outside and brought laurels to the college. A one day national conference on 'Unravelling life sciences – A quest for sustainability' is to be held on 29th November. Another major event coming up is the Mini-marathon on 7th December. Anyone interested to join?

Our community has shrunk by one as Jomon has taken a break from the college to focus on his PhD studies. We definitely miss his presence in the community and college. James went to Chennai to attend the convocation ceremony of his PhD degree. He is back and is looking forward to getting more involved in the college activities. Anup is in his last year of study and is in the internship stage. Cap has decided to get more exercise by shuttling between the two campuses and thus ensuring his positive presence on both the campuses. Jiju made a quick trip to Kerala to be with his father who had not been keeping well for some time. Augustine was with us for about two months doing data collection for his research and is now gone back to finish the thesis writing.

Fr. Jiju

# ST. XAVIER'S SCHOOL, DEONIA

It was a blessing for us all to recite Rosary together with our Catholic faithful of Deonia in the month of October, a month dedicated to Our Lady. We had nine day Novena with the cul-



mination of procession and benediction on the last day, 31st October. The community had one-day outing to Khorabari during the vacation. We resumed our classes after Tihar holiday. There was SPELL BEE Competition in House wise from classes 6 to 12 on 3rd No-

vember. The Jhapa Jesuits had a meeting at Maheshpur for the planning of the visit of Fr. General and all Jesuits took charge of some responsibilities for the events. In December, the Fr. Thomas Gafney Memorial Football Tournament begins and in view of that coaches from different schools who would participate in the tournament were called for a meeting on November 10th at St. Xavier's School Deonia. Sch. Ravindar Bara with Mr. Bagdan are working hard for the success. The School Magazine team too had meeting with all Coordi-

nators and members of Editorial team headed by Fr. Principal to speed up the work. It was decided to complete all major works by 15th December, 2019. On 17th Sch. Tony Ivin went home to meet his father who was going to the States. Fr. Arul, the Superior cum RCF is away from 19th to 29th November to meet Scholastics who are studying in Mangalore and Bangalore. Our Quasi-Parish joined the main Parish Maheshpur for the celebration of Christ the King Feast. It was elegantly celebrated with solemn procession. There will be three-day Scout Camp for classes 6 to 8 from 27th to 29th. There will also be two-day tour from 29th to 30th for Class 11th Science to Shree Antu, Illam. The LTS team from Classes 7 and 10 are going to Sadakbari and Simalbari for the distribu-

tion of clothes to under privileged people on 27th. Thanks to the entire staff and students who donated clothes for the purpose. The students of Class 8 as part of the subject are going to visit a rubber Processing unit near Bhadrapur.

Sch. Wilson





# MORAN MEMORIAL, MAHESHPUR

## PARISH



**O**n All Souls' day, we prayed for departed souls and blessed the graveyard in different Mass centers. In Maheshpur, the cemetery has been moved to new site, close to the river bank.

Fr. Norbert was the main celebrant for celebration of the Feast of the Christ the King followed by a procession that covered around 2 Kilometers in the neighborhood with 300 faithful.

A new grotto in front of the church is under construction.

We plan to celebrate the Feast of St. Francis Xavier, Patron of the parish on Dec 7 and on the same day we will honour all the catholic couples who have faithfully lived their married life for the last 25 years and above.



## SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY

**A**long with the street drama to bring awareness on the various local social issues, the senior students and the teachers continued the community service to the neighboring villages.

Second term is just over and teachers are busy correcting the exam papers.

Basketball court is under construction and we hope to see completed within the next 10 days.

Besides assisting in the school office, Fr. Sanctius and Br. Plaeshwar accompanied the students during their personal study hours every day during the exam days. Br. Deepak continues to instruct and guide the teachers in JWL classes with regular unit tests. Fr. Victor and Fr. Norbert went for monthly Masses to all the far away Mission centers.

Fr. Boniface



# ST. XAVIER'S SCHOOL, SADAKBARI

After the Tihar and Chhatt holiday, St. Xavier's Sadakbari began its 2nd term exam from Nov.7-12. From 12 after exam till 17 was a

very impressed and motivated. Fr. Amrit too visited us before he went for JCSA meeting. On Nov. 9th, the entire Jhapa Jesuits met together at MMS to plan out



term break for students whereas teachers came for the paper correction. Meanwhile Siddhanta Shrestha came back after Tihar. On 18th of Nov. we started Third Term. From day one of Third Term we got into the mood of Xavier Day preparation. On third term discipline is enforced more rigorously. Br. Irenius is too busy meeting parents and late comers. There is a lot of improvement among the students and parents, no arguments regarding punctuality.

Roof casting of the South Block is done and plastering work of the wall is going on. Guard room construction has also started. Every class room is furnished with colourful notice board in every class room. Computer lab setting up is done and is operational.

We had special guests at the end of October; Mr. Nir-

Fr. General's visit, followed by an agape, a rare thing to be together.

Christ the King Feast supposed to be held in Dharan was cancelled due to legal issues(bye-election) there.

So, we had the Feast day celebration in Sadakbari itself. Faithful from Sadakbari and Simalbari gathered at Sadakbari Chapel. Deacon Manu led them into Adoration followed by procession to St. Xavier's school, where Eucharist was celebrated. A good number of faithful turned up in a short notice. Fr. Vijay presided over the mass



in the absence of Parish Priest who was away for his annual retreat in Matigara, India. After the mass, everyone was served with local snacks (bhuja/popped rice and chana/gram). Fr. Peter came back on 25 after his retreat. On 26 LTS students from St. Xavier's Deo-



mal Krishna Shrestha from SXC Maitighar with Fr. Augustine Thomas paid a visit to us. Nirmal sir was too quick in interacting with students. Students were

nia came for clothe distribution in Simalbari and Sadakbari. Thankyou LTS members for your generosity!

Fr. Vijay



# ST. XAVIER'S SOCIAL SERVICE CENTER

Fr. Ignatius Hemrom has gone to south India for one month course on counselling. St. Xavier's School, Jawalakhel invited St. Xavier's Social

tha who coordinated to avail the boots, Ms. Arati Jyoti Shrestha and her staff Miss Sharmila who came and handed over the boots to the children. We send a sin-



Service Center (SXSSC) again to present its program to the parents of classes 1 and 2 as part of fund raising program for the children. Mr. Bhai Kaji Gurung and a boy and girl were present to give testimonies on their lives at the center. Presentation of SXSSC has brought good impact upon the parents of St. Xavier's School. SXSSC expresses its heartfelt gratitude to Fr. George



PM and his team for giving opportunity to share for fund raising. The BSW students organized a talent show program wherein children

performed their dances, recited their poems and presented their essays. It was a moment of collecting courage and build confidence. Mr. Tulasi Maharjan, a regular visitor to SXSSC presented gifts to the children and donated for their snacks. SXSSC thanks Mr. Maharjan and his team for his generosity. Ms. Lina Donoso, president of Jeff's Kids provided 51 pairs of boots for games for the boys of SXSSC. The assistance was received through the goodwill of Mr. David Lewis, a volunteer from USA. Thanks to David for his concern. SXSSC appreciates and thanks Ms. Puja Shres-

thra who coordinated to avail the boots, Ms. Arati Jyoti

Shrestha and her staff Miss Sharmila who came and handed over the boots to the children. We send a sincere gratefulness to each one of you!! SXSSC had a one day hiking to Gupteshwor Hahadev Gufa, Bhardev, Lalitpur. It was a one hour and half bus journey and five hours of steep climbing and coming down. Ninety two members including ex BSW students, friends of SXSSC and staff had joined the hiking. Though it was a tough hiking, at the end of day everyone was joyful for a successful hiking. SXSSC, for the first time in its history i.e. after 48 years had organized meeting of alumni with the



goal of reuniting them and establishing SXSSC alumni association. More than 80 alumni participated in the event. The gathering has resulted in the establishment of core team which is going to be responsible for future events and programs. Fr. Amrit animated members, guided them and suggested the roles the alumni could play.

SXSSC thanks Panita Rai and her family from Tikhidawal who donated groceries and other edibles to the children of Aruna Bhawan.

Fr. Dilip





# SHISHU BIKAS KENDRA – POKHARA

SBK resumed its class on 4th of November after the Dashain and Tihar, a month long holiday. It is very much observed that most of the students

ing rosary in the church creatively initiated by Good Shepherd Sisters, Hemja. The parishioners liked the creative way of praying very much. Thanks to Sisters.



have put on weight and grown tall. They all looked fresh after the vacation. They are very happy to be back to SBK. They have regular drills in the morning and play outdoor games. Two newly taken students are under probation. The boundary wall of SBK play ground is being fenced. The winter has crept into the city. Students are well informed ahead of time to wear warm clothes and they come to center well protected. There were lots of guests in the month of November. Fr. George with his expert teachers and good bike riders had an adventurous trip to Mustang. There were ten guests of Holy Cross Sisters who stayed at SBK and toured around the city.

We had seven French student girls who made SBK as a base and went on trek for few days. Fr. Jomon has joined SBK Pokhara Jesuit community to take rest from his hectic teaching life in the college and complete his PhD thesis. Fr. Paul went to Bhimat with Pilar Fathers to celebrate the feast of Christ the King. In the absence of house cook Oli Didi, Gyanendra availed himself to serve us with delicious meals.

The month of October culminated solemnly by pray-

All Saints day Mass was celebrated in the church. Some parishioners came to attend the Mass. Fr. Amit went to Bhimat on All Souls day to celebrate Mass for the people and their deceased members. On the 9th of November there was a confirmation of 12 Catholics. Bishop Paul Simick gave them the confirmation followed by the blessing of newly built Grotto and columbarium by Regional Superior Fr. Amrit Rai, SJ.

Fr. Juel the socius accompanied them. Pilar Mata Church parishioners came to attend the Mass. Parishioners were extremely happy to have the dignitaries amidst them. Thanks to all the dignitaries for their esteemed presence at

St. Anne church. The dignitaries went to Kanchanpur soon after the program was over. There was a high tea for all the people present for the Mass. Thanks to SCC Sisters for their meticulous planning and arrangement for the great day. The feast of Christ the King procession took place from SBK to the church. Fr. Amit was the main celebrant. The youths led the choir and made the celebration meaningful.

Fr. Amit





# NEPAL JESUIT SOCIAL INSTITUTE



This October, NJSI was filled with students for 15 days. Altogether there were 20 students who were from different districts of Nepal; Dolakha, Kavre, Sindhupalchowk, Jhapa and Morang.

NJSI had started 3rd batch of computer training program from 10th of Nov to 22nd of November in Kamal Niwas. It was 150hrs. of intensive computer training program with the package of spoken English, personality development and office management courses.

NJSI provided accommodation, food services for all the 20 participants for 15 days.

This training program was financed by “Xavier Network”. The participants were from different districts; Kavre, Dhadhing, Dolakha, Jhapa and Morang. They have taken this training program as a hope to evolve themselves in confident way.

On 22nd November, a farewell program was organized for the students. Fr. Amrit Rai, Fr George, Fr. Sanjay, Fr. Juel and Fr. Tomson were present for the occasion. A small cultural program was conducted from the graduated students. Some performed dances, some shared their experiences, and some sang songs. At last Fr. Amrit Rai handed out certificates to each of the students.

Side by side, we had Personality Development camps, Eco club follow up and Parents orientation program in Shree Bhimseen Secondary School, Shree Bachhala Devi Secondary School and Haleshowr Secondary School. Two Paralegal programs too were conducted for two women's group: Jaladevi women's group of Dolakha and Tinkanya women's group of Sindhuli district.

Ms. Shristi Thapa





# GOOD SHEPHERD, TIPLING



Fr. Mike celebrated All Souls day at cross dada up on the mountain overlooking Tipling and Sertung villages and blessed the Catholics, 'Maney' of Phe Ghale, may he rest in peace. A week later Fr. Ayar celebrated mass for All Souls at the cross over looking Machet and Lapdung. Xavier Marg, the new road to Tipling, made an ideal rout for the parish Christ the King procession from Machet to Tipling. The procession trumped many other events such as the school tour, a marriage and two Chewar (a two-year-old baby boy's first hair cut). Fr. Ayar, solemnized a Chewar with a mass, blessed a second Chewar boy and gave a blessing to newly married couple. Deacon assisted with all these blessings! So, many more than expected were able to take part in procession including and especially

our youths. Before and after the procession Fr. Ayar was busy in solemnizing Chewars and preparing for the feast of Christ the King.

Visitors this month included a group of elderly French Catholics and two female trekkers from Canada. Now we are preparing to welcome two more groups of Catholic students from Australia this December and January. Deacon Augustus returned to Tipling after a home visit. He brings the good news that his father is recovering from a stroke and thanks all for their prayers.

We will soon bid a fond farewell to the dozer that was used to create Xavier Marg, connecting Tipling to the rest of the world. It has spent last five months gracing our property. NJSI has sold it to a local contractor.

Jesuit Sources, Tipling





## DESIDERI HOUSE

In the time since I last sent news I have had an unexpected adventure. Late on a September afternoon, as I was starting to give a lecture on the Upanishads, the principal of our institute knocked on my classroom door. He gave me the news that I had to leave Nepal as soon as possible to avoid a deportation order being issued. I flew back to Boston the next afternoon.

It was nothing personal. The problem was that the investigative unit of the Education Ministry, which was set up primarily to ferret out government school teachers with fake degrees, decided it would be good to re-verify all foreigners with an education visa. Our annual visas expired in mid-April. As a result, I had spent 147 days on a tourist visa, waiting for renewal. The DOI has decided to take a hard line with foreigners who are in violation of the rules because officials don't do their job on time.

Getting through Immigration on the way back in was quite a challenge; but I was finally allowed to go home in the wee hours, after nearly 3 hours of ne-

gotiating and waiting. I'm good for another year. One disappointing result of my short-term exile was that I had to abandon my house guests, including Prof John Makransky, from Boston College, who had come to give a week of teaching about "developing compassion for the sake of service". Happily, we were able to catch up when he returned to Boston College. Raju got high marks for hospitality while I was away – proving Desideri House can get along just fine without me!

It is Thanksgiving afternoon as I write. This year we expanded the annual Boston College Thanksgiving dinner to cover all of the Americans studying and working at my college. Fifty people have been invited. Let's see how many show up in a few hours. Soon the classes and semester exams will be over, and it will be time for the Australians. Both St Ignatius Riverview and the Cardoner Project will be sending a number of groups this December and January. As in the past two years, three Cardoner Volunteers will stay on in Tipling to help in the local schools.

Fr. Greg

## HRDRC



Fr. Juel and Amrit went to Pokhara along with Bp. Paul Simick on 9th and concelebrated Confirmation mass. Thereafter, Fr. Amrit blessed the newly built grotto. They also accompanied Bp. Paul to Kanchanpur for the blessings of new Church, and a convent for Sisters of Destitute. Later that evening they journeyed to Surukhet, met some designated personalities there and came back to Kathmandu next day. Fr. Juel is busy correcting the papers of 3rd year Journalism students of SXC. Fr. Amrit is through with his PhD thesis and has submitted his thesis at Mewar University in Rajasthan. Fr. Bobby had gone to Surukhet

and Jhajarkot with Mr. Chris Fussner for mobile Clinic camps. There were about 1100 people for the camp in one place and 450 patients at the second camp in Jajarkot. Deacon Augustus stayed with us a week after his home visit and trekked up to Tipling to continue his Pastoral ministry. The community hosted a dinner on 28th November for all the staff and collaborators of mobile clinics along with the donor Mr. Chris. Fr. Tek arrived to the community on 29th November. He looks refreshed and recalibrated; looks like he has benefited a lot from *Tanmaya* course in Lonavala.

Fr. Bobby



# DIASPORA

## ST. XAVIER'S COLLEGE, AHMEDABAD

As soon as festive seasons were over we were on our toes because of various activities in the college as well as in the community. After spending a week in the mission station (Nani Singloti) one of the mission stations of Gujarat province, gave the glimpse of apostolates. I was privileged to different villages for mass. I was moved by the Jesuits working for the people around. Though I did not see many Catholics but the commitment and missionary zeal of Jesuits gave me a great impact for my future missions.

After relaxing and spending a week in the community we were back to Premal Jyoti with fresh mind and body to face the first semester examinations. We put all our efforts for the preparation and I appeared the first semester university examinations. Exams began on 7th November onwards and went till 15th of November. On 2nd November we remembered all the Jesuits specially of Gujarat Province for their commitment and dedication to mission in Gujarat. On 12th November Gujarat Jesuits came together for Province assem-

bly at Vadodara. It was a joyous occasion because Fr. Durai Fernand took charge of the province as a Provincial and we are thankful and grateful to Outgoing Provincial, Fr. Francis Parmar for his leadership and governance and wished him well for future apostolate.

On 23th of this month we had our monthly recollection in order to look back our relationship with Him and began second semester with renewed vigour and enthusiasm. On 26th we celebrated the feast day of our patron Saint John Brachman's in the community. On 27th we, the religious students of Xavier College organized a short and sweet program for the co-workers of our institute. We appreciated their works and commitment towards St. Xavier's College. Regular lectures are in full swing and we are eagerly waiting for the most awaited event that will unfold next month namely, college festival keeping that in view preparations are also in full pace.

Sch. Bipin

## ST. PETER'S GAYAGANGA

Gayaganga Parish celebrated 'Christ-teen Diwas' on 3rd of November, the program was conducted by 'Magis Group' of the parish. On 10th of November, 'Youth Diwas' was celebrated in the parish, in which more than three hundred and fifty youths participated. On this occasion, Fr. John Kennedy, SJ gave a talk on 'Jesus is Alive'. The feast of Christ the King was celebrated in a grand manner with the devotional procession around the nearby villages and with a solemn mass.

St. Peter's Primary school celebrated children's day on 14th of November; the day was marked as a picnic day for the children and cultural program was organized by the teachers. On the same day, St. Peter's high school also celebrated children

day meaningfully. Science Exhibition team of St. Peter's high school went to Kolkata for science exhibition and represented Darjeeling district on 17th November. The selection test for class 10th and 12th is complete and the result will be published on 28th of November. November 26th was a red-letter day in the history of the High School as a few ex-students (presently teachers in the school) came together in the HM's office to officially form the Alumni Association in the High School, with five of them becoming office-bearers - President/Vice President, Secretary/joint Secretary and treasurer. Please remember to pray for Fr William Bourke who went to eternal rest.

Sch. David Donald



## CALCUTTA JUNIORATE

**O**n November 2, all the Juniors had an opportunity to join the faithful in celebrating the All Souls Day in the ministry places of our Jesuit parish, Raghobpur. The Eucharistic celebration in the churches and the prayer service at the decorated cemetery enhanced the prayerful atmosphere. Following the All Souls Day, on November 5, we had a solemn celebration in commemoration of all the saints and blessed of the Society of Jesus. The Eucharist celebrated at the Dhyan Ashram cemetery enthused and inspired us to tread the path of those selfless Jesuits who have gone ahead of us.

On November 21, we were privileged to be part of a huge Jesuit gathering at St Xavier's College, Calcutta, to celebrate the golden jubilee of seven Calcutta Jesuits. The Provincial of Calcutta celebrated the Mass together with the seven jubilarians to thank the Lord for accom-

panying them in and through their missions. We, the juniors, had the opportunity to lead the choir. As a resemblance of fellowship, we ended the celebration with a festive dinner.

On 23, we spent our time in "Alipur zoo" one of the most famous zoos in India and gained halcyon experiences. Watching different kinds of peculiar animals and birds in the midst of the stimulated nature was a pleasant moment for us to revel in. On the occasion of the feast of Christ the King, we had an opportunity to participate in the parish Mass at Thakurpukur and join the prayerful procession. Presently, keeping our goals in our hearts and minds, each of us is on the go in steeping ourselves in studies. Antony Hembrom, NSJ has just finished his long retreat. He is doing well in the Novitiate.

Sch. Lawrence

## ATENEO UNIVERSITY, PHILIPPINES

**P**hilippines is already in the mood of Christmas. Christmas decoration could be seen all over churches, streets, malls and institutions. This is the country where Christmas is celebrated more than a month. I had a very unique experience of the celebration of All Saints and All Souls Day. These two Feasts are celebrated as a family celebration. Family spends these two days at the cemetery, putting tent and living there with their departed ones. They also have Masses for dead almost a month or a week before the burial. They have everyday Masses for their deceased ones. I had opportunities to celebrate Mass after a week for the dead. My exam is going on now and by the second week of December I will be done with all the first semester. Most

of my exams are practical enactment with the client and the process/techniques the counselor might use in the session. We all foreigners are in one growth group where we have lots of personal sharing. We concluded our first semester growth group with our country's special cuisine. We had Indian, Korean and African food. As I am very poor in cooking we missed Nepal special. Aside from my studies, I am helping out at Ateneo University and School hearing confessions, as it is a good custom set by the Jesuits before the Christmas break. Fr. Augustine is back from Nepal after his data collection for his thesis. Now he is busy with his data analysis and wants to finish it as soon as possible.

Fr. Tej Kalyan

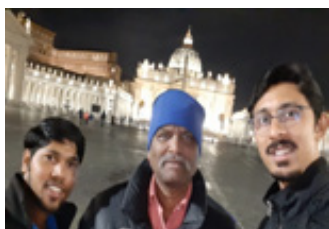


## COLLEGIO INTERNAZIONALE DEL GESÙ

Last months have been the busy months for us. The classes at Gregorian University began on 7th, the first week of October. With joy we entered the University. The days became very challenging as they passed by, because all the lessons were taught only in Italian. Meanwhile we, the first year theologians, were busy in preparing for the Italian Exam too.

After three weeks of the studies at the University Fr. Rector met each Scholastic individually as well as collectively and asked about our experiences. Some of the theologians were busy in preparing for the SJES (Social Justice and Ecology Secretariat) meeting at Curia. Fr. Arulanandam S.J. was also in touch with me regarding his stay with us in our community. He reached Rome on 2nd of November for the SJES. He was then very busy with his meeting, and so was I with my studies. We had the fellowship meal with the Jesuits of Patna and Delhi. We had a great time. It was my pleasure to meet Fr. General, on the last day of SJES meeting, because they had the closing mass at Gesù Church. The International Director of JRS, Fr. Thomas Smolich S.J., gave some inputs regarding the works of JRS in different parts of the world. Then Fr. Arulanandam S.J. left for Paris and I got ready for the Italian exam. I wrote the exam on 18th November. As for now I am waiting for the result. We had our monthly recollection from 22nd evening to 23rd evening by Fr. Claudio S.J., the Minister of St. Ignatius Church.

Sch. Devadhas



03 December	Fr. James Anthony Poovathumkal
13 December	Fr. Casper J. Miller
19 December	Dn. Augustus Ekka
23 December	Fr. Victor Beck
27 December	Sch. Ravindar Bara
30 December	Fr. Anup Ranjan Minj
31 December	Fr. Roy Sebastian Nellipuzhayil



\*Fr William Bourke, SJ (DAR), 94/71, passed away on 29.11.2019 in Nava Jivan Hospital, Gayaganga.

\*Fr. John Chrysostom, S.J. (PAT 81/57) expired on 28.11.2019 at Xavier Bhawan in XTTI Campus.

\*Fr. Noel Francis D'Souza (87/65) passed away on 10.11.2019 at the Paramount Nursing Home.

\*Brother Benedict Kichingia, SJ (47/82 JAM) passed away on 8.11.2019 at Mercy Hospital.

\*Fr Romuald D'Souza SJ (93/74) passed away on 1.11.2019 in Porvorim, Goa.

## THOSE WHO SERVED IN NEPAL

03/12/1996	Francis McGough
08/12/2015	Anthony Francis Sharma
14/12/1997	Thomas E. Gafney
18/12/2014	James J. Dressman
20/12/2003	John Harris, C.S.C
24/12/1992	John Dahlheimer
31/12/2013	Martin P. Coyne