

# NEPAL REGION



## Apostolic Preferences and Action Plan 2019-2024

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## **FOREWORD**

The Region Apostolic Preferences (RAP) is the fruit of a long process of personal and collective prayer, reflection and discernment. The RAP is in alignment with the Universal Apostolic Preferences (UAP) promulgated by Father General Arturo Sosa Abascal, S. J., on February 19, 2019, and Zonal and Conference Preferences discerned at JCSA, Ranchi (October 2019).

In the process of making the RAP we have involved every Jesuit currently working in the Region. A Core Team of seven members who had attended REGAE II was formed. Each Jesuit read, prayed and reflected on GC 36 Decree 1 and 2, Father General's letter (July 10, September 27 and October 03, 2017) and the UAP. Each community discerned the apostolic preferences of the Region. One of the Core Team members animated the community following the methodology of Spiritual Conversation in discerning the apostolic preferences of the Region. Each community sent its preferences to the Region Office. The Core Team Members collated the preferences. During May Region Days, May 18 and 19, 2019, we formulated the Vision, Mission Statement, Apostolic Preferences and Action Plan of the Region. Fr. John Wilfred Lobo, S. J., Provincial, Darjeeling Province, animated the Region Assembly.

The Vision, Mission Statement, Apostolic Preferences and Action Plan of the Region formulated on the Region Days were sent to each community and commission for fine tuning. The Region consult of June endorsed the Vision, Mission Statement, Apostolic Preferences and Action Plan of the Region.

The Region Apostolic Preferences and Action Plan have clearly spelled out our preferences and timeline for various actions to facilitate our Region governance and to give us a sense of direction and orientation for the next five years (2019 – 2024). They will also pave the way to invest and plan our present and future resources in the areas of our preferences.

The Region Action Plan is a clear road-map for the next five years. To implement our Region Action Plan effectively personal and communal conversion is vital as pointed out by Father General. Personal conversion leads us to interior freedom and communal conversion fosters our

living together and empowers us to share in the life and mission of Jesus Christ enunciated in our Region Apostolic Preferences. Our rich tradition of prayer, the Spiritual Exercises, Spiritual Conversation and discernment in common are the tools for personal and communal conversion. In prayer, the Spiritual Exercises, Spiritual Conversation and discernment in common we hear the voice of the voiceless excluded and marginalized, the groaning of the whole creation (Rm. 8:22), we see the way to God and show the way to those who seek God and we shepherd the youth.

Let us ask our Mother Mary to accompany each of us in our undertakings along with our partners and collaborators in realizing God's Mission in and through our Apostolic Plan.

I express my immense gratitude to Community Superiors and the Core Team members for the preparatory work. I would like to place on record the generosity and availability of Fr. John Wilfred Lobo, S. J. for animating the Region Days 2019 and helping us to formulate the Region Apostolic Preferences and Action Plan. My sincere thanks to each Region member for your in-depth intervention and reflection.

Fr. Amrit Rai, S. J  
Region Superior  
HRDRC  
Sanepa, Lalitpur  
November 19, 2019

# **LIST OF OUR INSTITUTIONS AND WORKS**

## **EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS**

St. Xavier's School, Godavari  
St. Xavier's School, Jawalakhel  
St. Xavier's School, Deonia, Jhapa  
Moran Memorial School, Maheshpur, Jhapa  
St. Xavier's School, Sadakbari, Jhapa  
Loyala School, Simalbari, Jhapa  
St. Xavier's College, Maitighar

## **SPECIAL SCHOOL**

Shishu Bikash Kendra, Pokhara

## **SOCIAL WORKS**

St. Xavier's Social Service Center  
Aruna Bhawan  
Gafney Bhawan

## **MOBILE CLINIC**

Based in four Provinces, serving 15 districts of Nepal

## **SOCIAL INSTITUTE**

Nepal Jesuit Social Institute (NJSI)

## **RETREAT CENTER**

Godavari Ashram

## **PARISHES**

St. Ann's Church, Pokhara  
St. Ignatius of Loyola Parish, Baniyatar, Kathmandu  
St. Xavier's Parish, Maheshpur, Jhapa  
Sadakbari / Simalbari Quasi Parish, Jhapa  
Good Shepherd Church, Tipling, Dhading

## **RESEARCH CENTER**

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## **VISION STATEMENT**

United with the Triune God and deeply rooted in Ignatian spirituality, we the Companions of Jesus commit ourselves to live and share the joy of the Gospel among the people of Nepal.

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

United with the Triune God and deeply rooted in Ignatian spirituality, and as members of the Church, we Nepal Jesuits dedicate ourselves to show people the way to God through the Spiritual Exercises, to walk with the poor, to accompany young people and to care for our “Common Home” through our apostolates, with discernment and in collaboration and networking with people of goodwill.

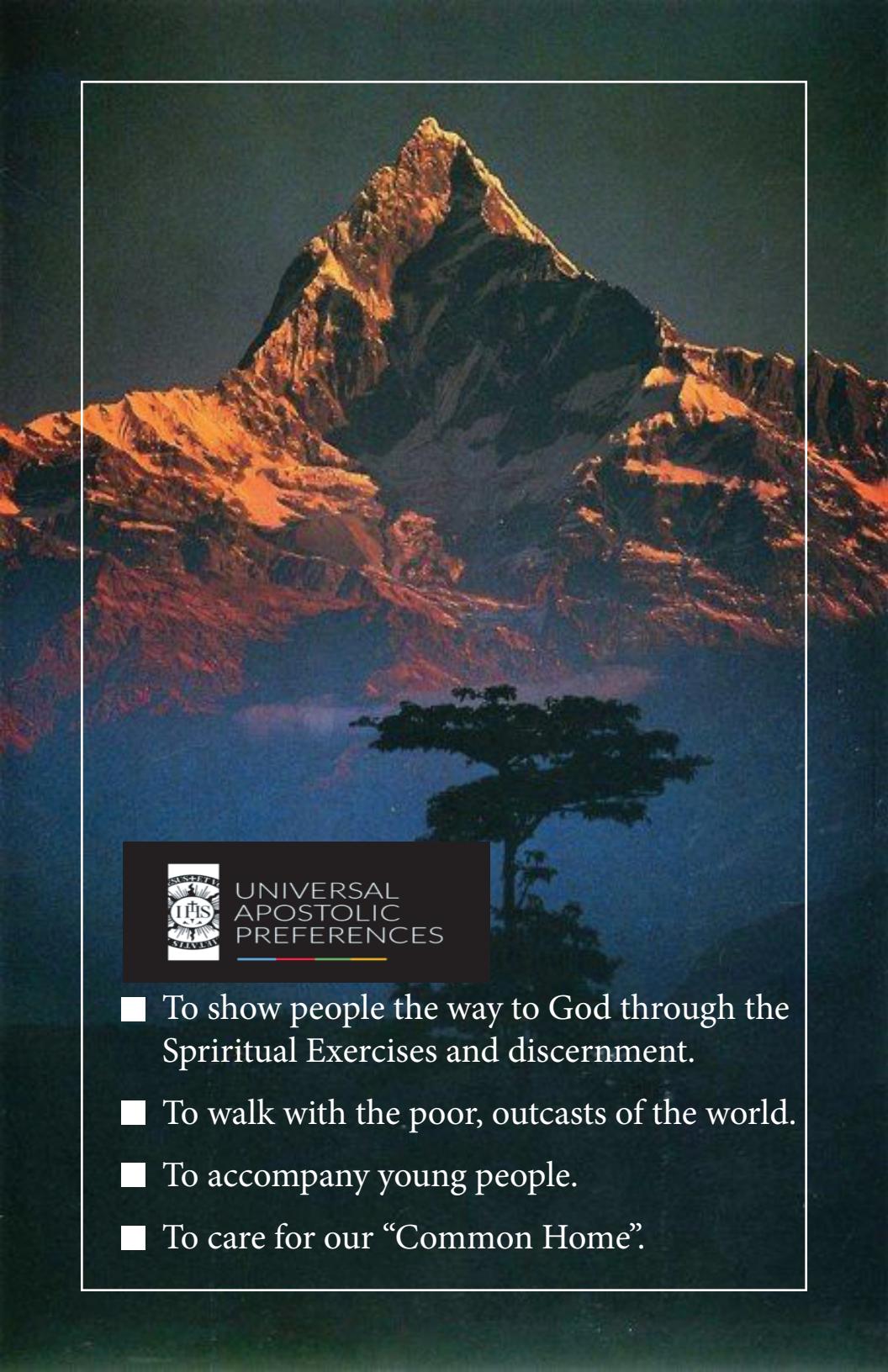
**REGION PREFERENCES AND ACTION PLAN 2019 - 2024**

Preferences	Goals	Activity	Who	Resources	Accountability	Time	Assessment
	1. Strengthen Ignatian Spirituality among Jesuits of the Region	1. Formation of spirituality commission consisting of 5 persons as early as possible.	Region Superior	Region fund	Region Superior / Spirituality Commission	Five years	Region Superior
<b>Ignatian Spirituality (IS)</b>	3. To develop a regular program in Godavari Ashram	1. Two years course in Ignatian Sp. in Pune 2. Specialisation in US/Madrid/Rome 3. Roots and Wings course, Shembaganur	Region Superior	Sponsorship / Region fund	Region Superior / Spirituality Commission	Five years	Formation Commission
<b>Accompanying the youth, especially Catholic youths</b>	1. To strengthen faith formation and empowerment 2. To appoint a youth commission and a director for youth ministry	1. Appointment of full time Director 2. Formulation of modules on IS 3. Teaching and use of examen 4. Instill in our students and collaborators Ignatian Spirituality.	1. Region Superior 2. Ashram Director Institution Heads Institutions to share Ignatian Spirituality	Ashram fund Institution Heads Institutions/Social Centre/parish fund	1. Region Superior 2. Ashram Director Region Superior	One year Every calendar year	Region Superior Spirituality Commission

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	3. To prepare one or two Jesuits in youth ministry	Training in Bangalore by Salesians or Jesuits	Region Superior	Region fund	Formation Commission	One year	Region Superior
<b>3. Walking with the poor; tea garden workers</b>	To help people obtain their citizenship, ownership of land and give them dignity	1. To form a fact finding study team from NJSI and BSW students within a year 2. Survey 3. Advocacy and legal assistance, para-legal training	1. NJSI 2. St. Xavier's College 3. Local Jesuit Communities and Social Action Commission	NJSI/College/Region fund Projects/contributions of the institutions	Local Jesuit communities / Chairman of Social Action	Five years	Social Action Commission
<b>Pastoral and Evangelization</b>		1. Organising formal catechism classes to the children from class 1-12 every Saturday, in every Jesuit parish and once a week in every school. 2. Formal training of at least one Catechist in each of our parish / prominent Mass centres identified by the parish priest  1. To strengthen/deepen the faith of Catholic community.	Parish priests /Heads of the institutions	Parish fund / institutions fund	Parish priests / Heads of the institutions	Every calendar year	Pastoral Commission
		2. Organizing at least one retreat a year/ at least 3 recollections a year/at least 1 Bible quiz/at least one training program for respective groups.	Parish priests /Heads of the institutions	Parish fund	Parish priests	Every calendar year	Pastoral Commission
		1. Celebrating important feasts like Easter and Christmas, and other events like ordinations, jubilees, cultural programs, dramas etc.					

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	3 To spread the gospel values to those who have not yet known Christ	with the people of other faiths at least once in a year in all our institutions and parishes. 2. Organizing ecumenical and inter-religious dialogue in our institutions and parishes at least once a year and undertaking works of charity witnessing to Gospel Values for the poor and the sick in Nepal	1. Priest priests /Heads of the institutions 2. Parish priests /Inter-religious dialogue coordinator / Heads of the institutions / Director of Godavari Ashram	Parish priests /Heads of institutions fund / respective center fund	Parish priests /Heads of the institutions	Every calendar year	Respective Commission
Vocation Promotion and Accompaniment of Young Jesuits		1. Personal contact with aspiring Catholic boys from class VIII onwards and their families in every Jesuit parish and institution. 2. Conduct vocation camps 3. Opening an apostolic school in Maheshpur. 4. Use of homilies to promote vocations 5. Vocation Day celebration 6. Accompanying the altar boys in our parishes 7. Networking with vocation promoters in other provinces, specially with Darjeeling Province	1. Coordinator of Vocation Promotion 2. Coordinator of Vocation Promotion 3. Region Superior 4. Parish priests 5. Coordinator of Vocation Promotion 6. Parish Priests 7. Coordinator of Vocation Promotion	1. Coordinator of Vocation Promotion 2. Coordinator of Vocation Promotion 3. Regional Superior 4. Parish priests 5. Coordinator of Vocation Promotion 6. Parish Priests 7. Coordinator of Vocation Promotion	Region fund	1. Personal contact throughout the year 2. Vocation Camp twice a year 3. Accompanying the altar boys every Saturday 4. Networking in other Provinces throughout the year	Formation Commission

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Frontier Mission	2. To have moderators to accompany and support young Jesuits  To explore the possibility of starting a new mission in Province 6 and 2	To appoint one moderator for Jhapa and one for Kathmandu Formation of a committee for fact finding and need assessment.	Regional Superior  Regional Superior	Region fund  Region fund	1. Region Superior  Coordinator of the committee	Calendar year  2019-2020	Formation Commission  Region Superior / committee
Ecological concern	To promote an environmentally responsible life style	1. Organize seminars / workshop / awareness programs on eco spirituality in our institutions at least once in a year among our staff, students and stakeholders.  2. Reviving and strengthening Eco-Clubs and celebrating World Environment Day in our institutions	Heads of the institutions  Heads of the institutions	Institutions fund  Institutions fund	Heads of the institutions  Heads of the institutions	Every calendar year  Every calendar year	Ignitan Spirituality Commission  Ignitan Spirituality Commission
		3. Organizing at least one Ignitan retreat on ecology in our parishes in a year.  4. Communities adapt pro-environmental behaviors; promoting waste management / making all our premises a plastic free Zone etc.	Parish priest  Parish priest	Parish fund  Parish fund	Parish priests  Respective community / institutions / center priests	Every calendar year  Daily	Ignitan Spirituality Commission  Local Superiors



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