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Appointments effective from April 1, 2020.

ST. XAVIER'S SCHOOL, GODAVARI

The month of January was the coldest month so far in Godavari. The day time Maximum temperatures averaged around 16-degree C whilst at night 3-degree C. In chilled climate Winter Days Camp was held for our students. Children enjoyed the camp though.

Students from class XII went to South India for an Educational Tour accompanied by Sr. Seema and four teachers. Fr. Lawrence spent a couple of days in Jhapa during winter vacation. We, with the Region Su-



perior and Socius had a brief meeting with regard to the Fr. General's visit to Nepal. There was SXG 2020 Mela Committee meeting as well. Around 25 of them were there to plan out and discuss the feasibility for this great event in the school. Sch. Ashish made his annual retreat in Ashram during the holiday under



the guidance of Fr. Bill. Fr. David took a break for few days and went for a hiking to Sherthung and Tipling. Wonderful hospitality was shown by Fr. Mike, Ayar

and Martin. Fr. Samuel was off to Kalimpong for few days for the blessing of his niece's marriage.



The school resumed the classes on 19th of January and on the same day we had Staff/Faculty meeting for New Academic Year Planning. Fr. Lawrence SJ initiated the programme to get going the rest of the day. We had a three-day General Knowledge and English Spelling Contests for junior and senior levels. Lt. Gen. (Retd.) Rishi K. Pandey who was Ex. Principal Military Secretary to Late H.M. the King of Nepal visited the place. He was the man of History. At the age of 90 he had enough stamina to go around the campus and recalled



his own personal experiences, all the Jesuit fathers and their works from 1951.

Sch. Pankaj

ST. XAVIER'S COLLEGE, MAITIGHAR



Fr. Jiju welcoming Shri. Satyamohan Joshi



Fr. Casper J. Miller welcoming Shri. Satyamohan Joshi and others poets

Before we closed for winter, we had the Alumni Day and Dinner in which many alumni participated. However, the participation was not as much as expected. We hope to work out various different strategies to improve the participation of the alumni in such events. Class 12 had their family night program on the last day before the winter break. After the two weeks of winter break, classes resumed from 19th.

22nd Kavi Goshti held on 28th was historical with the presence of centenarian Shri. Satyamohan Joshi. In his speech, he inspired all present by reciting the oldest dated poetry of Nepal and speaking about how literature should enable us to rise above our differences and promote human well-being. The audiences were enthralled by the performances of noted poets like Navaraj Parajuli, Arjun Parajuli, Chandra Ghimire, Dr. Navraj Lamsal, Ishwor Dahal, and Shishir Yogi besides the ones by seven of our own budding poets. The SET Council is gearing up for the seventh SXC Cycle Rally and 25th SET Exhibition. Cycle Rally is scheduled for Saturday, 1 February with the theme "Ride against Cancer." Likewise, the Exhibition is on Friday, 7 February. Mark your calendars!

Students who went to Netherlands for the Global Exploration exchange program are back with very enriching and memorable experiences. Currently seven Bachelor students and one staff are at Sophia College,

Ajmer to attend an International Students and Staff Exchange Program. Students of the CSIT fifth semester went to Sindhupalchowk for their Rural Immersion Program from 29 to 31.

After having completed all the activities of SAS (St. Xavier's A Level Society), the A Level department is gearing up for their family night which will take place on Friday, 31. The winners of the activities will be awarded on that night and the Class of the Year will be declared based on the points collected by the students of their respective sections.

Victor has joined the community and is learning the rope as the administrator in the new building. Anup has started his last semester and has been busy working on his project. James went to Kolkata to attend the North Zone Ecology Coordinators' meet. Cap continues to shuttle between the two buildings to be present and available to students in both the buildings. During his free time, he shuttles between five books as well! Jiju defended his MPhil thesis on 31 December and took off to make his retreat in Pokhara during the winter break. Pro. Brano Pupala from Trnava University, Slovakia is with us as part of the Erasmus+ program. He is also the guide for Jomon's PhD program. Jomon is in town and Brano is ensuring that Jomon is up-to-date with his assignments!

SXC correspondent



ST. XAVIER'S SCHOOL, DEONIA

St Xavier's Deonia community celebrated Christmas with pomp and gaiety along with the Catholic community. There was a 3-day carol service, under the leadership of Sch. Wilson Kandulna. They went from house to house an-



nouncing the nativity of the prince of peace. The very next day after Christmas, two groups from the school left for their study tours. Class 12 students left for South India under the guidance of Fr Dennis. Class 9 students left for their study tour to Gorkha, Pokhara and Lumbini. We are grateful to Fr Paul K C for accommodating our boys at Shishu Bikas Kendra, Pokhara for two nights. Both the groups returned safe and sound in the last week of the year.

The highlight of the month was the 21st Annual Sports Day, which took place on January 13, 2020. Kudos to Fr Dennis, Sch. Ravindar and team for the successful and meticulous execution of the

events. The students gave their best in the events, securing valuable points for their respective houses, in keeping with the true spirit of sportsmanship.

There was also a debate competition for the students of classes 11 and 12 on the topic: "Is Artificial Intelligence Dangerous?" This event witnessed the active participation of our students, who came prepared with their points and they delivered it convincingly in front of an attentive audience. Frs. Boniface Tigga and Vijay Toppo were the judges of the event.

The students of classes 8 and 10 are busy with their pre BLE and SEE examinations respectively. We also had a number of eminent guests this month. Frs. Lawrence Maniyar, Mangol Kerketta (DAR), Samuel Simick, SPC Srs. Sophie and Jem-



ma blessed us with their gracious presence.

Sch. Ivin Tomy



MORAN MEMORIAL, MAHESHPUR



Parish:

Parishioners from different Mass centers invited Fr. Victor for dinner with farewell program to express their gratitude for his service and care as parish priest. He was given grand farewell by the parishioners at Maheshpur Parish as well before he left for Kathmandu. Fr. Norbert was busy with the monthly Masses in different Mass centers.

Community:

Norbert returns after his home visit and is busy in the Parish organizing the faithful to welcome Fr. General. After a fruitful Tertianship, Br. Clarence is fully into the school ministry. Sch. Paleshwar and Fr. Sanctius have gone to Ranchi to meet Fr. Sanctius' Doctor and they will be back by the end this month. Sch. Deepak was busy in the Annual Sports events preparation. He had a two-week break from JWJL.

School:

Class 9 students went to Lumbini, Gorkha and Pokhara as part of their educational tour. It was a time of learning, exploring and better understanding of some of the historical and cultural significance of Nepal. They enjoyed the hospitality of Fr. Ignatius, Holy Cross Sisters at Bhairawa and Fr. Paul KC in Pokhara.

Class 4 enjoyed their one-day outing to Khadichour and Selfidanda, about 30 Kilometers from Maheshpur. Meanwhile, Classes 1 and 2 enjoyed the family Day with varieties of cultural and educational activities with their parents.

Basketball court is ready and students both boys and girls have begun to learn how to play.

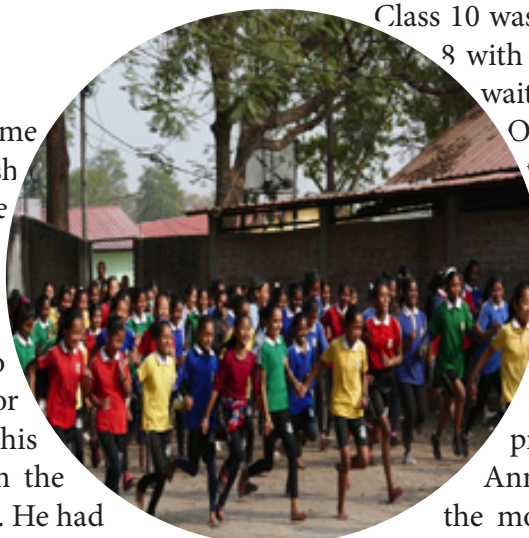
Class 10 was busy with the pre SEE and Class 8 with BLE exams for 10 days. They are waiting for their result.

Our students organized Marathon to promote awareness on the theme "Protect and Preserve the Environment". Both boys and girls ran 7 Kilometers around the locality. Local traffic police escorted them throughout the Marathon. Local government appreciated this program very much.

Annual Sports day was the climax of the month. Besides athletic events and

March Past, they performed 4 dances on Patriotic songs along with the musical drills. Mr. Jeevan Shrestha, the Bhadrapur Mayor, was the Chief Guest for the Annual Sports events. Chairman of local Municipality, DSP, Police Inspector, were the other distinguished guests besides the parents and Alumni. Chief Guest was so much impressed that he took video of all the events that took place. Blue House was overall Champion.

Boniface Tigga



ST. XAVIER'S SCHOOL, SADAKBARI

December 22, 2019 to January 5, 2020 was winter vacation. Br. Irenius got back after his exam on 28 along with Fr. Sanjay. Fr. Vijay

ceded by prayer and meditation. On 23 Fr. Peter joined Maheshpur community for a medical camp in Chandragadi Prison. On 25, there was



went up to Kathmandu for the vacation. Fr. Peter guarded the house. Fr. Vijay returned in the morning of January 4; and soon after he said mass in Sadakbari. The same evening Jhapa Jesuits gathered in Deonia for the meeting regarding Sadakbari Parish and General's forthcoming visit.

Regular classes resumed on January 6 after

another picnic for Classes 1, 2 and 3 at Raniban, a close by place. There was a Congregation Feast in Dharan of CJ/Loretto Sisters; so Fr. Peter represented the community again along with Srs. Aleyamma and Kalista. On 26 Fr. Vijay went to Deonia to judge the debates of Plus 2.

Modification at the main gate is almost complete; former design is being replaced with



the winter vacation. On weekend, January 11, Classes 4, 5 and 6 were taken to Bhurunga/Domukha for class picnic. The students and staff both enjoyed cooking, eating, and dancing. A good team work was displayed by the staff and students. On the same day Fr. Peter represented the community in Damak Cluny Sisters' Golden and Diamond Jubilee celebration. On January 18 Fr. Boniface offered Mass in Sadakbari pre-

school logo, a difficult task due to its height. The plaster work on the first floor of South Block is near to completion. Now works on restrooms, plumbing, laying of electrical works, doors and windows are going on; railing work will be done in the next lot.

Fr. Juel stayed with us for a day after he attended the jubilee celebration in Damak.

Vijay Toppo



ST. XAVIER'S SOCIAL SERVICE CENTER



The New Year 2020 has come with many blessings and amazement in Aruna Bhawan. After all the high time during Christmas and New Year, the season of excitement, energy, active participation and enjoyment has taken a break. We are thankful to all our benefactors and people of good will; because of their generous contribution we could bring smiles on so many innocent faces.

We began New Year, 2020 with various activities from its very first day and it stretched out with a number of events such as New Year celebration, quiz competition, outing to Godavari, winter camp, an awareness program on drug addiction, sexual abuse, traffic rules and constructive use of social media. We also celebrated Makar Sankranti. Number of programs were conducted during the camp. The program was divided into four topics i.e. creativity, debate, games and talent show. The winter camp was concluded with a day of outing to Sano Khokana, Lalitpur which the children cherished by walking together.

Two boys and a girl from Sindhupalchowk district have been admitted at Social Service Centre and Aruna Bhawan. Their mother left them without care and their father died with heart attack abroad.

Dilip Toppo



SHISHU BIKAS KENDRA – POKHARA



SBK remained closed till 4th of January 2020 for the winter break. The regular class at SBK is on 5th of January onwards. During the winter break St. Xavier's School Deonia with 100 above and Moran Memorial School Jhapa, with 40 students and teachers visited Pokhara, the city of lakes on different days. They marked the year 2020 visit Nepal. They had wonderful stay at SBK and captured the rapturous beauty of snowcapped mountains and the most attractive Fewa Lake getting imprinted in their hearts and minds. They enjoyed visiting various places in the city. On the first day of the class after the winter break 30 students were present at SBK which shows their interest of coming to school and being with their friends and loving, caring teachers. Few days of continuous rain has added the cold in the city. Miss Viviana and Mary a Korean visitor involved the students in making various types of cookies and art and crafts at Maya Café. Students are giving their hearts and souls in preparing for the annual sports day.

Our Lady of Pilar parishioners came to St. Ann's Church for carol singing and joined the Mass celebration. Fr. Paul joined the youths for carol singing for few days. On the Christmas eve they had carol singing before the Holy Mass. There was big number of non-Christians who came to participate in the Christmas celebration. Christmas cupcakes and a cup of tea were distributed to the people. On Christmas day there was Mass in the morning in Nepali and in the evening in English. On the Holy Family day both the

churches came together and had a celebration. High tea was provided to all the participants by the parish council. On the eve of New Year there was adoration in the house chapel at night; around 20 people had come to pray and thank the Lord for the blessings of the year. There were deaths of two persons in the same family within two days at a slum at bus park. St. Ann's parishioners went to pray for the deceased members of the family and gave condolence to surviving family. Fr. Paul attended the pastors meeting held in Kathmandu organized by the Nepal Vicariate. He is back to Pokhara. Frs. Paul and Jomon went to Hemja for the Christmas celebration in Opportunity village hostel. Their presence increased the joy of the hostellers. Fr. Jomon is busy meeting with his Ph.D guide. Fr. Amit was out to India for home visit and vocation tour. He attended the ordination of Fr. Augustus Ekka, SJ and is back to the station after making his retreat at Godavari Ashram. There were few priests from Kalimpong, Darjeeling who stayed at SBK. Frs. Tomson, Bobby and Jiju who made a retreat at MC contemplative, paid a short visit taking some time away from their winter break. A lady volunteer stayed with SCC sister for few days rendering her time and service to SBK. Sr. Martha with the help of Mr. Beda has cleared the compound behind the church for farm project. The recent continuous rain and sever cold have shattered the lives of farmers here. We are waiting for the shy Sun hiding behind the thick cloud to appear soon.

Amit Lakra



ST. IGNATIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH, BANIYATAR

There were positive and encouraging feedbacks from the elderly parishioners for being able to



take out time and participate along with the youth and children for the Carol singing in all the zones which culminated in grand Christmas celebration on 25th of December with cultural programs performed by different groups including aama-buwa groups. After the Preeti-Bhoj, Mendo Maya Tamang cultural dance continued until 5 p.m. The Christmas vigil Mass was presided over by Rev. Fr. Amrit Rai, SJ, the Jesuit Regional Superior, along with many other Jesuits from the valley. The Christmas crib competition prizes were awarded during the cultural programs on 25th of December for both zonal and family level competitions. Though, it is hard to find crib materials like statues in Nepal, many creative and beautifully hand molded statues graced the cribs.

Infront of St. Ignatius Catholic Church, there is a small ailani(govt) land which was concretized by the parishioners on 29th of December by the initiative of the parish priest. Now, the church has enough parking space for the bikes and a couple of big vehicles. All the visitors are now welcomed to park their vehicles there without much worrying or looking for the

place elsewhere. All the old local neighbors appreciated the church for taking initiative to clean the place and to concrete it for all. The locals were very happy and supported it whereas new families who built their houses around it were not happy. There was big verbal exchange whole day until the work was completed for which one of the local parishioners Sunita KC's family stood there till the end. The work was accomplished by the contributions of the parishioners along with their free labor. The remaining cost will be borne by the church.

Ignatius Parish also bade farewell to year 2019 by having night Mass as a thanksgiving and ushering the year 2020 in a very special way.

In the month of January, during the school holidays Sr. Regina and the parish priest visited all the zones and the families for daily evening prayers and took extra care and effort to initiate family evening prayers. St. Ignatius Parish has taken a new initiative to ask



the faithful to come with their own Bibles and prayer books for the Mass and catechism. The initiative has been responded quite enthusiastically by 15 to 20 people.

Anil Beck



GOOD SHEPHERD, TIPLING



Good Shepherd parish, Tipling celebrated mid-night mass, morning mass, a feast for the whole parish with auction, games and sharing of gifts. On January first, Fr. Mike and Ayar held a meeting with the village Parchars and youth to evaluate the past year and to plan for the new year. We celebrated new year's day, or rather didn't celebrate it. Our Goan Palika declared it a work day and so we spend the day in school. But mother nature celebrated new year by sending Tipling its first snow fall of the year. That evening Jesuit community including Sch. Martin gathered around the wood burning stove in the kitchen. Sch. Martin is with us for his winter holiday from B.Ed studies in Namchi, Sikkim. He was sent to us to escape the cold for a month! Winter timings were changed for mass in Lapdung and Machat due to rain, snow and terrible cold. Three previous Australian volunteers spent a week with us. They left us one day after another group of fifteen Australians joined us from the Cardoner project. This last group along with their potters at-

tempted to reach Tipling from the North via Pansang pass. They were unable to get through heavy snow just above Tipling and after spending the night camped in the snow, retraced their steps back down to Dhading and then came up to Tipling via southern route.

Our Jesuit community attended a family mass and baptism of a three day old baby named John.

Second term exams were held successfully in both the schools. The high school headmaster was absent as he was attending teachers training program at NJSI in Kathmandu. Fr. David Ekka braved the geography and the weather to celebrate Maghi Sankranti with us here in Tipling and enjoyed a feast of potatoes with us. After five months, finally we have a cook; she is a local and will work for us cooking two meals a day as long as three Australian volunteers are with us. The ex-NJSI dozer continues making roads in Tipling neighborhood e.g., Aren, the hydro project, Puru, Lincho etc. Sch. Martin bade us adieu and went back to Namchi.

Tipling Jesuit Sources



ST. XAVIER'S SCHOOL, JAWALAKHEL

Winter vacation was a time for people to take off to warmer places. Sanjay went to Jhapa for visits and to make his retreat. George went to Kerala for a home visit. While at home, he accompanied Amrit to visit homes of Nepal Jesuits. He also made his annual retreat in a Jesuit house in Alwaye. Mathew accompanied the plus two students for tour. Tomson stayed home and took care of local affairs and also explored the possibilities of higher studies at T.U. Ignatius was mostly at the social centers as the director was out of station. Now he is making his annual retreat. Etienne returned from Kolkata in the third week of January. Anil continued to be busy with many visits and blessings at Baniyatar even after Christmas and new year. Br. Irenius stayed on till after Christmas to complete his exams.

The students of plus two after their second term exams had a visit to Pokhara and a hike to Gandruk which they thoroughly enjoyed in spite of the biting cold of January. Some staff from Christ College, Bangalore gave a talk to our plus two students. Some of our old boys organized a doubles tennis tournament for seniors (above 40) at our tennis court. There were 22 pairs. Mathew and his partner reached the quarter final. One of the champions was our alumnus, Ashish Sherchan, batch of 1990.

On his way to Namchi, Martin Moris stopped by for a couple of days after his sojourn in Tipling. Fr. Paul K.C. has landed here with a Pilar Father Stephen who has come for Indian embassy work.

A.V. Mathew

Self-correction not self-justification

Like Jesus, Pope Francis is not afraid to admonish, especially those who consider themselves better than others. He calls this "the religion of the ego", practiced by those who claim to be Catholic, "but have forgotten to be Christian and human". They have forgotten that worshipping God "always passes through love of neighbor". Pope Francis warns how "the Pharisee" is always ready to rise up in all of us, presumptuous and self-justifying. Faith, insists the Pope, means having the humility to let ourselves be corrected.

Courtesy: <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2019-12/2019-the-year-in-review-with-pope-francis.html>

HRDRC

The months of December-January were too cold for many of the community members. The Jesuits here made good use of their college vacation. Fr. Juel left for home on 26th December to attend and bless the marriage of his youngest brother. He returned to the community on 4th January while also visiting Deonia for a few days. The HRDRC community celebrated a small birthday party on 6th January in honor of Superior, Fr. Bobby. On January 8th, a group of young boys and girls of Cardoner Project, Australia came for dinner at HRDRC. On the same evening Fr. Amrit was back from India after attending the Ordination of Fr. Augustus Ekka in Chattisgarh. Fr. Bobby took time out from his busy schedule and went to Pokhara on 9th to meet his Jesuit subjects in dispersion. He returned to community on January 11. Frs. Amrit and Juel travelled to Damak on January 12th with Rev. Bp. Paul to participate in the jubilee celebrations of Cluny Sisters that was on 13th. They went to Simalbari and Sadakbari that afternoon. Fr. Amrit moved on to Deo-

nia and then to Kerala for Dn. Manu's Priestly Ordination while Fr. Juel stayed on for a night in Sadakbari. He was back to the community on January 16th. Fr. Dilip too was away from house on his vocation tour and came back on January 17th. While in vocation tour, he made sure to attend the priestly ordination of Fr. Augustus. Fr. Amrit returned from Kerala on January 23rd. On the way back he visited our Scholastics in Kolkata and Gayaganga. On 24th the newly ordained priest Fr. Augustus arrived here. The community welcomed him with small get together in his honor. The HRDRC community hosted the January consult and a dinner thereafter on January 27th. All along in the month of January, Fr. Tek Bahadur Paudel was attending the court proceedings under the supervision of Lawyer Purna Rajbanshi. Meantime, he had been busy in completing MA Thesis. Fr. Peter Chettri was in HRDRC for some account works from January 9 to 11.

HRDRC Jesuit Sources

DIASPORA

ST. XAVIER'S COLLEGE, AHMEDABAD

The new year 2020 has come with many changes in the college and the community life of the scholastics of Premal Jyoti, Ahmedabad.

After all the high time during Cultural Festival (Culfest 21st - 23rd December 2019), Christmas and New Year, the season of excitement, energy, participation and enjoyment has taken a break. As the timetable of CIA 1 (Continuous internal assessment) is out, the present mood in the college and the Premal Jyoti is of serious preparation for the exams, which will begin on 26th of January. Along with the changes in the college life, there are changes and newness in the community as well. From the last days of 2019 till date, it can be assumed as a time of extending our gratitude to the members who are leaving us for their new missions and welcoming the new members to the community. To be specific, the change in Provincialship: Fr. Francis Parmar SJ handing over his office and place in Premal

Jyoti Pariwar to Fr. Durai Ferand SJ. Furthermore, the Superior cum Rector of Premal Jyoti and the former Socius of Gujarat Province, Fr. Shekhar Mannicam SJ has been appointed as the Regional Secretary to South Asian Assistancy, General Curia, Rome. Recently, on 14th of January, the community took an opportunity to thank Fr. Shekhar for his tremendous service and contribution to the Province as a Socius and to the community and scholastics as the Superior cum Rector. On that auspicious day of thanksgiving, Premal Jyoti Pariwar also welcomed Fr. Alpesh Mackwan SJ, the PCF of Gujarat, who now is appointed the Socius of Gujarat Province. Last but not the least, at present, the community is looking forward to have Fr. James Savarimuthu SJ, who is appointed as an acting superior by Fr. Provincial. Fr. James will be joining the community on 11th of February.

Sch. Bipin Bara

ST. PETER'S GAYAGANGA

The parish celebrated Golden Jubilee of Fr. Peter Pappu in a grand manner on 5th of January. Fr. Peter Pappu was away for his home visit from 9th January to 30th January; in his absence, Fr. Simon Kerketta took charge of the parish. St. Peter's primary and high school reopened on 6th of January after a brief winter/Christmas break. New pre-K.G. children were welcomed to St. Peter's primary school on 10th of January. Primary school staff went on their annual picnic to Upper Dudhiya on 22nd of January.

Gayaganga community was blessed by the presence of Fr. Amrit Rai, SJ (Regional Superior of Nepal) for his annual visit on 21st of January.

The High school reopened on January 5th and had Mass of the Holy Spirit by the Headmaster which was followed by the blessing of the entire school building. The school also had a meaningful staff orientation programme by Fr A. Xavier, from NBSXC. The annual staff picnic to the banks of Balason close to Panighatta was a remarkable one. Annual sports day was organized in St. Peter's high school on 22nd of January, in which over two-thousand students exhibited their athletic skills with great fervour and exuberance. Mr. Rajib Pramanik, WBES, District Inspector of Schools,

Siliguri was the chief guest of this mega event while Sr. Sherly FCC graced the occasion as the guest of honour. The Statesman and the Telegraph gave due coverage of the event. St Peter's higher secondary school stood second in the Science Exhibition held at North Bengal Science centre in which over 69 models were displayed by various CBSE/ICSE and State Board Schools and Colleges of North Bengal. The Headmaster had to run from pillar to post to find a replacement for the Chief Guest for the Republic Day as the chief Guest designate excused himself because he was called to Delhi due to an emergency. Nevertheless, the 71st Republic Day celebrations, jointly organized by the five schools in the campus, in which nearly 5000 students participated in the parade, drills and dances as many parents and the general public witnessed the events. Mr Sujit Lama, Officer-in-Charge was the Chief Guest and Mr Debarghya Guha, Manager of Gayaganga Tea estate was the Guest of Honour. A host of principals from various schools of the locality adorned the dais as special Guests. There was a host of spectators to witness the annual mega event which gets better and better year by year.

Sch. David Donald

ASHA KIRAN, MANGALURU

The new year began with a lot of newness and hope to achieve something in our life. On 2nd of January the college resumed after a ten days of Christmas vacation. On 4th Fr. Francis from Fatima Retreat house came and gave a day of recollection. It was indeed enriching experience for us to begin this year with peace and joy. From 6th - 9th of January we were busy with our 1st internal text. On 12th we celebrated foundation day in college. All the Catholic students of PU and degree attended the mass in Loyola Hall. For many students it was new experience and they came to know a bit about the Society of Jesus. On the same day the Scholastics of Asha Kiran had Living group outing to different places. The day was successful and we had good time. On 14th of January, in order to plan for future activities, we had a community meeting. All had come with various issues and plans for upcoming

events. The next day on 15th we, along with Sri Lankan Scholastics celebrated Vesak Feast. We began this feast with an hour of Buddhist Meditation. This was soon followed by sumptuous breakfast prepared by Sri Lankan Scholastics. For many of us it was a new experience and we learnt something from it. On 20th we celebrated community mass with Jamshedpur Province. During the Eucharist, instead of homily, we had video presentation of Jamshedpur Province. This presentation helped us to know more about the Province and their works in different field. In order to seek the blessing of God On 26th of Jan we went for Pilgrimage to St. Lawrence Basilica, Attur. It was good opportunity for many of us because this feast held five days. Now we are busy with our daily schedule and preparing for college feast.

Schs. Ruben & Niroj

CALCUTTA JUNIORATE

On the last evening of 2019, we, the Dhyan Ashram community members, gathered together in Milan Mela chapel to express our gratitude to God for the last year. Recollecting God's providence throughout the year, we thanked and asked His grace to carry out our lives in the New Year. On the following day, the first day of the year, having stepped into 2020, we had a community campus picnic. As one community, followed by the Eucharistic celebration, we manifested our joy in and through games, sharing, cooking and other activities. On the same evening, we entered into Triduum to recollect our past life under the guidance of newly ordained priest, Fr. Anmol Minj. Realizing God's love, providence and forgiveness, we aligned ourselves with the spirit of St Ignatius to live our call to its fullest.

From January 6 to 11, we had a good journey on the charism of the Society by Fr Etienne, a Belgian missionary. As Fr Etienne said, "We need to discover the 'living' charism of the Society, not in books but in the lives of Jesuits." Besides being enlightened, we were also stimulated by the exemplary life of our forefathers.

On January 20, in the city of joy, men and women of

all ages and religions expressed their opinion against NRC and CAA through their silent protest from St Paul's Cathedral to the statue of the Father of our Nation. We, the juniors, clasped our hands with those thousands of people in protest. It was a silent and peaceful protest with prayers and fasting. In fact, it was an opportunity to raise our voice with the voiceless for the justice.

On 25 we went to one of the important places of Kolkata, Science City. It was a more of learning experience rather than a mere outing. We were immensely glad to have community march past at the dawn of the Republic Day. Under the leadership of Sch. Dhanaventher, the chief commander, our parade was smooth and meaningful. Our friends, Sch. Francis and Sch. Joanies, delivered their firing and awakening Republic day speeches. Their speeches stimulated our minds and hearts to do something for the growth and development of our mother India.

At present, we are fully occupied with the preparation for the Assistancy exams and Academic Day programs.

Sch. Lawrence Kerketta

VINALAYA JUNIORATE

We began the New Year with our triduum. On this occasion we renewed vows under the guidance of Fr. Jerome D' Souza S.J. His inspirational talk and experiences rejuvenated our souls to begin the New Year enthusiastically. On 6th of January we resumed our regular activities with drama and novel appreciation. At the same time, we also engaged ourselves in writing short stories and essays for the Inter Juniorate competition.

On 24th of January we had Mumbai Darshan program. We visited The Gateway of India and Chatrapati Shivaji museum where we were given an insight into Indo-Portuguese Christian Art. It broadened our knowledge regarding history of India as well as Christian history in India. It was a very fruitful day that ended in a hearty lunch at the Nirmala Niketan Convent.

At present the thing that is giving us a run for time is our practices for the annual drama which is going to be held on 23rd of February; and our preparation for the ASET exam.

Schs. Krish & Vinay

PRAYERS FOR THE DEPARTED SOULS



*Mrs. Uttara Kumari Paudel 84, mother of Fr. Tek Bahadur Paudel passed away on 31/01/2020.

*Fr. Louis E. Busemeyer (UMI) 81/61, passed away on 26/01/2020, in Wisconsin.

*Fr. Lankapalli Prasad (AND) 53/34, passed away 27/01/2020 in Papal Seminary, Pune.

*Fr. Joachim DMello (GOA) 68/46, passed away on 21.01.2020 in Guyana.

*Fr. Thomas Pullenkave (CCU) 80/37, passed away on 20.01.20 in Kanjirapalli.

*Br. Arockiasamy Sebastian (MUD) 72/52, passed away on 19.01.2020 in Madurai.

*Br. Henry C. Kuhn (UMI) 85/65, passed away on 05.01.2020 at Colombiere Center in Clarkston.

*Fr. Errol D'Lima (BOM) 77/61, passed away on 05.01.2020 at Mumbai.

*Br. Pascoal Colaco (BOM) 78/55, passed away on 30.12.2019 at Shirpur.

*Fr. Civiach Joaquin (GUJ) 87/68, passed away on 27.12. 2019 in Our Lady of Pilar Hospital, Vadodara.

*Fr. Fidelis Jayabalan Packiam (AND) 71/55, passed away on 26.12.2019 in St. Joseph's Hospital, Dindigul.

THOSE WHO SERVED IN NEPAL

05/02/1972	Richard C. Curry
21/02/2000	John H. Lane
29/02/2004	Eugene L. Watrin
31/12/2013	Martin P. Coyne



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