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Region Superior appoints

1. Fr. Tej Kalyan Kujur
2. Fr. Anil Beck

Parish Priest, St. Xavier's Parish, Maheshpur
Parish Priest, St. Ignatius' Parish, Baniyatar
Effective from 03 August 2021

LIFT UP YOUR HEART

Episode 2 Conversation with a Rabbi



A Saturday afternoon, in present time, at a coffee shop with the same friends: Shova (Hostess), Rabbi Jesus and Disciple Pokche S.J.

Shova: Welcome back, Guys. Good to have you here again - (with a smile) especially since you didn't pay your bill last time. **Rabbi:** Oh my gosh, didn't I pay, Pokche? **Disciple:** Well, I didn't pay. It was your turn. **Rabbi:** So sorry, Shova. I guess I forgot. **Disciple:** Don't worry, Rabbi. Like a good friend I'll remind you today. **Rabbi:** I have a better idea. You pay today. **Disciple:** Hmm...okay.

Rabbi: Thanks. By the way, I notice that you're in a better mood this month, my friend. You're looking good. How do you feel? **Disciple:** Better, much better. That feeling of sadness is still there in my heart, but I'm learning to make use of the decision power of my heart also, how to make room for hope and my decision to trust Our Father. But it's really difficult to get that balance. **Rabbi:** Yeah, difficult. Don't I know? I sweat blood that night in the garden at Gethsemane. Damn difficult! **Disciple:** Watch your language Rabbi. Shova is still behind you. **Shova:** Oh I don't mind. I stopped to listen a bit more because I overheard the words Our Father: That's the Lord's Prayer that I say every day. **Rabbi:** Yes, me too - that's the prayer that unites so-called Catholics and so-called Protestants. **Disciple:** "so-called"? **Rabbi:** Well, it's OK, I suppose. But in my opinion, a better word for both would be the beautiful Believers. **Disciple:** I didn't know you were a believer, Shova. **Shova:** Yes, I am. And so is my whole family. The Rabbi knows.

Rabbi: Can you take a break, Shova, and sit down with us for a little while, at least until a new customer comes in? I want to share with you both something about that common prayer The Lord's Prayer. But first, Shova my dear, to make up to you a little for my forgetfulness about the bill last month, I have a joke for you. **Shova:** A joke from you? **Rabbi:** Surprise! I love jokes, the shorter and the stupider the better. Here goes: "Atheism is a non-profit institution." **Disciple:** That's all? What's so funny about "non-profit institution"? **Rabbi:** I got you there. It's a pun, Man, a play on words. When I speak, the two words "prophet, profit" sound just the same. But you were right, Pokshe, not to laugh. A pun is like a German joke = you don't laugh. You give a big groan!

Anyway it's time to go. I'll say more about the Our Father next month - and about atheism too, a favourite topic of mine. And I have a good story to tell you about an atheist. But now, SHALOM to all, atheists and believers alike! Bye, Shova!

KARNALI PROVINCE FRONTIER MISSION

After an orientation given by Fr. Amrit Rai about the new Mission, I was excited to travel to Surkhet, Karnali Province on 10 July. Fr. Sanjay reached me to the domestic Airport for Nepalgunj. Fr. Jomon



Garden in front of new rented house

Maikunnel (Dean of West Nepal) and Fr. James Britto welcomed me and wished me best wishes for the new mission in Karnali province. On the 11th I reached Navajyoti School, Surkhet run by the SCN Sisters. I was given a warm welcome by the Sisters. The Sisters gave me a great surprise on my birthday on 14 July, with a special Mass, birthday cake and a sumptuous dinner. While staying with the Sisters, with the help of Sr. Rosita and her community, I managed to rent a flat which will be the temporary Jesuit Residence for now. The building is in Ithram-7, Surkhet, Birendranagar.

Thanks to Fr. Mathew who stayed with me for a week making all the arrangement for me to move to the temporary Jesuit Residence. Fr. Mathew and I were glad to meet a few of our old students of St. Xavier's College, Maitighar, St. Xavier's School, Jawalakhel



Fr. Mathew is welcomed by Sisters just before Eucharist

and Social Service center. They showed a lot of interest in helping us in our new mission. On the teachers Day (Guru Purnima) the SCN Sisters organized a special Mass with the Catholic faithful and prayed



Fr. Arul with SCN Sisters in their convent

for the teachers. Fr. Mathew was the main celebrant and preached a beautiful homily. Fr. Mathew visited the houses of the staff of the Mobile Clinic and had a meeting with the team to strengthen the health ministry.

While Fr. Jomon Jose is on his home visit, his heart and spirit is fully in Surkhet, He gives me his valuable suggestions and accompanies me in spirit.

Fr. Arul gave an online recollection talk to the parishioners of St. Ann's Church, Pokhara. In Surkhet, he has engaged himself in pastoral ministry. He teaches Catechism classes for the three Catholic families in Surkhet, has initiated family prayers in their homes, has visited the Tharu villages and the works of the Navajyoti Sisters.

Fr. Arul Selvam



Fr. Arul in front of new rented house

St. Xavier's School, Jawalakhel



July 2, 2021 was a historic day for St. Xavier's school Jawalakhel as we experimented with a new meth-

from 24 to 28 July, various entrance exams were conducted in St. Xavier's school Jawalakhel. The Jesuits



Ms. Sadkshya Shrestha anchoring lottery

od of selecting new students through lottery draw for class one admission. The short-listed names were kept for the lottery draw in the presence of Lalitpur municipality authorities, School management committee and some police personnel in the school auditorium. The whole process of the lottery draw was live telecasted on T.V. through News 24 Channel in order to make it more transparent. Miss Sadikshya Shrestha (Former Miss Nepal, 2010) was requested to anchor the lottery draw program for News 24 channel. Being an alumna of St. Xavier's College Maitighar, she was glad to do the anchoring of the program for St. Xavier's School. It was a great success, even though there were both positive and negative responses as usual.

On 10 July, the school administration organized a virtual orientation program for class one before they began their online classes. Fr. Sanjay Ekka welcomed the new parents and students by his welcome speech and Fr. George P.M. delivered a motivational speech. The Medical Education Commission of Nepal Government requested Fr. George P.M. to provide the school facilities to conduct the entrance exams of



Fr. Sanjay Ekka with Rabinendra during lottery selection

from St. Xavier's school community and from other communities also assisted to conduct the entrance exams.

Fr. Arul Selvam Joined Jawalakhel community on 5 July and he went to Surkhet on 10 July for a new frontier mission. Fr. Cap made his retreat at St. Xavier's Jesuit Residence. On July 18, 2021 Fr. Tej Kalyan returned from Manila, Philippines after completing his study on pastoral counselling. However, as soon as he arrived at the community, he was home quarantined following the guidelines of Nepal Government. Fr. George P.M. took a short break from his hectic work and went to Deonia for a week.

On 14 July, the School and the community co-workers were taken to Godavari for a day outing. Br. Hermon Anthony and Br. Ashish organized the program very well. The purpose of taking them out was to express our gratitude to them as they worked hard for us. Frs. Bill Robins, Anil Beck, Sanjay Ekka, Br. Hermon and Sch. Ashish accompanied them. Co-workers were glad to find the Jesuits around them during their outings.

Fr. Sanjay Ekka



SXJ Coworkers outing to Godavari

St. Xavier's School, Godavari



A good education is a foundation for a better future. In recent times we have witnessed in the valley that people of the county still continue to look for their children's admission in St. Xavier's Schools. Thanks to Fr. Marshal D. Moran who blessed the foundation on July 1, 1951 for better future of the country. SXG remembered the past and celebrated the foundation day.

The Principal had virtual meeting with all the students class wise and their parents, expressed his concerns and plans of the school. The story tell-



SXJ coworkers pose in front of Xavier Hall Jawalakhel had an outing in SXG accompanied by some Jesuit community members. Due to peaceful surrounding it was a very unique experience for them. Online novena prayer to St. Ignatius of Loyola was conducted to all classes. Every teacher before the first class started with novena to St. Ignatius.

Earthquake of 2015 struck St. Xavier's school buildings including Xavier Hall (Jesuit residence). At present it has been used partly for some office work and dining rooms for the school staff. On July 19 some experts started to make assessment of Xavier Hall from various perspectives.

Online learning is the future of education, and it is happening

right now all around us. The use of tool which led the students to new ways of thinking and learning. The school organized Inter-team Online Multimedia Presentation Competition for the students of Classes 8, 9 and 10. The topic was given, "The Life of St. Ignatius of Loyola". Our students in their teams did good work. They literally read and worked on Ignatius' life for the multimedia presentation. Thanks to Mr. Gyan Guragain the computer teacher who initiated the event.



St. Xavier's School is going to celebrate 70 years of Jubilee. For the event management all the teaching staff are divided into various groups; coordinators were selected. For this special task all have taken the responsibilities.

SXG land map demarcation is over with proper names. The process is not yet complete. Out of 239 ropanies of land, at present we have only 170 ropanies. We have lost rest of the land.

On 31 July, the community invited all local Religious for the Eucharistic celebration and the Feast Day breakfast. The school also organized short online feast Day celebration and students joined quiz at St. Xavier's School Jawalakhel.

SXG Sources



CAMPION HOUSE, MAITIGHAR



Most of the community members are now vaccinated. Victor awaits his second dose of Vero Cell while Cap continues to wait for his second dose of Covishield. Once they get their second doses, the entire community will be vaccinated and perhaps can feel a little safer. Cap made his annual retreat at St. Xavier's, Jawalakhel. Clarence joined our community from 5 July. He and Dilip have had a number of meetings with various people for the starting of the mission in Province 2. They made a trip to Province 2 to look for houses to rent so that they can move at the earliest. They have identified a house now and hope to shift to their new home in the first week of August. After returning from the US Greg, our community member in diaspora has been finally able to join us for the community evenings on Fridays.

Online classes continue for all the programs except for the ones who are appearing for the examinations. Second year classes for the current plus two batch began on 18 July. Likewise, BSW students began their 21 – 22 academic year on the 18th. There was a leadership training program for the CRs, SAS and VISTAS members of A Levels onsite covering two Fridays (16th and 23rd). Our college is a center for the TU first year bachelor examinations and hopefully it won't create an epicenter for spreading the virus. We are happy to hear that the Plus Two board examinations will also take place by the end of Srawan.

Since the library and offices are open, it is heartening to see a number of students visiting the college premises. While the administrative and support staff come to the college every day, the teaching staff come to the college on alternate days.

Along with the classes there have been many online activities since the lockdown began. We had a small online function to mark the 33rd foundation day (15 July) of the college. The council of class representatives organized Guru Purnima celebration to honor their teachers on the 24th. We conducted online novena as a preparation for the feast day celebration from the 22nd. Thanks to Deepak and Juel for making the online novena more attractive and inspiring by inserting meaningful pictures and videos. We will have an online program to mark the feast day of our founder on the 31st.

Another initiative in relation to the jubilee year is the St. Xavier's College talk series known as Pilgrim's Diary. James will be the first to give such a talk and it will be streamed on 1 August. All these programs are/ will be available on the Facebook page and YouTube channel of the college. Roy and his ANIMA team are offering us tremendous help and expertise in this regard. They spend a lot of their time for recording and editing the program. We are much obliged to them.

Campion House Jesuit Source



Students in their respective labs



PiE volunteers pose with Fr. Anup, former incharge of PiE programme

ARRUPE NIWAS, DEONIA

An advantage of living on the Nepal-India border is the coming-and-going of interesting guests. The campus has been getting a 'make-over' while the students are away.



School compound is extended

This month we have been graced with visits by Jomon, George, and his niece, Vijay, Anup, and Juel. All required border crossings in one direction or another. Border crossings aren't as simple as they used to be and a little help from friends goes a long way. Fr. Boniface has been especially helpful in bringing our guests to and from the airport and the border. Vijay was the only exception. He chaired our school's managing committee meeting. Coming from Sadakbari he didn't have to cross any border or take any health tests, etc. that the 'new normal' seems to require.

Other 'visitors' have been of the four-footed variety including elephants and monkeys. Our orchard is currently flush with jackfruit and has become a popular eating spot for them to stop off and have a snack while making their rounds.

The school is still on lockdown but classes continue online. So also do the spate of seminars, webinars, and what-nars that the 'planned-demic' seems to have spawned.

The occasional class test however has had to be in-person. We have also resumed Masses for the locals here in Deonia, and in the outstations.

Fr. Danny, Scholastic David and our crew of bus drivers have been busy tidying up our private eco-woods, pond, and playing fields. The playing fields especially have been extended thanks to land a previous administration had purchased for development. And this was the month that Arul left us to take up his new mandate: to establish a mission, along with Jomon, in Surkhet.

Arrupe Niwas Jesuit Sources



School compound is extended

FABER HOUSE, MAHESHPUR

On 6 July, Moran Memorial school reopened for the academic session 2078-79. Along with



Fr. Nicholas helping in distribution of food kits to villagers
some teachers, Fr. Norbert and Fr. Nicholas visited different villages to give information about the online classes for senior sections and instructional classes for the lower sections. We also encouraged the parents to come to school to see their children's result and register their name by end of July as directed by the education department. Nearly 85% of the students have registered their names so far and 15% is yet to register their names; perhaps they are waiting for the physical classes to begin. We have begun online classes for 8, 9 & 10; the responses from the students are quite encouraging. Thus, from 1 Au-



Parishioners help out in distribution of food ration kits
gust onwards the classes 5,6 & 7 also will have online classes and for the lower classes, the teachers are visiting the children in their tolls and villages and giving them some instructions. This year 30 students have taken new admission in LKG and 10 in other classes. Through the kind help of Nepal Jesuit Social Institute (NJSI), so far we have distributed relief material to 85 families in the tea garden area and 60

families in Jalthal and Gherabari.

Regular Saturday Masses in the church resumed from 10 July, so far only the regular faithful numbering 20 to 25 attend the mass. After many hurdles due to lock down finally, Fr. Norbert managed to get statues of St. Joseph and Pieta, which are to be installed on the Feast day of St. Ignatius.

On 5 July, Br. Clarence left for Kathmandu to take on his new mission. The community members expressed gratitude to his service in Maheshpur mission and assured prayerful wishes for his new mission in Pradesh no 2. Fr. Paul K.C went to Pattapur and made his annual retreat at Fr. Justin's place. After the retreat, Fr. Justin came along with Fr. Paul to spend two days with us. The postponed birthday cel-



Fr. Norbert distributes food ration kits to villagers

bration of Fr. Paul K. C's was celebrated in the community on 13 July; Arrupe Jesuit Community joined us on this occasion. Br. Clarence and Fr. Dilip paid a visit to us on 15 July and spent a night in Maheshpur.

Fr. Nicholas Christuraj



Fr. Paul K.C. celebrates his birthday

GONZAGA HOUSE, SADAKBARI

In the school, books arrived in the first week of July; so we started arranging the books and notebooks for the distribution. Since the lockdown continues and the schools are not opened yet, we are stuck. Thus, in order to come out of this situation, we arranged Parent-Student-Teacher meetings from July 15-20, two classes a day in A and B groups - morning one class and afternoon another class. It was basically to find out - how the students are doing at home and what the possibility is to run on-site classes. We even thought of having online class but the question is how many can afford. Seeing all the possibilities at a staff meeting, we decided to go for the field visits and also spot locations where we could gather the students to do teaching-learning. Students are asked to use old books if they could. They need to take the new added curriculum in classes 1,2,3, and 6. Parents are open for the door-to-door teaching-learning. Entire students body is divided into A and B groups; and with-



Novina to St. Ignatius

a week to collect and distribute home works copies. This year we plan to meet students subject wise.

In the parish we have resumed Masses following Covid-19 protocols. Fr. Peter managed to get the Statues from Kishanganj which came from Kolkata. We are having novena prayers of St. Ignatius of Loyola. On the 26th we had the Congregation Feast of St. Anne's Sisters. Sisters from Loyola too came to Sadakbari to wish the Sisters. On the same day, one of our faithful and a parent, Mr. Andreas [Pargan] Tudu passed away after a week of ailment while going through treatment in one of the hospitals

in Biratnagar. Fr. Peter conducted the funeral service on the 27th morning.

In first week of July, Br. Irenius had gone for a quick home visit and to meet the family members. He lost his elder sister during the lockdown and a requiem mass was held. When he came back the entire team of Fathers and Cluny Sisters from St. Xavier's Kis-



Books ordered for new academic session

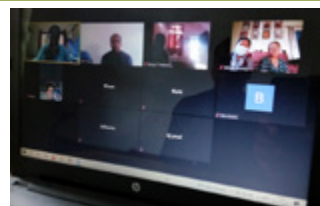
in the groups many clusters are created according to their proximity from each other, where teachers can come and teach and check students' home works. Last year, teachers went to their assigned areas twice



hanganj came to drop him. Fr. George PM and Ms. Gita Rai visited us and Fr. Boniface also stayed a day with us here.

Fr. Vijay Toppo

SHISHU BIKAS KENDRA – POKHARA



The month of Asad came with good tidings of lifting off the lockdown in Gandaki Pradesh. The city dwellers have adjusted to live with the Covid -19 hovering situation. Shisu Bikas Kendra (SBK) staff come occasionally to the office. A new SCC Sr. Pranati has joined the SBK staff. We had a simple yet good welcome for her however, without students. Few students are bit nostalgic and share their good event photos in the SBK social media. In the absence of people in the SBK campus, our dog, (Lucky) takes control of everything. He makes sure that the area

is free from intruders. There was a feast day celebration of Sisters of the St. Joseph of Cluny. A solemn Mass was followed by an agape meal. Fr. Ayar organized a recollection talk for all the Parishioners and the resource person was Fr. Arul Selvam most lovingly called Dimple Wala by his old flock. Thanks a lot Fr. Arul for your availability to give talk on discernment.

We had NJSI team and Koreans, Jemma and Daniel as the guests of the month. We got delayed in plucking the corn due to the uninterrupted rains. Few interested Euro football lovers of our church joined us



Fr. Ayar video records welcome ceremony

is free from intruders. He killed a snake in the compound making sure all is well at home. The online Mass is conducted and the weekly adoration on Zoom. The family Mass is given at the request of the family following all the protocols. The convent Mass and other spiritual needs are well tak-



Fr. Amit celebrate online mass for faithful

watching the match at night. Fr. Ayar took a day out to Mugling to relax after a prolonged lockdown. The Novena prayer to St. Ignatius is meaningfully conducted each evening. "You have to dream before the dream comes true". A.P.J. Abdul Kalam

Fr. Amit Lakra



Fr. Ayar & Amit with their staff



Lucky attacks uninvited intruder

ST. IGNATIUS PARISH, BANIYATAR

In July, many schools in the Kathmandu valley started opening online. Therefore, Sunday Holy Mass was brought back to Saturdays. St Ignatius Catholic



Cleaning of church premises by women

Church, Baniyatar always have had a good number of participants for the daily and Sunday obligatory Holy Masses. The Masses are still conducted live via Zoom platform. The faithful from other parishes of Nepal also often join us, among whom a family from Maheshpur, Jhapa is very regular. A big thanks to Fr George, Principal of St Xavier's School, Jawalakhel who generously paid for Zoom platform for the Baniyatar church.

The families of our parish are doing well. During the pandemic only six families were affected by COVID-19. The families were on home isolation and now fully recovered. Sr. Roseline lost one of her siblings due to massive heart attack. May her soul rest in peace.

On the occasion of Ignatian Year and also for the preparation of the parish feast, parishioners came together more than three times during two months

space to move around where four wheels also can be parked at night if needed.

As lockdown was partially lifted, the parish priest



Parishioners expanding the front lawn

visited his community; he is regularly in the community at the weekends. Fr. Robert from St Xavier's, Maitighar, visited the parish as soon as lockdown in Kathmandu was relaxed. He was accompanied by Fr. Dilip and Br. Clarence. The parish priest had a joy of receiving and having lunch with them in the parish. They also visited Bambino Sisters of Baniyatar. On 29 July, Fr. Tej Kalyan, after his home quarantine came to Baniyatar along with Fr. Sanjay. They visited the Sisters and saw the feast day preparation. A few parishioners present in the church for the preparation were delighted to see him.

Interestingly, during the lockdown period, four families submitted their online Mass collections to the parish priest! There has been generous contributions and active participations by the parishioners in live Zoom prayers for the sick and troubled during lockdown, especially Ms. Binita Tamang and Mrs. Ku-



Congretizing the new front lawn



Painting work on veranda wall



Decoration is in progress

of lockdown. They contributed their physical labour to remove church hall staircase, to repair the other, and then finally clean up entire church premises for the feast. Now, front part of the Church has a wide

mari Gurung. Mrs. Kumari Gurung also has been visiting the sick in the families of both Catholics and others on requests. Ms. Binita has been regularly arranging for daily and Sunday Mass readings, Sunday

choir and now for St. Ignatius Feast Day Novena.



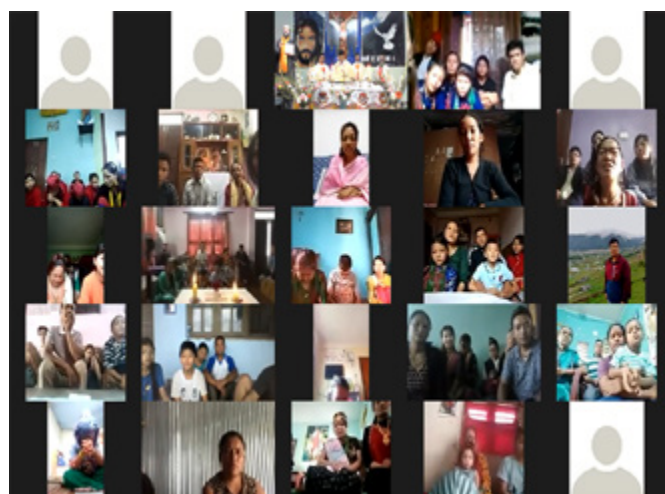
All set for online Holy Mass on Zoom

This was conducted daily live on Zoom platform. On 31 July, the Church celebrated feast of her patron, St. Ignatius of Loyola. For the occasion, the parish zone and youth leaders along with a Sister and the parish priest decided to celebrate it online but without much compromises in celebration. Last year parish could not celebrate it properly due to same COVID-19 lockdown. Therefore, this year we had live Zoom Holy Mass followed by more than an hour cultural programs put up by different age groups. The cultural programs were anchored by

Ms. Binita Tamang. After the cultural program was over, all the families of the parish joined together for live Zoom Priti-bhoj in their respective homes. For the feast day, 196 devices had joined for the online Holy Mass which included at least 6 other countries beside Nepal.

Parish priest expresses his sincere thanks to Frs. Sanjay, Robert, Tej and Br. Clarence and Sch. Ashish for their gracious physical presence in Baniyatar even though feast day was organized online. He also would like to thank the Sisters of Prernalaya, zones and youth leaders and also all the parishioners for their constant support.

Fr. Anil Beck



Parishioners attending Ignatius Feast day mass online



Some parishioners enjoying feast day agape in the church premises



Those parishioners who attended onsite mass participating in cultural dances

KAMAL NIWAS



Sr. Aisha and Mr. Tika Ram cut their farewell cake

Due to Covid-19 lockdown second wave, all the staff performed their office work from their homes. From 29 June, the regular work and activities have resumed from the office.

The plantation of fruit trees such as litchi, mango and camphor (kapur) were done by Fr. Arul and Fr. Raja with Kamal, Ram Hari and Sanny in the month of June. The gardening work is also completed with beautiful flowers and trees around the building areas. They are also busy in preparing vegetable garden.

On 17 July, we had a program for welcoming new members and giving thanks to those who gave their valuable contribution to Nepal Jesuit Social Institute (NJSI). We welcomed Sr. Maya, a new member of Nepal Nazareth Society, Sr. Maria a new member of Good Shepard.

Sr. Aisha from Nepal Nazareth Society had been

collaborating with NJSI from past couple of years. We worked together in projects like medical camps, relief and sustenance distribution, water project and many more. She had been supporting and advising us for many other programs also. Now, she will begin her new Mission in Dharan, Eastern Nepal and we whole heartedly wish her good wish for her new venture.

We also express our gratefulness and good wishes to Tika Ram Regmi, who worked at NJSI as a Construction Coordinator in Nepal Earthquake Construction Project. He had been with us for more than 4 years, constructing schools, hostels, women centers, houses and irrigation system. We appreciate his contribution to NJSI and best wishes for his bright future.

Kamal Niwas Jesuit sources



Tika Ram Regmi receives bouquet



Fr. Roy gives bouquet to Sr. Aisha

ST. XAVIER'S SOCIAL SERVICE CENTER

Second wave of corona continues to affect thousands of people's lives. These days, there are few movements seen in the cities but schools and colleges are still shut down. Therefore, our children are continuing with online classes. Due to a lesser number of devices in boys' home, boys go to St. Xavier's School, Jawalakhal for tuition classes. We are grateful to all those students who are helping out in the tuition.

All those who had gone home are back and some still yet to return. After a few days of self-isolation, they are back to normal house time table. On 5 July, Ms. Silbanti Tudu, after three months of staying at home, joined the Aruna Bhawan family. She was stuck at home due to border closure. After one week of quarantine, she resumed to her duty. On 10 July all the SXSSC staff got second dose of Covid-19 vaccine.

On 15 July, we admitted one more girl from Dang district. Her father is addicted to liquor and having financial crises. We also welcomed one boy from Kavre district.

On 24 July, we slaughtered a pig which was reared in Aruna Bhawan. We shared the meat with Jesuit communities in the Valley.

On 26 July, Ms. Margret Bara celebrated her birthday along with two more girls. Eucharist was celebrated by Fr. Dilip Toppo and he remained with us for dinner.

Due to rain, we are not able to work outdoors. Thus, we are utilizing time with indoor activities such as singing competitions, indoor games and house hold chores. Recently, we renovated study hall which was dripping during rainy season.

Wish you all a very Happy Feast of St. Ignatius.

Ms. Margaret Bara

HRDRC, SANEPA

After lockdown got lifted Region office is functioning smoothly. Mr. Kiran is occupied with



Fr. Mathew receives Tika

checking, procuring documents demanded by the auditors. This year the NJS account has been audited quite early. Fr. Dilip and Br. Clarence had called a meeting at HRDRC with a group of representatives of Pradesh 2. Each of them claimed that his location is the best for any Jesuit presence. Fr. Mathew flew to Nepalgunj and then drove up to Surkhet on 16 July. While on his sojourn he met diocesan Fathers – Frs. Jomon James, Pramod in Kohalpur, and Fr. James Britto in Chinchud. Finally, he met our frontier missionary Fr. Arul Selvam at SCN Sisters' place. Fr. Mathew stayed with him for a few days scouting for a house to rent. They found one house. After negotiating the price, they took it for rent. Next few days, they did major shopping: gas stoves, cooking



Frs. Mathew & Arul enjoy coffee

utensils, furnishing materials for bed, etc. The rented house is about three Kilometers away from Nav Jyoti school, and is located near Chief Minister's residence. He returned to community on the 25 July. Fr. Juel had gone to Gayagana on 22 July to see his younger brother, Rujel who had a fall injuring his spinal cord. He is able to sit by himself now but is not able to stand on his own and

walk. Medication and physiotherapy is going on. Fr. Juel returned to community on 28 July. Fr. Anup trekked down from Tipling on 22 July. After staying for few days, he headed for his much awaited home visit. He crossed the border on the 28th. He reports that he has reached home in Ranchi safely and is busy in making Unique Identification Card. The community members are keeping well.

Fr. Juel Kispotta



Fr. Arul trying out in his new kitchen

DIASPORA

PREMAL JYOTI, AHMADEBAD



Rev. Archbishop Thomas Macwan

July month was full of heavy showers of blessings and cooling down of weather. Premal Jyoti Parivar is blessed with 16 enthusiastic first year scholastics; and with the arrival of new and old scholastics, we are now 46 scholastics from twelve Provinces. From 14 -17 July we had an orientation program for all. It covered different aspects of our lives, namely intellectual, spiritual, community and apostolic lives by different Jesuits Priests from around the city. On 17 July, we officially welcomed all the new comers to Premal Jyoti Parivar with a Eucharistic celebration followed by cultural and ice-breaking program. From the 18th onwards we began Ignatian Tour-

nament with football match. It was a fun time and we enjoyed the day to the fullest. From 22 July onwards we began spiritual journey through novena to our founder Father Ignatius reflecting on different themes and we bounced back to Ignatian root. On 25 July we were blessed with the presence of Rt. Rev. Archbishop Thomas Macwan of Gandhinagar Archdiocese. He also gave recollection to the community. He emphasized on “our intimacy with Jesus Christ and youth”.

Wish you all a very Happy Feast of St. Ignatius.

Sch. Bipin Bara



Premal Jyoti scholastics ready for Ignatian football tournament



VINALAYA, MUMBAI

The first step towards getting somewhere is to decide that you are not going to stay where you are”, says J.P. Morgan.



New Juniors in Vinalaya

Having completed the first stage of formation and having taken my First Vows in the Society, I set out on an adventurous journey to get to Vinayalaya, Bombay, the abode of human refinement, to step into my next stage of formation – the Juniorate. I reached the place safely on 25 June and along with 18 other juniors spent a week in self-home quarantine; maintaining essential covid protocols diligently. This time was also a time for us to re-energize ourselves, get acquainted with the place, and cherish the graces of the First Vows.

Amidst such a situation, we began our academic year 2021-2022 on 28 June with an inaugural Eucharist, invoking the blessing of the Holy Spirit on our Juniorate year. It was presided over by Fr. Trevor Miranda (the Socius to the Provincial and Rector of the community) along with Fr. Arun de Souza (the Provincial of Bombay) and Fr. Joaquim Tellis (the minister of the house) as concelebrants. In his inspiring homily on the theme “I am the potter, you are the clay”, the Rector encouraged us to be soft clay that can be shaped and moulded according to the will of the potter. During the offertory, we offered our indi-

vidual manifesto – all that we resolve to achieve in the days to come.

In the following days, we had various surprising activities like; sharing of our life stories – in order to come to know each other well and hence to build a loving and mutually supporting community. In this same week we had orientation classes on “Understanding Transitions” and “Life in the Juniorate” taken by Fr. Learoy, the Dean of the juniorate. We also had sessions in “Group dynamics” conducted by Fr. Aubrey, the Minister of the Juniors. We commenced our regular classes on 5 July which are on in full swing now. Gradually our desks are getting piled up with study materials. Our heads are also heavy and spinning sufficiently. Meanwhile, those among us who had not been vaccinated still, went to receive the first shot of the vaccine.

On 16 July we attended a talk by Fr. James Martin on “Learning to pray” online. It was indeed inspiring and enriching to hear him and thus enhance our relationship with God through a genuine and fervent prayer life. Besides daily classes, currently we are busy with preparation for the novena to St. Ignatius which is seemingly going to be very innovative and creative. We ask for your continued prayers for us all.

Sch. Anthony Hembrom



New Juniors & novices with their formators

LOYOLA B.Ed COLLEGE, NAMCHI

I completed all my teaching practices, teaching aids and models. Now I am waiting for the final submission of all assignments. I am also preparing for the final exam which will be held on 2 August and successfully completing my B.Ed. on 5 August. I started my theology classes in this month and attending regularly all my classes and hope to see you all in Nepal. Finally, I am thankful to all of you for supporting me in various ways.

Sch. Moris Martin

SENIOR HOME, MATIGARA



Parish level rally to pay homage and respect to Fr. Stan Swamy

July was blessed with cool breeze and lots of rain that made us feel pleasant and helped us to attain our endeavors. As the month of July arrived, our classes began with full swing both for Satya Nilayam, Chennai and JDV, Pune simultaneously. All the scholastics staying in Matigara (senior home) are fortunate to be vaccinated on 28 June. Senior home has been turned into a temporary Scholasticate at present. We comprise of different groups: three theologians, four philosophers, and a collegian. We have already begun our weekly ministry at Jesu Ashram. All the scholastics try to help the needy patients in their own little ways that they can. It was a blessing for all of us to pray for two responsible formators on their birthdays: Frs. Zacheus Dungdung and Xavier Alangaram on 20 July. All the Dargeeling Tarai Jesuits came together on 24 at senior home for a day of recollection. Fr. Zacheus led us all prayerfully

with apt points related to the theme of Ignatian year "To See All Things New in Christ." On the 28th we participated on the Parish level rally to pay homage and respect to our beloved departed Fr. Stan Swamy. Fr. Wilfred Lobo (provincial), other Jesuits, nuns, youths and parishioners participated in it. The rally ended with Benediction. In order to imbibe the spirit of St. Ignatius of Loyola and prepare ourselves spiritually for the feast, we had novena prayer each day with different themes which spiritually elevated us. This novena made us feel togetherness, companionships in the Society, and sense of responsibility, prompt in action at the time of need and see all things new in Christ.

All these days we are busy preparing ourselves for the feast internally and externally. Apart from this we are also busy in our studies and assignments.

Schs. Lawrence and Niroj



Parishioners participating in the rally



Fr. Juel with Fr. Wilfred Lobo & Schs. Niroj and Lawrence

GESU, ROME

The month of July was a fest to those who loved Soccer. There was a European Football League match. The Italian team played well and reached the final. The team played against England in the final and became the champions. The scholastics, after the exams, planned their summer program and they left for it. Some went as a group and the others went individually. I received the Jonson & Jonson Vaccine on 24 June. I felt weak for a couple of days. Once I received the vaccine, I left for France on the 8 July along with two Andhra Scholastics to have two weeks of prayer experience in Taizé Brothers community. It was good and I was with the elderly group for the Bible introduction and sharing. It was very enriching to listen to the wise elderly people, especially when they shared their faith perspectives. During the break, we were also involved in making a short film, "The Pilgrims." The movie helped and nourished us spiritually. The film will be released soon. We stayed in Paris for three days and visited some of the places; Sacred Heart Church, the chapel where the first companions took their vows, Notre-Dame of Paris, Paris College, where Ignatius studied, and the Eiffel Tower. While we were at Taizé, we heard that the cases in Italy increased because of the football tournament. Therefore, kindly keep us in your prayers. Still, the airports are closed for some of the Asian countries. So the scholastics from India have not arrived yet. We left Taizé on the 26 July and returned to Rome on the 27 July.

Sch. Deva



Sch. Devadhas with his Jesuit companions



Sacred Heart Church, Paris



August 10	Fr. Bill Robins
August 13	Fr. Mathew Amakkatt
August 15	Fr. Amrit Rai
August 15	Fr. Boniface Tigga
August 16	Fr. Ignatius Hemrom
August 21	Fr. Manu Piravomkunnel
August 25	Fr. B. Rajasekaran
August 30	Sch. Niroj Minj

PRAYERS FOR THE DEPARTED SOULS



- * **Fr Paul Valappila** (GUJ 78/60), passed away on 31 July 2021 in Vadodara.
- * **Fr Stanislaus (Stany) Miranda**, (KAR 91/68), passed away on 19 July 2021 in Mangaluru.
- * **Fr Devasia Vellapani** (GOA 82/59) passed away on 6 July 2021 in Belgaum.
- * **Fr. Stan Swamy** (JAM 84/64) passed away on 05 July 2021 in Holy Family Hospital, Mumbai.

THOSE WHO SERVED IN NEPAL

James J. Donnelly	17/08/2009
Edwin R. Saxton	22/08/1990