



## E-SAGARMATHA SAMACHAR

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### Heartly Welcome our new novice

**Maria Michael S.** from T.N., India to  
Manresa Jesuit Novitiate, Kalimpong.

### Pope's Intention July 2022 The Elderly

We pray for the elderly, who represent the roots and memory of a people; may their experience and wisdom help young people to look towards the future with hope and responsibility.



**Fr. Jomon Jose, S.J.** successfully defended his PhD Thesis "*The Impact of Jesuit Education in Nepal: A Convergent Mixed Methods Study*" on June 8, 2022 in Trnava University in Trnava, Slovakia.

**Schs. Alex Hembrom, Anurag Toppo, Jay Ghale** pronounced their First Vows on June 21, 2022 at Manresa, Kalimpong, India.

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## HRDRC, SANEPA

**F**r. Amrit made a few trips to Zero Mile, Siraha last month with regard to land dealing. June 21, 2022 was the auspicious day for our three novices: Alex Hembrom, Anurag Toppo and Jay Ghale. Alex is from Sadakbari and Jay is from Tipling- 'sons of the soil'. They, along with others from Darjeeling, pronounced their first vows in the Society of Jesus. Region Superior, Fr. Amrit was there to receive their vows. He was the main celebrant for the vow mass. Fr. Thomas has employed a couple of people for



Fr. Arul & Fr. Amrit with scholastics after the First vows



maintenance work. They are replacing mesh wire on windows all around the house with new one. Fr. Juel is regular with his evening class attendance at RR Campus. Nepal Jesuit is happy to announce that NJS got its property tax exemption certificate from the Lalitpur District Administrative office after prolonged and concerted efforts to get one. The perseverance bore the fruits.



Jay (M) pronouncing vows



Novices during vow mass

*Juel Kispotta*

# St. Xavier's School, Godavari



*SXG students visiting Kathmandu University High School*



*Joint school art competition*

As the physical classes are going on very well, now the students and teachers are getting acquainted themselves with various curricular, co-curricular and extra-curricular activities. Classes 9 and 10 are staying back after school to prepare various items for their parent's day to be held in August. The first cycle tests for grades one to ten was conducted and slowly the children are giving more attention to their academic studies. The final report card distribution of class 11 was on June 18. The students who failed in any subjects are given a chance to write another examination. However, the new academic year for grade 12 students started on 20 June. Fr. Vijay, the principal is busy looking for and interviewing teacher candidates

for the posts of computer and social studies. He is also busy meeting teachers individually and getting to know them and their family backgrounds. Br. Tej Bahadur, our minister and administrator, is busy monitoring repair works in Godavari Ashram, taking care of the school canteen and the maintenance of the school compound and buildings. The community had its first recollection on 24 and 25 June on the theme 'intercultural living.' After serving SXG for five years Sr. Lissa (St. Ann congregation) left for India on 25 June. The school thanks Sr. Lissa for her selfless service. Sr. Lissa's replacement, Sr. Judith arrived on 24 June and has begun teaching in the school.

*George P.M.*



*Environment Day preparation*



*Students receive vaccination*



## St. Xavier's School, Jawalakhel



*Fr. Daniel Bara addressing the parents*

The month of June 2022 has been quite an eventful month for St Xavier's Jawalakhel. The Jesuit Community was blessed with a number of visitors: on June 01, Sr. Mariam, SND arrived here from Bandipur and after having spent two days with us she left for Japan for her holidays. Five days later, Bro. Hermon's younger sister Mona, two of his sisters-in-law, and two of his sweet 'grandsons' provided us with a 'sweet home' experience away from our homes! Then we had Fr. Mike from Deonia with us. Primarily he had come for his Visa related work but after he had got his Visa renewed, he continued staying with us; he took this opportunity to make his Annual Retreat. Meanwhile, Fr Bobby arrived here from Guyana. So, we had a combined celebration on June 10 – welcoming Fr. Bobby and the anticipated birthday of Fr. Mike. Fr Jomon, returned from Slovakia, now decorated with a Doctoral Cap and hence re-christened as Fr. Dr. Jomon, SJ. Unfortunately for us, however, before we could share our joys with him for his landmark achievement, he left for Karnali mission.

Now we have two new members added to our Community – Fr. Arulanandam arrived here from Chennai on June 14 while Fr. Cap joined us on June 23, changing his residence from Campion House. In the context of one recuperating and the other growing younger at 90, a gentle reminder to all, Jesuits and non-Jesuits alike: visitors to these two members are welcomed between 10.00 AM to 12.00 noon only. In the school too, we had quite an eventful month of June. On June 01, our students participated in the Joint School Art Workshop at Kathmandu University High School. June 03 witnessed the Nepali Elocution

Contest for Classes 6–8, and Nepali Poem Recitation for classes 1–5. Our Class 10 students, escorted by six members of the school staff, had their four days Field Trip to Pradesh No. 01; Bro. Hermon was one of the staff who accompanied them. On June 06, the school organized a Drawing Competition on "Only One Earth" for classes 1–10 to mark World Environment Day. Before resuming classes for our Plus two students, the school organized a half-day Orientation Programme for the Plus Two teachers of our school on June 07. Fr Daniel Bara, S.J. was the resource person for the programme. Apart from providing a general orientation to the staff he also shared with them our Jesuit legacy of IPP and the IPP lesson planning. June 07 also saw the English Handwriting Contest for classes 1-7. In continuation with the Joint School Activities, on June 10, Frs. Samuel and Daniel accompanied by Mr. Ramesh (VP Activities) and Mr. Neeraj attended the Joint Principals' meeting at Kathmandu University High School. On June 18, the school organized the Family



*Parents listening to Fr. Daniel during the Cl. 10 Family Day*



*Nepali poem recitation*





*Preparation for Inter-House basketball competition*

Day for the parents of our Class 10 students. On that day, the parents had first an input session for about 45 minutes on parenting the 23rd century children followed by the Parents -Teachers' interactions. The Family Day ended with a sumptuous lunch for our parents provided by the school.

Realizing that the Teaching staff of the Secondary-Section of the school faced a considerable amount of difficulties and a little confusion too in making their Lesson Plans based on the IPP, Fr Principal requested Fr. Daniel to assist them in making their Lesson Plans. Accordingly, on June 22, a sort of Refresher Session was organized for them. With the help of a detailed ppt presentation, Fr Daniel accompanied the teachers of the Secondary - Section of the school in making their Lesson Plan based on the IPP. The last major event of the month was the Inter-House Games for the Junior Section as well as the Inter-House basketball competitions for the Seniors organized on June 25.

*Danny SJ*



*Inter-House basketball competition among the senior boys*



*A Junior girl vying for ball to goal post*



*Senior girls competing in the Basketball match*



# CAMPION HOUSE, MAITIGHAR



*DOMA organises Media Talk on plights of Transgenders*

June has been a month of closures and farewells on the Campus and House. Plus Two students have given their exams and are awaiting results. BSW, CSIT, and Physics batches have bid farewell and we have concluded the year-long celebrations of the Silver Jubilee of the BSW department. B. A. department had held a talk show on the plight and rights of transgenders in Nepal. Well-known transgender activists Anuj Rai Petter and Deepsh Shrestha were the guests. Augustine is back after his brief visit to the University of Trnava, Slovakia, exploring the possibilities of continuing the fruitful collaboration with them. He was there cheering Jomon, as he successfully defended his doctoral thesis. Speaking of cheering, we have a new champion in the house.

Ashish has won a gold medal in badminton singles during the family week celebrations of the Management Department. Deepak has been selected from the Management Department for cycle 5 of Locke and Stiller Research. Jiju, Ashish, and Deepak attended an interactive session of IMCS with Stefan Lumpleker from Austria. He was impressed by the commitment of the students and promised all possible help in their future endeavors. Clarence and Arul were in and out as and when they visited the valley. On June 23rd, Cap moved to Jawalakhel after a highly appreciated three-and-a-half-year stint here. We are surely going to miss his presence, especially how he regaled us with his stories and jokes.

*Campion House Source*



*The college staff pose for a photo shoot*



*Sch. Ashish accompanies elderly Fr. Cap.*



*BSW celebrates closing ceremony of Silver Jubilee*



*IMCS with Stefan Lumpleker from Austria*

# ARRUPE NIWAS, DEONIA



*Incoming Sr. Urmila is welcomed in the school*



*An outgoing Sister is given farewell*

With the pandemic receding into history, life in the school is returning to normal and with improvements. The principal, Fr. Boniface, has streamlined and pruned the administrative 'tree'. Fr. Raja has organized co-curricular activities. House and Class officers have been appointed and have received their badges, ties, and 'emblems of authority'. Full school, in-person assemblies have been revived, complete with flags, march pasts, and drumming.

Worldwide celebrations such as bicycle day and environment day were celebrated. A Mini-Olympics too was held, highlighting basketball, football, volleyball, badminton, and chess, all at the House level. Our students competed too at the more 'cultural level' (!) of art and painting. This latter, against Newton School. Another first was an open-house 'Career Counselling' event for prospective plus-two students. Staff and students were involved in

welcoming guests, giving presentations, guided tours, and of course ending with a hearty 'tea' for all. Mention must be made here of Fr. Sanjay's work renovating and improving the physics, bio, and chemistry labs in the plus-two unit. And after all this, the semester ('cycle') tests, even as you read this. These will be followed by a summer holiday-in-name-only, of 3 days. So no, life is not yet quite back to the old normal.

In the meantime, Fr Mike's Nepal visa was extended for another year. Fr. Boniface and the Sisters blessed houses and families. Our little house-on-the-border welcomed Fr. Mathew Das and friends from Assam who came for operations at the local eye hospital. Scholastic Antony passed through on his way to college studies in Ahmedabad.

And finally, the Saga of Our Lady's Grotto is well on the way to a happy ending. Stay tuned.

*Jesuit Sources*



*Fr. Boniface gives away certificates to winners of Mini-Olympic*



*Awardees with their Mini-Olympic winner certificates*



## FABER HOUSE, MAHESHPUR



*A teacher & a student celebrate Environment Day by planting a sapling*

The school celebrated the environmental day on the 8th of June. On that day in the assembly, the principal reiterated the importance of saving mother Earth to enhance our lives and provide a promising future for the coming generation. Soon after the assembly the students and teachers with the placards and slogans took a procession up to Manthri chowk to create awareness among the public on some topics such as: caring for the Mother Earth, reducing pollution, planting more trees, being judicious in using natural resources, defend the cause of sustainable development. The parents were also happy to see their children involved in such life-enhancing activities. In the afternoon each class with their class teacher planted a tree to mark the occasion and furthermore 100 tree saplings were planted on the campus. on June 9, our students between the age group of 12 to 16 years were given a booster dose. On the 26th our junior children between the age group of 4

to 11 also received their second dose of vaccination for Covid on the school campus itself. The students are getting ready for their 2nd cycle test which is to begin on 4 July. Our football field and fish pond are submerged in water as it has been raining unceasingly for the last three days continuously.

Faber house is blessed with a number of guests this month. Br. Clarence spent a day with us before going to Premanjali in Matigara to make a retreat. Fr. Amrit on his way back from Kalimpong after attending the first vows of the Novices stayed for a night with us. Sch. Bipin is keeping himself busy by helping in the school as well as in the Parish. Now he has gone to bring a candidate from Ranchi. he will be going for philosophy to Satya Nilayam by the second week of August. Fr. Dilip is also staying with us, going around to different places to promote vocation and to inspire young men to join the Society.

*Nicholas Christuraj*



*Sch. Bipin welcomed in the school*



*Second dose of Vaccination*



*Assembly observed by Principal*



*School celebrates Environment Day by planting saplings, taking procession*



# GONZAGA HOUSE, SADAKBARI



*Fr. Peter, the Principal with his first batch of BLE*

On June 20, during Assembly Board Level Exam (BLE) report card was distributed and class 8 students were felicitated. Our students are writing their First Cycle test which began on June 24. Ganesh Sir was very helpful in setting up a new Computer room in South Block. Our School is providing English tuition classes to 151 neighboring students from Simalbari, Hawaldarbasti, Sugobathan, Kuwadi, Sadakbari, Baluwatar, Milanchowk, Situmari, Siddhinagar and Jhapa Bazar. After School, Sr. Lalitha helps students in the primary section those who are poor in studies to complete their homework. All Jhapa schools

were closed due to torrential rain on the 28th of June. Sano Mai river overflowed and touched the bamboo bridge which connects Jhapa Bazar to our school. We have a flood-like situation here.

On 6 June Fr. Roy Sebastian together with his guest came to reach Sch. Anthony. Sch. Anthony stayed with us for a few days. Sch. Krish Murmu joined us for a dinner, stayed overnight, and the next day Schs. Anthony and Krish went to Deonia. On the 11th Fr. Victor and Br. Irenius went to Maheshpur and brought the vehicle TelcoLine. During our community feast day of St. Aloysius Gonzaga, we had a simple evening get-together with St. Anne's and Carmelite Sisters.

Catechism class is going on in both Sadakbari and Simalbari Parish with the help of Sisters and Br. Irenius. During weekdays, Fr. Tek goes around monitoring the Small Christian Community group in the parish.

*Peter Chettri*



*English tuition class for neighbourhood schools students*



*Flooded situation around the school*





# SXSSC SOCIAL SERVICE CENTER

The month of June had the blessing of receiving a lot of rain. Every day, we used the water we had collected from the rain. The monsoon rain hampered outdoor activities. Therefore, the Centre conducted many inside events, such as singing, dancing, reading, lectures, indoor games, and crafts. St. Xavier's Social Service Centre (SXSSC) welcomed Pal Polger, a volunteer from Hungary who stayed at Gafney Bhawan. Being a fatherly figure, he provided sports materials to the children and guided them with their games and academics. The SXSSC family thanked him for his generous and kind assistance. The SXSSC family expressed sincere gratitude to Ms. Pragya Pariyar, Ms. Dilsary Rajbanshi, and Mr. Dhiren Mardi. After completing their +2, they were the perfect volunteers for us, and now the SXSSC has decided to reintegrate them into their homes. The Kantipur Publication organized the wheelchair race competition on June 14. Dipak Shrestha from the boys' home took part in that



*Girls practising handicrafts*



*Two girls with fruits of their labours*



*Social Service Centre boys with Salvation Nepal team*



*Mrs. Hark Maya Rai and her family with Aruna Bhavan girls*

activity. This year the SXSSC has accepted two new boys named Krish Murmu from Jhapa and Sorup Subedi from Nuwakot. Every student is busy getting ready for their initial term test. The SXSSC expressed gratitude to Biki Prasahi, a volunteer who had spent her birthday at the Boys Home, Jawalakhel on July 17. Salvation Nepal held an awareness program at SXSSC on the 25th, the International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit human trafficking served as the program's primary theme. SXSSC would like to express our sincere gratitude to Salvation Nepal's entire team. There are people in the world who are generous and filled with love. Mrs. Hark Maya Rai and her family added happiness to our home by providing delicious meals as a loving memory of Mrs. Laxmi Maya Rai on the 25th. We thank them from the bottom of our hearts.

**SXSSC SOURCES**



# SHISHU BIKAS KENDRA, POKHARA



*A bird's eyeview of the Church*



*A family of Dr. Bhardowaj, Manupal hospital*



*A family from Tipling visit us*

The Shishu Bikas Kendra (SBK) center had two weeks of Summer Break and now has resumed its regular activities to its full capacity. We purchased some play and learning items. The students are getting used to them. They love playing with them. They wished and celebrated Sr. Pranati on her birthday. They enjoyed the fresh and organic corn and vegetables from the garden. Thanks to Vishnu Didi the long experienced gardener. We expressed heartfelt condolence to our staff Khem Dai, the carpenter who lost his mother and uncle consecutively. He went home and did all the rituals in the village being the elder in the family. A Holy Cross new member, Sister Suchita Topno was welcomed at SBK. She renders her service for time being at the center. A Bhardowaj Doctor family from Manupal hospital visited SBK and was impressed by the upkeep of the place. They enjoyed coffee at SBK Maya Café. The rainy season has begun and the surrounding streets have become clean. Repeatedly some unknown neighbors dump garbage in front of our SBK gate at night. Fr. Amit kept a watch on them. He caught them red-handed and requested them not to throw them there but the very next morning few garbage sacks were found inside the compound. Hope someday they become better stewards of mother Earth. The major church repairs of the wing rooftops, wall seepages, outside the church, restrooms, and behind

the church, Firke kholla above the retaining wall the fencing are completed. We expect the burglar and drug addicts will reduce entering the church compound using the Firke Kholla untrodden path. The church youths, Noel and Kabita shared with the parishioners what they learnt from the Jesuit Youth Convention at Godavari Ashram. There was an adult youth Salomi Xalxo who received her first Holy Communion on Pentecost Sunday. There have been lots of transfers of Sisters from different convents and new Sisters have joined the communities. All of them were welcomed in the church by the Parish Priest, Fr. Ayar Kujur, S.J. All the spiritual obligations are carried out within the church and peripheries regularly.

Fr. Amit went to Kathmandu for a meeting and came back safe braving all the hurdles and landslides on the roads. The Jesuit Community here provided a good rest to the NJSI team on their way to and fro from Lukum – Rukum after a tough rugged road journey. We had a few visitors from Tipling, currently residing in Pokhara.

“Against the royal Blue, A Mist rebellious flew. A night-born, wind-uplifted shade, that for an angry moment stayed, then wept itself away”. – The Shower – By John B. Tabb.

*Amit Lakra*



*Students welcome Sr. Suchita Topno*



*Students in their canteen*



*Coworkers putting up fence behind church*



# IGNATIUS CHURCH, BANIYATAR



*Congregation listens intently to Word of God preached by Fr. Paul, the parish priest*

One of the major functions in the parish during the month of June was the preparation for the Pentecost. We had an hour of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament exposed along with the Novena prayer to the Holy Spirit for nine days in the evenings. On the day of Pentecost, the church was full and overflowing. About 20 parishioners from Dhobighat Church also came to take part in the Holy Eucharist and the functions thereafter. Ms. Minu K.C, Mr. Naza Thamang, and Mr. Lawrence Sinha (all from the Assumption parish) talked about the gifts, charisms and fruits of the Holy Spirit. Our functions started at 9:30 a.m. and ended at 1:30 p.m. Some of the other important activities of the month worth mentioning are the regular family visits, praying for the family members and praying over the sick and suffering. An unusual number of parishioners are suffering from various kinds of diseases. During these days of difficult times about 96 families in

the parish had a sigh of relief due to the food material distribution which was made possible by the Vicariate's generous contribution of NRs. 160,000/-. Each Family received one bag of rice (25 kg.), one kg. of dal (cereals) and a packet of salt.

We had two Requiem Masses on Saturday, the 18th of June and on the 25th of June respectively. Ms. Chimaya Ghale, 87 years old from Baniyatar, expired on the 11th of June and Ms. Judy Thamang, 86 years old passed away from Goldunga about five months back. Mr. Sukpa Thapa Thamang, the son of Ms. Judy, had thrown a mega party for all the participants at Mass. Usually on such occasions our Church accommodate people beyond its capacity. May God bless all the faithful departed from our Parish of St. Ignatius of Loyola. Our Father St. Ignatius, Pray for us now and forever.

*Paul K.C.*



*Eucharistic celebration*



*Sacks of rice & dal for distribution around the area*



# GOOD SHEPHERD, TIPLING



*Youths from Good Shepherd Parish, Tipling at Godavari Ashram*



*Progress in Lapdung Chapel construction*

The month of June brought a large crowd from Kathmandu to Tipling to cast their votes in local body polls. The election crowd was larger than what we usually had during Dasain celebrations.

To mark the Rosary month (May) parishioners and youth conducted rosary prayers in Catholic houses at Namsa and Labdung. Annual house blessings are underway at Namsa, Labdung, and Majet. Aama Samaj is collecting funds to buy carpets or profiles for our Mass celebrations. Sameeksha Tamang, our former youth lost her father on 11 May due to prolonged illness; his funeral/cremation rites were performed by Fr. Anup.

Frs. Anup and Manu attended the Region Days 2022. Fr. Anup accompanied twenty youths from Good Shepherd, Tipling for the NJS-Youth Camp at Godavari Ashram on the 28th and 29th. For half of them, this would be their first-time visit to Kathmandu City!

On 5 June, the Good Shepherd Tipling youth had Pani-Puri gathering and shared about their experiences of the Jesuit Youth Camp 2022. As they look forward to more youth programs, this year six students of class 8 joined the parish youth. Regular Sunday catechism classes resumed for the Youth and Cruz Veer members.

Sr. Jayanthi, from St. Anne's, Toukhel, visited Tipling with her hostlers. She managed to walk from Borang to Tipling facing many hardships; she would be an inspiration to many Religious at CRN. The schools in Tipling opened on 23 May for the new academic year 2079. Dongden Devi High School students bid farewell to MEP volunteers Roxane Perrot and Vianney Cartier who taught English in the school from March onwards. World environment day was marked on 5 June at the High School with tree planting and cleaning up the school premises. Last Friday both the schools closed for Monsoon holidays for a month.

The monsoon began early this year and with this yet to see any new development in church construction works. Fencing works progressed under Terence Tamang at Namsa, Lubdung and Majet. Workers were busy with wall construction for Labdung chapel. At the main church building, Yog's workers completed the main floor and raised pillars. Now they raise the main walls. Works are slow due to a lack of workers and church materials such as sand, cement, and so on. When Prem Rani, our cook had a short visit to Kathmandu, Anup and Manu managed the kitchen.

*Manu Mathew*



*Lapdung Chapel construction*



*Sr. Jayanti flanked by Frs. Anup & Manu*



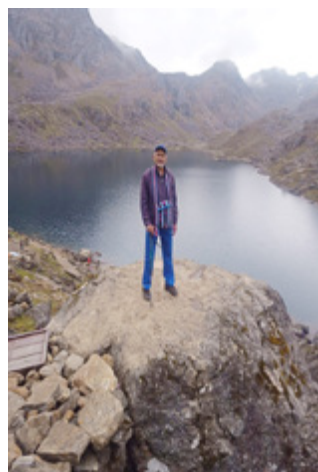
*Memoriam raised*



## KAMAL NIWAS, BHAKUNDOL

Roy and David visited Okhaldunga to monitor various activities there. We had a community meeting to discuss the Nepal Jesuit Social Institute (NJSI) budget and to share various issues. Mr. Manu Pereira and Mathew went for a 4 day trek to Gosaikunda and came back refreshed but with some aches and pains. Roy took a German, Mr. Helmunt, a benefactor, to Jhapa to visit students in our schools. Our cook was away in his village as his wife was expecting their first baby. We got the good news that the family was blessed with a baby girl. We had a special lunch to give farewell to Miss Isabel, a volunteer at NJSI, she is from Venezuela.

On the 19th we had the Finance Commission meeting at Kamal Niwas to scrutinize the budgets before the region consult. Amit came from Pokhara



*Fr. Mathew at Gosain Kunda, Annapurna range*



and Victor joined online from Sadakbari. St. Anne's Sisters from Taukhel were invited for lunch as a farewell for one of them. NJSI had a staff meeting for an evaluation of our programs and for clarifications. We were very happy to receive two bags of mangoes from Fr. Jomon in Kohalpur. Roy, David, and Augustus went to Rukum and nearby places to explore the possibility of educational reach out. They had a night halt on their return trip at Pokhara and enjoyed the hospitality of the Jesuits there. After the return, Roy was sick because of the unhygienic food eaten in the villages. Mathew presented the budgets of communities and institutions in the region consult on the 24th.

*A.V. Mathew*



*Frs. Augustus, David, Roy & Mr. Kalilash*

## MADESH MISSION, ZEROMILE



*Frs. Daniel & Samuel make a visit to Zero Mile Jesuits*



Fr. Dilip left for the HRDRC community to take up the new office as the RCF and full-time Vocation Promoter. Arul joined the Madesh Pradesh mission on 30 May. Bro. Clarence welcomed Arul and introduced the house owner's family, and the neighbours, and briefed them about the mission. We were happy to have Frs. Daniel and Samuel who spent a day with us. Mr. Suryaman Tamang, the Ward Chairman visited us and planted a sapling in front of our house in order to mark the World Environment Day. We were also happy to have two CST Fathers who visited us as they were returning from India. Meanwhile Bro. Clar-

ence went to Kathmandu to apply for a visa to go to Rome to attend the Brothers' meet and then went to Premanjali, Matigara to make his annual retreat guided by Fr. Zacheus Dungdung. Arul went to Manresa Novitiate, Kalimpong to attend the Vows Day of our three novices.

*Arul Selvam*



*Owners of our rented house*



# KARNALI MISSION, SURKHET



*Frs. Norbert & Jomon with the officials of Karnali Academy of Health Sciences, Jumla*

Jomon completed his PhD in Teacher Training and Educational Science by successfully defending the dissertation paper titled “The Impact of Jesuit Education in Nepal: A Convergent Mixed Methods Study” on June 8th in Trnava University in Trnava, Slovakia. While Jomon was in Slovakia, Norbert took care of the flat and attended to the pastoral needs of the SCN Sisters and the small group of faithful in Surkhet. A couple of times, Norbert also went along with the Navajyoti mobile clinic team to various clinic sites and assisted them. Most importantly, Norbert in the company of Mr. Karan Singh, the founder and CEO of Oda Foundation, Nepal, visited Kalikot and spent a couple of days in Oda village in Mahawai rural municipality. On the 12th, the birthday of Norbert, the family of the flat’s owner surprised him by inviting him to their flat and wishing him. The SCN Sisters too invited Norbert for an evening meal on his birthday.

Norbert and Jomon made their second journey to

Kalikot from 22nd to 28th June. They first visited the headquarters of Athbis Municipality in Rakam, Dailekh, and met with the Mayor, Vice-Mayor, and the Chiefs of education and health wings and discussed the possibilities of starting mobile clinics and educational interventions in the municipality. Similar visits and meetings were also held in Raskot municipality, Palata rural municipality, PachalJharna rural municipality, and Khandachakra municipality of Kalikot district. They also visited Naraharinath and Sanni Triveni municipalities. The latter was visited by the Jesuits several times in the past. Norbert and Jomon also visited the Karnali Academy of Health Sciences in Jumla and had a meeting with the deans of various departments there. The journey was tough and was made more adventurous by the monsoon rains. A detailed report of the journey, visits discussions, and impressions will be prepared and submitted to the Region soon.

*Jomon Jose*



*Fr. Norbert treads a trail to visit NJS Mobile clinic service*



*House owners celebrate Fr. Norbert’s birthday in their flat*



## VINALYA, MUMBAI



*New Juniors from different Provinces of South-Asia at Vinalay Juniorate, Mumbai*

On the 27th of June, 20 Juniors from 11 different provinces in India celebrated their entry into a new stage of formation – the Juniorate. This was done with a meaningful Eucharist celebrated by Fr Arun de Souza (Bombay Provincial). Fr Trevor and Fr Learoy were the concelebrants. Fr Aubrey together with the brothers planned the liturgy.

The theme for the mass was – ‘Jesus gives me a manifesto.’ It drew from the manifesto of Jesus in the gospel of Luke. In keeping with this sentiment, each of the 20 juniors presented their own manifestos for this academic year. It involved much reflection and prayer.

The homily was truly inspiring. Fr Arun challenged the juniors to dream a new dream, with stars in their eyes, fire in their bellies, and whilst taking on feet of steel. The mass was followed by a community meal. We juniors are very grateful to the Vinayalaya community for the wonderful ambience it provides for Jesuit formation. We also thank in anticipation the many Jesuits in this province who will be a part of our Juniorate year.

*Rohan D’Almeida SJ*



*Inaugural Mass of the Holy Spirit before the academic session 2022-23*



# GESU, ROME



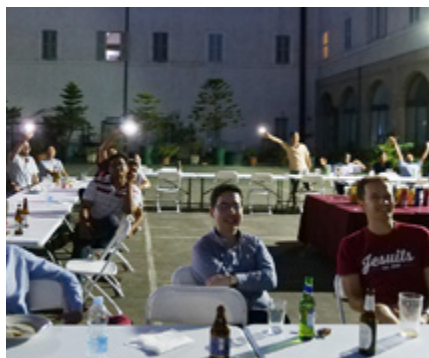
*Gesu Scholastics with the Fr. General Arturo Sosa, S.J.*

The month of June was very intensive in preparing for the exams and the final paper. The exams started on the first of June. We, the third-year theologians, were given the farewell in the community and at the same time we had them as Gruppo Misti, and in different Assistancy levels. The exams were conducted in two ways; oral and written. We the third years had many written exams than the oral exam. Some of the European Scholastics have returned to their Provinces for various purposes. So far seven newcomers have arrived in our community. On the 21st Fr. General visited the community and celebrated the Holy Eucharist for the whole community. It was a joyful moment for each one of us. At the end of the celebration, all of us gathered in the big chapel and had a group picture with the General. At the end of the exam, the whole community finished the academic year with a grand meal on 24 June. There was the alter blessing ceremony at the Gesu Church on the 14th and I was happy to be part of it as one of the deacons.

*Dn. Deva*



*Fr. Arturo celebrates mass*



*'Holy hour time'*



*Scholastics 'let their hair loose' after holy hour*



## MANRESA, KALIMPONG

### FIRST VOWS CEREMONY 21 JUNE 2022



July 05	Sch. Krish Murmu
July 06	Fr. Paul K.C.
July 11	N.S. Pradip Hembrom
July 14	Fr. Arul Selvam
July 15	Fr. Juel Kispotta
July 20	Sch. V. Devadhas

## PRAYERS FOR THE DEPARTED SOULS

*Lord, I pray for my dead relatives and friends.*



+ Fr. Anthony Ryan SJ, (HAZ) (82/62), passed away on 6th June in Melbourne Australia.

+ Fr Edwin D'Souza (GOA) 96/76 passed away on 8th June, in Porvorim, Goa.

+ Br. Joseph Ullattil (PAT) 81/58, went to his eternal reward on 29th June in Patna.

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# LIFT UP YOUR HEART

Conversation with a Rabbi

## Act 2 Scene 4



The coffee shop with Shova, Rabbi Yeshua. Pokche S.J. and Akash

**Shova:** It's so good to be together every Saturday, Rabbi. And today is special. **Rabbi:** How's that? **Shova:** Last Saturday, just before you left, I heard you tell our friend Pokche here that he could finally tell the story of his name. **Rabbi:** That's right - are you ready today, my boy? **Pokche:** I'm over-ready, but before I start, please call your husband, Shova. He's the one who asked me about it. **Shova:** OK - we'll be right back. (She goes). **Rabbi:** I know your story but I'm happy to hear it from your own lips. (Shova returns with her husband Akash.)

**Akash:** Good afternoon, Rabbi, and Hi Pokche! At last I get to hear about your name.

**Pokche:** I really don't have much of a story, guys. But still I hope you'll find it interesting because a remarkable Jesuit plays a part in it. **Shova:** Great - but go ahead, Pokche, and lift up our hearts with the story of your funny name.

**Pokche:** It all started with Fr. Bertrand Saubolle, a real genius in many ways – an inventor, a horticulturist, a winemaker, a published poet - and also our Moral Science teacher in Godavari School. He had a wonderful memory for stories but a he had a problem. He could not remember names. Once at a wedding reception Father met a friend and told him that he should meet one of the other guests. "She's an old friend of mine that I think you'll like", Fr. Saubolle said and went over to a nearby group. He brought back a lady who laughed and said that she was already acquainted with the man. He was her husband. **Akash:** Wow!

**Pokche:** In the classroom too, Fr. Saubolle couldn't remember a single name. So he called us all "Fatty". Now to get to my point, Father would tell us many stories about a boy he called Pokche with a girlfriend Kanchi Maya. Pokche was basically a good kid but was always in big trouble and Kanchi would rescue him. Father used the character "Pokche" as an anti-hero, a negative example for us in Moral Science class. My friends thought that I fit the part of the Pokche in the stories very well and so that's how I ended up with that as my nickname. It has stuck to me even now. But better than Fatty, I guess. **Akash:** Thanks for the story! And you will always be our own Pokche, our good friend. But I have to get back to the work in the bakery. **Rabbi:** And it's time for a mug of coffee for us. **Shova:** And a request from me - next Saturday can you contribute something like Pokche did for us today? **Rabbi:** How would like a poem - an original poem of mine? **Shova:** That would be wonderful! **Rabbi:** Then it's a deal. Now it's coffee and shalom.

