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### FATHER GENERAL APPOINTEES

Fr. Shane Daly as the next Provincial of Ireland.

### REGION SUPERIOR APPOINTEES

Fr. Paul Chemparathy - HRDRC, Writing & Spiritual Ministry

### REGION SUPERIOR'S PROGRAMME

#### February 2023

07-10 Zero Mile, Siraha

08 SWOT Team & Consultors Meet

19-26 JCSA, Jamshedpur

27-28 Visitation, Dhyan Ashram, Kolkata

### Pope's Prayer Intention for February 2023



#### For Parishes

We pray that parishes, placing communion at the centre, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.

## KARNALI MISSION, SURKHET



Fr. Norbert with ex-student of SXSSC at his village

Jomon went to Kathmandu to see Fr. Cap and be with him during his final days. Norbert returned to Surkhet on 15th Jan after his home visit. Norbert's family organized a grand celebration on the occasion of Norbert's 25 years of priesthood on 27th Dec. Both Norbert and Jomon are in Kathmandu at present, participating in the planning of activities for the Karnali mission with the NJSI team. As of Jan 3, the Karnali Jesuit mission has become a part of NJSI and the Jesuits in Surkhet are now attached to the Kamal Niwas community.

*Jomon Jose*



## St. Xavier's School, Jawalakhel



### School:

After a gap of two years owing to the Corona pandemic the school organized the School Mela on January 07, 2023. The credit for the success of the mela went largely to a series of plenary meetings of the Organizing Committee, which had meticulously planned and looked into every aspect of the mela. Apart from the stalls for fun games and lucky dips, which were hosted by the staff and students of the school, the Mela also accommodated several Business stalls, Eateries for the hungry,

and a thrilling zip line for the young enthusiasts. Intermittently, to break the monotony among the crowd, which kept streaming throughout the day in large numbers, there were three rounds of BINGO and a musical band competition. The proceed of this mela is reserved for the education of underprivileged students. The next day, the school broke for its two weeks of winter vacation, only to regroup on January 23, 2023. Immediately after the reopening of the school, the third cycle tests were conducted for classes 4 – 10.

### Community:

On January 09, 2023, the entire Jawalakhel Jesuit community drove to Chandragiri for a day's outing. As we went around there enjoying every bit of the hospitality accorded to us by a parent, the echo could be heard as saying, "Wow! In Nepal too, there exists a place like this"! It was indeed a memorable outing. Soon after our return from our day's outing, Fr Samuel went for his annual retreat at Godavari Ashram. Then we had to deal with the sad demise of Fr Cap on January 15, 2023. With Cap's departure, the Jesuit Community needed to reconcile with the deaths of two of its community members within the span of thirty-five days! The urn of Fr Cap was laid to rest in the Columbarium at Godavari Ashram on January 18, 2023. In January, Frs Daniel and Samuel went to St Xavier's Deonia for a meeting with the Jesuit Community there. After the meeting, Fr Samuel proceeded to Pune for a meeting while Fr Daniel returned home on January 22, 2023. Meanwhile, we had visits from Bro. Hermon's nephew and four SSND Sisters associated with the Bandipur mission.

Daniel



*School Mela*



# St. Xavier's School, Godavari



This year the school gave only ten days' winter vacation starting from 14 January to 23 January. However, as the cold increased the school decided to run online classes for a week before the school closed for winter vacation. During the winter holidays, students of SXG took part in Model United Nations (MUN) organized by St. Xavier's School, Jawalakhel on January 14 & 15, 2023. During the winter holidays Fr. Lawrence and Sch. Niroj went down to Deonia to visit and be with the Jesuit brethren. Fr. George too made a short visit to all the Jesuit schools in the Jhapa district during the last week of January.

Scout Camboree is organized by St. Xavier's School Godavari in association with the local Scout Office, Godavari from 18 to 20 January. Around 300 Scouts took part in the camporee. This is the first camporee organized by any school in the district. The Chief Guest for the opening ceremony was Mr. Lok Bahadur Bhandari, National Coordinator of Nepal Scout, and the Chief Guest for the closing was Mr. Gajendra Maharjan, Mayor of Godavari Municipality. The local Scout Office, Godavari, also organized their First Advance Scout Training at our school from 14 to 22 January 2023. Fourteen students and two teachers (Mr. Rabi Shrestha and Mr. Rabi Silwal) took part in an international student exchange program with the Netherlands Schools from 10th to 23rd January 2023.

Students prepared presentations on the theme "Caring for Our Common Home" for a competition organized by Computer Department. The winning team will be presenting their presentation in the assembly. When the school re-



*Junior School Sports Day*



*Senior Students Sports Day*



*Scout Camporee*



*Scout Advance Training*



*Student exchange program, Netherland*

opened on 23 January, a memorial service was organized to mourn the untimely death of one of our class five students, Aayurdhi Sharma, in the fatal Yeti Airlines, plane crash in Pokhara and also the death of our beloved Jesuit Fr. Casper J. Miller, one of the former principals of St. Xavier's, Godavari. SXG Annual Sports Day was organized on 27 January for senior school students and on 28 January for junior school children. Second Municipality Level President Cup is organized by Godavari Municipality in SXG Premises. As in the past, the President Cup tournament was fully managed by St. Xavier's School, Godavari. The Chief Guests for the opening and closing ceremonies were State MP Mr. Minkrishna Maharjan and the federal MP Mr. Udaya Samser Rana. More than 21 schools took part in the president cup tournament.

Fr. Lawrence completed fifty years in the Society of Jesus on the 2nd of January 2023. To praise and thank God for the gift of Fr. Lawrence to the Nepal region and to acknowledge his contribution to the growth of the Nepal region and the education sector in particular, a small gathering preceded by Holy Eucharist was organized by the community on January 7. A few of Fr. Lawrence's close friends were invited to the mass and dinner.

*P. M. George*



# *In Loving Memory*



**Aayurdhi Sharma | 5,C**  
**12.09.2012~15.01.2023**

**We are deeply shocked and devastated by the unexpected and untimely demise of our beloved student **Aayurdhi Sharma**, her father and relatives in Yeti Airlines (9N ANC, ATR 72 500) plane crash in Pokhara.**

**Our hearts are broken and we will miss such a lovely and responsible Junior School Team Captain. We will miss her every assembly day!!!**

**We express our deepest condolences and heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family especially her mother for the loss of the family members.**

**May their Souls Rest in Peace**

**SXG Family**



# CAMPION HOUSE, MAITIGHAR



*Kavi Goshti guest, Manoj Gajurel*

**K**avi Goshti, one of the major events of the College, was organized on the 6th of January. Many eminent poets participated in this 23rd edition of the program. The event also witnessed one of the students being given the annual literature award. Seven of the best poems from our students were recited during the program and the awardee was one among them. From 9th to 14th, Plus 2 had their annual sports meet at Jawalakhel School ground.

Five IMCS Nepal members went to Gyalthum for the next stage of the Insignia project. The project aims to address menstrual poverty and hygiene issues. As part of the project, 20 women will be trained to stitch reusable sanitary pads. We hope that they will in turn produce reusable pads for the women in their villages.

Augustine went to Ateneo de Manila to attend a leadership meet and reunion. After that, he went to Mangalore for the meeting of the JHEASA from the 26 to the 28. He got back on the 29th in time to start college after the winter break. Jiju went to Kolkata to attend the meeting on collaboration and networking of the North Zone

Higher Education institutions. At a meeting, we were able to plan out a few things for the next year. Deepak went for a home visit making use of the winter vacation. While others were away, Ashish held the fort. After Jiju got back Ashish took a break and went to join our brothers in the Madhesh province.

Br. Ignacio of the Holy Family was with us while he waited to renew his visa for India. After two weeks of winter break, we resume classes on 30 January. We are looking forward to the arrival of our new community member Fr. Bobby on the 31st.

*Campion House Sources*



*Project Insignia Training at Gyalthum*



*IMCS members with St. Paul Sisters in Gyalthum*



*Fr. Augustine in Ateneo de Manila, Philippines*



*Plus Two Annual sports week*



# ARRUPE NIWAS, DEONIA



*The Chief guest lights the sports inaugural fire*

Our Frs. Boniface, Sanctius, and Sanjay returned from the heartland, ie., Jharkhand and Chattisgarh after the winter vacation, in time to kick-start the new school year, January 04th.

On a more somber note, Fr. Boniface had soon to cross the border again to India to attend the funeral of his older brother, Fr. Benjamin, SJ (R.I.P) who died in the Dumka diocese in North Bengal. However, to somewhat balance the wheel of existence in this, worldly sojourn, we did celebrate the birthday of our minister, Fr. Sanctius.

Jhapa Jubilees that called for our community's presence were those of our Sister co-laborers in the field, the Loretos' and the Daughters of the

Cross. The former in Dharan, for the 25th jubilee of their 'education development center' and the latter in Tulachand, Korobari, for the blessing of their new convent and the golden jubilee of Sr.Lucia, F.C.

Meetings of the month were, chiefly, two: Fr. George came to Jhapa to make his rounds as coordinator of the primary/secondary education commission, and Frs. Daniel and Samuel Simick bringing help, in word and deed, for our school development project here in Deonia.

The Event of the month was the annual Sports Day. It was the first Sports Day to be held on the recently expanded games field that allowed for 400-meter lanes and the track events it made possible such as inter-house relays etc.

Finally, to make a long article shorter and far less interesting, and since this writer is competing with power cuts at this time, let us fondly recall those other welcome wayfarers who have sought shelter, solace, refuge, and consolation in this humble Abode-on-the Border this month. Among them our scholastics Deepak Jans, Niroj Minj, Bro. Clarence, Sr.Jayanti and Frs.Dipak, Jiju, Lawrence, Thomson, and Peter. But welcome, one and all.

*Arrupe Jesuit Sources*



*Frs. George, Boniface with Chief guest*

# FABER HOUSE, MAHESHPUR

The school reopened on the second of this month after the Christmas celebrations and has been busy with various activities since then. The students have completed their fifth cycle test and are now gearing up for the upcoming Sports Day, which will be held on the eleventh of next month. The practice and preparation for the event are in full swing as the school community looks forward to the event. On the sixth of this month, the school assembly was graced by the presence of Fr. Anil, who was given a hearty welcome by the students and teachers. The school celebrated the birthday of Sch. Lawrence on the tenth, with students and teachers coming together to mark the occasion. Our French volunteer, Mr. Mayeul Sterlin, went to Kathmandu to extend his visa for two months. Meanwhile, the students of classes eight and ten are preparing intensely for the forthcoming BLE and SEE exams, respectively. The school is providing all the necessary support and resources to help the students excel in their exams.

*Stevenson Paul*



*Sch. Lawrence celebrates his birthday*



*Fr. Anil is welcomed back from Tertianship*

## HRDRC, SANEPA

Fr. Dilip returned to the community from Tarai in 2nd week of January. After three weeks of stay in the community, he left for Chattisgarh, Jharkhand, and Odisha to look for suitable candidates for the Jesuit mission in Nepal. Fr. Thomas toured Kerala for the same purpose as Dilip and returned to Nepal on 15 January. He has resumed his duty in the Social service centre. Frs. Amrit and Juel took a car ride to Zero Mile, Siraha with Engineer Ashok Sainju to assess the area to build class, office, and principal's rooms and also to gauge the land for landscaping and a master plan. On 30 December, the Region Superior and the Socius along with Fr. Arul, a Consultor headed to Patna via Zero Mile (Nepal) –Jaynagar (India). They had a meeting with the Sacred Heart Sisters there regarding collaboration in the Siraha mission. The meeting was fruitful. They returned to the Region on 3 January. On the way back they visited Sikri, a part of the Mithla Mission of Patna Jesuits, about 80 K.M. from Zero Mile. Fr. Paul Chemparathy is engrossed in writing his memoir with special reference to his and the Jesuits' contribution to the growth of the Catholic Church in Nepal from 1951-2000. He avails himself for convent masses. He also helps out the parish priests in St. Ignatius Church, Baniyatar and Assumption Church, Dhobighat on Saturdays. Fr. Manu came by to make his annual retreat in the Godavari Ashram. He left Kathmandu on 2nd February for a home visit.

*Juel Kispotta*



# GONZAGA HOUSE, SADAKBARI

After winter vacation school reopened on 8 January. We had a staff meeting on 9 January. Annual School Sports Day was organized for the first time in the history of St. Xavier's School Sadakbari on 13 January. Zilla Prahari Nirikshak, Shri Ratna Bahadur Shrestha was the Chief Guest for the program. Various competitions were held among Red House, Blue House, Green House, and Yellow House. At the end of the day Red House scored 66 points, Blue House 67, Green House 75, and Yellow House scored 79 points and Yellow House won the Trophy. Now Final Term preparation is going on. Class 8 students have submitted two passport-size photo and their birth certificates for Admit Card. Now they are preparing for their BLE exam. We have applied Jhapa Ga Pa Education office for class 10 up gradation. Staff meeting for the evaluation of Picnic Day, Parents Day, and Sports Day was on 18 January. Morning tuition for poor students is going on.

Fr. Tek and Fr. James are saying Daily morning mass in Sadakbari and Simalbari. The SCC program in the church is going on. Jesus Youth Animator

team members are organizing a program once a month for both Sadakbari and Simalbari Youth.

We had dinner with St. Anne's sisters on Sr. Bilatha's birthday on 4 January. We had a community meeting on 24 January.



*Construction of Multipurpose hall*

Fr. Lawrence, Fr. Sanctius, and Br. Clarence visited our community on 20 January. Fr. Thomson gave a surprise visit on 23 January. Construction work for Simalbari multipurpose hall is progressing fast. Now second-floor plastering work is going on. Very soon, they will begin truss roof work. Sadakbari's multipurpose hall work is also progressing well. Fr. Victor monitors the work.

*Peter Chettri*



*St. Anne's Sisters welcome new member*



*Chief guest with Fr. Peter & awardees*



*Chief Guest, District Police Inspector with Fr. Peter*



*Yellow House celebrates school championship*



# SHISHU BIKAS KENDRA, POKHARA

The month of January paved the way to welcome the New Year 2023. Our center remained closed for the Christmas and New Year celebrations. Bishnu visited the center to keep the surroundings clean. The center resumed its classes after a week's break with the cold increase. Our students come to the center braving the cold. They enjoyed steamed steaming MoMos in the SBK open ground prepared by Holy Cross Sister. They have a lot of outdoor activities when the Sun is bright. The leaky rooftop has been repaired by Khem. On the 15th of January 2023, there was the deadliest Yeti Airline crash close to the newly inaugurated Pokhara international airport killing 72 people on board. Our SBK Staff Mr. Rishi Dai lost his niece named Late Sangita Shahi who was flying to Pokhara to celebrate Makar Sankranti with the family members. We express our deepest condolence to him and the family. This incident has left a deep scar



*Evangelization meeting at St. Mary's*



*Good friends enjoy companionship*



*Fr. Amit visits Mr. & Mrs. George John in the tourist city of Pokhara and among air travelers.*

Fr. Ayar celebrated the thanksgiving Mass and invoked blessings of God upon the faithful on the 1st of January 2023. The parishioners wished and congratulated Fr. Ayar on his 6th year of priestly anniversary. There was a workshop for two days on Evangelization organized at St. Mary's School Pokhara. Fr. Ayar and Paul K.C. and a few Sisters actively participated in it. We have a few more Filipino Catholics joining us for Sunday Masses. The catechism classes are regular on Saturdays after the Mass. The Parish Priest, Fr. Ayar says we have around 18 new catechumens. Most of them are from Lamachawor living near the Seti River. They belong to the Gandharba group.

PJC welcomed some SCC Sisters' guests from India and Bhairawa. We visited a few poor families and gave them warm clothes. Mr. Suresh Timilsina an



*SBK- Outdoor activities*



*Fr. Ayar & Sisters visit Filipinos*  
old student of SXSS – Jawlakhel fondly remembers all the Jesuits visited SBK. We went to St. Mary's Pokhara for the sports day to witness the beautiful and colorful mesmerizing bands and drills and other well-disciplined athletic events. Fr. Paul K.C. came to PJC for a few days from his hectic pastoral life and is glad to know his long-term memory. Fr. Ayar went to Godavari- Kathmandu to make his annual retreat in a well conducive atmosphere and is back with a rich spiritual experience. He became incurred to cold. Fr. Amit and Gyanendra Dai paid a short visit to a Malayali family Mr. and Mrs. George John a great educationist couple in the early 1960s in Pokhara who are in their late 80s now, not keeping so well. We visited a few Filipino families, prayed with them, and enjoyed the "lechon kawali" the popular dish.

"The purpose of our life is to be happy." – Dalai La

**Amit Lakra**



*Students relish momos*

# ST. IGNATIUS PARISH, BANIYATAR

Like a sunflower that awaits the dawning of the day, many of our parishioners of Loyola Parish awaited the advent of the Year 2023. With their feeble hands raised in praise and trembling knees, bent in prayer before the altar of “El Sadai” (the Lord of the Mountains) at Baniyatar hoping for days brighter and better than those of yesteryears did. On the feast day of Epiphany, some of our artistically minded children were enthused by an announcement made by a member of the CFC (Couples for Christ) from Dhobighat Church. It was all about a color painting competition for children between the ages of 5 to 8 and 9 to 12. The first category was given the theme of one’s family scene and the second group was given the subject of the Holy Family. Some of our children have taken part in it.

On Thursday, the 12th day of the first month of the year 2023, we had a surprise visit from some international VIPs belonging to the international SSVF (the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul). They were Bro. Renato Lima Oliveira - the International President General from Brazil, Bro. Joseph Pandian – International Vice President from India, Bro. Johnson Varghese – International Vice President for Asia, Bro. Gabriel Mondal – International Project Coordinator from Bangladesh and Bro. Arnold De Souza – National Coordinator from Dharan, Nepal. These dignitaries spoke to our Parishioners who had gathered in large numbers on that day at 3.00 p.m. in the parish hall.

A couple of days after, a deep gloom fell over the Catholics from Tipling spread over different parishes in Nepal. They heard the departure of their Maemae (Grandpa), Fr. Casper J. Miller, S.J., for his eternal abode at 3.00 p.m. on Saturday, January 14, 2023. His remains were cremated on the following day in the afternoon for which a large number of



*International guests from St. Vincent De Paul Society*

his spiritual children, friends, and admirers gathered around his funeral pyre. Fr. Cap Miller is fondly called Milan Father by the Tipling Tamangs and he is the one who orchestrated the journey of many Tamangs to the Catholic faith. He is a priest who lived his life up to his vocation, vision, and mission in its fullness.

In the last week of January, the parish priest of Loyola Parish, Baniyatar made a quick trip to Pokhara for a two-day seminar on Evangelization conducted by Fr. Augustine Mundakatt, V.C. from India. There were about 22 Religious gathered together in St. Mary’s Pokhara from various Congregations working in Nepal. The Jesuit representatives were Frs. Iyar Kujur and Paul K.C. The major points discussed were What are we doing concretely in Nepal for Evangelization? What more can we do? What are our hopes, aspirations, and challenges? How to go about with more enthusiasm and preparedness? The answers to these questions pertain to the seriousness of the Call we have received from the Lord as Religious.

At the tail end of this report, the last but not the least bit of our parish news is that Ms. Kumari Gurung, the catechist of our parish came out in glowing and flying colors after her attractive presentation on the pious Organization of the Legion of Mary that is operative in many parishes worldwide. It was a competitive presentation by different delegates from the quasi and full-fledged parishes within the valley. It was conducted in the Church of the Assumption, Dhobighat, Kathmandu. May the Lord through the intercession of our Blessed Mother keep us safe in His tight embrace. Kudos to all the newsmakers of our parish.

**Paul K.C.**



*Fr. Paul attends a seminar on Evangelization*



## KAMAL NIWAS, BAKHUNDOL



*Norbert celebrated his sacerdotal silver jubilee in his home parish*

We had the New Year dinner with some army friends who are parents of SXJ and also tennis friends of Mathew. Roy had a rescue operation from police custody of a young man from Kerala. He was kept in Kamal Niwas for a few days until his relatives arrived and took him back. The big news for us is that Karnali Mission became a part of the NJSI and Kamal Niwas community. Jomon and Norbert are at Kamal Niwas these days making their claims! Mathew went for a home visit for the first death anniversary of his father. It was a combined celebration and Mass with relatives, his jubilee, and the silver jubilee of the wedding of his youngest brother. Our own Deepak Jans with parents were also present and two cousin priests from Delhi province and Germany. Augustus returned after his home visit; he spent some quality time with his sick father. David is still in west Bengal for a home visit, retreat, etc. Roy visited a few villages in different districts with his staff and distributed educational materials.

We had an evaluation and planning session for NJSI. The focus was on plans for Karnali's mission. We also had the NJSI board meeting in the evening on the same day. We distributed blankets to the Bright Star Society, to be distributed to the poor in different places. On the occasion of the Republic Day of India on the 26th, Augustus, Roy, and Mathew went to the Indian Embassy to participate in the program. At the end of the program, by the time they reached the snacks line, it was all finished! Jomon and Mathew received Delhi treasurer Fr. Xavier Ignatius at the airport on 28th. He has come for 4 days as the revisor of the region accounts. Kamal Niwas community invited him for dinner on the 29th. Mathew will be going to Rome on 4th February for the training of treasurers in the Curia. He will visit a few friends and benefactors in Germany and nearby countries and will be back on 23rd February.

*A.V. Mathew*

# GOOD SHEPHERD, TIPLING

The weather in Tipling is very cold even though this year no sign of snowfall. Fr. Manu left Tipling on 30 December to make his annual retreat in Godavari. Fr. Vijay directed his retreat. After his retreat, he came back on 12 January 2023. Fr. Anup celebrated his birthday alone this year. Mass at Namsa and Lapdung continues every week. On 7 January, there was the Sacrament of Baptism in the church, and 12 young and old received baptism. Also, 90 years old, Jit Thapa Tamang was baptized in his home from Namsa. On 23 January, Fr. Anup offered Requiem Mass for the late Fr. Casper J. Miller and kept his ash on *Crusdara*. Around a hundred parishioners came for the Mass and put khada on his photo.

Both the schools had their second term exams from 8 to 19 January and now regular classes are going on. Three CVC young boys who volunteered in the school for nearly two months received



*Multipurpose hall getting ready*



*Cardoner volunteers help out leveling ground*



*Cardoner volunteers with thier mentor and local PP*



*A CVC volunteer gets farewell*



*Fr. Anup at a batismal ceremony*

farewell on 20 January. From the Cardoner Project, 12 Australian immersion groups with Fr. Nico Lariosa S.J. arrived at Tipling on 13 January. They were welcomed in the church and also in the schools. The immersion team visited Tipling and around, and collected rubbish in Lubdung, Namsa, and Aran villages. They also leveled the ground around the new construction in Namsa. Also, in their free time visited villagers and played volleyball with them.

NJS made a contract with Terence Tamang to make the Lapdung chapel and boundary, repair work of Majet chapel and boundary work in Namsa village, and now he has completed them successfully. The inauguration of the Lapdung chapel will be soon. The church building in Namsa is going on very well. The multipurpose hall plasterwork is completed and truss work is in good progress.

**Anup Minj**



*Fr. Anup & parishioners lay the urn of Fr. Cap at Crusdara*



# DIASPORA

## SATYANILAYAM, CHENNAI



*Scholastics with other students of Satya Nilayam Research Institute of Philosophy and Culture*

The new year 2023 unfolded with lots of pleasure and cheerfulness. We began the year with thanksgiving Holy Eucharist. This month was filled with lots of intellectual activities such as seminars, workshops, and other events.

From the 2nd to the 3rd of January we had an Ignatian workshop followed by a triduum. Workshop and Triduum were given by Fr. Somy Matthew S.J of Jamshedpur province.

From the 9th to the 10th of January, the Child protection workshop was directed by Sr. Anna Mary. It was enlightening and helpful workshop as we will soon be enrolled in schools for the regency. This experience will help us how to deal with child protection issues in the future.

After Christmas and new year's break from the 11th of January onwards, we resumed our regular classes. On the 14th of January community celebrated Pongal. It was a new experience for me to be part of the South Indian Festival. Another remarkable experience witnessed was on a special day we

invited a group of transgender for a Pongal celebration. They felt respected and welcomed.

On the 19th of January, Satya Nilayam Research Institution of Philosophy and Culture (SNRI) celebrated Gratitude Day followed by an Arrupe endowment lecture on the theme Towards Interculturality.

On the 22nd of January Jesuit Migrants Service (JMS) organized a counseling and medical camp for migrants at RCM high school, St. Thomas Mount.

On the 24th and 25th of January Loyola College (Autonomous), Chennai, and Sacred Herat College, Satya Nilayam (Department of Philosophy) jointly organized a two-day national seminar on "The Contemporary debates on reasonable disagreement in Philosophy: multi-dimensional perspective."

On the 26th of January, we celebrated the 74th Republic Day.

*Sch. Bipin Bara*



*Pongal celebration with third genders*



*Joint seminar with Loyola College*

# DHYAN ASHRAM

The month of December was packed with a lot of activities. We had Christmas play preparation, the “Second Term Exam,” and Christmas vacation to two mission stations. We enjoyed the vacation with the Santhal people of Kalna and Chamrusai. Our holidays ended on the 31st of December and we returned to Juniorate on the same day. We had the thanksgiving Mass at the end of the year, presided over by the Rector, Fr. Sunny George Kunnel SJ. We welcomed the New Year with the Triduum, which was preached by Fr. Felix Tete SJ. After the Triduum, all the juniors renewed their Vows to the Society of Jesus. On the 7th of January, there was a birthday celebration for Fr. George Ponnodath SJ, the director of the retreat house and the former EMRC director. On January 12, Fr. Sunny, the Rector as well as the PCF of Calcutta Province, celebrated his birthday. The Bishop of Baruipur Diocese, Rev. Shyamal Bose, conferred the minor orders of acolyte to seven novices on 15 January. On the 21st of January, all the juniors visited the Pre-Novitiate of Calcutta Province and they had a good basketball game. We have begun the “Third Term.” Classes are going on in full swing. All are keeping well and at present, we are focusing on the” South Assistancy Essay and Short Story Competition.”

*Sch. Anurag Toppo*



**REGION DAYS 2023**

**MAY 20 - 21**

**AT**

**GODAVARI ASHRAM**



02 February	Fr. Thomas Nedumparambil
12 February	NS. Pradip Hemrom



## PRAYERS FOR THE DEPARTED SOULS

Fr. Benjamin Tigga (DUM), 70/51, passed away on 08 Jan 2023 in West Bengal.

Bro. Michael Lopes (GUJ), 78/55, passed away on 10 January 2023 at Vadodara.

Fr. Arun Bara (MAP), 33/13, passed away on 10 January 2023 in Chhattisgarh.

Fr. Paul Vaz (BOM), 77/55 passed away on 16 January 2023 in Mumbai.

Fr. Robert Menezes (BOM), 76/48 passed away on 26 January 2023 in Mumbai

## THOSE WHO SERVED IN NEPAL

05/02/1972	Richard C. Curry
21/02/2000	John H. Lane
29/02/2004	Eugene L. Watrin



# Poems from the Underground

## #5

Fr. Casper J. Miller, S.J.



Pokche: Good morning, Master of Dance.  
Or if you prefer your nickname, Dancer  
And by the way, are you able to converse with me  
while you're dancing around?

Dancer: No problem, Pokche. It's a double joy.

P: Can we continue our conversation about dancing?

D: Sure. You were curious about what kind of dance we do.  
Well, that's easy to say - every imaginable kind of dance,  
with one exception.

P: What could that be, I wonder.

D: Take a guess.  
Do you remember what kind of being we are?

P: Yes, I do. You're a team of three.

D: Right! So it follows that we can't imagine  
doing anything alone, individually - like a solo.

P: But what's wrong about that?

D: Because a solo dance would inevitably  
lead to comparisons: you know,  
"Who's a good soloist, who's better, who's the best."

P: I still don't get it. That's natural, isn't it?

D: I see it's time for me to share with you  
the core of our team's existence and  
so of all things that we, the source, have made.  
Listen - *Equality, not hierarchy -  
is the center of all reality*