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MAGIS YOUTH CONVENTION

The South Asian Assistancy Youth program was held at St. John's, Ranchi from 18 October to 21 October. Sch. Niroj and Sch. Samir accompanied 9 youths to Ranchi under the leadership of Fr. Sanjay, Fr. Tej, and Br. Clarence from Maheshpur Parish.

Our journey started from Nepal to Ranchi on the 17th of October. We reached Ranchi on the 18th of October. Sch. Samir and Niroj helped in registering the youth's names and getting the Magis Kits in the morning. On the 18th, we made use of our free time to visit some Jesuit communities, and the Cathedral, and did some shopping and saw the sights of Ranchi. Our program started at 4 pm. About 700 youths participated from different provinces in this youth program. The program was conducted in English. As the day progressed, we became closer and more familiar with other youths. We got in-depth information about their languages, cultures, and lifestyles. Fr. Stanislaus D'Souza, MLA Shilpi Tirkey, various fathers, doctors, and business persons who inspired youth to do good work through their life experiences. From the second day onwards,

all the youths were divided into groups to have a better interaction with others. By being in the different groups, we got a chance to learn many things, like talking, sharing, doing leadership, showing creative skits, doing spiritual sharing, praying, feeling like we are in our own family, and making comfort to feel for everyone. Their closeness, good behavior, singing, dancing, and action songs of Chhota Nagpur impressed us very much. Apart from this, we needed to have Mass, meditation, and examination. For many youths doing meditation and examination was their first experience. Through this, youths started knowing and understanding the Jesuit spirituality better.

On the third day, we were sent to visit various places outside to know the people of Ranchi

(Jharkhand) more closely and to understand their culture. It was so good to interact with people that we felt at home. On the morning of 22 October, we had to say goodbye to people and places with heavy hearts and souls and come back to Nepal. Finally, we thank Fr. Sanjay, Fr. Tej, and Br. Clarence for their support and making everything very smooth. Thanks to Sch. Niroj and Sch. Samir for accompanying youth.

Sch. Niroj Minj



St. Xavier's Parish Youths, Maheshpur at Magis Youth Convention in Ranchi

St. Xavier's School, Jawalakhel



During the very first week of the month, on Oct 03 and 04, we had the Nepali debate competition for Classes 6 & 7, and Joint school Community Service at KUHS respectively. Two days later, on October 06, our school hosted a One-Day workshop for the Social Science teachers. The very next day the Alumni Association of the School celebrated the Alumni Day in the school; it was very well attended. As the immediate preparations for the Second Term Examinations, the students went through Revision classes during October 04 – 10. Thereafter, from October 11 to 19, we conducted the Second Term Examinations. Then the school remained closed for Dashain's vacation till October



Godavari & Jawalakhel players in Inter-school staff football tournament at SXJ



Cls. 11 & 12 sports day



Cls. 11 & 12 sports day



Mr. Subarna receives a medal from Fr. Samuel

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On the occasion of Ghatasthapana (Oct 15), we conducted an inter-school football tournament for the teachers (30+). Apart from the two teams from our school, thirteen other schools from the valley participated in the tournament. Every game was hotly contested. The two St Xaviers clashed with each other in the first semifinal where SXG proved to be a better team. The DAV team emerged as the champion team beating SXG. Then as the last activity of the month before the Dashain vacation on October 19, the school conducted the sports day for the Plus Two section of the school. In fact, the students of the Plus Two section had a week, prior to the final day, where almost all the Heats were completed.

Community: Fr Raja went to Godavari on Oct 21 for his annual retreat. The Community was blessed with quite a

few guests during the month. Fr Robin Seelan, S.J. was the first one. Oct 23, we had Fr Anil's guests (07 of them) for two days. Soon after the departure of Fr Anil's guests, Fr Lawrence Maniyar, S. J. and his companion Fr Arockiaraj, S.J. arrived on Oct 25. The same evening Frs Lalit (DAR) and Sunny Augustine (KHM) arrived here; they left for Godavari the following day while Fr Arockia left for Kolkata via Delhi on Oct 27. Frs. Daniel and Samuel had a day's break at Chitwan; they left on the morning of October 26 and were back home the following day by 6.45 PM. Then we had a big group of nine Golden Jubilee companions of Fr Lawrence Maniyar, S. J. with us from October 27 – 29.

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St. Xavier's School, Godavari



NCC inspection in SXG

Four of our students from class 10 took part in the Joint School Community Service Program coordinated by Kathmandu University High School. They visited Manav Sewa Ashram, and Shakhu, and interacted with the physically weak homeless people sheltered there. Joint Schools donated a few necessary items like an electric kettle, electric jug, pressure cooker, and electric heater. The Nepali Elocution Contest for classes 1-4, 5-8, and 9-12 was organized on October 3 and 4. The students demonstrated their extraordinary talents in the Nepali language. On October 8, an inspection team from the NCC Headquarters Mahotari, Bardibas, headed by Colonel Mr. Shivaram Thapa made a surprise visit to the school to assess and monitor the progress made by our NCC Cadets.

From 11 October to 19, our children were busy with their second-term examinations. The school closed officially for the Dashain holidays on 19 with a grand lunch-cum-dinner organized by the school for the entire staff. From October 21 to 24, SXG became the host for the Nepal Catholic Youth Convention organized by the central deanery. Almost 150 youth under the leadership of diocesan priests, Frs. Lalit Tudu and Robin Rai, with the assistance of Cluny, St. Ann, and SABS Sisters took part in the event. The main focus of the convention was 'Faith and Culture'. Fr. Michael Singh, principal of St. Lawrence School, Darjeeling

was the main speaker. Fr. Vijay, the principal, had a few sleepless nights as Harisiddhi Bhawani Guthi placed a foundation stone in our property below the road to build a structure without any formal information or permission. Ironically, the laying of the foundation stone coincided with his birthday! The school approached the District Administration Office and letters to prevent such activities on our property were dispatched to the municipality, local police, and ward chairman. Letters are also circulated from the school to all the concerned ministries, departments, and other offices. We hope that the Harisidhi Bhawani Guthi will abide by the directives of the Chief District Officer (CDO). Fr. George, the Superior, went to Ahemadabad for the annual South-Asian Education Commission meeting held from 22 to 25 October. While George was away, Godavari Ashram became the venue for South-Asian Higher Education Commission meetings. These days Fr. Lawrence is busy with more than 10 of his co-jubilarian Jesuit companions from various provinces in India. They spent their time sharing about their faith journey reminiscing their past and thanking God almighty for the abundance of blessings they received all through the last 50 years. Frs. Boby S.J., Rajshekharan S.J., and Sr. Pratima (St. Ann) made use of the community facilities while making their annual retreats.

Fr. George P.M.



Nepali Elocution Contest



Nepali Elocution Contest



Nepal Catholic Youth Convention

CAMPION HOUSE MAITIGHAR



Dashain Celebration



Kanchi Mayalu Band of the College

As the long-awaited was around the corner, the students seemed to have a bounce in their steps. We witnessed a number of intellectual and artistic performances during that time. The A-level students conducted a quiz competition, and Plus 2 conducted Maths Mania as per their annual tradition. The Physics department conducted 'quantum espresso', a crash course on quantum mechanics. Kanchi Mayalus, a band of students from the College emerged victorious in the Ace Expression Inter-College Band Competition. As the Dashain came closer, the students' committee proposed to conduct the Dashain celebration. They organized food stalls, and rangoli competitions



IMCS meeting at Godavari Ashram

and put up a fantastic cultural program with a thought-provoking drama and live performance of Mangal Dhun, which brought back the nostalgia for the students of their childhood Dashain celebrations. As the college closed for the Dashain holidays, the community members dispersed, making use of the break. Bobby went for his annual retreat, Jiju went on a trek and Ashish went to Pokhara for a short while. However, the holidays were short because the College was hosting the Jesuit Higher Education Association of South Asia (JHEASA). The meeting was in Godavari Ashram and 18 Jesuits from various provinces in India came to attend the meeting. The whole community was involved in the meeting without a hitch as much as possible. Regarding IMCS, we had a gathering of Catholic college-going students in Godavari some



Maths Mania event in the college

time ago, giving them orientation regarding necessary life skills. Another major point was the participation of Niru Maya Tamang and Suman Ghale in the 'Building Bridges' initiative, an online interaction between Pope Francis and students of South Asia. They represented Nepal in the initiative. During the month, we hosted Bishop James Shekhar of Buxar Diocese and a couple from Mumbai who came to Kathmandu to attend the synodal meeting hosted by the Vicariate. Fr. James Fannan, our semi-annual visitor is back to fulfill his mandatory visa obligations.

Sch. Deepak Jans



JHEASA meeting at Godavari Ashram



Online meeting with the Pope

ARRUPE NIWAS DEONIA

Post Dashain, classes had begun as this was being written.

First-semester exams preceded the holidays. Besides exams, this month saw the students preparing for Parents' Day(s) held before the holiday season. Classes Nine and Ten attended an exhibition/workshop presented by a local trekking agency. Plus Two science students attended a seminar on methodology in science. Our teaching staff, finally, was treated to an excellent seminar on teaching methods. Fr. Jomon



Plus 2 mini-marathon participants



Three super star singing finalists



Plus 2 mini-marathon girls runners-up

was the resource person. Awards were presented to the winning students of the Super Singer contest and the winners of the Plus Two mini-marathon for both boys and girls, SXDeonia hosted an alumni reunion on Phulpati, the first day of the Dashain holiday season. Our two scholastics, Niroj and Samir, led a youth team to Ranchi for a Jesuit-sponsored youth camp there. On the development front, we are presently consulting with an architect who is a registered Nepali



Fr. Sanjay with Dr. Gita Shrestha



Methodology of Science seminar

architect who in turn works with a Nepal-registered engineering firm.

Fr. Mike Parent



Budding super star singer

FABER HOUSE MAHESHPUR



Fr. Nicholas & staff at Science center



Students visit Science Center, Siliguri



Students visit City Center, Siliguri

The 29th of September was observed as Karam Day in Jhapa district. On that day Fr. Tej Kalyan gave a talk to our students on the history and significance of the Karam festival and how it is celebrated in a traditional way in Jharkhand. On the 6th of October the NMB Bank, Chandragadi branch Manager along with one of his staff gave an orientation to the students about different kinds of banks in Nepal and what are benefits provided through the banks to the customers, especially the student loans. In the talk, they also highlighted the qualifications required to get into

bank jobs. The students felt it was very informative as well as motivating. On the 13th of October, the students of classes 5 to 8 were taken to Science City at Siliguri. Ninety-eight students accompanied by 7 staff visited the science city and city center. Thanks to Jesu Ashram for providing a sumptuous lunch to our students. On our way back, St. Vincent de Paul hostel served our students tea and snacks. For many of our students, it was the first time such a long travel and also going to India. The students expressed that the trip was a very enjoyable and educative one.

The parents' meeting was

held on the 15th of October. This time it was very encouraging to see nearly 95% of the turnout for this meeting. Many issues pertaining to the student's welfare and study habits were discussed in the meeting. The parents expressed their happiness over the initiatives taken in the school for the welfare of their children. Mr. Richard George, a volunteer of Jesus Youth, who is staying with the Jesuits for a month is also chipping in and helping out our students in different sports and co-curricular activities. The school had an informal Dashain celebration before closing for the Dashain holidays from 20 October to 28 October. During the Dashain holidays, Fr. Nicholas has gone for a home visit while Sch. Danzil is making the annual Retreat at Matigara.

Fr. Nicholas Christuraj



Fr. Tej explaining students the meaning of Karam, a Tribal Festival



Senior students at an Orientation on Banking

GONZAGA HOUSE

The second cycle test results were published at the beginning of the month. The results indicated a slight improvement in the academic performance of the students. The activities of the month included a Mental Maths Competition for all the classes and an Inter-House Dance Competition for classes 3 to 10. Creative class assemblies were conducted by classes 6, 7, and 8 during the month. The school is closed from 20 to 28 October due to Dasain festivities.

Fr. Tek took several faithful to Bangalore to participate in the Jesus Youth Convention. When Tek was away, Fr. Victor took care of the needs of the faithful here. Fr. Tek also organized a mobile clinic in Sadakbari with the help of Sr. Bindu and the team from



Inter-house dance competition at SXS



Mobile clinic by FC Sisters in a Sadakbari village



Fr. Tek hands over a prize to a winner of Bible quiz



Fr. Tek accompanies Sadakbari parish youths to Bangalore for Jesus Youth convention

Maheshpur. The Bible quiz winners were awarded prizes in the church. Br. Irenius went to Gujarat to participate in the Brothers' Meet. Frs. Jomon and Manu travelled to Zero Mile and spent a day with Fr. Arul Selvam and then proceeded to Kathmandu to get a few things for the school. Thanks to the Kamal Niwas community for their warm hospitality.

Fr. Mathew visited SXS and spent a night in Gonzaga House. He addressed the school assembly and also had a motivational chit-chat with the class 10 students. He also visited the churches under construction and spent a day at Loyola School.

Fr. Jomon Jose

SHISHU BIKAS KENDRA POKHARA

The winter season has invaded Lake City, Pokhara this year much early due to the unusual rain before the Dashain holidays. Many students and teachers suffered viral fever and were absent due to climate change. We had a few new students join the center and were under probation but were found hyperactive. The SBK students under the guidance of Puja washed the curtains of the school. The old alumnus of SBK and supporting staff Mrs. Sunita Shrestha takes an early resignation from the center due to her poor health and family issues. SBK's family and students will greatly miss her commitment and love for the center. The center gave her a good send-off and wished her happier days ahead with her family. The priests of SBK showered



Superiors training program in Patna



Fr. George's guests, PPs from Kerala



Fr. Amit gives Dashain blessing

their blessings upon the students and teachers on the occasion of Dashain with "Jamara, Tika, and Laxmi". It is a great honor and blessing for the younger people to receive blessings from the elders. SBK provided a good feast day meal to all the students and staff. The Pokhara parishioners were blessed with many visiting priests offering holy Masses for them on Saturdays. Fr. George, S.J. along with his parish priests from Kerala celebrated Holy Qurbana and broke the word of God powerfully in Nepali. Fr. Lawrence Maniyar, S.J. with his priest companion Fr. Arock, S.J. from MUD Province graced the church with his presence. Fr. Ayar the parish priest looked after his flock faithfully despite his ill health in the absence of his assistant priest. Mr. Durga Thapa our parishioner participated in catechist training at Dharan. Fr. Boniface Tigga, S.J. made a good fruitful annual retreat at PJC in the up-



Spiritual nourishment to parishioners by Fr. Boni



Fr. Ayar with SBK staff



Farewell to Ms. Sunita Shrestha

per room and shared the fruits of his retreat with our parishioners. He gave beautifully two days of two-hour talks followed by solemn Mass on Saturday. It was highly appreciated by both laity and religious groups. Big thanks to Fr. Boniface for nourishing the faithful of Pokhara spiritually.

Fr. Amit Lakra attended the Superiors Training Program in Patna at Atmadarshan organized for the north zone. Fr. Ayar was down with dengue fever and got good rest for one week to recuperate after Amit's return. The October month is the season of guests visiting Pokhara. PJC hosted nearly 30 guests including Jesuits and friends of Jesuits and non-Jesuits. "We were together. I forget the rest". – Walt Whitman

Fr. Amit Lakra

ST. XAVIER'S SOCIAL SERVICE CENTRE



Fr. Thomas gives blessings to girls of Aruna Bhavan



Fr. Thomas gives blessings to inmates of Gafney Bhavan

On the 8th of October, 2023, eleven children from SXSSC recovered from chicken pox and returned to normal health. On the 12th of October, there was a staff meeting at Gafney Bhawan in Nakhipot to discuss Dashain's planning and updates on the situation in the houses. During October, Hindu festivals like Dashain and Tihar were approaching, and many children were planning to go home for the celebrations. Before going home, they had to face the school's mid-terminal examination, which started on the 2nd and concluded on the 13th of October. On the 14th of October, 2023, students from St. Xavier's School, Jawalakhel, and the SXSSC interact club organized their club's 12th-anniversary celebration with the

SXSSC children. It was a fun event with delicious cake. On the 15th of October, 2023, Ghatasthapana marked the beginning of Dashain, the biggest festival in the Hindu calendar. Many children from SXSSC went home to celebrate Dashain and Tihar, with a one-month holiday from school. All three homes (Gafney Bhawan, Aruna Bhawan, and SXSSC Jawalakhel) came together to celebrate Dashain. They received Tika from Fr. Thomas. Fr. Paul also joined the celebration. On the 26th of October, Fr. Paul K.C. from Baniyatar visited Aruna Bhawan in Nakhipot, and they had lunch together. All these traditions and gatherings foster a strong sense of community and cultural appreciation among the students and staff.

Ms. Ranjana Kumari Karki



Fr. Thomas gives blessings to a physically disabled student



Students of SXSSC, Aruna Bhavan & inmates of Gafney bhavan

KAMAL NIWAS BAKHUDOL

We hosted a lunch for the parish priests of Jiju and George P.M. and a few other fathers and guests. Mathew went to Hazaribagh for the treasurer's annual meeting and on the way back visited the Jhapa schools and spent a day and night in each school. Roy, David, and Augustus attended the jubilee celebration of sisters at Baniyatar. These days Roy and Augustus are busy preparing for the Xavier Network audit that starts on 6th November. Most of the trainees are staying back at NJSI and did not go to their village for the Dashain celebrations. David at Panchkal is busy growing various kinds of organic vegetables. A new water tank is under construction there. We invited Fr. George Kalapurackal (Jubilarian) and Fr. Amrit from Bishop's



COJET team at martyr, A.T. Thomas' tomb, Hazaribagh



Fr. Mathew with Simalbari parishioners



Fr. Mathew with SXD students, Jhapa



French guests with trainees and Fr. Roy

house for dinner at Kamal Niwas. Jomon and Manu from Sadakbari spent a few days here and were busy shopping for their school science lab. On Tika Day there was a small Tika ceremony for the trainees and the day ended with a cultural program after supper. On the 28th we went to Lubbhu for the golden jubilee celebration of Fr. T.V. George. We invited the SJ golden jubilarians for tea; they were companions of Mathew in Patna novitiate. On the 29th we had one of the officials from the U.N. and her mother and sister from Greece for dinner.

Fr. A.V. Mathew

ST. IGNATIUS CHURCH BANIYATAR

Much much-awaited month of joy and happiness has just passed by in a twinkling of an eye at a spur of a moment and now all is back to square one. Let us look back and see what things have mesmerized us during the course of this spectacular month of October. One of the crowd-pulling events of the year 2023 took place on the 7th of October which has to be inscribed in golden letters in the annals of the history of the parish when two of our Maria Bambina Sisters, Rosaline Monteiro, and Hilda Lewis Celebrated their Fifty Golden Years of Religious Profession. Out of these 50 years, over 21 years, Sr. Rosaline has been serving the parish as a sacristan, catechist, knitting and tailoring instructor for the poor village women of the locality, looking after the hostel kids, visiting the families of the sick and suffering, etc. Bishop Paul officiated the holy Eucharist along with 14 priests and in the presence of numerous religious belonging to various congregations from all over Nepal. The people present at Mass were roughly over Five hundred. The overflowing crowd was accommodated in the church veranda. Mass was followed by cultural programs and reception in the hall where the Jubilarians were bombarded with gifts of all kinds. Finally, the program came to its close with a salivating tasty lunch provided to everyone's heart's content.

Fr. Alfaro from Spain once again opened up his generous heart by providing 15 bags of rice and 15 Kg of cereals for 15 poor families of our parish. Previously he had



Jubileerians with the Bishop and priests



Jubileerians with parish youths

given provisions for 30 families in the same manner. Mr. Nuni Lama Tamang with three other parishioners volunteered to clean up the property behind the church building and planted some vegetables. Let us hope for some organic vegetables in the near future.

Another memorable event was the unexpected Visit of Bishop James from Buxar Diocese, Bihar. People were surprised to see a Bishop with no paraphernalia attached. At the end of the Mass, he shared a few words of wisdom in one sentence; 'A genuine Catholic should fall in love with three things, Eucharist, Bible, and Mother Mary'. In his simplicity, he freely mixed with people and talked with them in Hindi soon after our Sabbath day Celebrations. He left the arena after sharing with us our paltry lunch.

Seventeen of our youths from the parish took part in the Vicariate youth camp conducted in Godavari at St. Xavier's from October 21 to 25. During these holidays some of our compassionate parishioners observed the miserable existence of their PP and invited him for a number of meals in various houses. Quite a few of our parishioners were missing the presence of our active, young, and energetic catechist, Ms. Kumari Gurung who was out in Dharan attending a catechetical course and Retreat conducted by the Vicariate for all Catechists. May their tribe (the catechists) increase and be fruitful and multiply.



Parish youths at Godavari Youth Camp



One of the families that received rations

Fr. Paul K.C.

GOOD SHEPHERD TIPLING



Tipling youths at Marble height, Godavari



Cultural programme at youth camp



Leaving for Godavari Youth camp

Fr. Norbert had a quick visit to Kathmandu for his work and came back on the 6th of October. We had a memorial Mass for the departed soul of Sethi Maya Tamang on the 14th. After the Mass, all the parishioners were given a meal by the family. We also kept her ashes on the Crus dara. We continue to give Mass at the village every Thursday and communion distribution every Monday. Both the schools conducted

their first term exams from 27 September to 5 October. After the exam, schools were open for 10 days and now schools are closed for the Dashain, Tihar, and Chhat holidays. For the Dashain celebration, lots of youngsters and families are visiting their homes in Tipling. In the village, Bullfight, volleyball, and football games were organized to entertain visitors and enjoy the Dashain celebration.

Deacon Aloysius visited Tipling for 10 days and accompanied Fr. Norbert



Frs Anup & Norbert offering mass

in pastoral visits. Timan Tamang from Apostolic school, Maheshpur came for holidays and he too assisted Fr. Norbert in various pastoral visits. Fr. Anup was busy preparing 13 youths and helping them with various youth programs for the youth camp in Godavari. Youth camp was organized by the central deanery and there were around 135 youths from five parishes in the valley.

Fr. Anup Minj



Fr. Norbert, Sr. Sabina & Dn. Aloysius at Lapdung



Fr. Norbert with Dn. Aloysius, Sr. Sabina



Fr Juel reading the Gospel



JESCOM team at Madha TV, Santhome



Fr. Ernest, SDB, a resource person

Fr. Amrit completed his annual visitation in St. Xavier's College and Campion House in the month of September. In October he attended the JCSA meeting in Pune from the 22nd to the 28th. Meantime, while he was in Kathmandu, he put an end to the ongoing hustles with regard to settling the accounts of Tipling constructions. Fr. Juel went to Chennai to participate in the meeting of JESCOM. About 19 participants were present for the meeting. He then visited Nepal Scholastics in Satya Nilayam before proceeding to Berchmans Illam, Loyola College, his alma mater to meet Fr. Dennis, his old companion in Jhapa Mission. He also met some of his classmates in Chennai. Fr. Paul Chemparathy returned to the community from Patna. He consulted his friend Jose Kalapuzha regarding his upcoming memoir. He also made his annual retreat there. Fr. Thomas celebrated Dashain in Aruna Bhavan with the children of Aruna Bhavan, the social service center, and the inmates of Gafney Bhavan by putting a tika on their forehead and giving his 'elderly' blessing. The HRDRC community went for an overnight community outing to Lamatar Lodge, Lamatar. It is a homestay owned by Mr. Dinesh, a friend of Fr. Greg.

Fr. Juel Kisputta

DESIDERI HOUSE BOUDHA

Life in Boudha has been humming along. All the MA thesis oral examinations at the Ctr for Buddhist Studies were completed on time, partly with the help of our good friend, Prof Tom Fricke. The large number of visiting students here under the umbrella of the Boston College Nepal Program is keeping us busy. Two of them contracted Dengue fever. Another two had health issues that required treatment.

Our visitors during this past month included Prof Alex von Rospatt, from Berkeley, and Prof John Dunne, from the University of Wisconsin. Mrs. Jo Sherpa brought visiting Focolare Movement members to Desideri House for Mass this past week. Next month we look forward to welcoming back Prof Sienna Craig, the anthropologist and Mustang expert who teaches at Dartmouth College. We will also host Ms. Pam Johnston, an American friend who has been helping the Chepong community for several years.

Our good friend Dolpo Tulku Rinpoche kindly agreed to my last-minute request that he speak at the FABC meeting in Dhulikhel recently. His words were well received. I am also recruiting him to help frame a Buddhist response to Pope Francis' recent apostolic exhortation *Laudate Deum*. Our Secretariat for the Service of Faith in Rome is preparing a video that highlights other religions' perspectives on the issues the holy father raises.

This week we will welcome three Cardoner Volunteer Corps members who will do their language and culture training here in Boudha before Sardar Chandra Rai leads them to Tipling. In January they will be joined by a larger group of Cardoner pilgrims, under the guidance of Fr Nico Lariosa of the Australian Province. In mid-November, I will travel to Taiwan to present a paper on Newar Buddhism at a conference organized by Huaan University in Taipei.

Fr. Gregory Sharkey SJ

PREMAL JYOTI AHMEDABAD

All Nepal scholastics, who are studying in Ahmedabad are fully busy preparing fourth coming programs, the CIA-2, and end-semester exams. We are fully caught up in our daily schedules: going to college and everyday activities. All of us are enjoying a beautiful life in Premal Jyoti and doing our responsibilities faithfully. On the 12th of October, four brothers from Darjeeling and Nepal visited us on their way back to Province. They spent the night here in Premal Jyoti, Ahmedabad. We had a wonderful conversation with them. This month we had lots of activities in the house itself - community meetings, year-wise outings, etc. On the 20th Kohima's Regional Superior visited the Kohima scholastics and Patna PCF as well. On the 21st, we had a meeting with the PCF of Gujrat province. He shared about whatever they had discussed in the PCF meeting. It was nice to know that they had a wonderful discussion about the betterment of Society in the future. As the Hindu brothers and sisters celebrate the Navratri festival in Gujarat, our college organized the Garba event. We also participated in this event. It was a good time to learn about their culture and practices. Here, we are involved in many kinds of activities. Some of us go to teach catechism to the pre-novices and others in parishes, and some go teach in the school for the street boys and girls in Loyola school in Ahmedabad. Due to the weather change some of us had coughs and colds. Jay completed two weeks of physiotherapy and is now keeping well.

Sch. Jay Ghale

SATYANILAYAM CHENNAI

The month of October proved to be a month of intense academic focus, several community events, and many PCFs visited their young men.

From the 10th to the 14th of October, we appeared for the CIA 2 examinations. After CIA 2 a study break is given to prepare for upcoming semester examinations. This period provided an invaluable opportunity for everyone to recharge, review our lessons, and prepare for the upcoming challenges. During these days, the campus transformed into a hub of quiet concentration and collaborative learning, as philosophers engaged in group studies and sought assistance from their peers and professors.

One of the most special days of the month was the unexpected visit from Fr. Juel Kispotta, the socius of Nepal Region. His presence graced our campus on the 25th of October, bringing with it a sense of joy and happiness to Nepal and Darjeeling Scholastics.

At present, we are on our toes to prepare for the upcoming third-semester examinations. The campus is inaudible with academic fervour. The third-semester examination will be held from 30th October to 8th of November.

Sch. Bipin Bara

THE CHURCH IN SYNOD: A NEW WAY OF BEING



By Paul Béré, SJ

Judging by what has been happening since 4 October 2023, the synodal journey, which began on 10 October 2021 and will run for three years (2021-2024), shows that there is no predetermined path. “Behold, I make all things new”, says the Lord (Rev 21:5). Having taken part in a number of synods, I feel that the current one is showing a truly new style. Some fellow theologians keep saying that we are experiencing the atmosphere that animated the Second Vatican Council. We are probably in the process of assimilating Vatican II.....

On a deeper level, I am struck by the fruitfulness of the spiritual conversation as a method of accompanying the synodal assembly. You can sense a climate of peace. The members are happy to talk to each other, to listen to each other, to welcome each other in their great diversity, because the horizons of the world are converging here. Could this be due to the theme of the first module, which consists of re-reading the previous experience of synodality on the scale of local churches and on a continental scale? All in all, the joy and enthusiasm prove that the Holy Spirit is at work. As a theologian, I feel that we are faced with a style that calls us to conversion in our way of approaching problems, and even of doing theology. In this respect, I would say that, for those of us who haven’t been doing so, we are renewing our commitment to a theology that listens to the feelings of the people of God.

(an extract) <https://www.jesuits.global/2023/10/12/the-church-in-synod-anew-way-of-being/>

Pope’s Prayer Intention

November 2023

For the Pope

Let us pray for the Pope that, with the help of the Holy Spirit, he may continue to accompany in the faith the flock entrusted to him.



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| 05 November | Sch. Anthony Hemrom |
| 12 November | Br. Broney Bede Chettri |
| 14 November | Sch. Anurag Toppo |
| 23 November | Fr. Mathew Assarikudy |
| 23 November | Sch. Deepak Jhans |
| 26 November | Fr. Anil Kumar Beck |



*Fr. Mani Nedumattam, S.J. (DEL, 88/68) passed away on 25 October 2023, St. Xavier’s Residence, Jaipur.

*Fr. Rapai, S.J. (GUJ, 78/61) passed away on 24 October 2023 in Vadodara.

* Br. Polycarp Lakra, S.J. (RAN, 85/63) passed away on 16 October 2023, at Constant Lievens Hospital, Mandar.

* Fr. S. John Britto Bonaventure, S.J. (MDU, 76/61) passed away on 13 October 2023, at Harshamitra Hospital, Tiruchirappalli.

* Fr. Vijay Kachhap (JAM, 76/47) passed away on 13 October 2023 in Jamshedpur.

*Fr. Avellino Remedios, S.J. (BOM, 93/72) passed away on 10 October 2023 at St. Mary’s, Mumbai.

* Fr. Joy John Arackal, S.J. (DEL, 79/58) passed away on 7 October 2023 in Jivodaya Hospital Delhi.

THOSE WHO SERVED IN NEPAL

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| 06/11/2008 | Bruno Karpinski |
| 09/11/2002 | Abraham Thannikapara |
| 12/11/2002 | Joe Scharf |
| 20/11/2000 | Donald Brugger |