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Appointment by Fr. General

On 4 March 2021, Father General appointed Fr. Zbigniew Leczkowski SJ as the new Superior of the Province of Greater Poland and Mazovia of the Society of Jesus.

JCSA Appointments

As on 25 March 2021

By Fr General

1. Fr Antonysamy Stephenraj, SJ (PAT) – Regional Director, JRS
2. Fr Francis Pudhicherry (GUJ) – Rector of De Nobili College, Pune
3. Fr Nirmal Raj Arulanandu (DUM) – Rector of Vidyajyoti College of Theology, Delhi
4. Fr Sunny Jacob (JAM) – Asst for Mission and Identity for the Secretariat for Education and Jesuit Education Specialist for 'Educate Magis'

By the POSA

Subject to the appointment by CBCI

5. Fr Jesu Benjamin (DUM) - National Director, AICUF

Jor Bagh, Delhi

6. Fr Shajumon C.K. (DAR) – Superior
7. Fr James Arjen Tete (CCU) – Secretary, Formation
8. Fr Arun Kumar (KAR) – Secretary of Faith
9. Fr John Ravi Selvan (DEL) – Secretary, JEA
10. Fr Nelson Gonsalves (GOA) – Asst Finance Officer, JRS

ISI, Bangalore

11. Fr Francis Balaraj (KAR) – Administrator and Program Head of Social Inclusion and Democracy

ISI, Delhi

12. Fr Thomas Perumalil (PAT) – Acting Superior
13. Fr Siji Chacko (PAT) – Director MAIN (Additional responsibility)
14. Fr Shin Kallungal (KER) – Asst Director, MAIN
15. Fr Franklin Rex (CEN) – JRS
16. Fr Alwyn D'Souza (KAR) – Research Scholar
17. Fr Lancy Lobo (GUJ) – Research Scholar

Satya Nilayam, Chennai

18. Fr Francis D' Souza (KAR) - Registrar & Treasurer
19. Fr Arul P Stanislaus (CEN) - Minister and Spiritual Director
20. Fr Benedict Lakra (RAN) -Spiritual Director
21. Fr Lindsay Lobo (GOA) – Trial teaching and Asst Program Coordinator of SNRI
22. Fr Martin Gnanapragasam (AND) – Trial teaching

Papal Seminary, Pune

23. Fr Antony Raj R (JAM) – Moderator of Philosophers & Spiritual Director
24. Fr Rocha Rozario (GOA) – Spiritual Director
25. Fr Linus Dabre (Pune Diocese) – Trial teaching at Jnana Deepa

Jnana Deepa, Pune

26. Fr Peter Ignatius (PAT) – Registrar and Teacher
27. Fr George Cordeiro (BOM) – Moderator of PG Students and Manager of PG Block
28. Fr Biju Vadakkumchery (KER) – Change of residence to PG Block

De Nobili College, Pune

29. Fr Paul Chemparathy (NEP) – Treasurer
30. Fr Joji Devara (AND) – PhD
31. Fr Jagdish Parmar (DAR) – PWPN Office relocated to De Nobili College, Pune
32. Fr Clement Jesudoss (MDU) – Teaching at Jnana Deepa

Vidyajyoti, Delhi

33. Fr Hector Pinto (GUJ) – Registrar & Treasurer, Vidyajyoti, Delhi
34. Fr Anthony D' Souza (KAR) – Trial Teaching, VJ
35. Fr Edwin Philip Rodrigues (BOM) – Teaching, VJ

JRS, Afghanistan

36. Fr Jerome Sequeira – Country Director

Tertianship

37. Irudayaraj Manickam (GUJ) - Tertian Instructor, Sitagarha
38. Fr William Sequeira (KAR) – Tertian Instructor, Kandy
39. Fr Jose Jacob M (KER) – Tertian Instructor, Shembaganur
40. Fr Valerian Mendonca (JAM) – Tertianship at Shembaganur

IGNIS

1. Fr Somy Mathew Mannoor (JAM) – Editor, IGNIS

Gratitude for the services rendered to Common Houses and works of South Asia

1. Fr Edward Mudavaserry (HAZ)
2. Fr Michael Thanaraj (JAM)
3. Br Christuraj A (CCU)
4. Fr Jose Thayil (PAT)
5. Fr George Karuvelil (PAT)
6. Fr Paul D'Souza (GUJ)
7. Fr Alex Gnanapragasam (JAM)
8. Fr Chandy Kumblankal (KER)
9. Fr Louie Albert (CEN)
10. Fr Stanislaus Fernandes (PUN)
11. Fr Linto Kanichai (KER)
12. Fr Stephen K.C. (DUM)
13. Fr Keith Abranches (GUJ)



St. Xavier's School, Godavari



Throughout March Fr. David Ekka and Mr. Subarna K.C. knocked the doors of government of-



fices for ongoing land issue. They visited regularly Patan High Court and Singha Durbar hoping that issues of land would be settled. On March 2nd Lalitpur district security personnel supposed to follow the court order but they have not yet.

On March 9th Fr. Samuel Simick, Fr. George P.M. and Mr. Subarna K.C. visited PM K.P. Sharma Oli at Baluwatar. According to the report P.M. was not aware of SXG land issue.

On March 12 the Director of Divisional Forest of Godavari, suggested that we cannot claim whatever council of ministers have taken through Urban Development Ministry for City Hall. Division forest Office has requested Land Survey Office for demarcation of SXG land. On March 19 Forest Ministry Officials visited the school and discussed about the land demarcation. They also suggested for going to District Land Survey Department to sort out the process. The forest department showed initiative to demarcate the land beside the city hall and numbers of kittas. The Chief District Officer (CDO) of Lalitpur District visited the school and showed his concerns about SXG land and Keshar Mahal issues.

Due to Godavari road construction the school remained closed for two days. From 3rd of March the school resumed physical classes for standard 6 and 7. Assumption Church youth had their Lenten prayers in Ashram. Bishop Paul Simick offered mass in Ashram Chapel for the youth with Lenten message.

On March 20 CRN Lenten prayer

Service was held in Ashram led by Fr. Lawrence M. Around 50 Kathmandu valley religious participated in the service. Thanks to all the CRN team.



Fr. Lawrence gives points

St. Ignatius Church Baniyatar Crusveer children around 45 came to Ashram for their Lenten prayers service guided by Sr. Maria Goreti FMM and Bro. Hermon. They catechized them through their input sessions. Children also went to Botanical garden for nature's walk and had packed lunch.

March 21 Classes 4 and 5 resumed the physical



Crusvir Children

school after the pandemic. In the absence of Parish priest from March 22 to 25, Fr. Samuel Simick took care of liturgy at Godavari Parish. Fr. Bill, Sch. Ashish and Deepak kept themselves busy with their teachings.

Around 33 youth from St. Ignatius Parish came to Ashram for their Lenten prayers. Fr. Juel and Fr. Samuel gave the input sessions which were beneficial to them. Fr. Juel and Sr. Arushi SCCG also accompanied them to marble quarry hill where they had short prayer service for the youth of today followed by packed lunch.

SXG sources



Fr. Juel accompanies youths

CAMPION HOUSE, MAITIGHAR

We were able to conduct two of our crowd pulling major activities; the Cycle Rally (6 March) and the Social Service, Environment and Technology (SET) Exhibition (12 March). As usual,

26 IMCS members had a pilgrimage to Champadevi hills on 20 March accompanied by Sr. Sophie, Robert and Jiju. As they climbed up the hills, they meditated on the Way of the Cross. After reaching the



SET exhibition by college students



Dr. Sagar is an alumnus of our school



Fr. Augustine with the guest

both had huge attendance. Mr. Kul Man Ghishing, the former Managing Director of NEA and who is widely recognized for ending the load shedding was the Chief Guest for the SET exhibition. He gave a very inspiring speech which threw light into how an individual can bring about changes.

BSW 2016-20 Batch had their Convocation Certificate Distribution ceremony in the college this year as the KU convocation ceremony was held online. Dr. Sagar Sharma, the Dean of School of Arts KU, officiated the function and distributed the certificates during a formal ceremony on 19 March. Dr. Sagar is an alumnus of our school from the 1984 Batch. There was also a small farewell program right after the formal ceremony where the outstanding students were awarded.

top, they had the Eucharist followed by sharing of their tiffins. It was really a multiplication of the loaves when they brought out their small tiffin boxes. We all had plenty and left over too! Robert had a successful test of his knees by climbing up and down the highest hill so far in his life.

College was able to acquire a separate PAN finally. We hope it will ease the pressure on NJS at various offices hereafter.

Cap got his first doze of Covid vaccine and awaits the second doze if and when it is available. Jiju is back from Kerala after attending the first death anniversary ceremonies of his father. Augustine is in Kerala to be with his mother after a gap of four years. Jomon has made much progress in his research and avails the expertise of Robert in the use of SPSS and



Cycle rally

After the smooth running of classes for the last three months, all the departments are now having various internal examinations. We hope that the resurgence in Covid cases does not hamper the academic year again. We keep our fingers crossed at the same time are preparing ourselves to get back to online teaching-learning if needed.

other matters. James has completed his next journal article and hopes to get it published in a high impact journal. Victor had his hands full and was the most wanted person in the college this month with so many activities in the college.

Wish you all a grace-filled Holy Week!

Campion Jesuit Source

ARRUPE NIWAS, DEONIA

In the beginning of March, Fr Arul Selvam SJ went to Dumka for vocation promotion and also met there a Pre-Novice of Nepal. On March 20, 2021

for pilgrimage to the parish. There was Holy Mass for entire Maheshpur parishioners on that day. Classes XI and XII had their term exams in the middle of March. There were also Class 10 parents meeting in small groups for three days. The students of class 8 went for their Educational Field Trip to Ganesh Agro Rice Mill, Bhadrapur with their subject teacher Sch. Wilson Kandulna on March 15, 2021. The school also organized two days of Annual Sports Day successfully on March 25, 2021 and March 26, 2021. Many students participated in the spirit of sportsmanship and won medals.

Wilson Kandulna



Fr. Boniface awards the athletes

the Arrupe Niwas community was happy to receive Pre-Novices from Matigara who came with their Assistant Director Sch. Evan Basnet. All of them were given a gift of clothe bag each to campaign against the use of single usage plastics to save mother Earth. Fr Boniface explained in gist the purpose of making the clothe bags. Frs. Arul Selvan and Dilip guided them to explore Jhapa Jesuit mission for two days. The Maheshpur Parish celebrated feast of St Joseph on March 20, 2021 and the faithful of Deonia went



Sports day activities



Sch. Wilson with his students for Field visits



Pre-Novices visit Jhapa Jesuits



FABER HOUSE, MAHESHPUR

The month of March was a grace filled month for the parishioners of St. Xavier's Church, Maheshpur. The entire month was lined up with many



Chrism Mass with Bp. Paul Simick



spiritual activities and great number of Pilgrims and faithful also visited our parish. Fr. Boniface Tigga S.J, Dean, Purvanchal Deanery organized two full days training programme for the catechists in St. Xavier's Church, Maheshpur from 27th February to 1st March. There were 62 catechists of this deanery, and three from Okaldungha also participated in the training program. The resource persons were priests from our own deanery. The catechists were instructed how they need to assist the parish priest in preparing the faithful for the sacraments and also how to take a leadership role in the church activities. On March 8, some 35 of our parish women gathered in the afternoon to celebrate the International Women's day. They began their program by praying Rosary together and then they had some group dynamics to get to know one another and to share about their family struggles. The program ended with mass followed by high tea. March 20, We celebrated St. Joseph's feast in our parish. Pilgrims from Deonia mass centre also joined us. We had procession with the image of St. Joseph followed by Holy Mass. Fr. Arul Salvem S.J. was the main celebrant. 23rd of March was another important day for St. Xavier's Church, Maheshpur. On this day Rev. Bishop Paul Simick offered the Chrism mass along with 45 clergies in our church. There were about 250 faithful attending the mass. The Choir was organized by Sch. Wilson and his group, which added beauty to the solemn celebration. In homily Bishop reminded the priests of their special call to be at the service of the Church and her faithful. It was indeed a day of blessing for

all of us who participated in the great event. Some of our parishioners expressed they were inspired and excited to see so many priests and it was first time in their life they participated in the Chrism mass. After the mass, food was served for all. Congratulations to Frs. Norbert and Paul K.C for their meticulous planning and arrangement.

We had International Women's day celebrated in the school on 7 March. The girl students of class 8, 9 & 10 had a special interaction session in the afternoon. The lady teachers spoke to the students how they need to face the world with boldness and work hard to succeed in life. Some inspirational videos on powerful women and national women leaders were shown to the students to motivate them. On March 19 during the assembly Mr. B.D. Subba exhibited some simple local traditional musical instruments such as Sarangi, Sahanai, Murchunga, Binayo, Phamuk, Pung and Shringinad. He talked to the students about its importance. With the help of these instruments, he played some traditional folk songs which students and teachers highly appreciated. The Class 10 students are having extra classes these days in the morning to complete the portion.

During this month our community was blessed with many guests. Sch. Evan Basnet with 8 pre-novices came for 3 days' visit to Nepal. They stayed in Faber house for two days. They joined the St. Joseph feast day celebration in the parish. In the afternoon, Fr. Nicholas took them around in the tea garden and also visited few Catholic families. The pre-novices were highly appreciative of the hospitality shown to them by our guest master Fr. Sanctius and sumptuous meal provided by Br. Clarence our minister.

Nicholas Christuraj



St. Joseph's feast rally



Sr. Malika guides women



GONZAGA HOUSE, SADAKBARI

In the school classes are running as usual. Since academic year is extended by the Government till



Gonzga Jesuit community outing

Jesth, it made it little easier to cover up the syllabus. There will be a change in the school uniform next year onwards so the measurement of the students is taken by the tailor. Half yearly exam will be from April 5 and Final exam will be from the Last week of May and first week of June: May 23 to June 4, followed by result and new admission.

In February Ash Wednesday was celebrated in both the places in Sadakbari and Simalbari. Following day of the Ash Wednesday Region days were arranged so all Jesuits were in Kathmandu. Madan Sir looked after the school and he did it well. There was a Catechists Training programme held in Maheshpur and all of us were part of it. On 2 March Frs. Peter and Vijay had to go to Kathmandu along with Br. Clarence and Fr. Boniface for the paperwork of the St. Xavier's College, but before proceeding to Kathmandu lots of paperwork had to be done from the Tax office here. On Shivaratri day there was Purvanchal Deanery meeting along with CRNP in Damak, it was one of the largest gathering of religious and clergy 55+. Fr. Vijay has been elected

as a new President of CRNP. On 12, we had a half day workshop for the teachers. Br. Irenius was on and off to Kathmandu to write his exam. Fr. Dilip was with us for three weeks. He was a great help when Frs. Peter and Vijay were away. On 17 March, all staff got Covid vaccine; 2nd shot is due. On March 23, there was Chrism Mass in St. Xavier's Parish, Maheshpur. On March 27, after Palm Sunday celebration, we as a community went to Toribari, Milkhajung Rural Municipality near Madhumalla in Morang to visit Fr. Tek's eldest Sister and her Family. Entire village is a mini Okhaldhunga. We had a good time with them and came back after supper.

Parish work continues; there are zone masses going on during this Lent. Outdoor Way of the cross was not allowed by local authority. Holy week services



Gonzga Jesuit community visit Fr. Tek's sisters' house



are scheduled in both the places -Simalbari and Sadakbari. In Simalbari all the services will be held in the Loyola School premises and in Sadakbari Easter vigil mass will be in the school premise. The Covid 19 preventive measures will be taken during the Holy week services.

Gongaza House Correspondence



Chrism mass in Maheshpur



ST. XAVIER'S, JAWALAKHEL

Fr. Hermon Anthony is preparing to begin the ministry with Crusveer Children. Hence, he took initiative to meet crusveer animators in Godavari on 12 of March and the following week on 20 of March, he gave an introductory session to crusveer children of Baniyatar at Godavari Ashram while Fr. Anil Beck sent the Crusveer children of Baniyatar to Godavari. On March 23, 2021 Fr. Tomson began writing his final exam of M.Sc. First year at Tribhuvan University. On March 6, Fr. Sanjay Ekka went to Bhopal for his personal work for a week and came back to Kathmandu safe. Fr. Ignatius assisted the parish priest of Assumption Church by saying morning mass for the parishioners for three days at assumption church as the fathers of Assumption church went to Maheshpur for the Chrism mass. The painting of Jesuit residence is in progress, paint-

ing is being done by our school employees.

On 1 of March 2021 our school opened in-person classes for 6 -10 after almost a year. However, taking precaution against risks of pandemic, some of the co-curricular activities are suspended for time being. We are following the prescribed safety protocol at our school so the school runs smoothly. On March 13, the selected students from classes 6-10 came to the school along with their parents for the interaction program with the teachers. On 20 of march, Fr. George took the students of class 11 to Godavari for a days of orientation. After spending a day in Godavari, they came back in the evening. Fr. George conducted a day of seminar for the school teachers on 21 of March.

Fr. Sanjay

HRDRC, SANNEPA

Fr. Amrit and Mr. Bimal continue visiting Municipality offices and other Ministries for official works. Mr. Kiran is busy checking vouchers of six months of the valley Jesuit educational institutes. An inspection team from Lalitpur Municipality made visits to our Social Service centres and NJSI. The Curia office donated food items to Rohingya Refugees living in Kapan area of Kathamandu, Nepal. There are two camps in Kapan. a) Kapan Ram Mandhir has 77 families with 186 refugees and b) Kapan Lasuntar has 85 families with 206 refugees. We supported them with 25 kg bag of rice:50 bags, Mixed Dal 50 KGs, Cooking Oil 50 Packets and Salt 50 Packets.

Fr. Mathew Assarikudy took Covid vaccine in the

category of 65+ years of age. Other community members are waiting for their turn when the government announces the availability of the vaccine below 65 years' category. We bade farewell to Fr. B. Rajasekaran with a dinner on 29 March and wished him well for his new mission in Nepal Jesuit Social Institute (NJSI) as a Finance Officer. Fr. Dilip Toppo stayed with us for about a week after he came from tertianship. He moved to Campion House on 30 March. Fr. Amrit and Fr. Juel along with Fr. Ignatius took off for Tipling on 31 March for Easter Tridum and to help out Fathers there during Passion week. This time they drove a Bolero Camphor with things needed for Tipling Jesuit community.

Juel Kispotta



SHISHU BIKAS KENDRA – POKHARA

The month of March marked some special events in the history of our St. Ann's church Pokhara. The daily Mass has been regularized and it has strengthened the faith of the parishioners after the covid – 19 lockdown. Amidst this situation His Lordship Bishop Most Rev Paul Simick paid a canonical



Fr. Amit blesses Palm leaves, and the procession

visit to the Church. He offered the Holy Mass on Saturday in the church for the faithful and encouraged them to grow in deep love and faith in Jesus. He gave a heart touching homily and congratulated the youth for their melodious singing in the Mass. Both the city parishes had joined for the Holy Eucharist. The parish council president Mrs. Juliana presented a short report of the church's events and activities of the lockdown period. It was a blessing to have "Swami" in the parish after a long time. Fr. Amrit Rai, SJ the Regional Superior paid a short visit to Pokhara Jesuit Community (PJC) and met personally all the parishioners touching their hearts with his magnanimous warmth of love. Fr. Ayar is warmly welcomed at the church.

Rev. Bishop met with all the religious superiors and directors of the work concerning their wellbeing. Bishop Swami emphasized on both the churches' juridical demarcation and said firmly to function independently without jeopardizing others' territory for the daily Masses respecting the local authority. The day's event was well planned ahead of time under the guidance of Fr. Ayar. Thanks a lot to Holy Cross Sisters for their relentless service to the church and meticulous planning. God is still working; there was an installation of a new religious community of Cluny

Sisters in Pokhara. The weekdays Mass in the church is regularized in the morning at 6:30, and people are very happy to attend and free whole day to focus on their daily activities. There was simple yet meaningful Palm Sunday procession taken from the main gate to the church.



Establishment of Cluny community

SBK staffs come and clean the building and the supporting staffs have cleared the unattended garden behind the house. The vegetable garden has taken a better shape. We have cleaned the thorny bushes and goose grass and made the place more cultivable. The heavy fall of hail stone damaged our vegetables and flowery fruit trees. Covid -19 virus is once again instilling fear among the people. In few wards of the city the cases have been notified.

Fr. Ayar participated online course on, "Early Jesuit Companions and letters" for a week and enriched himself with the Jesuit heritage. He went to Dovilla along with the Bagaletole people for a day's outing and convention. Fr. Ayar made a pastoral visit to the Catholic families taking Fr. Amrit Rai, SJ showing and introducing him to them which was highly praiseworthy. Fr. Ayar and Amrit took



Frs. Amrit and Ayar trek to Dhampuhs

a day's trek up to Australian camp via Dhampuhs enjoying the scenic beauty of Mt. Fish Tail. Fr. Ayar made a long trip to Mashapur, Jhapa for the Chrism Mass. Fr. Amit took care of the spiritual needs of the parish and of the convents. Fr. Ayar and Amit are keeping well. They are spiritually, ecologically and pastorally vibrant remaining united one in mind and heart. Wish you all the Blessings of the Holy Week"

Amit Lakra

ST. XAVIER'S SOCIAL SERVICE CENTER

The month of March inaugurates the spring season, a symbol of new beginning and new life, so too St. Xavier's Social Service center (SXSSC) welcomes the new director, Fr. Thomas NP. SJ, and expresses heartfelt gratitude to outgoing director Fr. Rajasekaran SJ. The children of SXSSC had quiz contest to enhance their learning capacities. The children of Aruna Bhawan, participated in first martial art promotion test. Mr. Anup



Celebration on colours

Nepali and Mr. Surendra Rana have been promoted from class 2 to class 4 due to their extraordinary talents. We appreciate their talents and congratulate them for hard work and dedication in their studies. SXSSC expresses its gratefulness to Mr. Anoj Basnet for snacks to our children. Our sincere thanks to Mr. Babu Krishna Maharjan for providing groceries for the children. We were graced to receive the deputy mayor Lalitpur Metropolitan City, Mrs. Gita Satyal and her team for visiting SXSSC and for inspecting the center. SXSSC expresses sincere gratitude and thankfulness to Mr. Suraj Sunar who served the center while pursuing his plus two studies. Mr.

Petrus Soreng, a plus 2 student is remembered and appreciated for his service at Gafney Bhawan. Both the students have been reintegrated into their families. The children of Aruna Bhawan celebrated International Women's Day on 8 March, 2021. The children had organized the program and had special meal to mark the same. The children of Aruna Bhawan have already given their terminal examination in the pandemic situation and are waiting for their results. Miss Margret Bara, a volunteer staff of Aruna Bhawan has finally completed her Bachelor's degree and waiting for the result. The children were overjoyed to see the day of holi where they could play the colors and color themselves as well. The construction work of the building at boy's home is progressing gradually. We the members of SXSSC are very much thankful to all the donors who contributed to make the children's life more beautiful and easy. Finally, SXSSC wishes all the donors and well-wishers a Blessed and Happy Easter.

B Rajasekaran



Aruna bhawan children



Children celebrate Women's day



Celebration on colours

KAMAL NIWAS

Nepal Jesuit Social Institute (NJSI) has been supporting the children with special needs of Susta Manisthiti Punarsthapana Kendra and Shree Kali Devi hostel which is located at Kavre district. There are 20 students in Susta Manisthiti Punarsthapana Kendra and 10 students at Shree Kali Devi hostel.



Distribution of food materials

On March 3, NJSI team reached to the schools with needed nutritious food.

On March 8 a thanksgiving program was organized at Maithi Nepal by Ms. Anu Radha Koirala. This program was to show the gratitude who had helped during Covid-19. Two nuns from Good Shepherd, Sr. Aisha SCN, Fr. Augustine SDB and Fr. Arul from here participated in the meeting. Institution like ILO, The Katmandu Post and other agencies also participated. Ms. Anu Radha Koirala thanked all the sponsors and awarded them with token of love. More than 100 beneficiaries attended the meeting and some of them expressed their gratitude and



A meeting in Chitwan

their expectations from the sponsors. With the objectives of providing training on the use Smart Education Hub, NJSI has started Rural Edu-

cation Improvement in Nepal (REIN) project from this year. REIN aims to provide new type of practical knowledge through the use of smart hub to the students so that they can learn and implement them effectively and efficiently.

Five days' Teachers Training program from March



8-12 was organized in Kamal Niwas. It consisted of English course on first day, Computer course on second and third day, course on the use of smart hub on fourth day. Following day was considered as the practical day where all the gained knowledge of teachers was tested as per their learning and understanding. Fifteen teachers from eight different schools of Kavre and Sindupalchowk districts were present for the program. The courses were conducted by Fr. Paul, Fr. Roy, Fr. Raja, computer teachers from St. Xavier's school and NJSI staff. Mr. Krishna Dubedi District Education Officer (DEO) of Sindhupalchowk attended both the inauguration and clos-



Fr. Paul takes English class

ing ceremony. On March 19 an orientation for Principals took place in Kamal Niwas. Fifteen Principals from various

government schools took part in the program. This course would enhance the Principals to monitor the Smart Hub program in their respective schools.

Covid-19 has affected the nation's healthcare system, leaving people at the risk of exposure and adding to livelihood challenges. On March 9, NJSI in collaboration with SCN Sisters distributed packages consisting of 25kg of rice, 2 kg of channa, 2kg of Soyabean, 1kg of oil, 1kg of salt, 1kg of beaten rice, 2 packs of



Medical camp by health workers and Distribution of medicine by Sr. Aisa and NJSI team

soap and 2 kg of dal to 150 families of Shyame dada, Gajuri of Dhading district. Fr. Roy, Sr. Aisha and her two social work staff went to the spot and distributed the materials with help of villagers. On March 22, NJSI collaborated with SCN Sisters again to distribute relief packages of same amount to 75 families of Rorang Rural Municipality.

Thokarpa is one of the remotest villages in Sindhupalchowk district. On March 17, NJSI finished the construction of toilets for both boys and girls in New



Food material distribution

Aseptic School, Thokarpa, Sunkoshi Rural Municipality. Fr. Paul joined the group for visiting the area. Every year Caritas Germany organizes annual meeting for partner organizations. On March 22, NJSI team left Kathmandu for the annual meeting at Sauraha, Chitwan. The meeting was from March 23- 25 at Hotel Jungle Crown. Seven organizations were

present for the meeting. Each organization presented their activities in brief with relevant pictures and videos. Along with the sharing session, other sessions on different topics also were presented such as "Catholic Social Teaching", "Community Based Sustainability", "Cooperatives", "Cross-cutting issues", experiences, challenges and problems on the use of Kobo tool box.

Fr. Paul joined Kamal Niwas community on March



1. A warm welcome and prayers for his future mission. He is very active and joins in NJSI activities. He spends his time helping in the garden to keep place neat and beautiful. He also travels out of Kathmandu for visiting different centers. Fr. Arul and Fr. Roy attended CRN penitential service held at Godavari Ashram on March 20.

S. Arulanadam



GOOD SHEPHERD, TIPLING

Tipling is becoming more and more accessible by the day. The vehicle bridge over the Dundrey khola (river) is complete and in use. Vehicles can get to Borang and beyond. Tipling at this point is less than a four hour walk to our house. Another vehicle bridge is nearing completion on the road to Majet, our sub-station. This bridge connects to Xavier Marg, and now provides vehicle access right to the Majet prayer chapel. By the newly constructed upper road, for some time now, comes right to our door step here in Tipling. Two trucks in fact had just arrived via upper road as this article was being prepared. While on the subject of physical infrastructure, a helipad has been constructed beside Xavier Marg just below the health post. (This is not to suggest we recommend the hale and hearty visit us by helicopter.) Nearby to



Palm Sunday celebration

friendly trails etc., are a traditional way to honor the memory of the deceased here in the mountains.



A Heli pad in Tipling

Visitors this month included the MBS students from St Xavier's college, Kathmandu. They were accompanied by Sr. Sophia, student counselor in the college. They visited both our primary and high schools here in Tipling and distributed gifts of stationery and other useful school items.

Pastoral ministry continues apace, especially with regular Mass, Lenten Stations of the Cross, and choir practice, the latter to learn new liturgical songs for Holy Week and Easter. The youth led a Palm Sunday procession through the village and on up to the church, palms in hand. Forgive the pun. In fact, palm branches are not available up here and a local species was put to use. United Mission to Nepal and HIMS (Himalayan



SX College students with Sr. Sofia



Home made cake in Tipling village



Catechism and song practice

this and also on our new road is a 'chautara' or resting point. It was constructed by Che Ghale's family as a memorial to their son who died recently in a tragic motorcycle accident in Kathmandu. Several members of his family are Catholic and had the memorial blessed in a simple ceremony by us. For those international readers who may not know, community projects such as rest points and trekking

Salvation Society) held a day long program to hand over the government high school, which they had recently renovated, to the school managing committee. The Fathers, who teach in both schools, were invited guests.

A Joyful Easter to All.

Jesuit Sources, Tipling



A new bridge at Dhundre inaugurated



DIASPORA

Georgetown, Guyana

I am keeping well.

This is my first infrastructure project in Guyana. I heard that this project was pending for last 4 years. God blessed me with good opportunity and good people in Guyana. It is a renovation of a tower and painting the building. It seems the tower was built in 1908 and Church was in 1876. Nice view from the tower. Fr. Paul will share with you more about Guyana.

The quotation is about US \$70,000. God gave me a Generous donor and saved all the problems of construction. Recite a small prayer once in a while for my mission in Guyana.

Boby Joseph



View from tower



Church built in 1876

PREMAL JYOTI, AHMADEBAD

This month we were busy with many activities. On 15th of March, we welcomed first year brothers in Premal Jyoti community officially. On this occasion we had Mass, cultural programs and some fun games organized by second- and third-year brothers. From 6th to 9th of March we had a workshop on Ignatian Spirituality. By this workshop we became aware of oneself and the spirit of the Society. Our first-year brothers were guided by Fr. James SJ, to work on the very life of St. Ignatius and his first companions in Rome. Fr. Peter SJ, led our second-year brothers to work on the history after the death of St Ignatius. The third-year brothers did their workshop on the lives of saints and blessed of our Society. The spiritual life, commitment to the mission and unconditional love of our early fathers for the Society inspired us to imitate them. In addition, we had presentation and sharing which enable us to imbibe in us the missionary zeal of our early fathers. This workshop indeed helped us to understand our Mother Society and its mission. At present we are busy in holy week and online classes.

Sch. Krish

LOYOLA, NAMCHI

I completed my final online micro teaching practice on 17th of March. Our online examination started from 22nd of March and finishing on 4th of April. We play badminton and basketball regularly and good to see that many students are interested in games here. Community staff members are supportive and providing good atmosphere to do well in our studies and in our co-curricular activities. We are planning to celebrated Easter and getting ready to welcome Ignatian year in our community.

Sch. Martin Moris

ATENEO DE MANILA

Greetings from Ateneo De Manila. Here at Jesuit Residence Manila, I am well taken care of and I am busy these days with my studies. These remaining months will be more of concluding sessions for me with assignments, integration papers, and an on-line Marriage Encounter seminar. I will be officially done with all my studies on 5th June 2021.

My plan to fly back to Nepal is on 15th June. Though I finish all my courses on 5th June, it might take a little time to get all my certificates, and then I need to get exit clearance since I have been here more than 6 months with my tourist visa, then covid test so on.

Tej Kalyan



April 01	Fr. Lawrence Maniyar
April 07	Br. Hermon Anthony
April 16	Fr. Peter Chettri
April 18	Fr. Tek Bahadur Paudel
April 20	NS. Alex Hemrom
April 23	Br. Clarence Joseph
April 27	Fr. Leo Cachat
April 29	Fr. Tej Kalyan Kujur



***FR ANIL KISHOR TIRKEY, S.J.** (RAN 67/47) passed away on 27 March in C. Lievens Hospital & Research Centre Mandar, Ranchi.

***FR. ARUL JEEVAN, S.J.** (MDU 73/50) passed away on 22 March at St. Joseph Hospital, Dindigul. **Ms. Celinmary Vargeese**, mother of Sch. Devadhas passed away on 15 March in an accident.

***BRO VICTOR CAMPOS, S.J.** (GOA 87/20) passed away on 10 March in Goa.

***FR EDWARD KERKETTA, S.J.** (RAN 69/46) expired on 8 March in Samford Hospital, Ranchi.

***FR. SAVARIMUTHU XAVIER, S.J.** (CEN 83/59) passed away on 3 March at St. Joseph Hospital, Dindigul.

Mrs. Melemia Guria Topno (60) elder sister of Br. Irenius Guria passed away on 3 March.

Mrs Rosa Joseph (98yrs), grandmother of Fr. Manu Mathew passed away on 2 March.

THOSE WHO SERVED IN NEPAL

James E. Chambers	03/04/2018
Marshall D. Moran	14/04/1992
John Blanchard	20/04/2001
William Schock	20/04/2001
Fredrick Moore	27/04/1999