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Region Superior Appoints

Br. Broney Chettri, Minister and Treasurer, Godavari Ashram (Additional Responsibility effective from 16 July 2021).

Heartly Welocome to our new novices

Manresa Jesuit Novitiate, Kalimpong

1. N.S. Pradip Hembrom (27) from Kamarchowki Parish, Kolkata Archdioces, West Bengal.
2. N.S. Sandeep Hasda (20) from Torai Parish, Jharkhand.



Sch. Anthoni Hembrom pronounced his First Vows on June 21, 2021 at Dhyhan Ashram, Kolkata.



Fr. Casper J. Miller

LIFT UP YOUR HEART

Episode One.

Conversation with a Rabbi

Setting: Kathmandu, a popular coffee shop, present time. late afternoon Characters (in order of appearance): Shova (coffee shop hostess), Rabbi (Yeshua, aka Jesus of Nazareth, Disciple), Pokche (a Jesuit of Nepal)

Shova: How's the coffee, gentlemen? **Rabbi:** Excellent as always, Shova. (turning o Disciple) What's wrong with you today, Pokshe? You look so glum. **Disciple:** Sure I'm glum, as you put it. Actually, I I feel deeply sad, even depressed. **Rabbi:** Depressed? But I heard you at Mass this morning. When the priest said, "Lift up your hearts. You chimed in with the others to say "We lift them up to the Lord". Didn't you?

Disciple: I didn't mean it. My heart weighs a ton these days. How could I lift it up? I'd get a rupture!

Rabbi: Now wait a minute, Mr. Depressed! Don't you remember what I told my disciples at the Last Supper? "Don't let your heart be troubled,," Clear, isn't it?: **Disciple:** Clear? I don't understand you at

all. At the same supper you yourself said you were deeply troubled. And at the garden later, you told your disciples that you thought you were going to die from anguish at the suffering – and death – that was right around the corner.

Rabbi: You're mixing up two things – what was going on in the feelings department of my heart and what was going on in the decision part. You got to realize that in my language. "heart" has many departments. And decision making is really important, as well as emotions. My will was strong. I accepted what was going to happen to me. That was a decision. But my feelings were killing me, I was feeling so afraid of the pain, the abandonment, the rejections, the humiliations. Feelings, man, deep feelings! Understand? But also in my heart, in my will, there was trust, strong trust in my Father. Sadness and fear, yes, but coexisting with the strength of trust.

Rabbi: Get it? **Disciple:** Got it! Can we continue this discussion next time we meet? **Rabbi:** Definitely. Same time, same place. **Shova:** Going now? Bye, Guys. See you again. **Rabbi:** God willing! Shalom to you. Shova. shalom.

to be continued...

St. Xavier's School, Godavari



“I am the Vine and you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit. Apart from me you can do nothing.”
John 15.5

The biblical imagery has appeared tangibly outside of SXG dining room. This plant can be a reminder, a guide and a visible sign to those who appreciate plants and Creator. Sch. Ashish and gardener Maila Dai spent plenty of time to raise it.



Online admission test for Cl. One

During the first and third week of June the school conducted online class One admission test for SXG and SXJ. The school also organized online career counselling workshop for class 10 and 12.

On 10 June annual result were published for all the classes and new admission for class One students were taken. On the 13th all the teachers participated in online seminar on Jesuit School Living Tradition in 21st Century conducted by Fr. Sunny Jacob SJ.

In the third week of June, staff meeting and class One orientation for new Academic year were held.

Online classes resumed for all in new academic year.



Virtual staff meeting and orientation

Sports are a crucial part of a student's growth and development. They help in the development of mental health and physical fitness of the body. On the occasion of Olympic Day, SXG organized Intra-School online painting competition for classes 8 & 9.



Poster for painting competition

The SXG community gave farewell to Sr. Rashmika Gurung SJC. The school appreciated her teaching and dedicated service. In new academic year Sr. Pratima Bara from St. Anne's and Sr. Rosalia Gurung, SJC joined the school. Hearty welcome Sisters and best wishes for your future endeavors.

End of this month our two teaching staff Ms. Ratna Pradhan and Mr. Ashok Kumar Rai and three supporting staff Jit Bdr. Tamang, Motilal Tamang and Chetra Bikram Thapa got retirement. The school is grateful for their services and sharing their lives in Jesuit mission. God bless them and their families abundantly.

SXG Sources



SXG community in New Academic Year 2021-22

St. Xavier's School, Jawalakhel



On May 31, 2021 Fr. William Robins and Sch. Ashish Ekka joined St. Xavier's school Jawalakhel community. Previously they were working at St. Xavier's school Godavari. Fr. William Robins completed



Fr. Bill against the backdrop of Rani Mahal, Tansen

his long journey of 50 years of his priesthood on June 5, 2021; hence this year is the Golden Jubilee year for Fr. Bill Robins. Due to the lockdown only community members had a small celebration and Holy Eucharist thanking God for his great contribution for Nepal Jesuit Society and Nepal at large. However, we are looking forward to celebrate his Golden Jubilee later when the situation is normal. CONGRATULATIONS! Fr. William Robins for completing 50 years of your Priesthood. On 6 June, Fr. Bill began his annual retreat in the community itself but his health was not so good



Staff are taking online admission test for Class One

while he was making the retreat. Fr. Jomon Jose also joined St. Xavier's Jawalakhel Jesuit community on 15 June and after staying here for some time, he went to Deonia on 25 June since he got the lift as SCN Sisters vehicle went to Dharan. On 1 July, he will go to Kerala for a month-long home visit.

On June 15, 2021 the Ignatian year and new academic year was inaugurated virtually. In spite of the lockdown Fr. Sanjay Ekka coordinated well with the Ignatian year committee members and the students and

the program was prepared and uploaded on YouTube. Now the Classes are being conducted in online mode. This year we received over four thousand applicants for class One entrance test. The entrance test was conducted online on June 24, 25 and 26 at St. Xavier's college, Maitighar and St. Xavier's school, Godavari. We express our heartfelt gratitude to Fr. Augustine and Fr. Samuel for providing us space with excellent internet facilities. Fr. George, Sch. Ashish and Fr. Sanjay assisted and supervised the teachers while the entrance test was going on. However, after making a shortlist on the basis of merits, the students will be selected on the basis of lottery system on 2 of July which is going to be unprecedented though. So, the pandemic has caused us to be more innovative to tackle such situations. Fr. George and Mr. Niraj Thapa worked hard and planned



Jesuits of Jawalakhel community on IY21-22 opening day meticulously for the implementation of the new system.

There are some schools and students who are not so privileged to have online classes therefore, Fr. George has hired three teachers and made arrangements for special classes for the social service center boys at SXJ.

Sanjay Ekka



Fr. Bill celebrates 50 yrs. of priesthood with his community

CAMPION HOUSE, MAITIGHAR

Deepak Jans joined the community on 3 June. He got right into community life by contributing to the lockdown activities like cooking, cleaning and the like. Further, he has volunteered to help Cap in updating his computer skills as Cap engages himself in his new mission of 'Lift up your hearts'. Deepak has also taken up the mantle of looking after the community library in place of Jomon. In the meantime, he has applied for admission to MBS and has started preparation for the entrance examination to be conducted by TU.



Students waiting for relief work

After six years of being part of the community, Jomon left Champion House to join his new community SXJ on 15 June. Community enjoyed a few farewell dinners in his honor. We are going to miss his presence immensely. Champion House assures him of our prayers and wishes as he prepares to take up his new mission. It was heard in the basketball court that the hardest part about adjusting to the new community was shifting his loyalty from kaji team to paji team during basketball games!

A Level admissions have been completed for the year 2021 – 22 following the online process that we developed last year. Orientation for the new comers and their parents is scheduled for 30 June and classes for the new academic year for A Levels will begin from 4 July 2021. We await the SEE results for admissions to class 11. Our class 12 students who

are on study leave still await the decision of NEB regarding their final examinations.

BSW students had their end semester examinations and are on a well deserved break before they start their next academic year on 18 July. TU students and faculty are happy to know that their pending examinations will be conducted in the month of Srawan. We hope that the examinations take place as scheduled so that we can move on to the next academic year.

There is more life in the college with the support



Students with food packets ready to go



Students distribute food at a hospital

staff and administrative staff coming to the college following the odd-even schedule of vehicles. Coordinators and Heads of Departments are also present in the college these days as we plan for the new academic year.

After completing phase II of the Covid -19 Response within the valley, our outreach team was supposed to visit and intervene in a Chepang village in Gorkha facing acute food shortage. They couldn't make the visit due to the heavy rains and landslides. However, in collaboration with our Alumni working among the same community, we were able to supply some basic provisions for the families in need there. We continue to look out for needy situations and people to respond to them as much as we can.

Champion House Sources



The College staff and student volunteers distribute food kits to people in various villages outside of Kathmandu valley



ARRUPE NIWAS, DEONIA

This month saw our two scholastics off to India. Gorakh is now in Hatighisa continuing his re-

mention the staff deserve all the credit for this. Speaking of staff, our support staff have been reporting for work. In particular, our bus drivers have been helping Fr. Danny with estate maintenance. With their help he has overseen the planting of trees, mowing the grass on the playing fields, reorganizing the workshop, and constructing furniture.



Frs. Boniface (L) & Norbert (R) taking entrance test for Cl. One

gency there. Wilson is in Ranchi about to begin his theological studies. The local superintendent of police has been a great help assisting our people crossing the Nepal border into India. By the time you read this, he will have assisted Fr. Jomon over the border on Jomon's way home to Kerala for a home visit.

On the pastoral front, Frs. Bonny and Arul have been holding outdoor communion services on Saturday for our youth on the weekends. Frs. Arul and Mike have also provided directed retreats to the FC Sisters here in Deonia.

Fr. Arul, by the way, managed to make his annual retreat at our brother community in Maheshpur.

So the lockdown hasn't been without some 'positives' in the good sense.

Arrupe Niwas Jesuit Sources



Arrupe Niwas front garden

The school here is winning kudos for continuing classes online and not only classes but exams and new admissions online. Frs. Bonny, Daniel, Arul, and scholastics Gorakh, Wilson, and Donald, not to



Frs. Daniel (L) & Arul (R) taking entrance test for Cl. One

HRDRC, SANEPA

Region office was open throughout the month of June. Our lay staff came for work regularly. The Jesuits too were seen at their office desk every day. In the evenings community members worked in the kitchen garden. It is good to see the plants growing and flowering and bearing fruits. The fruits of our labour has already started coming to our dining table. In collaboration with Good Shepherd Sisters, the Region Office distributed dry ration kits to 50 needy families in Koteshowr in Kathmandu district. Fr. Mathew reports some of the mobile clinics were active even during the lockdown whereas some were not so active due to Covid cases in the villages. Sr. Latika was quite sick for many weeks in Surkhet.

She is now transferred to Rajgir in Bihar and another sister Jonis has taken her place recently. We thank Sr. Latika for her services for two years with the mobile clinic and welcome Sr. Jonis. Sr. Jaya with Kathmandu Mobile Clinic team continues to go to remote villages of Dhading and Nuwakot for extending mobile clinic services to people. At the same time, she also distributes food kits for needy families at mobile clinic centres. Frs. Amrit and Mathew did their best to help Mr. Shiva Kapari, our old cook with his health issue around early June. He died later in the month. Fr. Anup arrived here on 29 June and would be staying for a few days.

Juel Kispotta

FABER HOUSE, MAHESHPUR

June 13 all our teachers attended the online seminar organized by Nepal Jesuit Society's Secondary Education Commission. Many of them expressed that this seminar was first of its kind that they have attended in which so many participants were present and yet it was very interesting. They are happy to have an opportunity to interact with teachers of other schools. Furthermore, the teachers, teaching in the junior section benefited from the webinar hosted by the Jawalakhel teachers, through the initiative of Fr. Boniface. In this webinar the teachers have mastered certain skills to make their teaching interesting and thus enable the students to be attentive in the class. Thanks to Fr. Boniface and Fr. George P.M for sharing the human resources. On June 14 our staff were enrolled in the Social Security Fund. The school announced the result of final examination on June 15. We are going to start the online classes for 8, 9 and 10. Though initially there were lots of apprehensions from parents, after having meeting with parents at different villages, centers and tolls, now many have agreed to the suggestion of starting online classes for the senior classes. Seeing the response of this first initiative the next level of classes for 5 to 7 will be planned out soon. The field survey is done and the details are collected to distribute food ration to 170 poor families

in and around the school. From the 4th July we have planned to distribute the food ration. Thanks to Fr. Roy and NJSI for the financial help to reach out to these deserving poor families.



Frs. Norbert & Mike cut their birthday cake

On June 12, we had a combined birthday celebration of Fr. Norbert and Fr. Mike. We had a joyful evening in the name of the birthday babies. Fr. Arul made his annual retreat under the guidance of Fr. Paul K.C. After his retreat he stayed with us for two days. Within those two days we had tasted so many varieties of food items - Biryani, Paratha, Up-puma, Saambar. The food items were so delicious that so much so the community requested him to stay on for few more days but as usual with his mesmerizing laughter he said, he has to go to Deonia as soon as possible.

In the parish online masses are celebrated as usual on every Saturday, providing the opportunity to the faithful to attend the online mass. From coming Saturday we are planning to have mass for the faithful on the open space with the restricted number in the school campus. Fr. Norbert has fenced the fish pond with nylon net, and put some fish fingerlings. Now he is confident that after six months he will be able to provide fish to the community once a week. It's a good move indeed!

Nicholas Christuraj



Junior students collect assignments from their teachers



Fr. Norbert has cleaned and protected a fish pond

GONZAGA HOUSE, SADAKBARI

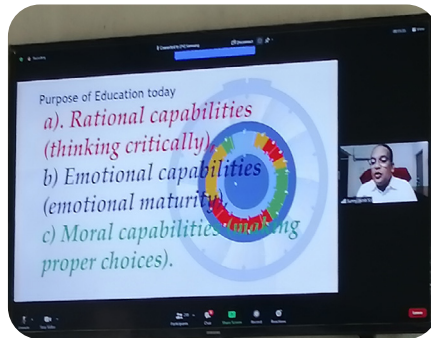
Last week of May onwards, we were in strict lockdown. On 13th June, we had online admission for the nursery was opened. Srs. Bailatha and Nalina arrived to the community on evening of June 21. On the 25th long awaited facility, 62 KVA generator was brought to the school and was commissioned on the 28th. Fr. Tek went to Birtamode to get books for the new session on June 27. Fr. Vijay participated in the SJES CAP planning from May 28-30. It was a very good learning and sharing. He had to go to Moran Memorial School, Maheshpur to sign some documents and then to Deonia



Fr. Tek celebrates online mass for faithful staff seminar for all the Nepal Jesuit schools staff by Fr. Sunny Jacob on the "Jesuit Schools - A Living Tradition in the 21st Century." It was well appreciated by the staff even though it was a first online seminar experience for St. Xavier's Sadakbari (SXS) staff. We attended as one unit through LED TV monitor screen. On the 14th of June School Management Committee (SMC) meeting was held. Fr. Boniface, the Chairman could not be present physically thus we had the meeting on google meet. On the same day final result was published online. Sr. Elsamma celebrate her birthday on June 15. June 16-18 there was a subject related online seminar cum sharing of experiences by St. Xavier's School, Jawalakhel (SXJ) teachers to the Jesuit schools of Jhapa, organized and managed by Fr. Boniface Tigga. It was also a great learning experience for our teachers. After the final result,



Sr. Elsamma celebrates her birthday

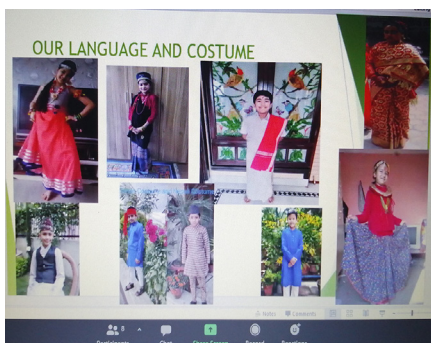


Teaching staff members attend online seminar

to get our documents signed from the SMC Chairman Fr. Boniface Tigga. Fr. Vijay will be attending II Colloquium JESEDU- Global2021 from June 28 to July 2. Srs. Bailatha and Nalina were welcomed officially on 24 June when we had the Gonzaga House Day Celebration. On the 29th we thanked God for the gift of Br. Irenius in our community.

At Parish level, Nepal Jesuit Social Institute Covid reach out is taking place very quietly. Online Nepali Masses continue regularly on Sundays. Convent Mass at Loyola School has resumed. Pastoral visits are suspended now unless it's very necessary like burial.

Vijay Toppo



SXSSC SOCIAL SERVICE CENTER

The month of June kept us on our toes due to the number of activities such as online classes, exams, tuition classes, virtual motivational sessions to mention a few. As we all are aware of the new mode of teaching and learning that is online classes, due to the lack of devices for our children, they have to

June, the World Environment Day was celebrated by planting some plants including fruit trees at Aruna Bhawan. Moreover, there was a small presentation by some of our children related to environmental issues.

On 17 June, Fr. George who is the Principal of St.



Boys from SXSSC engrossed in meditating



Birthday celebration



Distributing food kits to poor neighbours

share the devices among themselves. Anyway we are able to share and manage so far. Some students appear for the final examinations and some are promoted to upper classes.

As the Corona virus keeps on increasing rapidly we the staff of SXSSC got the first dose of corona vaccine. There is no less hope of uplifting the lockdown but the Nepal government keeps extending it for weeks which has caused lots of problems to daily workers. Seeing the present scenario in and around us we distributed some ration kits to the needy and single mothers with the help of St. Xavier's College in the valley including some parents of our children. On 16 June a virtual motivational session was conducted to the boys of SXSSC by our ex-student, Mr. Som Nepali along with his friends (MSW students from Kerala, India). So we are indebted to them and express our heartfelt gratitude to them. On 5

Xavier's School, Jawalakhel offered some tuition classes to ten boys who are studying in grade three to six. We would like to thank Fr. George for giving opportunities to our children and being available and spending some quality time with them.

On 25 June, we welcomed Namuna Shahi who has been admitted to hospital for three months for the surgery of her burnt hand. We are happy to welcome her after her successful surgery; now she is recovering well.

Some of the children in their hometown areas are affected by flood but fortunately they all are safe and sound. There are some children who are waiting to come back to Aruna Bhawan due to lack of facilities in their respective places but due to lockdown they remain at their hometown.

Ms. Margret Bara



Aruna Bhawan girls cleaning garden



Group photo girls from Aruna Bhawan



Some girls posing for photos

SHISHU BIKAS KENDRA, POKHARA

The partial lockdown has given some relief to the people in the city. They have some space to move about in the open road with preventive measure. The private vehicles are on move within the district based on odd-even numbers. Shishu Bikas Kendra (SBK) students are well. They enjoy the social media and are connected with the group. It has been over a year now students have not seen one another. Many have grown tall and smart. Few supporting staffs come to the School and spend time in gardening and keeping the compound in good order. SSF is implemented to the SBK staff. This year the litchi fruit was less and were given out to all the convents and few supporting staff. The SBK play ground is occupied with few pets.



Ms. Bishnu celebrating her first birthday

birthday celebration. She completed her half a century of life. She had never celebrated her birthday before nor did she ever cut cake in her life. It was her first time birthday celebration with cake, delicious food, song and above all thanking the Lord in the Holy Eucharist. She never expected that it would be so grace filled day that somebody cares for her. She is loved and is precious. We care for all equally”, says Fr. Ayar Kujur. The online Mass, adoration and rosary prayers have strengthened and united the parishioners spiritually over the Zoom. They have become good at operating. The priests are available to offer the Holy Mass whenever they are requested after the partial open. They follow the preventive measure. We are keeping



Fr. Ayar, P.P. saying mass to convent

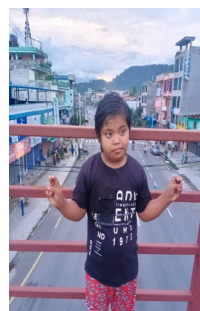


Fr. Ayar, P.P. saying online mass for the faithful

A kind gesture brightens someone’s day. Everyone likes to be loved, appreciated and liked especially when someone is disappointed and frustrated in life, just a small kind gesture can boost the person to live the life with vigor. “Bishnu Pariyar a SBK supporting staff completed her 50 years, yet it was her first time

well in the community. Our house cook got viral fever and took leave for a week. We were glad to have a surprise visit of NJSI team to Pokhara community after a long time. “Be the change you wish to see in the world” - MG.

Amit Lakra



Students of Shishu Bikas Kendra at their homes

GOOD SHEPHERED, TIPLING

The month of May began with the closure of Church as guidelines given by Bishop Paul Simick. Schools in Ruby Valley were asked to close by palika on 26 April. The first wave of Covid-19 did not affect much in Tipling; however, schools were closed. But at present, corona virus has reached Tipling and nearby villages. Many villagers were sick,

liam Tamang accompanied us. Though we could not meet Catholic family in Linjo, we met an old man in Puru who was baptized by Fr. Cap in Pokhara. In the month of May, Sr. Rachel, Good Shepherd Pokhara asked us to distribute dry rations to 12 families from four different villages and we did it smoothly. Nepal Jesuit Society also agreed to give



Fr. Anup with at Pyaldor



Fr. Anup against the backdrop of Mr. Ganesh



Frs. Manu (L) and Anup (R)

especially children and adults. Recently, three persons were kept in isolation in a health post. However, due to lack of facility, they did not stay there very long. There were PCR test done in Tipling but very few people went for the test as they were afraid of being positive on PCR test. People are frightened that corona has reached Tipling and affecting many people. However, the people continue to live their normal life and work as schedule.

Frs. Anup and Manu with nine of the parish youth went out to Pansang to relax and enjoy togetherness. But due to continuous rain, could not reach to Pyaldor (Crus dara). After a week, Fr. Anup went to Pansang again with a protestant group from Jarlang and Tipling and this time managed to reach Pyaldor (Crus dara). We also visited Puru and Linjo; Wil-

dry rations to poor and needy people of Tipling and so far 33 families have been given rations from Namsa village.

During the lockdown, Fr. Manu and I cleaned house, church and surroundings our property. We also managed to make small vegetable garden and planted various vegetables, hoping to get some fruits after few months. Fr. Anup continues to show cooking skills by making cake, nimkee, gulab jamun, balusahi, doughnut, biryani and so on with limited materials available.

Frs. Anup and Manu continue to visit parishioners' houses for house blessing and prayers. We are waiting for church to be opened. Both the schools in Tipling are closed but new admission work has started.

Anup Minj



Fr. Anup (L) with his youths



Villagers ith thier dry food kits



Small Kitchen gadenat Jesuit house

KAMAL NIWAS, BHAKUNDOL

From the 28th onwards, Fr. Arul and Kamal have been staying in Regional Centre. On June 2 Mr. Kamal went home because his wife was sick. On the 9th Kamal was back to the Centre. This is monsoon season so we are planting fruits trees and preparing garden.

Covid-19 second wave relief work was in full swing in collaboration with Maithi Nepal and Nav Jyoti Centre. On 3rd Part of relief work, we distributed relief materials in Tinpiplay- 150 houses and in Panuti 300 house of Kavera district. After distributing relief materials that group came to Regional Centre and had lunch which they had brought.

On 12th Covid-19 second wave Food Relief materials were distributed for 150 families in Gajuri and another 150 families in Shami Danda of Dhading district.

On 18th Kamal Niwas gave farewell to Fr. Paul. He spent almost three months in Kamal Niwas community. His stay was very supportive and helpful for

community. Our gratefulness and prayers for his future mission. On the same day Fr. Arul went back to Panchkal, Fr. Roy too went to Regional Center; from there he visited Dholalghat river situation. Kamal, our staff went for his home visit.

On 23rd NJSI in collaboration with Maithi Nepal, Nav Jyothi Centre and with Congregation of Jesus, Jawalakhel distributed tarpaulin and other cooking materials to 70 families in Helambu Municipality and Melamchi Bazar. After distributions that group visited Panchkal Centre.

On 25th Fr. Roy and Fr. Augustus went to Pokhara, Kaski district for post relief impact assessment. They distributed food materials to 200 families. Nepal Jesuit Social Institute with collaboration with other agencies has distributed food materials and other livelihood materials for 1170 families altogether. Thanks to our benefactors and all other supporters.

S. Arulanadam



NJSI and collaborators distributing food kits to families of various villages outside of Kathmandu valley

DIASPORA

PREMAL JYOTI, AHMEDABAD

This month has been blessed with showers of rain as monsoon sets in. The Scholastics are being kept on their toes engaging in different activities. On June 5, the occasion of Environment Day, we had an awareness program on Ecology. Resource persons Fr. Lancy D'Cruz SJ and Mr. Xavier highlighted the importance of environment in our daily activities and enhancing it in our spiritual life as well. The impact of this input session can be seen with the planting of 100 Conocarpus successfully around the house. 9th June was a day filled with mixture of both joy and sadness as we bade adieu to our old minister, Fr. Charles SJ and heartily welcomed Fr. Sudhir SJ as he

stepped into the shoes of the former. 20th June was truly a blessing day for the Province of Gujarat as Fr. Abraham Kalaranga SJ celebrates his Golden Jubilee in the Society of Jesus.

At the end of this month, we had recollection under the guidance of Fr. Suresh SJ. The theme was based on "To see all things new in Christ". The scholastics have completed their end semester-exams in this month and are all set to get into the next semesters as the college has commenced its next academic year.

Sch. Krish Murmu SJ

SENIOR HOME, MATIGARA

The month of June was a time of grace, prayerfulness and great joy. On 1 June we had meeting with the Provincial and the PCF. The meeting was very inspiring, fruitful and at the same time challenging.



Nepal Schs. Lawrence (L) and Niroj (R) at new safe home

On 21 June we had inauguration of safe home in Matigara. The District Administrator S. Panam Balam, Siliguri Municipal Corporation, Gautama Dev, Darjeeling district health officer, and Dean of the Medical Collage North Bengal were present.

In Jesu Ashram, the safe home was raised with the arrangement of 30 beds with oxygen concentration for mothers and children. Keeping in mind the second wave of corona and the uncertainty of the ar-

rival of the third wave, the safe home was prepared. The safe home was opened by the district administration, with the help of various organizations and the Jesu Ashram Committee. On the 26th June we celebrated golden Jubilee of Father Paulose and also had the birthday celebration of Father Provincial, Wilfred Lobo. For the Eucharistic celebration all Tarai communities were invited. It was a spiritually enlivening experience for us. We prayed for both fathers for their generosity and dedication to the Society of Jesus.

From June 28 onwards all philosophers are attending the classes.

Schs. Niroj Minj and Lawrence Kerketta



Inauguration of safe home at Jesu Ashram, Matigara

DHYAN ASHRAM, KOLKATA

The second-year novices began their discernment retreat on the 31st of May under the direction of Fr Sajeev, the Novice Master. In the meantime, the first-year novices occupied themselves by classes by Fr Jinesh. After the retreat we had a few days of holidays to relax and cherish our companionship through a campus picnic, games and watching some movies. This was followed by classes on Non-Violent Communication by Fr Sajeev.

On June 12, the community bade farewell to Fr Jothi, our minister, and welcomed Sch Manish, the new regent teacher at the Juniorate. Eight new novices started their First Probation on June 19. They also soon got a taste of the novitiate life through their participation in the preparations for the Vows Day like singing practice, decoration, cleaning etc.

The long-awaited Vows Day was celebrated on June 21, the feast of St Aloysius Gonzaga. The Eucharistic Celebration started at 10.30 AM and Fr Raphael Hyde, the provincial of Calcutta, was the main celebrant. He received the vows of the six second year novices including Anthoni Hembrom for Nepal Region in the presence of the whole Dhyan Ash-

ram community. The ceremony was broadcast live so that the families and friends of the vovents could take part in the celebration virtually.

After the mass, there was a short felicitation program in the newly renovated Tagore Hall. The newly professed Jesuits were felicitated by the novices with singing and bouquets. Fr Sunny, our rector, congratulated the vovents and the novitiate staff. Sch Sahaya Ravi, one of the newly professed, expressed his gratitude on behalf of his companions.

In the evening, the first-year novices gave an emotional farewell to their seniors. It was also a chance for the new Juniors to express their sentiments. On June 23, I got a train to Mumbai to join the Juniorate at Vinayalaya. I was received at the station where I had to do a Covid test before proceeding to the Juniorate. Nineteen Juniors are expected this year. We are all looking forward to a fruitful new academic year.

We wish to thank all the members of the Nepal Region for your prayerful support on my ongoing journey in the Society of Jesus.

Sch Anthoni Hembrom, SJ



Vovent Anthoni Hemrom (C) flanked by Fr. Sajeev (L), the novice master



Vovents after the mass



Vovents cutting cakes

DE NOBILI COLLEGE, PUNE

I arrived at De Nobili College (DNC) on the 24th June. After a short quarantine I am introduced to my work as Treasurer of DNC. From 18th July, the Theologians will arrive batch by batch. Then by August the students of philosophy will arrive batch by batch due to Covid-19. As they come they will have to quarantine. The basic requirement for all of them is that each one should have vaccinated at least once to arrive at DNC. At present only the staff are here. The whole campus looks very much abandoned now due to Covid. The weather is excellent.

Paul Chemparathy

GESU, ROME

The month was very intensive. We had a lot of farewell programs for the third-year theologians and the Rector, Fr. Orlando. We had them as Gruppo Misti, and in different Assistancy level too. It was also a month of preparation. All the theologians were very busy studying for the exams and working on the final papers. The exams were conducted in two ways; oral and written. We the second years had many written exams than the oral exam. We also had the welcoming program in the name of the new Rector, Fr. Keith, who would be taking up the responsibility from 1 July. For the first time, I participated in a mass along with Fr. Joseph Puthen in the Chapel of Our Lady of the Way at Gesù. Some of the European Scholastics have returned to their provinces for the various purposes. So far four newcomers have arrived in our community.

Sch. Deva

Pope thanks Benedict XVI for his continuing service

Marking the 70th anniversary from the ordination of the Pope Emeritus, Pope Francis upholds his continuing service and describes him as "the contemplative of the Vatican" who prays for the Church and the diocese of Rome.

By Linda Bordoni

Pope Francis on Tuesday said he is marking an anniversary "that touches the hearts of us all: 70 years ago, Pope Benedict was ordained a priest!"

Addressing the pilgrims gathered in St. Peter's Square for the Angelus prayer on the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, the patron saints of the city of Rome, the Pope said: that "To you, Benedict, dear father and brother, goes our affection, our gratitude and our closeness."

He told those present that the Pope Emeritus lives in a monastery, "a place intended to house the contemplative communities here in the Vatican, so that they could pray for the Church."

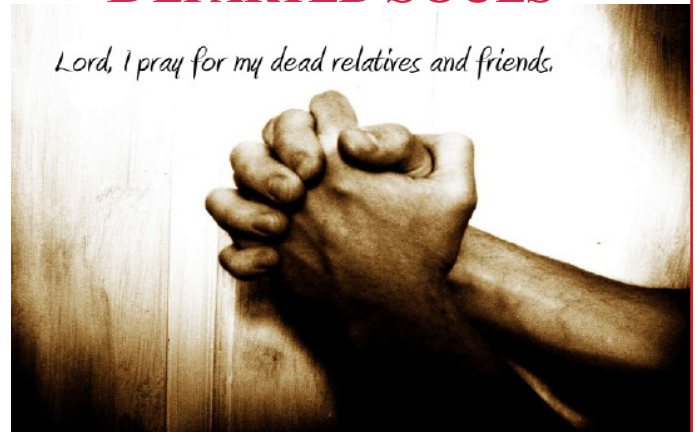
He is now the contemplative of the Vatican, the Pope continued, who spends his life praying for the Church and for the diocese of Rome, of which he is bishop emeritus: "Thank you, Benedict, dear father and brother. Thank you for your credible witness. Thank you for your gaze, constantly directed towards the horizon of God: thank you!"

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2021-06/pope-angelus-peter-and-paul-benedict-xvi-lebanon-osservatore.html>



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

PRAYERS FOR THE DEPARTED SOULS



Lord, I pray for my dead relatives and friends.

- * Br Francis Basumatary SJ (DAR 68/35) passed away on 29 June 2021 at Senior Home, Matigara.
- * Fr. Peter Kurukula Aratchi SJ (SRI 81/63) passed away on 16 June 2021.
- * Fr. Anton Weerasinghe SJ (SRI 61/82) passed away on 9 June 2021 in Lewella, Kandy.
- * Rajendra, Brother in-Law of Fr. Amit Lakra passed away due to road accident on 22 June 2021 in Raighar hospital.

THOSE WHO SERVED IN NEPAL

28/07/2012	Alfred T. Poovattil
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RETREAT FOR RELEGIOUS (Non-Jesuits) (Psycho-Spiritual from the perspective of St. Ignatius.)

Rertreat preacher: Fr. Augustine Amakkatt

Place: Godavari Ashram

Time: 15-20 October

Contact: Br. Broney Chettri -