



Pope's Intention for November

Universal: Dialogue and Reconciliation in the Near East: That a spirit of dialogue, encounter, and reconciliation emerge in the Near East, where diverse religious communities share their lives together.

PROVINCIAL APPOINTS

Fr. Stanley D'Souza to St. Xavier's School, Raj Niwas Marg Community w.e.f. Nov 1, 2019.

PROVINCIAL'S NOVEMBER PROGRAM

- 04-06 Visitation, Vidyajyoti
- 10-14 URU Meeting, Navsadhna, Varanasi
- 15 Xavier Nilaya, Bangalore
- 17-22 Ordination of Jinesh, Home
- 23 XLRI Board Meeting, Jhajjar
- 24-25 Province Consult
- 26-30 Jaipur Area, Visitation

PROVINCIAL'S DECEMBER PROGRAM

- 01-03 Ruby Jubilee, Xavier Parish, Jaipur
- 04 CRI North Zone General Body Meeting, Sahayog
- 12-15 Visit, Ropar
- 16 Back in Province Office
- 28-30 Province Days
- 31 Province Consult

FROM THE DIASPORA

Tony Andrade: From Oct 1 to 5, I directed the retreat of six regents working in Port Blair Diocese. Soon after that I had recollections for SFN Sisters and MC Sisters working in this city. On 12th I went to Baratang parish for a few days for recollection and to assist the priest there. Due to the poor condition of the road our bus broke down in the middle of a forest and we had to wait 3 hours till it was repaired. For the first time, the gunman accompanying us allowed six Jarawas to travel in our bus since it was getting late. They behaved very well and were in a jolly mood singing occasionally. They were talking in their own native language. Some of them have picked up some Hindi. Of course, they were scantily dressed. First half of Oct weather was very warm here, later we had occasional rain. Tourists from the mainland have started pouring in to visit Andaman. Last week of Oct, I went to Prothrapur Jesuit parish to assist the priest since his assistant had gone to Ranchi for treatment.

Paul Mickey Tete from Namchi: We had house-wise sports events from Oct 19 to 23. The spirit of unity of each house was seen during the sports. Basketball final match was so exciting and interesting that spectators felt that they were fortunate to witness such a vigorous and fantastic basketball match for the first time. The sports events provided an opportunity to interact with each other and know one another better. A health awareness program was conducted in our college by Mr. Joshua and team on 17th. Each student had an opportunity to go through certain check-ups free of cost. The program was very beneficial. We had a memorable and meaningful Diwali celebration in our college on 25th evening with lighting of *diyas*, *pooja-arti*, *bhai-tikka* and special Diwali sweets followed by common dance. Now all of us are engaged in the preparation of pre-semester tests to be held in the last week of November.

SAHAYOG

Fr. Xavier went to Bhiwadi on Oct 2 and from there to Behror on official work and returned on 4th. He went to Nepal on 9th for COJET meeting and came back on 16th. **Fr. Job** left Delhi on 6th and returned to the community on 28th after his engagements in Nagpur and Goa. **Fr. John Chathanatt** was out for most of October. He presented a paper entitled "Kappen in Search of a New Theological Methodology" at the National Seminar on Sebastian Kappen SJ at Renewal Centre, Ernakulam on 12th. On 16th he left for Chennai to attend Moral Theologians Meet at Mahabaleshwar and then went to Rishikesh to take classes for CMI theologians and returned on 30th. **Fr. Ed Daly** was admitted to Jivodaya Hospital on 16th evening since he experienced blackouts and discomfort in the stomach. He was discharged on 29th and is happily back in the community after being away for two weeks. **Fr. T.K. John** guided Sr. Dorene's retreat from 20th onwards; he had Catechetical Day Conference and Mass for SMI Sisters. He had ayurvedic massage treatment for 14 days after which he looks very strong and healthy. He began cataract treatment for eyes. **Fr. Mathew** left for Varanasi on 23rd to direct the Long Retreat of SRA tertians. **Fr. P.T. Augustine** spent four days in Fortis Hospital, Shalimarbagh due to chest infection. He was discharged from there on 29th but was admitted to Jivodaya Hospital as he had to take injections for a few more days.

-- **Mathew & Arun**

NRC: In October the NRC facilities were very well used. The month started with the arrival of 18 teachers from SMI Convent School in Nalgonda diocese, brought by Sr. Sarina SMI who had served St. Xavier's School, Raj Niwas Marg a few years ago. They had come for a few days of sight-seeing. They enjoyed our hospitality while they were in NRC. Among the guests was Sr. Lizzy Mathew who stayed on for her retreat. Gandhi Jayanti day witnessed a well-organized Church Seminar on the Laity from 3:00 pm to 6:30 pm. The response was very impressive as more than two hundred laity participated in the seminar. It was organized by Distant Education in Pastoral Theology (DEPT) under the guidance of Fr. Raj Kumar, a professor in Vidyajyoti College, Delhi. This was followed by an 8-day retreat by Fr. George Peter on '*Intimacy with Jesus*'. Fifteen Religious made this retreat. Fourteen SRA Sisters from Varanasi came for a day of prayer and reflection as well as sight-seeing on Oct 11-12. Fr. Vincent Shekhar (MDU) Secretary for Jesuit Dialogue & Fr. Victor Edwin of

Islamic Studies Association (ISA) jointly organized the Annual Meeting in NRC from Oct 12 to 14. Apart from the Province Coordinators for Dialogue, Fr. Victor Edwin successfully gathered more than eighty people and got a group to present a good classical dance. Many representatives came from different religious affinities and faiths. Two non-Catholic (but Christian) groups had their staff training programs from October 11 to 22. Fr. John Guiney SJ and Ms. Michelle Hennessey conducted a day long Seminar on "Protection of the Minors" for the delegates of the North Zone Provinces on 24th. There were thirty two participants altogether. Fr. R.C. Chacko conducted a three-day colloquium based on the Ignatian Sources for thirty nine eager participants. The participants came from the Congregations of MSA, SCCG, SRA, CJ & SJ. It dwelt on Discernment and other relevant topics. All enjoyed the Colloquium which was from Oct 25 to 28.

-- **K.P. George**

ST. XAVIER'S, BEHROR

School: We began the month with the sesquicentennial celebration of Gandhi Jayanti with a special assembly on Oct 1. The day was made memorable with a tree plantation drive; our students showed ample interest and contributed varieties of tree saplings. Classes 3,4&5 had fancy dress competition on 4th. Our students had an opportunity to enter into the world of books through a two-day book fair on 4th and 5th which culminated with the PTM. An art exhibition was organized for all the classes. Since the exhibition was on the day of PTM, both the students and parents witnessed the art and craft talents of our young minds. A number of students from Classes 5-12 participated in the talent test exam conducted on 13th. The preparation for the upcoming annual cultural evening has begun. The students and the coordinating staff are putting their heart and soul into the preparation of their events with full vigour. A couple of classes went for their one-day class picnic exploring some of the nearest locations in Behror. Classes 10-12 went for their one-day tour to an amusement park in Gurugram. Our athletic team brought honour and pride to our school with their outstanding performance in a number of tournaments this month. Our athletes participated in District Level Athletics Meet and CBSE Cluster, winning 4 gold, 5 silver, and 2 bronze medals. Four of them were selected for State-level competition and 3 for Nationals. **Fr. Sebastian A.** is creating green revolution by planting a number of trees in and around the campus; this earns a lot of appreciation

from the students and staff. The young minds of our primary kids are exposed to abacus classes to build some interest in calculation and mathematics.

Community: Fr. Xavier Ignatius made a visit to our community on Sep 1 to check the accounts of the school and community. He also acquainted us with the current financial status of our community and shared his viewpoints with the community in common. Provincial Fr. Jeera made his visitation of our community on Oct 7. He was very happy to see our community's way of carrying out our mission in Behror. **Fr. Manna** came back refreshed on Sep 7 after his home visit. Fr. Sebastian A. went on a pilgrimage to St. Jude's Shrine, Jhansi and the places around during the Diwali holidays.

Parish:Our parishioners actively participate in the weekly Eucharist and liturgy. One of our parishioners now owns a new car which was blessed by Parish Priest Fr. Sebastian A.

-- Anish Raj

ST. XAVIER'S, BHIWADI

School:The month of October spread exam fever among the students as they had to appear for their half-yearly exams. This was followed by Inter School Social Science and Science Exhibition that was well appreciated as students came up with fantabulous ideas. Our school bagged 3rd position for their model. We organised inter-house Kho-Kho and athletic competitions. To promote shuttle game in our school, **Fr. Sangeeth** started an open tournament for our students; it attracted many participants. We organized Loyola Cup Football Tournament, which was a great success. A number of teams from different schools participated. Our school secured the 3rd position. We celebrated Grandparents Day wherein our Prep children exhibited their talents. The school seemed like a desert when it was closed for Diwali holidays. Prior to this we celebrated mini Diwali. Students put up a program consisting of various items. Fr. Sangeeth urged the students to be aware of our environmental crisis and suggested to them to celebrate an eco-Diwali.

Community: We had a day of recollection and sharing following the guidelines of UAP. We were blessed by the visitation of our provincial. He was impressed by the growth of our school and suggested areas for improvement. Community members, in the evenings, were hardly found in their rooms as they were active in visiting our Christian families. **Fr. Glenn** and Fr.

Sangeeth went to Jaipur for Diwali celebration and to relax from their hectic schedule.

Parish: During the month devoted to Rosary, **Fr. Sabastian M.** and other Fathers were busy visiting the families of the faithful and participating in the Rosary and other prayers. We concluded the month with a Eucharist in honour of Mother Mary. Our parish youth attended a four-day youth meet held in Delhi.

Maria Sadan: Our candidates had a three day Jaipur and Mahwa darshan. This helped them to become aware of our mission and challenges that we encounter. The walls of Maria Sadan were illuminated with hundreds of lamps as we celebrated an eco-Diwali.

-- Pawan

Social work: Youth groups are formed in the surrounding villages as part of Xavier Social Outreach Service. The village girls usually spend their time within the four walls of their homes. To bring them out of their houses and to empower them, youth groups were formed and village level and common trainings were conducted on various topics pertaining to their life. Once a year we bring the girls from different villages together to the centre to celebrate the Girl Child Day with the intention of reaching out to more girls. This year nearly 300 teenagers came together for this celebration. "Bade kadam atmavishwas ki aur" was the theme for this celebration and Mrs. Seema, a social activist, was the Chief Guest. The girls put up various cultural programs based on the theme of creating awareness and building up their confidence. These programs were thought provoking and were done with great perfection. Many girls came up with poems and speeches expressing the challenges they face in their lives. Frs. Glenn, Sangeeth, Sebastian and Sisters were Honourable Guests at the program.

-- Sr. Ranjana

ST. XAVIER'S, JAIPUR

College: We began the month of October remembering the 150th birth anniversary of the Father of the Nation. To mark the occasion, we organized a two-day national workshop on "Mahatma Gandhi and Nation Building" in association with Indian Society of Gandhian Studies on Oct 1-2. Fr. John Chathanatt was one of the speakers; he dwelt on the importance of ahimsa. This was followed by the Department of Economics and Political Science organizing Economic Fest, *Synergy 2019* on 4th – 5th . The fest was well attended by 200

students from our college and 700 students from 37 other colleges. Kirori Mal College from Delhi won the best college award and St. Xavier's College, Nevta bagged the trophy for best in-station college. Then on 5th, E-cell organized "*Rang De, Jaipur*" in collaboration with AICUF and NSS units of the college to paint Jagatpura Railway Station. The themes were plastic waste management, water conservation and culture of Rajasthan. Although fests kept the students busy, the focus did not shift from core academics. The First Internal Exams were conducted for all the streams in the first week of Sept. To analyse the results, a Parent Teacher Meeting was held on Oct 9; it evoked a mixed response. A guest lecture on "Cyber Crime Awareness" was organized by the Computer Science Department on the 11th with Mr. Milind Agarwal, a renowned professional cyber crime investigator and certified forensic expert as the resource person. The department organized another guest lecture on "E-waste Management Awareness" on 14th. On 16th, Xavier's Arts Club organized Mosaic Design Workshop in which many students took part and showcased their talent. On the occasion of Ayurveda Day, a guest lecture on "Relevance of Ayurveda in Contemporary Times" was organized on 19th with Prof. Hetal Dave as the resource person. End of the month was time for *Rangolis and Diyas* as we celebrated Diwali with much enthusiasm. The College remained closed from 20th to 29th for Diwali.

-- Jose V.K.

School: On the sesquicentennial birth anniversary of the Father of the Nation on Oct 2 the school didn't declare a holiday but spent the day commencing with a meaningful assembly followed by quizzes, painting, poster making and viewing documentaries and films on Gandhiji. The Junior School outsmarted the Senior School by a vibrant fashion parade show and other items and the parents thronged the Junior assembly ground. On 4th two school trips were organized, namely, to Jodhpur, Jaisalmer and Ajmer for the Middle School, chaperoned by **Fr. Packiam** and **Fr. Jose Vatta**, and to Shimla, Kufri and Chail for Classes 9 and 10. One of the three buses of the Middle School trip slipped off the road and three teachers and more than a dozen students got injured. Packiam and Jose Vatta handled the situation well through the tele-guidance of Principal **Fr. Dominic Arockiam** who was harried by the concerned parents at Jaipur. October was a harrowing month for the Principal as he had to pay the price for being truthful with CBSE registration of Classes 10 and 12 students. Umpteen calls and

visits to the Regional Office at Ajmer made it possible on the last day of registration to get the children registered lest the school would have to pay a huge amount as fine for every child more than the stipulated 45 per section. Junior School dance extravaganza "*Nrityanjali*" was staged with all pomp and vigour. Parents came even two hours earlier to book the front rows. Jose Vatta was the Chief Guest; he opened the eyes of all with his *paanditya* on the history of Indian dance systems. The Senior School event on the following day of Madhukar Malvea Xavier Dance and Music attracted only a handful of parents, not enough even to fill up the first three rows of seats. But by the time the Western dance competition set the stage on fire the friends and well-wishers of various houses broke the seams. Fr. Dayal was the Chief Guest. After the PTM on 23rd and 24th for Junior School and Senior School, Diwali holidays began on 25th and ended on 29th, leaving **Fr. Mani** like fish out of water, with no more heavy footfalls at the counsellor's office keeping him busy with collection and disbursal of toffees. Though private tuition by school personnel is banned by CBSE and the school, yet Mani has proved that he is the world's oldest tuition master as he at the prime age of 85 years gives tuition to a Class 2 boy. The tutor rues about the lack of intellectual aspect of the tutored and the tutored imagines how fast he can finish the sweets given to him! Xavier's own stamp collection and exhibition 'Xavierpex' and photo exhibition Fr. Wilmes Memorial 'Paralax' were open for general public on PTM days. 'Open Mic,' an event by Literature Club and 'UTIX' IT Quiz by Computer Science were conducted in Oct. Nowadays Principal himself conducts the *atma manthan* hoping to infuse in the young ones introspection habits. In the sporting arena, we have much to be grateful to God. At the CBSE Cluster matches, the girls' volleyball team stood *numero uno* and the entire team is selected for national level competition. The basketball teams of girls and boys stood second and first respectively. In badminton we got silver and bronze in various categories. In shooting we won a number of golds, silvers and bronzes, and a number of them would compete at the national level. A girl pugilist (boxing) obtained bronze. In aquatics we remain unchallenged; in the CBSE West Zone at MP we emerged overall champs with 39 swimmers hauling in a total of 96 medals (54 golds, 23 silvers and 19 bronzes). The Benjamin (it's a she!) in the team was from Class 2 with 3 bronzes! Meanwhile in the School Games Federation Tournament 9 of ours were part of Jaipur District team (which became overall champs) and netted 25 medals (14 golds, 5 silvers and 3

bronzes). Joshua Varkey became individual champ (U-17) with 4 golds and Abhinandan Khandelwal (U-14) with 4 golds. The freak fire incident at the main electricity switch box during the Diwali holidays forced Principal Fr. Dominico rush back to Jaipur from the sylvan environs in Almora where he was relaxing, to get the lines fixed before the school reopens post Diwali bash! A little bird tells that it may be due to the curse of Goddess Laxmi during Diwali for not illumining the abode of her sister goddess Saraswati!

-- Sobin

Parish: The onset of winter ushered in a shift in Mass timings. October Devotion in honour of Blessed Virgin Mary was organized every Saturday by different zones; a large number of parishioners made sure to attend the Saturday program. October devotion was concluded in a solemn way on 31st evening with a short procession, a decade of rosary at the grotto and the rosary culminating at the church prior to the concluding Eucharistic celebration. The Liturgical committee made sure that meticulous arrangements were in place to make the liturgy very meaningful. Blessed Mother's love was felt in a tangible way through the *payasam* served at the end of the celebrations.

Since the parish is in the Ruby Jubilee mood, a number of Inter Parish competitions were organised during this month. Volleyball competition was held on 13th morning with Fr. John Ravi as the Chief Guest. Ours was the only team in which a girl took the centre place in volleyball match and earned everyone's kudos for her dexterity in the game of volleyball. Football matches took place in the afternoon with Fr. Dominic Arockiam as the Chief Guest. Seven teams from the seven city parishes took part. In both football and volleyball Xavier's held the title! Inter parish solo and group dance competition took place on 20th with Fr. J. Dayal as the Chief Guest. Four youth who will be getting married soon attended the marriage preparation course from 6th to 8th at the Diocesan Pastoral Centre. Similarly, twelve women from the parish attended a day's seminar at the Pastoral Centre organized by the Women Commission of the Diocese. One parishioner attended the SCC convention held in Kolkata from 25th to 28th. As per the wish of Pope Francis, this whole month was set aside as "Extraordinary Missionary Month". The diocesan level committee had prepared special introduction for all the Sundays of the month with appropriate prayers of the faithful

to make the celebration more meaningful for all concerned.

-- Varkey

Community: One of the resource persons who conducted a program in the College spent a night in the community. Similarly, some of the youth who came from outside the city for participating in different programs in the college stayed in the Sports Complex for a day or two. Similarly, Mr. Babu, who has been making arrangement for the tour of students of C-Scheme and Nevta schools to different places stayed in the community when he was in Jaipur. Fr. Gyana from the Archdiocese of Patna spent a day with us when he came along with two Italian priests, benefactors of Archdiocese of Patna. **Fr. Sherry** was beside his uncle who was critical and later bid adieu when he went for his eternal reward. On his return he proceeded to Dharmashala to have his retreat. Fr. Dominic and **Fr. Varkey** went to Delhi on 22nd to participate in the Diamond Jubilee celebration of St. Xavier's School, Raj Niwas Marg. On 23rd morning Fr. Varkey attended the Pastoral Commission meeting at Jahangirpuri and Fr. Dominic spent a few hours with Fr. Alex Chinnappa in Fortis Hospital. On 24th Fr. Dominic left for Almora along with Fr. Pradeep hoping to have some fresh air of the hills as part of the Diwali holidays. He is back relaxed and refreshed by the fragrance of the Devbhoomi. **Fr. Packiam** made a short trip to Ropar to participate in the marriage celebration of one of the staff of St. Xavier's School, Ropar. Fr. Jose Vatta made use of the Diwali break to tour MP and Chhattisgarh hoping to make contact with a few students who eventually may show interest to join Delhi Province. He returned just in time for the reopening of the College on 30th. Sr. Poonam CJ, her sister and her family spent 29th night in the community when they came visiting Jaipur city. Frs. Glenn and Sangeeth too spent a few days in the community as part of their Diwali holidays. Sch. Pawan was in and out of the community for a few days while he was undergoing some tests in Durlabhji Hospital for a small growth on his forehead. Fr. Tony Chelakat was in town for his routine medical check-up. Fr. Mani and **Fr. Sobin** held the fort when other confreres were out!

-- Varkey

ST. XAVIER'S, MAHWA

In October a few of our students participated in the District Level Athletic Meet in Dausa. They were runners up in both boys and girls relay. On 5th morning we got the sad news of the demise of **Fr.**

Jugal's older brother; on the same day he went home. In his absence **Fr. Dayal** took care of the school. On 11th Hindi and English rhyme recitation competition was conducted for LKG and UKG. We had PTM on 12th; a number of parents came to meet with the teachers. On 19th we had Inter House Badminton Tournament. After spending some quality time with the family members, **Fr. Tony** returned. The school had to declare a long Diwali vacation from Oct 22 to Nov 3. Fr. Dayal made use of this time and went to Nevta to make his annual retreat.

-- Arvind

ST. XAVIER'S NEVTA

School: In order to celebrate the 150th birth anniversary of the Father of the Nation in a meaningful way, the school organized special assemblies based on various themes related to the life and mission of Mahatma Gandhi during the first week of October. The school remained closed for Dussehra and Diwali from Oct 5 to 8 and from Oct 25 to 29. The half-yearly exams were held for all classes from 10th to 19th. For the first time the school organized an inter-school sports & games activity – Haji Mohammuddin Inter-school Football Tournament – ARRUPPE CUP from 22nd to 24th. Eighteen top schools took part in the tournament. The finals was played between St. Xavier's School, Nevta and St. Anselm's Pink City School, Malviyanagar. St. Anselm's emerged victorious as they beat the host team by 2-1 goals. The tournament was inaugurated by MLA and a former Gold Medallist in CWG Games Mrs. Krishna Poonia. The local SHO distributed the medals, certificates and trophies to the winning teams at the closing ceremony. A group of Classes 8 & 9 students went to Shimla, Kufri and Chandigarh during the third week. **Fr. Vincent & Sr. Ruphina**, SCCG along with four other teachers accompanied the children during the tour. The Annual Sports Day preparation has begun and is in full swing from 30th.

-- Ravi

College: On Oct 1 HFR College organized a workshop on Mahatma Gandhi, wherein **Fr. Augustine** presented the keynote address. On 5th Fr. Augustine went to Kolkata for the JHEASA meeting. The JHEASA meeting at Kolkata went off well. The Alumni organized the program well, meeting all the expenses. The delegates had an opportunity to visit the Xavier University campus on the first day.

A Dandia dance program was organized on 6th which saw almost 600 students participating. On Oct 6-7, about 31 students participated in Synergy, the economic fiesta at HFR College. As an invitee, Fr. Augustine also attended the opening ceremony. Our students won two medals. On 7th there was heavy rain on account of which the landscape works got delayed. On 10th Jaipuria Institute of Management conducted a quiz program. On 11th Cross Blade Musical Festival conducted an event "Cross Blade Superstar," a talent hunt program. On 16th NSS organized a cleanliness drive; about 35 volunteers went to Nevta Village and cleaned the roads. On Oct 18-19 a Mock UN was organized for students of neighbouring schools and colleges. It was totally managed by student volunteers. On 23rd a blood donation camp was organized by the NSS and other social clubs; 55 units of blood were collected. On 24th before the holidays began, we had Diwali celebration, which was combined with Fr. Augustine's birthday celebration.

On the admission front, the total number of new admissions has reached 169: 93 for BBA, 40 for BA, 24 for BCom and 12 for BSc.

-- Augustine

Community: **Fr. Ravi** attended the North Zone Program on the Safety and Protection of Children at NRC on 24th. He then travelled to Kathmandu to attend the Annual PCEs Meet from 25th to 28th. Fr. Vincent made his annual retreat at NRC from 11th to 19th directed by Fr. George Peter. He also attended a meeting in Delhi organized by ADO at ISI on 29th. **Fr. Jijimon** directed a retreat for a group of Sisters in Varanasi during the third week. **Fr. Augustine's** birthday was celebrated with other fellow Jesuits in the city along with our two groups of religious collaborators on 30th. The building works of Jesuit Staff Quarters are progressing well as per the plan. The structural works are almost over. We are about to start the interior, electrical and flooring works. Frs. Augustine and Ravi are keeping a close watch on the progress of the building.

-- Ravi

ST. XAVIER'S, RAJ NIWAS MARG

This month has been once again a month of great achievements for the Xaverians in sports, especially in aquatic competitions. Our swimming stars brought laurels for the school in two different events during this month. They participated in the CBSE Inter-School Swimming Meet; four of our students have been selected for Nationals to be held on Nov 12 -15

in Bhopal. Our students also participated in the Inter-School Aquatic Meet organized by Delhi Administration, winning gold, silver and bronze medals. Manvi Rana participated in the CBSE Skating Championship and won first position. She has been qualified for CBSE Nationals. Our volleyball team participated in Under-19 National Games and four have been selected for Nationals in Bhutan. As part of Gandhi Jayanti celebrations, various activities were held on Oct 3. A special assembly was organized by Gandhi House and a tree plantation drive by Tarumitra Club. That day a team of students went to Sukhdev Singh College, Delhi University to participate in an inter-school competition; their performance was greatly appreciated. Our Cricket team participated in Bro. Foley Cricket Tournament organized by St. Columba's School. After the completion of the half-yearly examinations everyone got involved in the preparation for the Diamond Jubilee Musical play 'Joseph's Dream Coat' and we had an impressive staging of the play on 22nd and 23rd. Mr. Bhupendra Chaubey, Executive Editor, CNN-News 18 (Xaverian of 1994 batch) was the Chief Guest on 22nd. As part of the jubilee celebrations we felicitated all the former Rectors and Principals whose contributions have made Xavier's what it is today. Shri Anil Baijal, Lieutenant Governor of Delhi was the Chief Guest on the second day. He was highly impressed by the performance of our students, especially the Guard of Honour given to him by the School NCC (girls). He, in his speech, advised all the Xaverians to focus more on character building besides gaining knowledge. The musical was entirely the work of our own teachers; more than 600 students from KG to Class 12 participated. Kudos to all the teachers for the excellent training given and to the students for a marvelous performance.

-- Tom

ST. XAVIER'S, SHAHBAD

Community: On Oct 2 we celebrated the birthday of **Br. Gyan. Fr. George Peter** directed an 8-day retreat at NRC. On 3rd **Fr. Remy** left for Patna to bless his nephew's marriage in Kurji Parish. After experiencing the hospitality of the XTTI community for a few days Remy returned on 8th. From 11th to 13th Remy attended the Hindi Bible Convention at JJ Ashram Burari and helped out in confessions. From 15th to 23rd George Peter was in Kerala with his ailing sister. On 19th Remy went to Okhla Parish to attend the marriage of a Bettiah girl and to meet all his Bettiah friends. On 22nd the whole community took part in the Jubilee celebrations of Xavier's, Raj Niwas Marg.

On 23rd **Fr. Scaria** attended the Pastoral Commission meeting in Jahangirpuri. On 24th Scaria left for Kerala to attend the ceremonies on the 41st day of the death of his brother-in-law and came back on 30th. On 27th community celebrated Diwali with hundreds of lighted *diyas*. On 31st we prayed in a special way for the Brothers on the feast of (Br.) St. Alphonse Rodriguez.

-- Remy & Scaria

Parish: On Oct 1 we celebrated the feast of St. Teresa of Child Jesus, Patroness of Missions and had the inauguration of the Extraordinary Missionary Month with Rosary and Mass at 6:45 pm followed by dinner sponsored by one of the parishioners. On 6th we celebrated the feast of St. Francis of Assisi with the theme "Personal Encounter with Christ" for Mass. On 7th we celebrated the feast of Our Lady of Rosary which ended with a sumptuous dinner. From 11th to 13th many parishioners took part in the Hindi Bible Convention in JJ Ashram Burari. On 11th some of our teachers attended the seminar for Catholic Teachers at Yusuf Sadan. On 13th we had Mass with the theme "Mission through Witness of Life". Some parish council members attended the seminar for the parish council members at DCC Hall, Gole Dak Khana. On 20th Mission Sunday was celebrated with the theme Missionary Formation. Creative writing competition for children of Classes 5-12 and fund raising activities by different groups were conducted. Four persons from our parish took part in the Inter Parish Quiz Competition on the Constitution of India in DCC Hall and secured the 2nd prize. From 26th to 28th our youth and some parishioners participated in the National Youth Convention "Kairos 2019" organized by The Youth United for Christ (YU4C) in collaboration with the DCRS in JJ Ashram Burari. On 27th we celebrated the feast of St. Jude with the theme Missionary Charity for the Mass. Fund raising activities followed the Mass. On 27th some of our parishioners attended the Seminar for Laity at DCC hall. On 31st we had the conclusion of the Extraordinary Missionary Month. After the Mass all were served a delicious dinner by a parishioner. During the month our youth group participated in three events in Milan 2019 and won 2nd and 3rd position in two events.

-- Scaria

School: A field trip to Mother Dairy factory was organised for commerce students on Sept 9. On 26th eight schools of Delhi Province came together for Xavier Millan-3. Almost 250 students accompanied

by teachers participated in various non-competitive sports and cultural events. The students were welcomed informally in the School Auditorium and were divided into four different Houses. The next day all the students of these schools gathered in the sports ground for the official opening of the event. The school band welcomed the dignitaries. The Chief Guest of the event was Superior Fr. Scaria Panthamackal; he was accompanied by the principals and others from the participating schools. The students took a pledge to participate in the events with full honour and dignity. These two days witnessed a concoction of sports and literary events, singing, dancing and treasure hunt wherein students participated enthusiastically imbibing spirit of teamwork, dedication, sportsmanship and companionship. The students were given certificates and mementos. Provincial Fr. Sebastian Jeera graced the occasion with his presence. The event concluded on 28th with the Flag Passing Ceremony at which Shahbad Principal Fr. Shaju handed over the flag to Nevta School Principal Fr. John Ravi. Xavier Milan-3 left heartfelt memories in everyone who was part of it.

On Oct 1 a special assembly was organised by Naidu House to commemorate the birth anniversary of the Father of the Nation. The small skit that was staged encouraged our students to follow Gandhiji's path of peace and non-violence. Tarumitra Club organised Gandhi Jayanti Cleanliness Rally for Class 8 to create awareness among the students about environment and environmental problems. On 24th our Tarumitra Club staged a street play near G3S cinemas and its neighbouring areas to create awareness about eco-friendly Diwali and no to crackers. Raman House that conducted the assembly spread the message of celebration without crackers and pollution through a very lively street play. The most exciting and much awaited Hindi Play Fest was held on 25th with theatre personalities Prabhjot Singh, Umesh Sharma and Kirti Singhal as judges. All the Houses had taken topics from history highlighting moral values.

-- Shaju

LVI: In spite of many holidays, our attendance for the various courses was very encouraging. All our students who gave NIOS exams in May, 2019 have cleared their vocational courses and Class 10&12. Now we are getting ready for the NIOS exams of November batch. We had a three-day leadership training program for 60 Lokmanch leaders of Sector 26 & 27. Fr. Siji, the Assistancy Development Director and his team visited LVI twice to see possibilities of collaboration with various agencies. **Fr. George Peter**

directed an 8-day retreat for 15 priests and Sisters at NRC. Then he rushed to Kerala to meet his ailing sister (Sr. Louisa CSN) who is on Oxygen support.

-- George Peter

ALMORA

Fr. Viren was with us for a few days in Oct. He accompanied **Fr. Pradeep** and visited our centres in Barecheena, Vamantiladi, Alai and Maini. Twice our jeep was stuck in the mud and river side. With the help of villagers, we managed to get the vehicle out. Our old friend and neighbour Mr. Subodh Pant passed away on 4th. **Fr. Rakesh** was in Jalna for a short while and came to Almora on 12th morning. He came to Almora for the seminar on Abuse of Children and Vulnerable Adults; it was conducted by Fr. Robin. Along with Fr. Rakesh, Fr. Chinnappa and Fr. Pradeep also attended the seminar. There were 19 Animators and 46 tuition teachers who participated for this program. After lunch we left for Nainital to celebrate the St. Francis of Assisi Church's feast. On 13th around 11:30 am Fr. Robin left for Delhi. On 14th Fr. Jeera arrived here on his visitation of Almora. Next day Fr. Jeera, Fr. Rakesh and Fr. Alex went to Jalna. After lunch they went to Dhol Asharam. They returned back from there around 5:30 pm. Fr. Pradeep returned from Delhi on 16th morning. We celebrated his birthday in the company of IMS Father, Bareilly Diocese Fathers and Christian Brothers. Fr. Jeera celebrated the concluding Mass of visitation on 17th and gave some directions to improve our life and mission here. We three of us went to Nainital for lunch with CJ Sisters. Thereafter Fr. Jeera was given a lift by CJ Sisters to Kathgodam. Fr. Pradeep had two meetings in Delhi on 23rd and 24th. In his absence, Fr. Rakesh visited Basauli, Dhuladevi, Hawalbagh, Someshwar, Jalna and Barecheena from 21st to 25th. Fr. Dominic, Fr. Jugal and Fr. Christie came from Delhi along with Fr. Pradeep on 25th to relax a while in the hills. During Diwali holidays, we went to different places in Almora, Gaijool, Bageshwar and Jageshwar. On 31st two officials from Lok Nirman Vibhag were in our office to check our building approvals. They gave some suggestions and asked us to get NOC from various departments.

Fr. Alex Chinnappa was not feeling comfortable ever since he came back from his home visit; he was down with fever, cough and cold, and stomach problem. He was taken to a local doctor who prescribed antibiotics for three days. Since his condition was worsening, Fr. Pradeep took him to Jivodaya Hospital in Delhi. But the doctors there referred Alex to Fortis Hospital, Shalimarbagh, Delhi. He was in the ICU there for a

week and was discharged on the 26th. He continues to go for dialysis twice a week. At present he stays in Sahayog.

-- **Rakesh**

JAHANGIRPURI

Parish: Seven members from our parish participated in the seminar on "Taking Theology to the Frontiers - Theology for Lay People" organized by VJ on Oct 2. It enriched and inspired them to do theology. Our parish regularly participates in the Quiz organized by Delhi Archdiocese; we were specially asked to present the prayer dance this year. Our Women Group took initiative and performed the prayer dance, and quiz team participated in the program. Both the teams won the hearts of many. A team conducted an awareness and training for Small Christian Communities in our parish on 6th; around hundred people participated in the program. Later seven people participated in a special training program for local leaders of Small Christian Communities at Rosary School, Kingsway Camp on 20th; this was organised at Northern Deanery level and conducted by Diocese's SCC Team. During this month especially dedicated to Our Lady of Rosary, many of our parishioners had family Rosary in their respective wards.

-- **Arunmozhi**

ROPAR

Parish: On Oct 6 there was colouring and drawing competition conducted in the parish for school students in four groups - KG, Classes 1-3, 4-6 and 7-10- as directed by the diocese. There was special Mass on 27th in honour of St. Mariam Thresia, the founder of the Holy Family Congregation. Sisters provided *langar* for all the parishioners. Some of our parishioners went to Chandigarh to participate in the Skit Competition at the Deanery level. **Fr. Thomas Kuriacose** went to Ambala on 29th to participate in the Deanery meeting held there.

School: The 2nd Term Exams got over by Oct 5. On 11th we had fancy dress competition for Classes 1-7 which was really inspiring and creative. There was PTM and result declaration of the exams on 12th. Fancy Dress Competition for the KG children was held on 19th. Principal **Fr. Shekhar** met the education department on 21st and received Recognition Certificate for our school upto Class8. On the occasion of Diwali, along with the Special Assembly, we organized Diya Making Competition for Classes 1-4 and Rangoli Competition for Classes 5-7 on 25th.

Community: Ropar Community was glad to have Fr. Scaria on 14th. On 17th Fr. Thomas Kuriacose went to Chandigarh to give a talk to the CRI Shimla-Chandigarh Unit. The same day we had Community Mass in the evening followed by the anticipated birthday celebration of Fr. Robin and his Ordination anniversary which actually falls on 26th. We wished all the best to Deacon **Jinesh** on 18th as he left to prepare for his Ordination.

-- **Ruben**

KHARAR/MORINDA/GSSSC ROPAR

Regular animation and meetings of SHGs are conducted by our animators in Ropar area. **Fr. Viren** frequently visits these groups, educating and motivating the members towards self and collective empowerment. We are beginning to get suggestions from these groups about feasibilities of animation among youth and children in villages. Training and expertise of Viren in social arena helps mitigate the influence of unwanted interventions from outsiders popping up in village animation. Our animators are now preparing village groups to celebrate Children's Day in the coming month. Viren also explores possibilities of beginning some program for children or women in Kharar area.

A long stage play and couple of *nukkad nataks* were put up by our volunteers in various villages as part of de-addiction sensitization program. Now we are getting the programs of past couple of months documented. Though it is a time-consuming job, with the collaboration of some volunteers, we are hopeful of getting it done in the coming days.

Fr. Viren participated in the Jubilee celebrations of Xavier's Raj Niwas Marg during the month. **Fr. Robin** went to Almora for a couple of days to conduct a seminar for the staff of SEVA on protection of minors and vulnerable adults.

-- **Robin**

DE NOBILI COLLEGE, PUNE

Fr. Thomas Kuriacose came to DNC on Oct 1 to give a ten-day course to Bethany Sisters. On 7th evening we had the birthday celebration of Fr. George Karuvellil and Sch. Vicky Lal both of Patna province. I had exams from 7th to 15th. The first year philosophers went to Ajanta and Ellora for a two-day tour and the second year philosophers to Goa for a five-day tour.

After the tour we had triduum from 23rd to 26th, preached by Fr. Illanko. On 27th, the eve of Diwali, like every year we the Chotanagpur Catholic

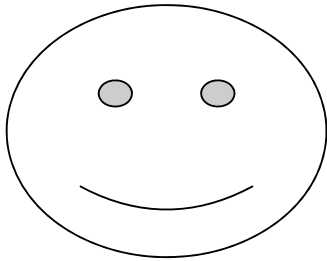
Association organized a hockey match. Our team won the 1st prize. We resumed our classes on 30th.

--Prakash Toppo

XAVIER NILAYA, BENGALURU

The month of Rosary was a graceful one. Most of us at Xavier Nilaya enjoyed sound health all through the month. As usual we had a few visitors this month also like Jesuits from Patna. In the second week of Oct **Fr. Daniel** was away on vocation promotion in Tamil Nadu. In his absence we had two guest priests - Fr. Periya (DEL) and Fr. Dharam (Patna Archdiocese) - for Mass. Meantime **Sch. Ashwin** celebrated his birthday in the presence of many members of the local catholic community. He left for Mangalore to attend Regents' Recollection from 31st Oct to Nov 3. In spite of Diwali flare-up of crackers we have pleasant weather in Bengaluru.

-- Ashwin



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

November

02 Alex Chinna

03 George Peter

07 S. Jebamalai

10 M. Jijimon

19 Vilakkunnel Joe

30 K. Job

December

04 M, Britto

09 Manimala, George

11 Pelakudiyil, Sherry

20 K, Jose Philip

21 P.T. Augustine

23 Ignatius, Xavier J.

25 Kandulna, Christopher

Gone for their Eternal Reward

Bro. Paschal D'Souza (GOA, 83/59) on Oct 24.

Fr Romuald D'Souza (GOA, 93/74) on Nov 1.

Fr. Jugal Kindo's elder brother **Mr. Arun Kindo** (46) on Oct 5.

Fr. Sherry's uncle **Mr. Antu Abraham**, aged 56, on Oct 20.

Fr. Job's brother-in-law on Oct 21.

Request for Prayers

Fr. George Peter's sister, Sr. Louisa CSN (85) who is on oxygen support.

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