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### St. Xavier's Jawalakhel

As soon as the Dashain vacation started Frs. George and Sanjay took off to Palpa. On the way they dropped off Anil Beck at Sunauli border. Anil is gone to Sadhana, Lonavla for a couple of months. After visiting places in Palpa including the famous Rani Mahal, George and Sanjay went to Pokhara and Gorkha on their return trip. Some of us joined the SXSSC inmates for the annual Dashain party and Tika ceremony. Ignatius joined the social service center picnic to Pokhara. Tomson made his annual retreat and stayed in one of the classrooms in the school. Mathew stayed home most of the days but took part in a seniors' tennis tournament.



Ashram and we hosted a dinner for the participants and many of them stayed here while coming and before their departure for India. Sanjay helped out with a lot of driving. Etienne travelled by bus to Palpa to make his annual retreat at the Capitanio School and returned by the UMN bus. Mathew's cousin brother who works in Germany as a parish priest and another CST friend from Gorakhpur visited us for a day.

Class 7 and 8 parents' day was well presented with new and a variety of items. George went to Delhi to attend a short meeting connected with the school. We were very sad to hear about the passing away of our former teacher Mrs. Prapti Vaidya who suffered for a long time with kidney problems. On the last day before Tihar holidays the plus two students put up a talent show that was very creative and entertaining. We had a community outing to Panchkal (NJSI center) in the company of some CJ and Good Shepherd sisters. Mr. Ignatius Chettri (former Jesuit) had invited us for lunch on that day we all had a nice time at his farm.

Fr. Mathew A.



As Anil is away, Mathew and Sanjay helped out in Baniatar parish on two different Saturdays. This year the COJET meeting was held at the Ashram and we had many guests coming through or going and staying here on different days. At the end of October there was the PCEs meeting at the

# ST. XAVIER'S GODAVARI



**O**n the first day of the month we as a community went for an outing to Chisapani. It was a nice time to be in a new place and have a great experience. After our community outing Fr Bill and Sch Pankaj began their 8 days of spiritual journey.

From October 10 to 15th Ashram COJET (Conference of Jesuit Treasurers of South Asia) meeting held at Godavari Ashram. On 15 and 16 October 2019 Fr. Charles Lasrado visited SXG and had good interaction with the staff about the school apostolate.



He also inspected the land of the School. SXG Community hosted a dinner for the COJET TEAM. They were overwhelmed and thrilled by the environment of Godavari.

On 14th of October we resumed our classes after a long Dashain holiday. Soon after that we were busy with cycle test and simultaneously we were gearing up and were having rigorous practices for the sports

day. There was a three day 15th NCSQC program held in D.A.V. Jawalakhel. Many of our students took active part in it.

We had two days of Annual Sports Day for the junior as well as for the senior students respectively. The Chief guests for sports day were Mr. Netra Narayan Paudel, Education Officer from Godavari Municipality Office and Mr. Yogendra Prasad Baral, Unit Chief, Education Development and Coordina-



tion Unit, Lalitpur.

In the third week of October our students went to JAPAN for students exchange programme led by Mr. Ravi Silwal.

The very next day of the sports we began Tihar holiday and also there was a one day Inter School football tournament held in SXJ School. Our students were also part of it. We had a community recollection for a whole day guided by Fr Lawrence on the theme "Universal Apostolic Preferences". It was a day well spent in prayer and reflection. JEA 2019 meet was held at Ashram coordinated by Fr. George P.M. During the holidays Fr. Lawrence went to Sanepa and Schs. Ashish and Pankaj went to Pokhara for few days.

Sch. Pankaj



## ST. XAVIER'S, DEONIA



The Dashain vacation hallowed most us in the community as we set sail for the annual retreat to different places. Fr. Dennis went to Karsheong for his annual retreat and Sch. Ravi and Sch. Ivin Joined Darjeeling annual province retreat at Matigarha. Meanwhile, Sch. Wilson went for his passport work to India, Ranchi. On 14th the regular class resumed after the Dashain Holiday and having a week class, the students began the fourth cycle test along with their usual classes. There was annual alumni meet-2076 B.S. on 4th of October. On 18th the students of class 7 'A&B' had a field trip. We were joyful to have Fr. Charles Lasrado, S.J. the assistant general treasurer from Rome and Fr. Boby for accompanying him and celebrating the Holy Eucharistic with the small local Church. Meanwhile, we also were blest with the number of guests in our community and sharing our companionship

Sch. Ravindar



# MAHESHPUR, JHAPA



PARISH AND COMMUNITY



MM SCHOOL

**A**s part of the faith formation for the parishioners, a three-day retreat was organized. 70 faithful participated in the retreat that was guided by Fr. Binay Lama from Darjeeling.

45 youth attended the National Youth Convention in Dharan. “Baptized and Sent” was the theme of the Convention. Our youth was awarded 2nd in prayer dance and 3rd in the

**M**MS Alumni had another planning meeting and came up with various annual plans. 70 of them attended the planning meeting. Visiting the old age house, awareness program on local issues, plantation programme, community service are some of the plans for the year.

BSW students from St. Xavier’s College, Kathmandu spent 10 days and did survey on cit-



Vicariate Bhajan Idol.

Sch. Paleshwar made his annual retreat in Matigara and Sch. Deepak Jans in Kalimpong. Fr. Norbert is making his annual retreat in Deonia. Fr. Victor went to Delhi for a meeting while Fr. Sanctius guarded the house. Fr. Boniface was busy with the Youth Convention in Dharan. Along with other tertians, Br. Clarence is on his pilgrimage to Kanyakumari. He will be joining the community on December 20th.

izenship issues of the tea garden laborers. They also performed two street dramas in the neighborhood. For the panel session, they invited the Mayor, SP and other local authorities. MMS is grateful to the students of St. Xavier’s College for actively supporting the work of justice, equality and dignity.

Fr. Boniface

# GONZAGA HOUSE



**D**ashain camp ended on Oct 3. Dashain plan for each one started immediately. On 4th Sid-dhartha Shrestha, went for dashain and Fr Peter and Deacon Manu accompanied youth to Dharan for NYCM Annual convention. From Simalbari and Sadakbari 44 Catholic youths participated at the Camp. The three-day youth program was attended by 500 youths from all the parishes in the vicariate. The youth of our parishes put up spectacular Santhali dances for the cultural programme and participated actively at the camp. We are happy to announce that Our Catholic girls from Sadakbari won the third prize for the prayer dance competition. Fr. Anup came to SXS on 4th and following day offered Mass in Sadakbari as PP was away. Next day Frs. Anup and Vijay headed for Pathibhara hike to Taplejung, a day by bus and then a day's trek to Pathibhara region. On return visited Ilam town and came back to community on 10. Br. Ireneus held the fort alone. Sr. Provincial of St. Anne's of Charity along with entire Nepal St. Anne's Sisters visited Sadakbari blessed by their stay and sessions on their recently concluded General Chapter. On 10, youth of Pokhara visited us along with Fr. Amit. After Dashain, school reopened on 14 till 25. 17-18 Frs. Charles, Arul and Bobby visited us at day time and Fr. Amrit visited us in the evening



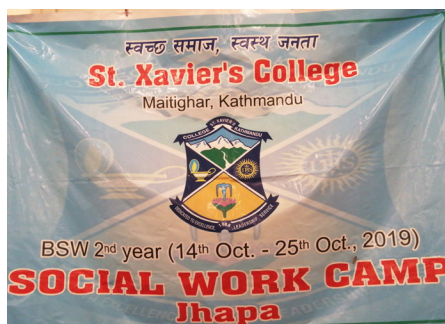
and offered Mass in Sadakbari the following day. 26 to 30 was Tihar holiday. On 25th Students wished happy birthday to Fr. Vijay during assembly and in the evening teachers had cake cutting ceremony. There was a kind of Tihar celebration in the last hour. Remedial class for the weak students continues. On 26, there was a Rajbanshi Cultural Program in Jhapa Bazar and some of the staff and students were part of the show. In the evening Jesuits from SXD & MMS, Sisters from Simalbari and Sadakbari graced GH for the birthday celebration.

Rumi KC, an Alumni of SXC, a Final year MBBS student visited us with her family. Another guest, Ms. Sushila Subedi a SOS Teacher from Banepa visited us with her friends on their way back to Kathmandu from Ilam. Another SXC Alumni of BIM, Mr. Sahil Nepal visited us when Fr. Anup was here during Dashain vacation.

We have a good news that now Simalbari Church has its own land of 10 Ropani, eventually a new Chapel will be built there for the worship and other pastoral works. Thanks to PP Peter for taking lots of trouble to get this purchase done.

Br. Ireneus had a quick visit to Kathmandu to submit his project paper which is part of his studies.

Fr. Vijay



# GOOD SHEPHERED, TIPLING

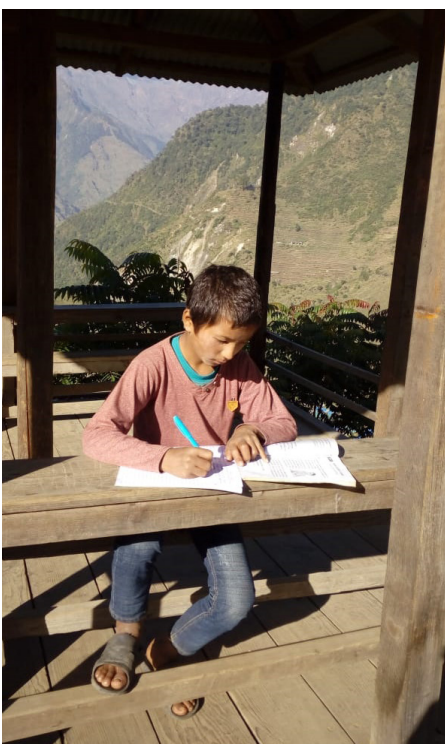


The long mountain holidays for Dashain and Tihar was enlivened by an influx of our Tipling students studying in the Valley and in the Tarai. They brought new energies to our liturgies. Our pastor Fr. Ayar shepherded 19 of our Catholic youth group all the way from Tipling to Dharan and back, a great feat in itself. People were impressed by the local Tamang dress. This was a happy and unexpected surprise for our Tamang village youth who thought that they have to dress like the “outsiders” they see on their mobiles and TV all the time. Many thanks to the Sisters of Nav Jyoti School Dharan. They provided their school vehicle free of charge, for showing our youth around.

Speaking of Sisters, we welcomed two vocations to the Sisterhood, from Tipling. Sister Aarushi, recently pronounced her first vows as a Sister of Charity in Baniyatar. She then returned here to celebrate the event in

her home village and with her family. She was accompanied by Sister Sabina also a Sister of Charity and also a Tipling vocation. It is interesting to note both the Sisters come from non-Catholic families. Fr. Mike and Fr. Ayar presided at the Mass and “Catholicized” cremation of Phe Ghale. The outreach program to our far-flung substations is beginning to yield fruit. An adult couple from Lingcho recently received baptism and the sacraments at the weekly Mass in the main church. Deacon Augustus presided over prayers of blessing at the marriage reception for Yoteman of Tipling. He was recently married in St. Joseph Church Urlabari and is an accountant at St. Xavier’s College, Maitighar. Augustus has since gone home to visit his ailing father in Chhatisghar and to distribute invitation cards for his upcoming ordination there in January.

Jesuit Sources, Tipling



# ST. XAVIER'S SOCIAL SERVICE CENTER



For the first time in the history of St. Xavier's Social Service Center forty-two boys went their homes for Dushara and Tihar celebration. All the staff members were given holiday for one week. SXSSC celebrated Dushara festival on 8th of October along with five boys and six girls who couldn't go home. Fr. Dilip K. Toppo SJ received Tika from youngest girl and he, in turn, granted Tika and blessing of joy, peace, prosperity, success and happiness for the rest of the community members. Members of Gafney Bhawan, ex boys and well wishers of SXSSC too had come to receive blessings from the Director of SXSSC at Jawalakhel center. Frs. Amrit, Mathew, Etienne and Srs. Vidya GS and Amala GS came and

joined the celebration. The remaining boys and girls along with some staff were taken for three day trip to Pokhara which was of great learning experience for the children. Fr. Charles, assistant to General Treasurer visited SXSSC. Both boys and girls gave him a warm welcome with singing and dancing followed by dinner. On 29th of October, 2019 boys and girls of SXSSC entered into brother-sister relationship with the promise of caring for each other. The girls from Aruna Bhawan played Bhailee and boys played Deunsi to mark the day of victory over evil. On the next day after Tihar celebration brothers-sisters went to the zoo together as an extension of their celebration.

Fr. Dilip



## HRDRC

**F**rs. Amrit and Juel made a very fruitful visit to Tipling in the beginning of the month. Fr. Juel made use of his Desain holidays visiting Palpa, Pokara and Gorkha. He also accompanied the Journalism students of St. Xavier's College for their Rural Immersion Camp in Gorkha for a week after the Desain vacation. Fr. Tek has gone to Lonavala for the ongoing formation course for months. Most of the treasurers from south Asian assistancy gathered together at Godavari ashram for four days' conference (COJET). It was very enriching experience. Deacon Augustus has gone home to visit his ailing father. Fr. Charles Lesarado S.J, the assistant to the General Treasurer, Rome visited all the communities in our Region. Frs Dilip and Bobby have gone to Delhi for the zonal meeting on safeguarding and protection of children organized by Jesuit conference of South Asia. Fr. Amrit has gone to Ranchi for JCSA meeting and will be back on 31st October.

Fr. Bobby Joseph

# DIASPORA

## DHYAN ASHRAM JUNIORATE, KOLKATA

**T**he month of October was really special for the Kolkata juniors. The much awaited days arrived at hand with lots of expectations and enthusiasm. On 27 September we had a day of recollection. Fr. Vincent Patrick (Dean) gave the important points to reflect on which came up in the Juniorate staff meeting, Kerala, also some valid points to reflect on inculturation as the Durga Puja was approaching. In life we have to face various real situation to move forward - among them one is the exams which most people hate. We had 1st term exams from 1st- 4th October. After the exams were over, our Puja holidays began.

On the day of Mahalaya - to experience the real celebration of Durga Puja- we got up early in the morning to listen to the Puja chanting, to welcome the goddess Maa Durga on Earth according to the Hindu mythology. During the Puja celebration, we stayed in St. Xavier Hostel, Kolkata 5th- 9th October. We visited different parts of Kolkata to have a real experience of Durga Puja. Some of the Puja pandals were decorated so elegantly on different themes with lot of creativity. We enjoyed and witnessed the cultural heritage of West Bengal, especially the Puja ceremonies.

On 15th October the community was privileged to have Fr. Jagdish Parmar SJ, the co-ordinator of

the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network (PWPN), the Apostleship of Prayer. His talk gave us an eye opening to an aspect of Jesuits great mission all over the world. Moreover, we understood the Pope's intention and concern for the Church and its people. On that same day, we presented a "PPT" to the whole community on Durga Puja celebration. The presentation comprised of the myth behind this great festival, its origin and history, symbolism, comparison between Jesus, Mary and Durga and the merits and demerits of the celebration. I had an opportunity to be one of the editors and MC during the presentation.

On 13th we had a small get together as a boost for the second term. Juniors came up with lot of creative programs: fun games, riddles, jokes, songs, skits, etc. All of us participated and had a good time. The very next day our second term began. Now the juniors have pulled up their socks and ready to give their best academically in this term. Just after a week of classes we had a visiting professor, Rev. Dr. Shaju Sacaria SJ. He taught us an introduction to the English Literature. After attending his classes, many of us are interested to study English Literature for higher education.

Currently we are busy with classes and singing practice for the jubilee celebration.

Sch. Lawrence Kerketta



## ST. XAVIER'S, AHMEDABAD

Month of September was not in favour of Premal Joyti Parivar because many scholastics were hospitalised due to dengue fever and Sch. Bipin was one of them but now all are fit and healthy. Though month was not in our side but some new faces brought immense joy to young men here because most of the PCFs visited their young men who are pursuing their college studies. Month of October began with the celebration of Ghandi Jayanthi; the Father of Nation. We, especially the first year Scholastics witness for the first time Gujarat's biggest festival Nava Ratri at Loyola ground. We also learnt some common steps of Garba dance and shook our bodies. Many were astounded by seeing our dance. On 9th October Fr. Xavier (Darjeeling P.C.F) visited his scholastics and took us for dinner.

On 17 and 18 October we appeared for first semester exam for soft skills and foundation papers; following day onwards we had CIA-2 for compulsory subjects, namely General English and Sanskrit. With all these we came to the end of first semester. On 23rd onwards

Diwali vacation began. The same day we had recollection given by Puspaben Parmar a lay lady. She was well taken up by the way of lives we have chosen because many youngsters are running after name and fame. She encouraged each one of us to walk with the master our Lord Jesus who has called us by our names. She mentioned that Jesus will be with us and also said, "you are the light of the world".

This recollection boosted our spirits with renewed vigour and enthusiasm. On 25th October morning along with two scholastics, Bipin left for mission exposure to Nain Singloti one of the mission stations of Gujarat province 247 Kilometres away from Ahmedabad. It's near Maharashtra. Gary Snyder rightly says "Nature is not a place to visit. It is home". His statement defines the beauty of this place. It is cool and composed with lots of greenery. We are here to prepare ourselves for future missions and get familiarized with the type of works we do for the people who need our presence.

Sch. Bipin Bara

## ASHA KIRAN, MANGALORE



On the 29th of September, we celebrated Fr. Michael John's eightieth birthday. The community

members of Fatima retreat house and St. Aloysius College added joy to this celebration. It began with a solemn Eucharistic celebration and was followed by a short programme. On this beautiful occasion, Fr. Michael, the minister of our community shared about his life in the Society of Jesus. His sharing was indeed enriching and helpful. On the 5th and 6th of October, we had recollection. The theme of this recollection was Universal Apostolic Preferences. It helped us to reflect over four aspects of our life.

From 9th to 23rd, we had our first semester examina-

tion. All scholastics of Asha Kiran successfully completed their exams. In the last week of October, we left for our work camp and study tour in different groups. Ruben left on 24th for his work camp. And now he is teaching in Loyola school in Sindagi, Bijapur - North Karnataka. Besides this, he is busy with slum ministry near a Jesuit community. Niroj left for his study tour on the 26th for Mumbai and Goa.

Sch. Niroj and Ruben



## LOYOLA COLLEGE, NAMCHI

After three months of classes, we had our internal examination in the college. At present we are having full time classes and busy with F.B.A. AND E.P.C. work. We celebrated teacher's day grandly on 5th of September where many students took participation in different programs. We also had a nice debate competition on 2nd of October on Gandhi Jayanti. We are now on Durga puja holidays for seven days and me staying back and completing all the assignment work which we need to submit in next month. At present enjoying fulltime classes with one hundred students of first years and different activities in the college.

Sch. Moris Martin Anthony S

## COLLEGIO INTERNAZIONALE DEL GESU, ROME

I reached the airport in Rome on 8th of June. After the check out at the airport, I met Sch. Eliash Sarkhar S. J. from Bangladesh. I reached Collegio Internazionale del Gesu at 12 in the afternoon. Sch. Eliash helped me to familiarize with the house. It was the time all theologians had their final semester exams. I met the rector Fr. Luis Orlando S. J. and he asked me to join the language course from Monday, 10th of June. There were two other scholastics who had arrived before me. They were from Kenya and Korea.

The Sch. Daeki S. J. from Korea had already joined the language school, so he took me and another Scholastic from Kenya, Sch. Gabriel S. J., to that particular school, but we were not accepted in that school since we were late by one week. Finally we both, me and Gabriel, returned home and explained the things to Fr. Rector. Then he with the smile on his face he took us to another school, Training Club, where we were accepted. Then and there we were asked to attend the classes. So we went into the class where we met some good friends from different congregations. Everyone greeted us in Italian. I was a bit frightened at the beginning, because I felt as though I was thrown into a deep sea to learn swimming. I struggled all the three weeks, but I also learned to understand few words in Italian.

Meanwhile all the other new comers too arrived at Collegio Internazionale del Gesu. So all together we are eleven of us including one Scholastic for the Biblicum. On 1st of July we all had the exam in Italian. I was put in the basic level and I was happy. Those who were in chosen for the basic level had the class in our

house itself and all the others were sent to different schools outside.

As was learning Italian in our house I began to understand the things better and I realized that those three week classes at Training Club helped me to learn the language in a better way. At the end of the month we had exam which I cleared. There are different levels of exam. This time I cleared A1 – A2 level. Then we were sent to another city in Italy, Genova, where we started another level of Italian language (B1 – B2). We were there in the month of August. At the end of the month I was able to clear B1 level along with other friends. I was happy, because I got 73% in the exam. At present I am able to speak and understand a better, but not fully.

Meanwhile we were given a chance to visit some of the cities in Italy. We visited Napoli and Milano. We returned home at the end of August. We had our annual retreat in Rocca di Papa where there is a spirituality center of Sacred Heart Sisters. We were enriched by the spiritual experience for eight days. We renewed our vows at the end of the retreat. We returned home after the retreat. We had several meetings on various points. We had meetings with Fr. Rector, Fr. Nicoles Steeves S. J., the tutor, and the coordinators. We shared about our regency experiences as well as learned the norms of the house and what is expected of us as theologians at Collegio Internazionale del Gesu. Then we went to Rocca di Papa again for our orientation programs as well as community days for three days.

Sch. Devadhas

## ST. PETER'S GAYAGANGA

In view of 'Nirmal Bangla Mission' the whole school campus and surroundings were cleaned up by the students. Phansideva Health Organization conducted a free medical camp for all the higher secondary boys and girls. Much awaited surveillance cameras have been installed in the high school. The students of the High School participated in district level 'Science Exhibition Competition' and became first in Darjeeling district.

'Caritas India' conducted a seminar on 'United for Child protection and Go Green and Keep the Earth Clean' for the students and the teachers of the Primary School on 20 September. The students and teachers also planted trees on that day and went for a rally to create awareness on maintaining a clean and green environment. The staff of St Peter's Primary School went for a pilgrimage to South India during the puja holidays and came back with rich experiences. There was a seminar organized by Seva Kendra (Caritas India) on POCSO Act and Right to Education for the Primary School teachers on 18 October.

Teacher's day was celebrated in the parish also. This was an occasion to honour the teachers and to pray for them. The feast of Karam was celebrated meaningfully in the parish on 15 September. Fr Peter Pappu was engaged in organizing the annual meeting of JEPASA Coordinators of South Asia. They visited us on 22 September. A seminar was organized in the parish on 'Theology of the Body' for parish youth on 3 October. A three-day Charismatic retreat was held in the parish. The preachers were Fr Raphael Lakra and his team.

Fr Cherian Maliekal directed an eight-day retreat for Darjeeling Jesuits at Matigara

Sch. David Donald



19 November	Sch. David Donald Minj
23 November	Fr. Mathew Assarkidudy
23 November	Sch. Deepak Jans
26 November	Fr. Anil Kumar Beck

## PRAYERS FOR THE DEPARTED SOULS



\* Fr Aloysius Thoppil, SJ (AND), 56/31 died on 01 October, 2019.

\* Fr. Raymond C. Baumhart, S.J. (UMI), 95/73 died on October 10, 2019, at Colombiere Center in Clarkston, Michigan.

\* Fr. John V. White, S.J. (UMI), 90/63 died on October 12, 2019, at Colombiere Center in Clarkston, Michigan.

\* Fr. Edward J. Mattimoe, S.J., (UMI), 90/67 died on October 20, 2019, at Colombiere Center in Clarkston, Michigan.

\* Fr. Casimir R. Bukala, S.J., (UMI), 88/61 died on October 23, 2019, at Colombiere Center in Clarkston, Michigan.

\* Fr. Jerome F. Treacy, S.J., (UMI), 90/69 died on October 23, 2019, at Colombiere Center in Clarkston, Michigan.

\* Bro Paschal D'Souza S.J., (GOA), 83/59 died on 24 October, 2019 in Goa.

## THOSE WHO SERVED IN NEPAL

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

## Announcement

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