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### Region Superior's Programme in September

Sept. 4 -13	Retreat Preaching MC, Tindharia
Sept. 15	Return to Kathmandu
Sept. 16-19	Visitation - Campion House
Sept. 20 -21	Visitation - Kamal Niwas
Sept. 24	Local Superiors' Meeting, HRDRC
Sept. 25	Region Consult, HRDRC
Sept. 27- 1 Oct.	Visitation - Tipling Jesuits

### Appointment by Region Superior

Fr. Anil Beck -	Acting Parish Priest, St. Ignatius Church, Baniyatar
Fr. Lawrence Maniyar -	Teacher, St. Xavier's School, Godavari

## St. Xavier's Jawalakhel

All the religious and priests were invited for the feast of St. Ignatius celebration. As it was a *bandh* day, the school celebration was on the next day. We had a common assembly for all the staff and students in front of the New Niesen Building. Fr. Amrit blessed the new building and gave a message for the day. Fr. Etienne offered Mass for the Christian children on first Friday. Tej left for Ataneo University, Manila for pastoral studies. Regular scheduled activities are on and our students are taking part in various activities outside also. Our cricket team is doing very well in a tournament and they have won all the league matches and reached the quarterfinals as of today.

As a community all of us joined the Baniatar parish community for their parish feast celebrations and lunch. Tomson had gone to Matigara for the young priests meeting and when he returned we celebrated his and Ignatius' birthdays together. Anil also went to Matigara for the pastors meeting. Now he is taking

## HRDRC

Fr. Amrit has completed his canonical visitation in Pokara Mission, St. Xavier's Jawalakhel School and community and works in Jhapa, Eastern Nepal. Fr. Tek Bahadur and Dilip have attended a seminar on psycho spirituality and psycho sexuality conducted for young priests at Matigara, Siliguri. Fr. Lawrence is back from his home visit. After a brief stay in the community, he went to Jhapa to bring his luggage. Soon he will be moving to Godavari community for new assignment. We were happy to have Ayar and Augustus with us for a few days. Both of them have gone back to Tipling and are busy with active ministry.

Boby Joseph

Tej's classes and also helps out in the computer lab. We were all very sad to hear about the sudden demise of our former teacher Murali sir who has worked in our three institutions starting from Godavari. Ignatius represented the community at the MC's feast. Tomson gave a three day recollection to the C.J. Sisters in Lubhu. George made a trip to Pradesh 2 with some of our Fathers to explore the possibilities of a frontier mission ! Besides classes Sanjay keeps busy meeting parents and handling cases.

Mr. Manoj Joy from a Catholic college in Kerala was our guest for a few days as he went around recruiting engineering students from Nepal for his college. We were happy to host Fr. Joseph Puthenkulam, S.J. of Patna and his mother and two brothers for a dinner. Fr. Amrit's visitation is going on and he addressed both the junior and senior school assemblies, and the staff is also scheduled to get their share.

A.V. Mathew

# St. Xavier's Godavari



Scout Jamboree in USA.

**S**XG began the month with a grand celebration of feast of St Ignatius of Loyola. On the 3rd of August our students got their first term result. The same day Scout students returned from World

new and green eco-friendly environment.

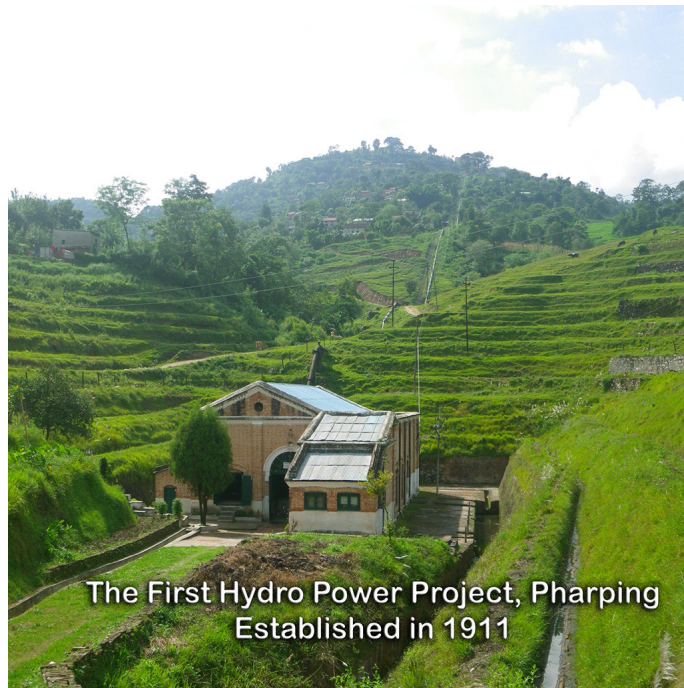
Class nine students went for educational tour to Pharping. Pharping Hydro Power Project is the first hydro-power project of Nepal and second of Asia. This is situated in Kathmandu district. It was established in the year 1911. In 2010 it was declared a Living Museum by government of Nepal and was open for public.



There was a staff meeting on 9th of August. On 10th of August we had a family day for classes 7 and 8 and also the grand 76th birthday celebration of Fr. Bill Robins. The local religious joined the Jesuits for the meal.

There was an Inter Team Junior School One Act Play in English for classes 4 and 5. A meeting was held for the parents of scholarship students on 19th of this month. Most of the parents turned up for this meeting. SXG secured the first position and was declared a champion in Bosco Beat held in Lubhu. There was a three day program held in Jawalakhel for MUN group. Many of our students were accompanied by Mr. Rabi Silwal for this program and took active part in it. Our students participated in the events and were awarded for their performances.

Joint Schools Students Exchange Program was held in our school for three days. Many of our students went to other schools and also other students from various schools had come over here and took active part in it. They had a very rich and enriching experience in this



The First Hydro Power Project, Pharping  
Established in 1911

A month long retreat was held at Godavari Ashram for Congregation of Jesus (CJ) Tertiaries guided by Fr. P.R. Jacob, S.J. Month of August was concluded by the visitation of Fr Amrit Rai, S.J.

Pankaj





# St. Xavier's Deonia



The Terai Scholastics and Deacon Manu with Fr. Arul had one-day recollection in Don Bosco, Daran. With enthusiasm and zeal the school resumed on 9<sup>th</sup> August, after a term break. The students were shown their exam papers for clarification before actual result was published. The result day was kept on August 17; parents with their wards came to receive results. There was individual debate competition both in Nepali and English from classes' 6<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup>. The winners were given certificates. It was a blessing for us to have Fr. Amrit Rai, the Region Superior for his official visit to the Jesuit community and to the Institution. The Region Superior also met willing administrative staff for personal talk.

He addressed separately both students and teachers respectively. Meanwhile, Fr. Arul was away for the conclusion of REGAE at Bangalore. He returned and met Fr. Amrit for the manifestation. With the handful of our Catholics we celebrated the feast of Assumption; catechism children and youth led the choir. The new captains for classes 11 and 12 for Science and Management were selected and officially given captain's batch for the academic year 2019-20. There was a meeting with parents of class 8 regarding their studies as well as for their Board Exams. Many issues were discussed to help our students to focus on studies.

Wilson







## Moran Memorial Maheshpur SCHOOL:

Family day for classes 7 and 8 was organized with varieties of items such as dance, skit, interaction with parents, fun games and so on.

Senior students participated in the Cricket Tournament organized by one of the schools of this municipality. Our students bagged 2<sup>nd</sup> position.

Fr. Amrit's visitation was a moment of grace for the school and the parish. His presence inspired and encouraged the students and the staff.



## PARISH:

Fr. Norbert attended a three-day seminar on family counseling for the pastors at Matigara. The seminar helped to understand the pain and reach out to the people who are in need of pastoral care. Feast of St Ignatius was celebrated together with all the priests and religious working in Purvanchan. Fr. Arul was the main celebrant for the Holy Eucharist.

Boniface







## Gonzaga House, Sadakbari

Second Term classes are in full swing. 31<sup>st</sup> July was a holiday and all the Jesuits and Purwanchal Clergy and religious were gathered in MMS for the celebration. Thanksgiving Eucharist was celebrated by Fr. Arul Selvam and preached by Deacon Manu Mathew followed by a fellowship meal. On August 4, students put up a beautiful program to

Boniface and Deacon Manu. On 24 Frs. Vijay and Peter went to Itabhatta to take part in the feast day of Sisters Adorer.

Fr. Peter was away to Matigara for the Pastoral Counselling course in the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of August. Meanwhile the mother of our community cook passed away. Deacon Manu performed his first burial ceremony.



honor teachers on the occasion of Guru Purnima, which was during the term break. On August 10<sup>th</sup> there was a report card day; Principal briefed about the progress report and about the status of school and introduced the staff members. August 12 to 14 Fr. Amrit, the Regional Superior visited us and met with the staff and briefed about Universal Apostolic Preferences of the Society. On 19, we had gone to Moran Memorial School for a celebration of Triple Birthday of Frs. Amrit,

We were visited by young priests of the Region: Frs. Anil, Ayar, Tek, Thomas and Thomson on their way to Matigara.

On 24, Monica's day was celebrated at the parish level in both places Sadakbari and Simalbari. Short and sweet programs were there followed by Tea and snacks. In the evening we had a family celebration of 250th death anniversary Fr. Bonal, the founder of the Charity of St. Anne's.

Vijay





## Campion House

Class 11 admissions were later than usual this year; it was completed only on the 18<sup>th</sup> of July. Classes began from 22<sup>th</sup> after a day of orientation for the students and parents on 20<sup>th</sup>. On 19<sup>th</sup> July, the college conducted a Spring Commencement Ceremony for the graduating students of all the undergraduate departments. On the 21<sup>st</sup>, the BSW students returned from their holidays for another semester. SXC MAGIS members had their annual orientation day on 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> of July in Godavari Ashram. Sr. Sophia Lee, SPC and Ms. Susila Thapa, staff moderator of SXC MAGIS, assisted Jomon in this. On the 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> of July, Jomon conducted a leadership workshop for the Class Representatives of Plus Two in the same venue. Mr. Gehendra Chand and Ms. Saluja Chand accompanied and assisted him.

The Ignatius Week activities began on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of July. The activities included daily novena and competitions like poem writing, sketching and painting, and collage making on the theme of the year Transcend to Transform. The Ignatius Week quiz organized on 26<sup>th</sup> of July drew participation from around 250 students. On Ignatius Day and a day before that, the MAGIS members put up several performances of a play titled, Be My Light. The play was based on the life of Mother Teresa and it was hailed for its innovative concepts and wonderful acting. SXC MAGIS members along with their moderators did a wonderful job of organizing the entire Ignatius Week.

Jomon conducted an Ignatian Leadership workshop for the PiE trainees in Godavari Ashram on 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> of August. Mohan Bhanjade, the Out Reach Program Coordinator of the college accompanied him and

assisted him. Admissions for the 2019 class of BSW and the BA and BBS students were completed in the second and fourth week of August, respectively. The College Management Committee had its regular meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> August.

Jiju managed a two-day visit to Province 2 along with other members of the commission appointed to start new ministries on 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> August. Anup has completed the sixth Semester of his Masters and has two more to go. Jomon took a couple of days off to attend to Fr. Joseph Puthenkulam, SJ, (PAT), his mother and two of his brothers. They stayed in Campion House on 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> of August. Fr. Joseph is a professor in Vidyajyoti, Delhi and is currently doing his doctorate from Biblicum, Rome. Fr. Cap, along with his grandnephew, Garen, made a trip to Godavari under the watchful eye and careful driving of Cap's doctor, Dr. Bulund Thapa. Cap survived the drive comfortably. Garen returned to the USA on 30<sup>th</sup> July after staying with us for a month. James has received the news that his PhD Viva date is scheduled on the 9<sup>th</sup> of September. We wish James all the very best.

SXC has announced several job vacancies, especially for teaching positions. Please log on to [www.sxc.edu.np](http://www.sxc.edu.np) for more details and pass the word on.

Mr. Murali Sharma, who was working (part-time) as the Controller of Examinations in SXC, passed away on 17<sup>th</sup> of August, Saturday, due to a heart attack. Murali Sir was a Jesuit alumnus and spent close to forty years of his working life in the Jesuit institutions. May his soul rest in peace! We keep the bereaved wife of Murali Sir, his son and his loved ones in our prayers.

Jomon

## Good Shepherd, Tipling

Fr. Ayar has rejoined the community since last report. He has made his annual retreat in Godavari and attended the pastoral counseling course in Matigarha. In the mean time deacon Augustus joined the Tipling community. He has been busy in assisting in mass, funeral rituals, communion services to mission stations, visiting houses, preparing for M.B.S exam and preparing for his ordination in January. He finds lack of Internet service a slight handicap having just returned from Canada. In the absence of parish priest there were two funeral masses with cremations in the Tamang tradition. A core member of Couples for Christ, Robel Ghale of Tipling, now living in Kathmandu came from Assumption Church to Tipling. He gave our parishioners an introductory talk prior to the course being offered in Assumption Church in September for married couples. Schools have reopened here after the rainy season holiday. Mike is preparing classes for eight, nine and ten English students for the first semester government exam in September. The heavy monsoon rains have caused landslides closing the new road for time being. Fortunately, our mobile clinic ministry is back in full swing. Medicines arrived with the bishop, Amrit and Juel's visit before the rain.

Jesuit Sources Tipling





## Shishu Bikas Kendra

**P**okhara – Shishu Bikas Kendra has been blest with various events in the month of August – some new special students were kept under probation in *Shrawan*. Few remained for longer period of time while others for short time depending on the type of cases. Frequent holidays cause irregularity of students in coming to the centre. Last month the students learnt through pictorial method. They were made to recognize different pictures and some kept on repeating them whole day.

Fr. Amrit Rai was at SBK for few days in the beginning of the month to give retreat talks to MC Sisters in the city. His simplicity in life and preaching both in Nepali and English languages has been highly appreciated by the religious and the laity. Fr. Paul participated in the ecumenical meeting at Rambazaar, Pokhara well dressed in the priestly attire. It was organized by the Hindu Brethren. Fr. Amit went to Siliguri for a week to engage in pastoral counseling meeting. Pokhara Jesuit Community gave warm welcome to visitors from USA, France and Portugal.

The construction of grotto attached columbarium is almost completed. Many of the parishioners have individually and collectively contributed in making it according to their capacities. Fr. Amit took the youths to MC Sisters' (active) place to involve them in some outreach program. They helped them clean, sweep and mop the place. They interacted with the inmates, sang songs and danced with them for awhile participating in their joys and sorrows. They fed them food with their own hands; this has been a very unique and unforgettable experience for them. It was a memorable and exciting day for them. The youths heard the life story of St. Mother Teresa from Sister Animaanada who had the first hand experience of living with St. Mother Teresa in the City of Joy, Kolkata. The youths were happy to listen to the Sister. They thanked and praised God for blessing the Universal Church with such Saints to look after and care for the uncared in the society. They returned home with a beautiful experience of rendering their service to the neglected and downtrodden people.

Amit







## St. Xavier's Social Service Center

Five A-level students from St. Xavier's College have joined St. Xavier's Social Service Center to tutor and guide the children. The boys and girls of SXSSC celebrated the founder's feast by sharing the life of Ignatius and by reflecting on his spiritual heritage. Moreover, boys celebrated Ignatius birthday with singing and dancing. The children from Jawalakhel Center and Aruna Bhawan participated to celebrate the Jubilee Year of Assumption Church, Dhobighat. Both the houses presented dances on religious songs which was outstanding and best of all. All the staff and students from both the houses were invited for the inaugural function.



Three Social Work students from St. Xavier's College have been placed at SXSSC for their field placement for one year. They have already started their works and visits to different places for interventions. A child named Yegdev Giri has been re-integrated to his family at the request of his guardians - a positive response indeed. Margret Bara, one of the volunteer staff completed her second year of bachelor's degree and had a trip to East Nepal tea estate where her parents live. The Outreach Club of St. Xavier's School, Jawalakhel visited Aruna Bhawan, organized various kinds of games, interacted with each other, gifted the children with story books and had snacks together. Tuition classes for neighborhood poor children have started, an initiation by Aruna and Gafney Bhawan staff and children.

Dilip





## Kamal Niwas [NJSI]



This month NJSI was occupied with some activities and inauguration of a newly constructed building. Shree Jay Bageshwori Women's group is one of the inspired groups in Mahankal 4, Sindhupalchowk which is working for women and community development by saving money and conducting welfare activities. They have successfully gathered more than 450 members in the group. These active and inspiring women did not have a place to conduct meetings or gather for a social cause so, they had to rent a room which was so small for that number of group. To conduct meetings and to do any welfare activities smoothly, they requested NJSI for a women hall. Being notified upon their need, NJSI decided to reach to them through one storey building with two rooms, one big hall and an office room.

The grand inauguration of this women's activity center was done on August 4<sup>th</sup>. Along with NJSI team, Navjyoti Center and 2 doctors joined for the medical camp which was planned to conduct after inauguration ceremony at the same place. The program was conducted in the presence of Government officials, Ward Chairperson, Mr. Raj Kumar Lamichhane and special guests - Indra Maya Gurung from province 1, Navjyoti Center team, Doctors and the beneficiaries. About 120 people were present for the program. First they attended the program and medical camp quickly followed. Medicines were distributed freely as prescribed by the doctors. Both the programs

were funded by Missio Achen in collaboration with Navjyoti Center.

On 8<sup>th</sup> August, NJSI staffs with the resource person departed to Sindhupalchowk for Personal Development Camp and parents Orientation Program at Shree Ban Sanghu Secondary School. This would help students to be aware of their "Self". The sessions would be focused on different aspects of personal development through various activities to help the students enlarge their vision of themselves. The program was on the subject of Higher Studies Education and Child Rights. It was two day program. After completion, certificates and gifts were distributed to the students. On 10<sup>th</sup> of August, parent's orientation program was conducted. Here, the sessions were for the parents in order to awaken them through various awareness programs. These awareness programs provide them a constitutive guidance on how to make an effective bond between the parents and their children.



This time NJSI has started 300 hrs. of intensive computer training program with the package of spoken English, personality development and office management courses. Altogether there are 16 participants who are residing in Kamal Niwas. NJSI will be providing accommodation, food services for all the 16

participants for a month. This training program is financed by Xavier Network. The participants are from different districts; Kavre, Dhadhing, Dailekh. They have taken this training program as a hope to evolve themselves in confidence.

Ms. Shristi





## Desideri House

The summer program at KU Centre for Buddhist Studies at Rangjung Yeshe Institute (RYI) went very well this year. We had over a hundred students from around the globe to study Tibetan, Sanskrit, Nepali and Buddhist history & philosophy.

There were two interesting developments. We saw an increase in Tibetan-Americans coming to improve their knowledge of Tibetan. We also had a very large contingent of South Indians, from Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh. The latter were mostly people who already have a PhD, or are working on one.

Boston College sent a recent graduate who has developed an interest in South Asian culture. Normally there are no BC students in the summer. During the summer I offered a mini-course on the traditional Buddhism of the Kathmandu Valley, which was well attended. I also gave on-site lectures in Patan

present and former JCAP presidents attended and led a discussion of Interreligious relations in light of the newly-articulated Universal Apostolic Preferences of the Society.

There were 19 attendees, of whom nearly a third were Buddhist nuns and monks who have a connection with the Jesuits. South Asia was represented by Frs Lawrence Soosai of Patna and Cyril Mathew, the Jesuit Zen teacher at Bodhi Zendo in Kodaikanal. I was unable to attend because of visa problems. The strike and lockout at Kathmandu University, plus the usual inefficiency, has led to a long delay. I have been on a tourist visa for most of the year. At the end of this week I will reclaim my passport and head to the general curia in Rome for meetings of the Secretariat for Ecumenism and Interreligious Relations.

Fr Francis Tiso, the American-Italian priest from the Diocese of Isernia, and a world-renowned



and Swayambhu. A highlight of the summer was to have Fr Yann Vagneux MEP with us in Boudha. His engaging personality and deep experience of South Asia enriched his classmates' experience and built up even more goodwill toward Catholics at a Buddhist college!

The summer program ended on August 9<sup>th</sup>. Within a week new student began trickling in. In addition to BC students, I keep an eye on visiting students from SOAS – University of London and Oregon State University. Altogether there are 9 in that group, plus individual visiting students from seven other universities. I gave my usual presentations on the history and culture of Nepal, then rounded out the first week of orientation by leading a tour of Buddhist sites in Patan.

This year's meeting of Jesuits in Buddhist Studies and Dialogue, sponsored by the Jesuit Conference of Asia-Pacific, was held in Yangon, Burma. Frs Tony Moreno and Mark Raper, the

scholar of Tibetan Buddhism, returned to Nepal in mid-August and went directly to Lower Mustang, where he is taking part in a retreat. Unfortunately, I will be in Rome, for meetings when he gets back to the valley.

Looking ahead we anticipate a return visit by Roshi Joan Halifax who will bring her team of volunteer health professionals to do medical camps in Dolpo, and for the Rohingya refugees here in Kathmandu. In October I will speak at the gathering of interreligious dialogue coordinators in Delhi. In November we will host NJS benefactor Chris Fussner. He will bring Dr Jorrit Britschgi, a scholar of Asian art and the director of the Rubin Museum of Himalayan Art, of which Chris is now a trustee. In December we will welcome the usual immersion programs organized by the Cardoner Project, and by St Ignatius College Riverview, both based in Sydney, Australia.

Greg



## St. Ignatius Church, Baniyatar

This year, Baniyatar Parish began its parish feast preparation with the nine days of novena prayers in the evening in the church along with the other programs for the day. The novena prayers, perhaps, conducted for the first time for the occasion in the church where different parish zones took the lead to conduct it for the faithful in the evening. With the meaningful preparation, the church celebrated her patron saint, St. Ignatius of Loyola's feast on 3<sup>rd</sup> of August. The main celebrant of the Mass was his Rt. Rev. Bishop, Paul Simick. Led by the meaningful Mass by the Bishop, 11 children received their first communion and 13 of them received the Sacrament of Confirmation. On the occasion along with Baniyatar parishioners, children from Pernalaya girls' hostel, Baniyatar, Don Bosco girls' hostel, Thecho and Aruna Bhawan, Nakhipot also performed their dances during the cultural program organized for all after the mass,

which followed preeti-bhoj.

There were eight students from the church community who got through the entrance test for 10+2 at St. Xavier School, Jawalakhel but only 4 of them took the admission due to various reasons. Himal Ghale, 9 year old boy from Baniyatar Church studying at Don Bosco, Lubhu in class 3 was diagnosed with tumor in his head and in the second stage of its cancer. He has brought the entire church community together to help him and the family. They are completely broken financially due to expensive treatment. The church community and the youth came together and decided to help the family financially with whatever they could contribute. At present the child is responding to treatment well and looks stable. He is going through regular chemotherapy treatment.

Anil

## D I A S P O R A

### St. Aloysius College Mangaluru

The month of August began with the two days of community meeting on academic, Spiritual, community and apostolic life. On 9 of August we had on going formation talk which was enriching and useful. The Scholastics of ASHA Kiran benefited a lot. On 13 we had one more enriching talk given by Provincial of Karnataka Fr. Stany D'Souza SJ. On 15 we celebrated Independence Day as well as Foundation day of Asha Kiran. This celebration added joy with the friendship football match between diocesan (JEPPU) brothers and ASHA Kiran Scholastic. On 21 August we celebrated birthday of Fr. Alphonse Fernandis the Superior of the community. Solemn mass began with the entrance dance by Ruben and his companions. Niroj conducted the birthday program. And this was followed by one day of Econavanza program at St. Aloysius College. There were many activities taken place on this day. At the same time many responsibilities were given to Niroj as a cultural head of Econavanza. Currently we are busy with our 2nd Internal exams.

Ruben and Niroj

### Ateneo, Manila

“Walang gaanong kailangan para magkaroon ng masayang buhay; nasa loob mo ang lahat ng ito, sa iyong paraan ng pag-iisip.” (Very little is needed to make a happy life; it is all within yourself, in your way of thinking.) This is the language of Philippines (Tagalog). My every class ends with relation to spirituality i.e. write a reflection on the article being given to us. Yes, I have begun my classes at CEFAM (Center for Family Ministries) under the auspices of the Loyola School of Theology at the Ateneo de Manila University. I didn't have any problem of reaching the Jesuit Residence, Manila. Fr. Augustine was ahead of time, waiting for me at the airport and welcomed me with big smile with warm hug. He helped me to familiarize with the things at the residence and also in the process of the enrollment in the college and getting student visa. It is by his great help that I could attend classes without missing. It is a big Jesuit community; we are about 34 Jesuits residing in the community. Augustine is busy preparing his thesis proposal defense which is in the second week of September and then goes back to Nepal for his field work. Here weather is quite pleasant at present and also all the Jesuits are very helpful and warm hearted. I am happy and doing well in my studies. Augustine is regular for the basketball as Tomson is there and that is the secret of his good health.

Tej Kalyan



## St. Xavier's College, Ahmedabad

Month of August was the month of blessings for Premal Jyoti Parivar. Fr. P. D'Cunha Vernon the assistant general of the Society of Jesus visited us, besides this we experienced some weighty rain. Apart from all these, we were on our toes due to various activities such as football tournament, examinations, Independence Day and feast day celebration, Ahmedabad darshan, community daytrip and assignments. On 4<sup>th</sup> August we had inter parish football tournament organized by Loyola parish in order to accompany the youth and boost them. We the scholastics of Premal Jyoti took active participation and came out victorious. After the tournament we were busy preparing for CIA papers and it was reassuring experiences for the first-year scholastics because we sat for exams after four or five years due to Jesuit formations. From 9<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> we appeared for exams and following day we celebrated Independence Day as an Indian and the same day we celebrated feast of the Assumption of Our Blessed Mother. We had a memorable day playing year-wise basketball. Third years came out triumphant and 1<sup>st</sup> year's runner up. After CIA exams we had three-day vacation.

A Long-awaited outing for the 1<sup>st</sup> years heritage darshan finally took place on 26<sup>th</sup> August. We were glad to visit various religious monuments of different faiths. We were escorted by Rajesh Christian one of the distinguished tourists guide from Ahmedabad. We visited Bhadra fort, shaking minarets, Sardar Patel Memorial Museum, Jain temple, Gandhi Ashram to mention a few. We were enhanced by this heritage darshan and collected information about the place and religious beliefs.

On 17<sup>th</sup> August, we had one day community outing. A placid and tranquil, yet adventurous and thrilling, best haunt for endless fun in the vicinity of savory mangoes and Chikoo orchards CAMP DILLY located just 100 kms from Narol, Ahmedabad. We had spent the day relaxing and had fun with companions. It was outing right after the exams. On 19<sup>th</sup> onwards college resumed after a short break. All these days we were loaded with assignments. Meantime, we had recollection on 24<sup>th</sup>; it was a time to pause and look at our relationship with the Master our Lord and reconcile with Him and move forward.

Bipin

## St. Peter's H.S. School, Gayaganga

Fr. Provincial's visitation to Gayaganga community from July 22-24 was a time of grace and blessing to community, parish and school. Active participation of parishioners and students brought much joy to the celebration of St. Ignatius feast. On 8<sup>th</sup> August, Bagdogra Diocese youth convention was held at St. Peter's School, Gayaganga. 847 youths participated from different parishes, among them 205 were from Gayaganga Parish. To make this event a success, Gayaganga youths and parishioners played a major role. A day of faith formation was organized for those who had newly received the sacrament of baptism and communion. Fr. Peter Pappu, the convener of JEPASA and the coordinator of Young priests, attended five days seminar on Pastoral counselling in Matigara. On 15<sup>th</sup>, the feast of Assumption of Mother Mary and Independence Day was celebrated gloriously. On the same day, the pre-novices of Premanjli came to visit Gayaganga and added to our joy. They had football and basketball matches with our hostel boys in our new basketball court.

On August 10, St. Peter's primary school staff had an orientation programme along with St. Vincent's School staff at Rajganj. This orientation was an occasion to interact with St. Vincent's staff besides improving the teaching techniques. On 15<sup>th</sup> we had the Independence Day celebration in which a senior staff who would be retiring this year was the guest of honour. The children performed a march past and a patriotic dance.

On 23<sup>rd</sup> August, Fr. Nabor Dungdung, the coordinator of AICUF organized one day seminar for the students. We are thankful to the speakers: Mr. Sameer Tigga (Retired Manager in Indian Air force), Mr. Junas Kerketta (Assistant school inspector of Naxalbari) and Fr. Xavier Alangaram SJ (Vice-principal of St. Xavier's College, Rajganj) for their generosity and valuable time. On 25<sup>th</sup> we celebrated the feast of St. Monika in the Parish. For the preparation of the feast, a day of recollection was organized for *Mahilasang*. During this month 152 new members of *Mahilasang* got registered.

St. Peter's Primary school bagged 2<sup>nd</sup> prize in singing, and St. Peter's high school got 3<sup>rd</sup> prize in dance in diocese level Crusvir Talent Competition 2019. We congratulate and thank the teachers and the students for their hard work and dedication.

Truss roof above the hostel building is successfully completed. We are grateful to the Province Curia for their help.

David Donald



## Kolkata Juniorate

After nine days of spiritual preparation in and through inspiring Ignatian Novena based on various creative themes, Dhyan Ashram community, Kolkata, celebrated the feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola. We were privileged to have many religious from our neighbouring communities – including the bishop of our diocese – joining us for the celebration. We had an inspiring prayer service followed by agape together with the invitees. To make the feast more meaningful, we had varieties of games and competitions in the evening.

On 3<sup>rd</sup> August, Bp. Shyamal Bose, the new Coadjutor Bishop of Baruaipur, paid us a visit and offered mass for the community members. We, the juniors, had a pilgrimage to Our Lady's Shrine in Bandel, one of the famous pilgrimage centres in West Bengal that attracts numerous devotees. The pilgrimage was meant to seek the blessings of Our Lady for a smooth and meaningful journey in the Juniorate.

On 15<sup>th</sup> August, the whole community celebrated two important events: the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Indian Independence Day. After a creative marchpast we had the hoisting of the national flag. As India is a multi-lingual and multicultural nation, we had inspiring speeches in three different languages: English, Hindi and Bengali. I had an opportunity to deliver the speech in English.

On 22<sup>nd</sup> August, we went to one of the MC Sisters' Houses to celebrate the feast of "The Immaculate Heart of Mary" which is also the feast of their congregation. After the solemn Eucharist and delicious breakfast, we spent some quality time with the inmates singing and dancing so as to bring smile on their faces.

Presently, in addition to our regular programs we are busy picking up various creative techniques of writing and presenting.

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04 September	Fr. Jomon Jose Kanniattukunnel
04 September	Fr. Rufino Coutinho
17 September	Fr. Paul Chemparathy
23 September	Fr. Jiju Verghese Kevillil

## PRAYERS FOR THE DEPARTED SOULS



\*Fr. Gavin O' Sullivan SJ, (HAZ) 96/76, passed away on 29 August 2019 in Sitagara, Hazaribag.

\*Fr. Robert C. Thul SJ, (UMI) 89/71, died on August 25, 2019, at Colombiere Center, Michigan.

\*Fr. Richard W. Anderson SJ, (UMI) 84/66, died on August 10, 2019, at Colombiere Center in Michigan.

\*Fr. Theodore Toppo (T) SJ, (MAP), 80/57, died on 08 Aug 2019 in Holy Cross Hospital, Ambikapur.

\*Fr. Barry John O' Loughlin SJ, (HAZ) 80/60, passed away on 04 Aug in Melbourne, Australia.

## Announcement

**Eight Day Ignatian Retreat  
in  
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**January 10 to 18, 2020**

Contact at: godavariashram@gmail.com

## THOSE WHO SERVED IN NEPAL

09/09/2001	Fr. Charles Law
21/09/2011	Fr. Cornelius Curtin