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NEWSLETTER OF DARJEELING JESUITS

MARCH 2025

PROVINCIAL'S PROGRAM

MARCH

10: SJC GB/Manresa

19 March to 12 April: General Curia Colloquium

APRIL

14: Manresa

25: POP, Woodcot

ONGOING FORMATION

Fr Vincent George: Roots and Wings,
Shenbaganur



CONGRATULATIONS AND PRAYERFUL WISHES
TO BISHOP ELECT, RT REV. FABIAN TOPPO,
OF JALPAIGURI DIOCESE.

POPE'S INTENTION FOR MARCH 2025

FOR FAMILIES IN CRISIS



Let us pray that broken families
might discover the cure for their
wounds through forgiveness,
rediscovering each other's gifts,
even in their differences.

APPOINTMENTS

Fr Sandeep Beck: Minister and Estate Manager,
St Peter's, Gayaganga.

Fr Peter Bhujel: Preparing for a rehabilitation centre
for alcoholics at Chimney, Kurseong

Sch. Joseph Kerketta: St Joseph's School, Mungpoo

Sch. Valerian: St Joseph's School, North Point,
Darjeeling

Sch. Kuldeep Topno: St Vincent's School, Hatighisa

Sch. Bipin Bara (NEP): St Peter's School, Gayaganga

Sch. Vinay Lakra (NEP): Pre-novitiate, Matigara

Sch. Bipin Tirkey: Dew Villa, Kurseong

MISSIONED TO NEPAL:

Scholastics Jayaraj Solomon, Anup Minj, Sawan Rai,
and Ashish Soy

DARJEELING-NEPAL: COMMON PROGRAMS

1. **Treasurers' workshop from 2-5 March 2025** at
Matigara. (2nd evening – arrival and 5th morning
departure). The workshop will be conducted by Fr
Xavier Ignatius of Delhi Province. All house and
community treasurers are expected participate in
this.

2. **Common Assembly from 4-7 May 2025** at
Matigara (Arrival on 4th evening and Departure on
7th morning). All members of Darjeeling Province
are expected to participate in the common
assembly. This will be the second assembly of DAR-
NEP. Coordinators for Common Assembly: Basil, Jiju
and Socii.

3. Province Retreat: The theme of the retreat will be the history and legacy of Darjeeling Province and Nepal Region. This is a spiritual preparation for the unification of DAR and NEP. All Jesuits are expected to sign up for one of the following dates:

- 9-17 June at Godavari, Nepal
- 28 Sept to 6 October 2025 at Matigara
- 4-12 December 2025 at Matigara

4. DAR-NEP Local Superiors' Meeting from 5-8 June 2025 at Godavari, Nepal. (Arrival by evening 5th June and departure by the morning of 9th June).

5. Former Jesuits Gathering at St Joseph's School, North Point from 16-18 May 2025.

6. Shared Vision/Jesuit Collaborators, a training program for all the staff of our educational institutions. The purpose of the program is for communicating the values of the Society of Jesus to all our collaborators. It has three cycles. The first cycle deals with the life of Ignatius and his ideals, the second cycle is geared towards collaboration and the third includes a four-day retreat.

The team, consisting of Fr Kennedy (coordinator), Fr Jomon, Ms Pavanvir Kaur, Mr Andre Lefevre and Mr Subrana, with the help of other resource persons will conduct a two-day program for the first cycle to be completed by the end of 2025.

SHARED VISION WORKSHOPS IN OUR EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

1. April 03-04 Loyola School, Kelabari
2. April 07-08 St Xavier's, Sadakbari - Sirha
3. April 11-12 St Peter's School, Gayaganga
4. April 28-29 St Alphonsus' School, Kurseong
5. May 02-03 Loyola College of Education, Namchi
6. May 11-12 St Xavier's, Godavari.
7. May 16-17 St Xavier's School, Alipurduar
8. May 22-23 Moran Memorial School, Maheshpur
9. May 30-31 St Xavier's College, Rajganj
10. June 26-27 St Josph's School, Darjeeling
11. July 24-25 St Joseph's College, Darjeeling
12. Aug. 29-30 Gandhi Ashram, Kalimpong
13. Nov. 28-29 St Vincent's School, Hatighisa
14. Dec. 13-14 St Xavier's, Jawalakhel

PJR, MATIGARA:



The community members along with the co-workers from PJR, Premanjali and Inigo Bhawan (Senior Home) went on a picnic to Mirik on 12th February. We had taken prepared lunch. All the Co-workers had boating in the lake. For many of them it was the first time to go to Mirik. We are grateful to Hatighisa and LPC for lending their vehicles for the day.

The community had its monthly meeting followed by birthday celebration of Fr Leo Alphonse on the 23rd of February.

26th of February was Premanjali day. We witnessed the talents of our pre-Novices. They staged a play and performed beautiful Nepali and Adivasi dances. About 120 Religious and Priests of the locality enjoyed the evening. Fr Provincial was the chief guest for the occasion.

FR. BASIL TOPPO SJ

PREMANJALI JESUIT PRE-NOVITIATE

On 01st February, the Pre-Novices visited Mahespur, Sadakbari and Deonia of Nepal Region as part of their visits. The fathers and the brothers of the communities were more than happy to have them in their respective communities. The Pre-Novices witnessed the works done by the Jesuits of Nepal Region and were inspired. We take this opportunity to thank the community members of the communities, making them to feel at home. The regular classes continued as usual. Fr. Roshan Kiro conducted the four-sheet exam from the 10th February. From the 17th, the classes were suspended in preparation for the Premanjali Day preparation.



The Premanjali Day 2025 was celebrated on 26th February in Maitri Hall. Fr. Shajumon, the Provincial of Darjeeling Province, graced the occasion with his presence and a beautiful message. We also thank all the fathers and brothers of Prabhu Jisu, Sangeethanjali, Jesu Ashram communities for their generosity, support, and guidance. In the month of March the Pre-Novices will be having their four-sheet and the Assistency examinations.

FR. LEO RAJ SJ

MANRESA, KALIMPONG:

The novices began the New Year with a lot of positive energy and an optimistic mind-set. On 4th January the first-year novices were sent for their village experience and the second year novices for their work experience first at Gandhi Ashram School (Jan. 7-10) and then at Manresa (Jan. 11-20), cleaning the surrounding areas and preparing the vegetable garden for planting. Their hard work and dedication truly enhanced the beauty of Manresa. Along with this, they read books and presented to the group. All acknowledged that, in addition to reading books, listening to their companions' presentation had not only broadened their knowledge but also strengthened their values. After gaining a rich experience in the village, the first-year novices returned to Manresa on the 31st of January. The following day, both first- and second-year novices went to Gandhi Ashram School for a day of relaxation. Fr. Santi Matthew, the Superior of the Manresa community, provided delicious food. The novices had a good time refreshing their minds before returning to their normal timetable. On the 3rd and 4th of February, both batches of novices shared their experiences. This sharing session helped broaden our mind-sets and deepened our affection and love for people.



On the 6th of January, Maduri PCF visited the second-year novices of his province. On the same day, we had a friendly basketball match with the Fathers of St. Augustine School. After the match, the fathers provided high tea. We thank the fathers for this opportunity, which boosted our confidence. On the 9th and 10th of February, the novices attended a course on POCSSO conducted by Fr. Stanley and his team. It significantly enhanced our understanding and approach to ensuring the safety and wellbeing in our workplace. We extend our thanks to Fr. Stanley's legal team for making us aware of some basic norms and providing useful tips. On the 11th of February, Fr. Kinley Tshering offered Mass in the Novitiate on the feast day of St. Fatima. His life experience and message strengthened our vocation and devotion to Mother Mary.

LINUS PETER KUJUR

GANDHI ASHRAM SCHOOL, KALIMPONG:

Gandhi Ashram children were kept busy during winter vacation. The school orchestra performed at the district Sabala Mela held on 15 January at Delo, Kalimpong. Fr Santy attended the farewell programme of ISC 2025 students of St Xavier's School, Alipurduar. The staff and students of Colby College in Maine, United States visited Gandhi Ashram on 20 January and witnessed a mesmerising performance by our Orchestra. Our students performed at the Duare Sarkar on 24 January at Ngassey Busty Kalimpong. The whole district administration was present for the function.

St Joseph's School, North Point invited us to perform on 31 January, the closing day of their Bal Kunj (Winter Camp). The orchestra captivated the audience with a soulful rendition of Nepali, Hindi, and English songs, showcasing their musical finesse and heartfelt expression.

As a gratitude to the second year novices who came to clean Gandhi Ashram Campus as part of their work experience, the Manresa community was invited for a picnic on 1 February. The fun and frolics along with the delicious meal prepared under the guidance of Br Gilbert made the day a memorable one.

Five of our students participated in the State Taekwondo Championship held in Kolkata on 1 & 2 February and won one gold, 3 silver and one bronze medals in different categories. Six students and 2 staff members of Gandhi Ashram had the incredible opportunity and privilege to participate in a week-long (11-16 February) exposure programme at the National Centre for the Performing Arts (NCPA), Mumbai.



We began our academic year on 17 February and for the first time our children came to school in uniform. The District Magistrate gave us an earth mover (JCB) on 18 February for four days to widen our school ground. We commenced our new academic year with a heartfelt invocation, seeking divine blessing by having Eucharistic celebration on 21 February.

FR SANTY MATTHEW SJ

ST VINCENT'S, HATIGHISA

From February 10th to 20th, 232 students took their Madhyamik exams at Nanda Prasad HS School and Hatighisa HSS School. Additionally, 442 students from Nanda Prasad Girls High School and Naxalbari Nepali School took their Madhyamik exams at St. Vincent's, Hatighisa. The exams were conducted in a calm and well-organized manner. During the same period, students from classes 8, 9, 10, and 11, both boys and girls from the hostel, attended ten days of intensive English coaching conducted by Sch. Jeyaraj. We reopened our academic session on February 21st after the Madhyamik exam. During the Madhyamik exam period, primary teachers diligently organized and conducted classes daily in their respective villages, ensuring uninterrupted learning for the students.

SCH. JEYARAJ SOLOMON S.J

ST. XAVIER'S SCHOOL, ALIPURDUAR

The month of February was the time to focus on preparation for Exams both the ICSE/ ISC Board which began on 14 Feb.; the school annual exams began on 21. As the class X and XII concentrated on serious preparation, 90 students of class IX and XI took the lighter mode of learning by visiting the SCIENCE City in Matigara on 8th Feb. They seemed to be thrilled and have profited much from the visit. Five teachers accompanied the students in their tour.

In the Community, on 9 Feb'25, Fr. Tej Kalyan visited Gelephu, Bhutan. Fr. Kinley made a quick visit to the community on 13th. On the same day Fr. Sebastian Minj, PCF went to Kathmandu to give a recollection and to visit the young priests there. On 15 and 16 Feb. he visited the regents and a few Jesuit communities. On his way back he organized a recollection for the Young Priests of Matigara-Jhapa area at Inigo Bhavan on 22 and 23 Feb.



25 February 2025 was a historical day for St. Xavier's Community, Alipurduar. On this day 15 Bishops and Arch Bishops of North East Dioceses visited our community; had breakfast with us on their way to Bhutan. Fr Kinley came to receive them at St. Xavier's Community Alipurduar and accompanied them to their destination.

FR SEBASTIAN MINJ SJ

SJS NP, SCHOOL:

The month of February was a busy month as the school reopened and new academic year 2025 begun. The HMI course after several years of disruption was revived this year, for Class 12 students. This initiative has brought renewed enthusiasm and energy among the students. Following the winter break, all boarding staff returned to the boarding on the 9th of February. The school office reopened on the 10th of February, marking the end of the winter vacation. To celebrate this occasion, a dinner was hosted for the hostel staff, and new sub-prefects were welcomed to the boarding, setting a positive tone for the upcoming academic year.

On the 13th of February, the school hosted a dinner for the staff, symbolizing the beginning of a new academic year. This was followed by an orientation program for staff members on the 14th and 15th of February. The 16th of February marked the return of boarders from classes 6 to 12. On the same afternoon, a short orientation session was held for parents, providing them with essential information and updates. The primary division boarders returned on the 23rd of February, accompanied by an orientation session for their parents.

School activities resumed on the 17th of February for students in classes 6 to 12, with an orientation conducted at the start of the academic year. This program offered students a comprehensive overview of the school's expectations and upcoming events.

In recognition of the school's outstanding achievements, we were honoured with "The Best Boarding School" award from The Telegraph, along with an award for eco-friendly initiatives. A brand new school bus was acquired, and the old one was transferred to St. Joseph's School, Mungpoo.

SJS NP Community:

The month of February saw the arrival of several guests. Among them were Fr. Roshan Kiro, Fr. Boniface, Fr. Anuranjan, Fr. Roshan Minj, and Fr. Shiju. Fr. George, the parish priest of Br. P. D., stayed for a few days, while Frs. Sebastian and Victor made short visits on the 20th. We also welcomed two women co-workers of Jesu Ashram on the 20th. Fr. Sajumon, the Provincial, visited us on the morning of the 9th Feb.

Br. P. D. returned on the 5th of February after completing his annual retreat, and Br. Bipin took a short trip to Siliguri for a break after the winter camp. Fr. Samuel, after the winter camp, took a short break and travelled solo on his bike to visit his native villages, riding to Deonia in Jhapa to meet with the Jesuits there. Fr. Justin and Sch. Anthres also went to Kelabari for a marriage blessing. Fr Justin is busy with maintenance and new constructions of the water reservoir in the UD field, primary building to the North-West of the property, basketball courts below the UD field. A new robotic lab is being envisioned below the PD dining hall.

Scholastics have returned from their vacation and now busy in the studies as the College reopened. Br Bipin is an expert now in the clothing store. New members of the community, Br Ireneaus and Sch. Romeo, the stewards of Sittong Mission, were here for few days.

FR SAMUEL SIMICK SJ

ST. PETER'S SCHOOL, GAYAGANGA:

For the fourth consecutive year the Jesuits and the Sisters of Gayaganga campus, numbering about 30, came together to celebrate the World Day of Consecrated Life on February 2nd with a special prayer service and supper. On 7th Feb. Mass of the Holy Spirit was celebrated for the Catholics of the high school followed by the blessing of the classrooms, offices and so on. The Backward Class Welfare Department, through the BDO, Phansidewa Block, donated a few sports and games equipment to the hostel, Phansidewa- thanks to him.

Twenty of our Children With Special Needs (CWSN), accompanied by our ever-willing teacher Mr Bikash Ghosh, participated in a two-day sports event at Kanchenjunga stadium, Siliguri on February 01 and 02nd, organized under the auspices of Sarva Siksha Mission.



On the 15th and 16th of February, the school grounds buzzed with excitement as over 300 NCC Cadets from the 16th and 4th Bengal Battalion (North Bengal) held their C- certificate examinations.

Since January special tutorials have been organized for about 200 students of Class IX & X in Science & Maths subjects after the school hours, adding additional responsibilities to the administration. It's our earnest hope that from 2026 onwards the school would have some good results in Class X – and keeping this in mind a Parents-Teacher Meeting was held on the 22nd. The Madhyamic (Class X) students completed their Board exams, while the Class XI & XII students are having their final revision as they begin theirs from March 3rd onwards. Fr Chiranjit Bara (Kurseong) made his retreat in the community under Fr Alvin Minj in mid-February.

After several years our Primary school had its Sports Day on the 7th, bringing cheers and excitement to our tiny-toads and their parents. Some of the senior teachers and Class XI students too attended it.

SCH. RAMHORCHAN MASHANGVA SJ

LOYOLA COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, NAMCHI:

Loyola college of Education, opened, after winter vacation on 3rd February 2025. Fr Daniel Bara, SJ and Fr. Vincent George SJ were welcomed by the staff and students to Loyola Family. Fr Francis George attended online training programme by SAMARTH team regarding applications for fresh and renewal of courses of affiliated colleges with Central University on 7th February 2025.

An orientation Programme was organized for the Heads of Practice Teaching School on 14th February 2025 in which interaction between Heads of Institutions and teachers of the college exchanged their expectations and discussed the guidelines for School Internship based on the NCTE norms. The 4th Semester students started their 14 week school Internship Programme since 17th February 2025.

Dr. Gourav Singh from NCERT, Delhi conducted a training programme: 5-E approach of lesson plan for the staff and students 17th February 2025. Staff and students learnt about a lesson plan based on Engage, Explore, Explain, Elaborate, and Evaluate.

Mr. Tuphan Rai, Agriculture Inspector, Government of Sikkim, Namchi conducted orientation programme on Organic Farming for the second year students so that they engage themselves in agricultural practices as part of the course which is experiential learning.

FR FRANCIS GEORGE SJ

N. BENGAL ST XAVIER'S COLLEGE, RAJGANJ:



Frs John Kennedy and Dennis Soosai conducted a retreat with Ignatian Dynamics for the AICUF students at the Divine Voice Retreat Centre, Chopra, from Jan. 31st - 3rd Feb. 56 Catholic and Christian students attended this retreat. On 16th the AICUFers went on a picnic to the Himalayan River bed near Gorubathan; they also celebrated a special Mass at the site. Three students of North Bengal St. Xavier's College attended "Lead Change - Discernment in Leadership" at Godawari Ashram, Lalitpur, Nepal from 12th -16th February. The Quiz & Debate Club organised "Quixtopia: Battle of the Brains" quiz and an awareness programme on the "Sexual Harassment of Women (Prevention, Protection, and Redressal) Act, 2013: Transforming Workplace Culture" was conducted on February 12, 2025, at North Bengal St. Xavier's College, Rajganj Campus. This session was organised by the Internal Complaint Committee (ICC) and led by Dr. Sanyukta Moitra, Assistant Professor, Department of Law, North Bengal University.

On 13th Feb. the Life Coaching & Wellness Cell organised “Manners & Etiquette” for the students. Department of Sociology organized a One Day workshop on Ethnic Diversities of West Bengal in collaboration with St. Xavier's College, Burdwan on the 17th February 2025. There was a formal signing of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the two departments of Sociology of NBSXC, Rajganj and SXC, Burdwan. The MOU aims to foster academic collaboration, joint research programmes, faculty exchange programmes and provide students with opportunities of joint academic activities, participation in academic events, joint research projects and publications.



A blood Donation Camp was organised by the NSS in collaboration with the Blood Bank, Jalpaiguri. 52 students donated blood. On 21.02.2025, the X-Uberance (The Annual Sports Day) was celebrated. Miss. Takeme Sarkar (International Tennis Player) was the chief guest and Dr. Bibekananda Ghosh, Asst. Secretary, Sports Board, University of North Bengal was the guest of honour.

Fr. Dennis presented a paper titled, “Molecular characterization of Himalayan Buckwheat (*Fagopyrum* sp.) using microsatellite marker technology’ at the International Conference on Plant Biotechnology for Sustainable Future (ICPBSF-2025), conducted by the St. Xavier’s College, Burdwan from 29th -30th January, 2025. Fr. Dennis Soosai SJ, as the Inspector of Examinations, has been visiting the ISC & ICSC Examinations venues in schools located in Jalpaiguri town.

FR JOHN KENNEDY SJ

ST JOSEPH’S COLLEGE, NORTH POINT:

The college reopened after a long winter recess, and both students and staff returned with renewed vigour and enthusiasm. The campus buzzed with energy as everyone got back to their routine. On the 17th February, a special orientation session was organized at the Departmental level for students to help them ease into the new academic semester. The session focused on the syllabus, outlining key subjects and topics to be covered, as well as the expectations from students in terms of academic performance and conduct. Emphasis was placed on staying focused and maintaining a disciplined approach to studies, ensuring a successful and productive semester ahead.

From February 12th to 16th, 2025, three students from St. Joseph’s attended a three-day Leadership Development Program organized for the JHEASA North Zone at Godavari Ashram, by Fr. Augustine, Principal and his team of St. Xavier’s College, Kathmandu. The program aimed to enhance the leadership skills of young minds, equipping them with tools to lead with purpose, integrity, and emotional intelligence.



One of the initial sessions, Journey into the Self, encouraged participants to reflect on their personal strengths, weaknesses, and areas for growth, promoting self-awareness as a key trait for effective leadership. Ignatius as a Leader explored the teachings of St. Ignatius of Loyola, highlighting servant leadership, humility, and values-driven leadership as critical components of modern leadership. Heroic Style of Leadership emphasized resilience, courage, and the importance of leading by example, particularly in challenging situations. The session encouraged students to face adversity with integrity and passion.

The Leadership and Emotional Intelligence session taught participants the significance of managing emotions, fostering empathy, and building strong relationships, all essential for effective leadership. Students learned how emotional intelligence helps maintain trust and composure in stressful situations. Finally, the Value-Based Leadership session emphasized the importance of aligning leadership with personal ethical principles, ensuring decisions are rooted in integrity and the greater good.



Miss Punyo Nampi, an alumna of the 2018-2021 batch of the Department of Chemistry at St. Joseph's College, from Arunachal Pradesh, has been awarded the prestigious Chancellor's International Scholarship for her Ph.D. at the University of Warwick, England. She began her academic journey at St. Joseph's College and later earned a First Class in her Master's from the Indian Institute of Technology, Madras. This remarkable achievement reflects her dedication and exceptional talent, showcasing the global success of our students. We are immensely proud of her accomplishments and wish her all the best in her future academic endeavours.

Fr Binay Xavier Kandulna has rejoined the Arrupe Community after completing his tertianship in Sri Lanka, where he deepened his understanding of the Society of Jesus and its spirituality. He has grown both spiritually and personally, embracing the core values of the Jesuit mission. We welcome him back to the community, confident that his enriched perspective and commitment to the Jesuit way of life will inspire and benefit all.

FR DONATUS KUJUR SJ

VOCATION PROMOTION:



Having conducted 3-day special classes for the pre-novices from January 22 to 24, 2025 at Premanjali, Fr Roshan Kiro, Vocation Promoter, left for Darjeeling. He organized a vocation camp for the boys of the Hills from January 28 to 31st. There were 11 promising boys from 3 Jesuit parishes, namely 6 from Kankebong, 2 from Singamari, and 3 from Kurseong. Although the time-table was quite packed, they enjoyed all the sessions given by many Jesuits on various topics about the Jesuits and their missions. In the month of February, Fr Roshan reached out to a few boys from the hills. He also visited a few parishes in terai area. From February 17 to 21, he was busy interviewing the pre-novices as a part of the selection process for the novitiate. He participated in the DAR- NEP young priests' recollection on 22nd February in Matigara. On 23rd February, he left for St. Joseph's School, Mungpoo to give a 2-day (Feb 24 and 25) orientation program for classes 9 and 10. On 26, he returned to Premanjali to witness the talents of pre-novices on the Premanjali Day 2025. It was indeed a fabulous performance by the pre-novices, which was much appreciated by all. There will be a vocation camp for the boys who are appearing for their 10, 12 and college final exams this year from March 31st to 3rd April, 2025 at Premanjali Jesuit Pre-Novitiate, Matigara.

A new number for Vocation Promotion Work - 8927683324.

FR ROSHAN KIRO SJ

PRABHU JISUR GIRJA, KOLKATA:

The first day of the month was dedicated to a Formees' Gathering at Gurap (mission station) for all the Candidates, Pre-Novices, Novices, Juniors, and Scholastics of the Calcutta Province. The event was vibrant, filled with cultural performances, team-building activities, inspiring address by sponsors, a friendly football match, a bonfire, and an agape. Fr. Maria, the Calcutta PCF, presented plans for formees at different stages of formation. Despite the packed schedule, the programme proved to be deeply enriching and fruitful. On February 13, the Prabhu Jisu Girja (PJG) community took a day off for a community outing to Prantik Resort, Barunda. It was an exciting experience, especially for many scholastics who were visiting a resort for the first time. With five community members, including Superior Fr. Kurian SJ, celebrating their birthdays this month, a combined birthday celebration was held on February 14, making it a joyful and memorable occasion. On the evening of February 20, our PJG Community was invited to the annual event Cofradia, hosted by St. Xavier's College Hostel in Fr. Depelchin Auditorium on the college campus. On the same day, Fr. Kurian, the Parish Priest, took the Parish Youth members for an outing to Raghampur. Later in the month, on February 23, two Coadjutor Brothers, Naike and Carlo, left to Sitagarha for their retreat.

SCH. PILAT NARZARI SJ

DNC, PUNE:

On 15th February, the Diaconate Ordination of 15 deacons from three different Orders were celebrated in Pune, DNC chapel. There were 7 Jesuit, 6 Capuchin, and 2 MCBS. It was a graceful moment for us to participate in the Eucharist and to witness this blissful celebration.

We had a northern zonal Mass on 11th February, where many scholastics from Darjeeling, Delhi, Kohima, Kolkata, and Patna came together to participate in the Holy Eucharist. The celebration gave us a wonderful experience of Re-Structuring and Re-Imagining of the Society of Jesus. Again, on 20th Scholastics from Goa, Mumbai, and Pune provinces celebrated their west zone cultural program. Through this celebration they made us known their missions and cultures of their provinces.

As the academic year 2024-25 of JD is approaching the end, all the scholastics are busy preparing for their exams, including Sch. Sawan Rai and Markush Narzary. Sch. Bipin Tirkey S.J and Kuldeep Topno S.J have finished their exams and are soon going back to the province. Furthermore, Fr. Zacchaeus Dung Dung S.J, the spiritual father of Papal Seminary, is busy with his daily activities. Besides guiding the young scholastics and brothers in their spiritual journey, he is also busy giving retreats to many religious and priests of different places.

SCH. MARKUSH NARZARY SJ

REIMAGINING AND RESTRUCTURING!!



The two major superiors, Fr Shajumon of Darjeeling Province and Fr Amrit Rai of Nepal Region, have taken the reimagining and restructuring seriously and have been proactive in recent times. Common retreats, mutual transfers, common commissions, joint assembly, age-wise group faith sharing at different communities, etc. were just a few of the many such programs. Taking the task forward, the Superiors and Consultants of both Darjeeling and Nepal assembled at the Provincialate in Matigara, from Feb. 02-05, for a prayerful discernment. The presence of the Spirit was evident in the way the synodal-style discernment led to a common understanding on several issues. After the meeting of the Superiors, a joint consult of both the units with the Major Superiors ironed out and arrived at certain conclusions, leaving the matter for the decisions of the Major Superiors to move ahead. We sincerely thank Fr Siby, Fr Basil, Br Clarence Joseph and the supporting staff for all the arrangements in making this meeting meaningful, fruitful, memorable and truly historical.

FR PETER PAPPU SJ

REST IN PEACE

- Fr. Heredero Marti Jose Maria SJ(ESP), 95/79, went to his eternal abode on 02.02 2025, in Spain.
- Fr. Cosmas Kurikkattil SJ (GUJ), 68/50, passed away on 11 January, in Ahmedabad.
- Fr. Stanislaus Kujur (JAM), 78/56 passed away on 08 February in Bokaro.
- Mr Emmanuel Ekka, Brother-in-law of Fr Daniel Bara passed away on 15th Feb. 2025.

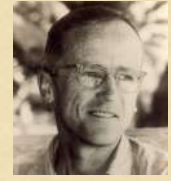
BIRTHDAYS IN MARCH

- 01 Nabor Dungdung
- 03 Cherian Padiyara
- 07 Alexius Beck
- 10 Basil Toppo
- 11 Praful Lakra
- 13 Christ Rajan Minj
- 13 Pankaj Kerketta
- 13 Amit Kullu
- 14 Joseph Boniface
- 20 Amar Xalxo
- 31 Benny Paul

ANNIVERSARIES OF OUR DECEASED MEMBERS IN MARCH



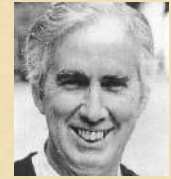
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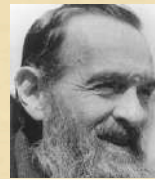
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11 - 03 - 2000



FR. VICTOR TUCKER SJ
13 - 03 - 1988



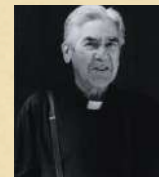
FR. LEO FORESTELL SJ
14 - 03 - 2002



FR. AUGUSTE BOSSAERS SJ
15 - 03 - 1945



FR. MARCEL BENEDICT SJ
21 - 03 - 2019



FR. VINCENT MORGAN SJ
25 - 03 - 2010

DAR-NEP

Sch. Summer Programs

April-May-'25

- **POP at Woodcot for 1st yr Theology**
(25 April' 25 to 24 May '25)
- **Immersion into the Ministry**
(as You come to the Province)
- **Dar-Nep Province Days** (4 May pm to 7 May'25)
- **Pre- Regency Program** (1st years)
Phesama .21 May.. to 30 May'25
- **Annual Retreat for Sch.**
Manresa .15 May pm to 23 May'25
- **Scholastics Gathering**
Alipurduar: 26 May pm to 29 may '25

Social Analysis of ministry area
Siliguri- Jalpaiguri
Jhapa- Kathmandu

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