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NEWSLETTER OF DARJEELING JESUITS

JANUARY 2025

PROVINCIAL'S PROGRAM

JANUARY

- 10: NBSXC, Matigara
- 19: Kankebong
- 21: Kerala
- 24: Ranchi
- 25-26: Kunkuri
- 27: Delhi
- 30: Matigara
- 31: St Joseph's School, Darjeeling

FEBRUARY

- 2-4: DARNEP Superiors' Meeting, Matigara
- 5: DARNEP Joint Consult, Matigara
- 16: JCSA Meeting, Chennai
- 23: Visiting Scholastics, SN, Chennai
- 24-25: Visiting Scholastics, Pune
- 26: Matigara



POPE'S INTENTION FOR JANUARY 2025

FOR THE RIGHT TO AN EDUCATION

Let us pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

APPOINTMENTS

- **Fr Patrick Bhutia:** Asst Teacher and Asst Parish Priest, Uttar Salbari
- **Br Irenius Guria (NEP):** Headmaster, Infant Jesus School, Sittong
- **Fr Philomen Turkey:** Social Work, Shanti Sadan
- **Fr Tek Paudel (NEP):** Shanti Sadan, Siliguri
- **Fr Arun Pradhan:** Missioned to Nepal
- **Fr Basil Toppo:** Vice Principal, Matigara Campus of NBSXC (Additional responsibility)
- **Fr Thomas Kollakkompil:** Asst to Province Treasurer for Land and Properties.
- **Fr Pragasan:** PhD studies (Attached to Jesuit Community of Loyola College, Namchi)
- **Fr Vincent George:** Minister of Jesuit Community, Namchi
- **Fr Tej Kalyan (NEP):** Treasurer and Minister of St Xavier's School, Alipurduar
- **Fr Devadhas (NEP):** Returns to Nepal

COMMITTEES:

Organizing Team for Conducting Workshops for Jesuit Collaborators (JESCOL) on Ignatian Path:

Fr John Kennedy (Convenor), Fr Jomon Jose, Mr Andre Levfer (North Point), Mr Subarna (Nepal) and Ms Pavanvir Kaur (NBSXC).

Taskforce for Reimagining and Restructuring:
Fr Jomon Jose, Fr Denis Soosai, Fr Roshan Minj and Fr Alphonse Lepcha.

NOTICES:

SUPERIORS' MEETING (2-5 FEBRUARY AT MATIGARA).

- 2: Arrival at 16.00 hours
(Dynamics, Points, Prayer)
- 3: Retreat
- 4: Deliberations
- 5: Departure

PSYCHO-SPIRITUAL INTEGRATION PROGRAM (3RD MARCH TO 11TH APRIL 2025).

Venue: Matigara

Resource Persons: Fr Joe Parakad, SJ and Sr Selma Nellor, SSC

Maximum capacity: 20

For information contact Fr Peter Pappu, SJ, the Socius

MEETING OF THE FORMER JESUITS (16TH MAY TO 18TH MAY 2025).

Venue: St Joseph's School, Darjeeling

Coordinators: Fr Stanley Varghese and Fr Denis Soosai

PREMANJALI JESUIT PRE-NOVITIATE:

On the 30th November, 10 of our Pre-Novices went to three different Parishes for the village ministry. We thank Frs. Patrick Pradhan, Peter Jong and Benny Paul who took care of our Pre-Novices and had arranged families to take care of them. On the 3rd, the rest of the Pre-Novices who were in Premanjali, went to Mailanijote for the Jubilee celebration of one of the MC Sisters. On the 4th December, Fr. Leo went to Alipurduar to make his annual retreat. Fr. Freddie and the regent took classes for the Pre-novices who were at Premanjali. On the 13th December, Fr. Leo returned to the Community. He also visited our Pre-Novices who were in villages in Darjeeling and Kelabari. On the 26th, Pre-Novices returned after their fruitful ministry for a month. Premanjali community sincerely thanks the Gayaganga, Kurseong, Kelabari and Darjeeling communities for their wonderful hospitality towards our Pre-Novices. We also thank Fr. Freddie for giving his extra precious time for the Pre-Novices in the month of December. We had Christmas get together on the 26th evening and on the 27th afternoon, we went for the carol singing in Jesu Ashram followed by sumptuous lunch. We thank them for their wonderful hospitality. The Pre-Novices also had gone to St. Joseph's School community (FC sisters) and the Curia community for the carol singing on 28th evening.

SCH. JOSEPH KERKETTA SJ

MANRESA, KALIMPONG

The last month was filled with numerous occasions and opportunities. On the 24th of November, we participated in the procession of 'Christ the King' at St. Joseph's Church, 5th Mile. On the 28th of November, the Manresa community had its first meeting with dispersed members, as we now have a new superior, Fr. Santy Mathew SJ.

On the 30th of November, we went to 'Dello,' the highest peak of Kalimpong, for a picnic. The day was wonderful as we immersed ourselves in the beauty of nature, spending time playing indoor games, chatting, having fun, and more. On the 1st of December, Br. Gabriel left for Nepal for faith sharing, and on the 8th of December, Fr. Patel. On the 3rd of December, we celebrated the feast of St. Francis Xavier. The Mass was celebrated by Fr. Xavier, after which we greeted and felicitated him.



On the 11th of December, we had the opportunity to participate in the Golden Jubilee of Fr. Abraham and Fr. Elias, diocesan priests, at St. Teresa's Church. On the 7th of December, we were fortunate to have Rev. Bishop Stephen Lepcha with us for Mass at Manresa.

On the 9th and 10th of December, we had special classes on the encyclical letter of Pope Francis, Delixit Nos (Human and Divine Love of Jesus), along with Cluny novices, presented by Fr. Xavier, the novice master. The beautiful insights and profound inspiration of Pope Francis increased our love for Jesus. Fr Xavier gave a recollection talk to the fathers of Kalimpong Deanery on the new encyclical. It was well appreciated. On the 11th of December, Novice Aloysius (from Nepal) was hospitalized for a week. We had thorough interior and exterior preparations, including decorations and recollections, and through their creativity, The novices, made the Advent season a perfect period of preparation for Christmas.

On the 23rd of December, we had a recollection on the theme "Born to be Different," along with the sacrament of reconciliation.



On the 24th of December, we had the vigil Mass at 9:00 PM. On Christmas Day, the novices were divided into two groups and visited the parishes (5th & 8th) to celebrate Christmas with the people. In the evening, many groups came for carol singing. It was a wonderful, fun-filled program that allowed us to experience the joy of togetherness on Christmas Day. We went to MC convent to sing carols for the inmates.

NOVICE NIKHIL EKKA

PJR COMMUNITY:

Frs. Leo Alphonse and Basil made their annual retreat at St. Xavier's Community, Aliprduar. Fr Peter Pappu, after getting farewell from St. Peter's Parish and community, is now fulltime Socius and a member of PJR community! PJR community had Pre-Christmas lunch with the co-workers of the campus on the 23rd of December. Every co-worker was given a Christmas cake and a Christmas gift. Fr Roshan Minj prepared the community for Christmas celebration by his inspirational recollection talk on 23rd December. Fr. Cherian Nampeli's health has been a concern for the community. Occasionally Mrs. Sujata, the nurse at Inigo Bhavan (Senior Home), gives emergency calls at night to visit him. His brother Mr. Jose Nampeli along with his family, spent a few days here and celebrated the Christmas with him.

Frs. Freddy Baraik, Boniface Joseph, Alex Beck, Leo Alphonse, Roshan Kiro, Tomy K., Basil Toppo joined the Prabhu Jesu Parish for the Christmas vigil mass. Fr John Tigga, the Parish Priest was the main celebrant for Christmas vigil Mass while Fr Basil Toppo was the main celebrant for the Christmas morning Mass at Prabhu Jesu Girja.

FR BASIL TOPPO SJ

ST PETER'S, GAYAGANGA:

December, the long-awaited month finally approached, bringing excitement and joy to teachers, students, and people of goodwill. Classes 5 to 9 completed their exams and entered the holiday season with a sense of accomplishment and anticipation. Fr. Roshan Minj enlightened the 11th-grade commerce and science students with an engaging session on social media use. His valuable insights created an interactive and impactful learning atmosphere, leaving a lasting positive impression on the students. Hostel students joyfully returned home to celebrate Christmas.

On the 13th and 14th The AICUF students, led by their in-charge, embarked on an educational tour to Alipurduar, exploring Buxa Tiger Reserve Forest and Raj Bhavan Palace in Cooch Behar. This enriching experience allowed the students to broaden their horizons and immerse themselves in rich cultural heritage. This month has also been one of transition and celebration. We bid farewell to class 10 and 12 who have been integral members of our school.

Amidst the festivities, we warmly welcomed Fr. Alwin Minj our new parish priest. The installation ceremony, graced by Fr. Edward Kerketta, Administrator of Bagdogra, added a special touch, blending tradition with the Christmas spirit beautifully.

As we embrace this change, we also express our heartfelt gratitude and bid farewell to Fr. Peter Pappu, a pillar of strength and support. Additionally, the new Church office bearers take leadership, making the occasion even more memorable and meaningful.

Christmas celebration was truly enchanting. It was a delightful incorporation of joy, laughter, and togetherness. At the Primary School, students and staff bid Fr. Roshan Minj farewell merging with the Christmas celebration. Meanwhile, the High School declared the results amidst a festive Christmas celebration, combining academic and holiday spirit in a joyous event. Adding to the festive celebration, carol singing filled the air with joy, and vibrant dances brought the spirit of Christmas to life.

On the 24th eve, a multitude of faithful gathered to celebrate joyfully and reverently the birth day of Jesus. The newly appointed parish priest meaningfully celebrated midnight Mass, marking the occasion with a profound integration of spirituality and communal joy. Fr. Sanjeev Lakra joined the community for Christmas celebration.

On the 25th, the community joyfully celebrated Jesus' birth, exchanging heartfelt gifts in a spirit of love and unity. We also expressed our sincere gratitude to Candidate Simon Bhujel for his invaluable contributions to the community and the Primary School.

SCH. RAMHORCHAN MASHANGVA SJ

ST VINCENT'S, HATIGHISA:

The staff and students of both the Primary and the High School jointly had a splendid Christmas celebration which concluded with a delicious meal for all.

From 9th to 22nd December, our community Fathers were busy in the spiritual preparation of the faithful for Christmas. We grateful to Frs Tommy, Edward A., Sanjeev L., and Tej Kalyan (NEP) for their assistance in hearing the confessions of the faithful in the substations. The marriage of eight couples was rectified on 21st December, after a week-long preparation.

The Christmas Vigil Mass was celebrated by Fr. Pascal Xalxo S.J., while the morning Eucharistic celebration was led by Fr. Shajumon, our Provincial. The faithful generously contributed towards the pandal, decorations and additional arrangements, making the Christmas celebrations vibrant and joyful.

SCH. JEYARAJ SOLOMON SJ

GANDHI ASHRAM SCHOOL, KALIMPONG:

Gandhi Ashram School hosted its vibrant school fete on 30 November, 2024 bringing together students, parents, and participants from neighbouring schools. The event was abuzz with excitement as various game stalls attracted enthusiastic crowds, fostering a spirit of fun and camaraderie. Our annual Examinations were held from 3 to 13 December. The Kolvenbach Society's Governing Body meeting was held on 5 December at Gandhi Ashram School. Br Gilbert left for Nepal to attend the Faith Sharing experience and returned on 12 December. Fr Santy Mathew attended the Education Commission's meeting held at Prabhu Jisu residence on 7 December. We re-started the work on the School Auditorium from 7 December which we expect to complete by the end of March.

Fr Santy attended the Deanery recollection on 10 December at St Augustine School. Fr Xavier Alangaram gave a talk on the Encyclical Letter Dilexit Nos of the Holy Father Francis. All of us attended the Christmas programme at St Augustine's School on 17 December and at St Teresa's Church on 21 December. Frs Jayantilal Patel and Santy went to Sakyong on 15 December to hear confession. Fr Kevin Moktan visited us on 17 December on his way to Kalimpong to attend a meeting. Fr Benoy Lama invited all the Kalimpong Jesuits along with diocesan fathers from Pedong for a Christmas gathering on 18 December. All of us had a great time as Fr Benoy remained a good host.

On 20 December Gandhi Ashram School had the honour of performing at the Darjeeling melo TeaFest, organised by Darjeeling Police. The performance was warmly received by the audience, who appreciated the hard work and talent of our young musicians. After the performance, we visited St Joseph's School, North Point for lunch which turned to be an incredible experience for everyone since it was their first visit. Thanks to the North Point community for their hospitality.

On 21 December, Gandhi Ashram School bid an emotional farewell to the Class 10 students with a memorable event. The event was marked by a short yet vibrant cultural programme and entertainments. One of the highlights of the day was the announcement of Mr and Miss GASONITE 2025, a title awarded to two deserving students who truly embodied the spirit of Gandhi Ashram School. On the same day we celebrated Christmas and also distributed the report cards to the students. In the spirit of giving, students and teachers exchanged gifts with their secret partners, a heartwarming activity that fostered togetherness and companionship.

On 22 December, the staff of Gandhi Ashram School came together for a memorable picnic at Kumrek, Sikkim. On 25 December Fr Santy and Br Gilbert joined the Manresa community for the Christmas celebration where the novices arranged a fun-filled programme.

FR SANTY MATHEW SJ

ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL, NORTH POINT:

The academic calendar officially came to its close on December 14th, when the final semester progress report cards were issued to students in the presence of their parents. The same day the boarders vacated their dormitories and cubicles, and headed towards their homes for a winter break.

The progress reports were distributed on 9th and 13th to the Primary and Senior division students respectively, followed by Christmas programs. On December 9th, the Primary division students received their progress report cards and had pre-Christmas programs. The teaching staff had the Christmas dinner on December 15th. The school will remain closed for the winter from Dec. 19th to 9th February 2025.

Fr Samuel took much needed break from his busy responsibility from 20th to 28th December and is geared up for the upcoming winter camp. Frs Stanley and Justin are on home leave from 21st and 28th respectively. As in other years this year, too, the diocesan clergy were invited to the community for the Christmas dinner.

The teaching staff of the school went for a picnic on December 16th to Singla villa house and the group 'D' staff went to INTEK BALASUN on 18th for their picnic. The community had an overnight stay out in RUPOSHI Resort at Chalsa on December 17th.

FR JUSTIN BAGE SJ

ST XAVIER'S SCHOOL, ALIPURDUAR:

On Dec 9, the school Bagpiper Band performed marvellously at the 11th Alipurduar District Book Fair Opening. School Annual Sports was held on Dec 14. Mrs Neeta Chettri, Principal of Sunshine School, Birpara graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. The school band led by Ms Shreyashi Roy set the tone for the event. The action packed day included some amazing events like the karate demonstration, adorable dances and drills by the children of Kamakhyaguri branch, etc. The staff and the parents too actively participated and enjoyed the day. On 16th, Class 11 hosted Winter Whispers – A Celebration to Cherish which brought much warmth! Their presentation of Flower Saplings to Fathers was meaningful.

Bidding heartfelt farewell to Fr Siby Joseph Ponnatil, SJ on 20th was the hallmark! His thirteen hectic-cum-satisfying years gave much life here! As an able Administrator he weaved valuable stones into massive dignified institution! His inspiring leadership fostered discipline and excellence! His farewell was an emotional affair! Staff's soulful performances with touching words spoke volumes! His contribution here will never be forgotten!

A warm welcome was extended to our new Administrator, Fr Tej Kalyan Kujur, SJ (NEP). The Pre-Christmas Celebration on Dec. 21st showcased the Christmas message through traditional carols and dances.

Community:

We bade farewell to Fr Siby and welcomed Fr Tej. Frs Leo Thomas, Basil Toppo and Gulshan Kujur (JAM) made their individual retreats here. Fr Sebastian Minj arranged a recollection for the regents at Alipurduar.

The Jesuit Community actively engaged in pastoral ministry during the Christmas. Frs Sebastian and Lawrence preached Christmas homilies in Damanpur Parish on 24th night and 25th morning respectively. Frs Vincent and Tej celebrated Christmas at Gelphu, Bhutan.

FR VINCENT GEORGE SJ

ST ALPHONSUS, KURSEONG:

On 8th Fr. Provincial visited Lalmati. The faithful welcomed Fr. Provincial and celebrated St. Xaveir's feast. On this occasion Fr Devadhas presented a short life history of St. Francis Xavier. Twenty-seven year-long collaboration with Apostolic Carmel Congregation at St. Alphonsus' School came to an end on Dec. 13th when Sr. Gloria AC handed over the institution to Fr. Roshan Minj, SJ (the new headmaster) in the presence of Fr. Provincial. The Darjeeling Jesuit Province is grateful to all the Sisters who served as headmistresses of the primary section of St Alphonsus School. As part of the preparation for Christmas, confessions were held at Ambootia and Lalmati on 15th and 17th. St. Helen's convent organized Christmas Tree program for the Crusvir Children. The children presented dances, songs and skits on this occasion. Twenty Five clergy and religious priests of Darjeeling-Kurseong Deanery had their recollection at Wery Niwas on 19th Dec.



ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE, NORTH POINT:

Dr. Anirudha Gurung and Mr. Jayanta Loha participated in a three-day IQAC Coordinators' Workshop held from November 29 to December 1, 2024. The event was organized by St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata, in collaboration with the Jesuit Higher Education Association South Asia (JHEASA) - North Zone. The workshop aimed to enhance the effectiveness of Internal Quality Assurance Cells (IQAC) across institutions by fostering knowledge sharing and strategic discussions. Several crucial topics were covered during the workshop. The sessions focused on the Role and Functions of IQAC, highlighting its importance in ensuring quality benchmarks in teaching, learning, and administration. Another key topic was an Introduction to the Binary System of Accreditation, a contemporary framework for evaluating institutional performance.

In a letter with Ref.No. 501/50/G dated 13 December 2024, it was communicated that 4 Bengal (G) Battalion NCC has been withdrawn and transferred to 5 Bengal Battalion at St Joseph's College. Under the new arrangement, a company comprising cadets from 5 Bengal Battalion and 4 Bengal (G) Battalion has been integrated into 5 Bengal Battalion to operate at St. Joseph's College. This restructuring is designed to enhance operational efficiency, ensure smooth functioning, and maintain high standards of NCC training.

The university semester exams for all odd semesters began on December 3, involving both students and faculty in focused academic efforts. The college will remain closed for winter vacation from December 24, 2024, to February 16, 2025.

FR DONATUS KUJUR SJ

NB ST. XAVIER'S COLLEGE, RAJGANJ:



Dr. Bipransh Tiwary and Fr. Divyanandam participated in the three day IQAC Coordinators workshop at St Xavier's College, Kolkata. Fr. Dennis with the college staff organized seminars on NEP-2020 & Artificial Intelligence to various schools in Hills & Plains of North Bengal as part of the College Outreach Program. The college and the Hostel celebrated the Pre-Christmas on 14th December; and on 19th the AICUF students celebrated Pre Christmas with the differently abled Children of Howrah South Point at Bukuabari.

Fr. Dennis gave Triduum to Daughters of St. Annes, Hathi More and a day of recollection to the Sisters at Bishop James Memorial Hospital, Jalpaiguri. The community actively engaged in Christmas ministry at different places: Frs. Devan and Divya in Bhutan, Fr. Kennedy in Kainjaliya, Frs. Dennis and Lalit in Mokadanki parish. Sch. Ashish participated in the departmental study tour in Darjeeling.

FR DIVYANANDAM SJ



LOYOLA COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, NAMCHI:

The students of B.Ed. and MA wrote their semester end examinations between 2nd December and 16th December 2024. The winter vacations started from 17th December 2024. Pre-Christmas gathering for the teaching and non-teaching staff were held on 6th December 2024. After the Christmas carols, the staff received Christmas gifts from the management and shared a fellowship meal with the Jesuit Community. The community pre-Christmas gathering was organized on 11th December, 2024 as all the student members in the community would be away in their Provinces and Diocese during the Christmas. The members sang carols and gifts were exchanged and had an agape.

Fr. Francis George participated in an international workshop on "The Jesuit Archive" organized by Xavier Institute of Historical Research at Goa in collaboration with the Archivum Romanum Societatis Iesu, Rome on 14th and 15th December 2024. He learnt about organization and conservation of Archives.

All the student Fathers and Brothers left for their respective Provinces and Diocese by 17 December 2024. Fr. Justin Thiraveyam who was recently appointed as the Parish Priest of St Mary's Church, Kankepong, left on 17th December 2024, to take up his new assignment in the mission. Fr Francis George gave course on 'Liturgy' and 'Eco-Spirituality' to the Tertians of Congregation of Jesus at St Mary's Convent, Namchi. On 26th December 2024, Fr Francis left for his month-long home visit and to attend two meetings in Bhubaneswar and Ranchi. In the meantime, Br Irenius Guria is guarding the house till the members return to the community in the first week of February 2025.

FR FRANCIS GEORGE SJ

VOCATION PROMOTION:

Fr Roshan Kiro, Vocation Promoter, visited Debono School, Chilimpur and Pakur and addressed the students of classes 8 to 10 from November 6 to 8. He covered various topics on addictions and the importance of education. He also separately met all the boys who were showing some interest in joining the Society after completing 12th grade. He attended the age-wise faith sharing of DAR-NEP from November 9 to 11. Fr Roshan Kiro was invited to address the Catholic boys of St Peter's School, Gayaganga on November 12 for vocation promotion purposes. Two boys showed their interest in joining the Society.



On November 13th, Fr Roshan left for Patna to attend the Jesuit Counsellors and Psychologists Forum Meet, which was held from Nov 14 to 16. After the meeting, he left for Simdega. He visited a few schools in Simdega areas and Kandhamal district of Odisha. He met with the families of our candidates who are in Premanjali, Matigara.

FR ROSHAN KIRO SJ

WORKSHOP FOR JESUIT ARCHIVISTS IN SOUTH ASIA IN COLLABORATION WITH ARCHIVUM ROMANUM SOCIATATIS IESU, ROME. DECEMBER-14-15, 2024.

A workshop was organized in Goa at Xavier Retreat House, Baga, by Xavier Centre of Historical Research-Goa. Twenty four Jesuits and collaborators participated in this workshop. Some participants were from Japan, Africa, and Rome and from different provinces of India. Fr. Kalyan and Fr. Francis George from Darjeeling Province participated in this workshop.

The main focus of this workshop was the importance of the Archives, the process of preserving documents and other materials, preservations in the form of hard materials, audio-visual soft documents and other methods etc. The workshop dealt with topics such as Jesuit Archives, Practical Instructions regarding Archives, Legal relevance and compliance in Indian context, Archives-Museum-Library etc. The resource persons explained that the Archives have saved many Jesuits from legal problems. It was noted that even the communication of major superiors is very important to preserve for future references.

Documentation of completion report of buildings, financial reports of projects, financial statements and audits etc. these documents will be needed in future. Original bills and documents should not be given out.

They also emphasized during the workshop that the archives are not just confined to the province curia, but each working unit should preserve their important documents and materials up to date. They also noted that our archives should not just be locked, but should be available for research people, except the confidential documents.

To work as an archivist, a person need not just be a historian but a person/Jesuit should have passion, interest in archive work. They explained the archive building should be well built only for that purpose with proper safety and preservation methods like protection from insects, heat, dust, pollution moisture etc. They also explained the methods of preservation with herbal treatment, which is eco-friendly and without using chemicals. They demonstrated the step-by-step practical method of preserving the important articles and documents.

The digital equipment should be of superior quality. The preservation should be done with highest quality materials so that it should remain intact for ages. Many of our legal problems could be solved easily provided our archives should be up to date.

We also had online input session from Jesuits of Roman Archives. It was very informative and useful seminar for all the Jesuits.

FR KALYAN TIRKEY SJ

HD CONGRATULATES OURS IN PUBLICATIONS:

Fr Peter Jong Lepcha released on Nov. 22nd two Nepali Christmas hymns, "Muktidata," and "Yo Garib Halatma".



FR. DENNIS PUBLISHED THE FOLLOWING ARTICLES:

1. "Anticancer effects of rutin from Fagopyrum tataricum (tartary buckwheat) against osteosarcoma cell line" in Molecular Biology Reports (<https://doi.org/10.1007/s11033-024-09218-w>).

2. "Mitigation of H₂O₂ induced Reactive Oxygen species and Proinflammatory cytokines by Buckwheat (Fagopyrum tataricum) rutin in cultured RAW264.7 cells" in Biocatalysis and Agricultural Biotechnology (<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.bcab.2024.103462>).

3. "Clonal propagation of Rudraksha (Elaeocarpus angustifolius Blume) using DKW medium and validation through molecular markers" in In Vitro Cellular & Developmental Biology – Plant Journal (<https://doi.org/10.1007/s11627-024-10492-3>).

FR. DIVYANANDAM PUBLISHED THE FOLLOWING ARTICLES:

1. Graham's Pebbling Conjecture for Book Graphs (<https://www.ijagt.com/upload/81ec88bf8d62b97759135ff125a14296.pdf>).

2. Topological Properties on Neural Networks Using Graph Properties. (<https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s0034-024-02898-6#citeas>).

3. Monophonic Cover Pebbling Number of Standard and Algebraic Graphs (<https://www.rgnpublications.com/journals/index.php/cma/article/view/2625/1699>).

FRS. DENNIS AND DIVYANANDAM TOGETHER PUBLISHED THE FOLLOWING TWO ARTICLES:

1. Amphibian Diversity and Morphometric Analysis in the Kadayam Region of the Tirunelveli District, India (<https://doi.org/10.56557/upjoz/2024/v45i214630>)

2. Integrating indigenous knowledge systems in higher educational institutions of Tamil Nadu: Pathways to cultural preservation and sustainable development (<https://www.entomologyjournals.com/assets/archives/2024/vol9issue11/9313.pdf>).



DAR - NEP FAITH SHARING IN AGE-WISE GROUPS

Over the past six months, as part of the discernment process toward uniting Darjeeling Province and Nepal Region and strengthening companionship among Jesuits, members engaged in faith-sharing sessions. These sessions were held fruitfully in eleven different age-wise groups across various communities within the province and the region.



Rest in Peace

- Fr. Ashuli Joseph Phimu SJ, (KHM), 48/29, died on 23.11.2024
- Fr. Arul M. Varaprasadam, S.J. (MDU) 100/82, died on 04.12.2024 at Beschi Illam, Dindigul.
- Fr. P.J. Joseph Paimpallikunnel (CCU) 62/38, died on 07.12.2024 at Kolkata.
- Fr. Scotus Fernandez SJ (KAR-KHM) 77/57, died on 10.12.2024 at Guwahati
- Fr. L. Alphonse William, S.J. (MDU) 75/57, died on 22.12.2024, at Beschi Illam, Dindigul.
- Fr. Patrick Eaton (CCU) 82/61, died on 26.12.2024 at Nightingale Hospital, Kolkata.
- Fr. K.C. Philip, S.J. (RAN) 80/61, died on 26.12.2024, at Jharna-Ashirvad, Namkum
- Mr. Telesphore Kiro, (72) father of Fr Roshan Kiro, died on 14.12.2024 at Rengari Parish.
- Mr. Sebastian Bara (65) brother of Fr Daniel Bara, died on 20.12.2024



BIRTHDAYS IN JANUARY

- 03 Lawrence Thanislaus
- 10 Joseph Kerketta
- 11 Gabriel Tirkey
- 11 Bijay Kindo
- 13 Ashish Soy
- 25 Benoy Lama
- 26 Kevin Moktan
- 26 Pilat Narzari

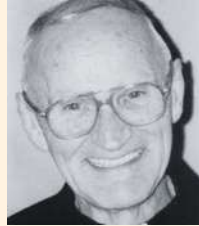


ANNIVERSARIES OF OUR DECEASED MEMBERS IN JANUARY



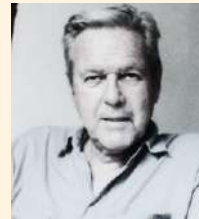
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FR. JAMES MCCABE

12 - 01 - 2002



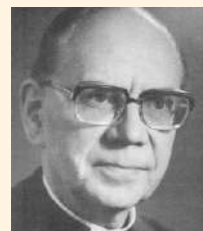
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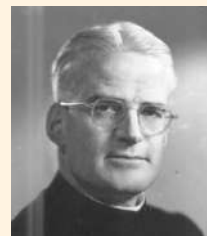
FR. LAWRENCE ABELLO

22 - 01 - 2012



FR. FRANCIS WEST

23 - 01 - 1991



FR. MAURICE STANFORD

24 - 01 - 1994

“To give, and not to count the cost to fight, and not to heed the wounds, to toil, and not to seek for rest, to labor, and not to ask for any reward, save that of knowing that we do Thy will”