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NEWSLETTER OF DARJEELING JESUITS

FEBRUARY 2025

## PROVINCIAL'S PROGRAM

### FEBRUARY

2-4: DARNEP Superiors' Meeting

5: DARNEP Consult

15-22: JCSA Meeting, Chennai

16: Visiting SN Scholastics

23-24: Visiting DNC Scholastics

26: Budget Meeting/Premanjali Day

28: Jubilee of Dumka Province

### MARCH - APRIL

1: Jubilee of Dumka Province

4-8: Visiting Henricks

19 March to 12 April:

General Curia Colloquium

## APPOINTMENTS

- **Fr Thomas Kollackkombil:** Land Matters

## INFORMATION

Schols. John Lepcha, Sujit Minj and Roshan Topno have formally requested to be admitted to the Sacred Orders. If you have any valuable information that you think would help Fr Provincial decide about their suitability, kindly communicate it to the Provincial by 15 February, 2025.



The Darjeeling Jesuit Province rejoices with the Clergy, Religious and Faithful of the Diocese of Bagdogra at the appointment of Rt. Rev. Paul Simick as the Bishop of Bagdogra. We wish Bishop Paul Simick, God's Blessings and assure him of the continued prayerful support of the Society of Jesus in the Diocese.



## POPE'S INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY 2025

**FOR VOCATIONS TO THE  
PRIESTHOOD AND  
RELIGIOUS LIFE**

Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

### **Psycho-Spiritual Integration Program (3 March to 11 April 2025, Matigara)**

- Resource persons: Fr Joe Parakad, SJ and Sr Selma Nellor, SSC
- Maximum capacity: 20
- For information contact Fr Peter Pappu, SJ the Socius

### LCE, NAMCHI:

Fr. Francis George participated in the triennial conference of All India Association of Christian Higher Education at XIM University, Bhubaneswar from 27th December to 29th December 2024. He was enriched from all sessions based on the theme 'Future of Higher Education and Christian Response in the Coming Decades'. He was on home visit for three weeks in Kerela. Fr. Daniel Bara and Fr Vincent George were welcomed to our college on 9th and 16th January respectively. Bro. Ireneus Guria was given a fitting farewell for dedicated service for the last 10 months on 18th January. Sikkim University declared the result for Odd Semester 2024 on 21st January 2025. All the students of B.Ed. and MA secured above 60% and most of them above 80%. Fr. Francis George participated the annual conference of Jesuit Higher Education Association South Asia from 26th to 28th January 2025 at St. Xavier's College, Ranchi on the theme "Reimaging and Restructuring Jesuit Higher Education in South Asia". He shared the future plans of our college in view of NEP 2020 in the meeting of the heads of Jesuit B.Ed. Colleges.

**FR. FRANCIS GEORGE SJ**

## ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE, NORTH POINT

The National Service Scheme (NSS) unit of St. Joseph's College organized its annual camp from December 21 to 26, 2024, at Subash Primary School, Pattabong, Darjeeling. Over the six days, the volunteers participated in various activities aimed at improving the well-being of the local community and creating a positive impact. The volunteers undertook a systematic cleaning drive, ensuring the surrounding areas of the school and nearby community were free from litter and waste. Besides, the volunteers were provided with guidance on conducting surveys effectively, enabling them to interact with the residents and understand the socio-economic challenges faced by the community. A cricket match with the youth was also organized, serving as a fun and interactive way to promote health awareness among the community. The evenings were often filled with informal discussions, cultural exchanges, and storytelling sessions, enriching the experience for both the volunteers and the community members. The camp exemplified the true spirit of the NSS motto, "Not Me, But You," emphasizing the importance of selfless service and collective effort in building a better society.



On January 22, 2025, a group of 25 students from St. Joseph's College actively participated in Technokrat-2025, a prestigious inter-college event organized by Salesian College, Siliguri. The event featured several exciting competitions designed to showcase talent, creativity, and technical skills, attracting participants from various institutions.





Among the highlights of their performance was their victory in the Gaming category, where they secured first prizes in two popular games: Battlegrounds Mobile India (BGMI) and Mobile Legends.

Fr. Pragasan conducted a four-day workshop on the impact of Media and Artificial Intelligence (AI) in religious life for the tertians of the Congregation of Jesus (CJ) at Namchi, Sikkim, from December 27 to 30, 2024. The workshop explored how Social Media and AI technologies influence spirituality, community engagement, and ethical practices within religious contexts. Through interactive sessions and discussions, Fr. Pragasan highlighted both the opportunities and challenges AI presents in fostering faith, enhancing pastoral work, and addressing moral dilemmas. The tertian actively participated, gaining valuable insights into integrating media responsibly into their religious missions and daily lives.

Fr. Sanjiv Lakra joined the Arrupe Community on 15th January, 2025. A comprehensive written orientation outlining the mission and expectations of his role was provided by Fr. Pragasan. Fr. Sanjiv is actively immersing himself in the college's activities and works. Welcome, Fr. Sanjiv!

**FR. DONATUS KUJUR SJ**

## **ST. XAVIER'S COLLEGE:**



On 10th January the NBSXC Campus-II was shifted from Siliguri to Matigara. The new campus was inaugurated and blessed by the Provincial in the presence of Dr. Nupur Das, UG COUNCIL Principal Secretary and Register (officiating), Jesuits, staff, students and some Alumni.

On 15th, the Alumni Association of the college organised a Free Health check-up for the students, Group D staff and nearby villages. On 16th January, the Women's Commission of AICUF along with the College NSS Unit organized an awareness program on "Menstrual Hygiene" to the girl students of Harihar High School, Manuaganj.

On the 11th of January, the Inigo Reading Club of St. Xavier inaugurated the literary celebration in honor of Jane Austen on her 250th birthday.



Fr Lalit attended the JHEASA National conference at St. Xavier's College, Ranchi. Fr. Divya was invited to be a resource person, first by St. Anna's College For Women, Visakhapatnam, to speak on "Green technology: Building a Sustainable Future", during their five day National Webinar on Professional Development and Resource of STEM education, then by the Bon Secours College for Women, Thanjavur, to speak on "Pedagogical Issues in Mathematics Education and Professional Development and Collaboration" during their six-day National Level Faculty Development Program. On Jan 17th, he presented a paper at the international conference on computational mathematics and applications organized by National Institute of Technology, Silchar, and received the Best Presentation award.

#### **XAVIER NIWAS:**

On 13-18, Fr Kennedy had given CLC adult retreat for 5 days at old Gandhi ashram, Kalimpong. On Jan 18, DAR-NEP Jesuit Collaborators (JESCOL) committee meeting was held to work out the ways and means of involving all the collaborators at all levels to understand and appropriate the Ignatian heritage of spiritual wealth and educational formative tradition. The committee members are Fr. John Kennedy, Fr. Jomon Jose, Dr. Pavanbir Kaur, Subarna KC, and Mr. Andre Lefevre. On Jan 23, he gave one day seminar on "Religious Sisters' Socio-Pastoral Care in the Digital Age" at Navjeevan Hospital, Gayaganga, for the Sisters of the Daughters of the Cross.

#### **FR. DIVYANAND SJ**

#### **ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL, NORTH POINT:**

The month of January is the Winter Camp month in NP. The school hosted the Winter Camp "Bal Kunj 25" from January 2nd to 31st. Despite the winter vacation, the camp brought together students, teachers, volunteers from various colleges and alumni of the school.

Volunteers from St. Joseph's College North Point, Darjeeling Government College, Southfield College, and one volunteer who studies in JNU Delhi served the camp. Class 9 students of NP were required to attend at least one week, but many of them opted to stay for 15 days or even for the entire month.

The camp offered a variety of activities, including art and painting, craft, knitting, contemporary and classical dance, football and kickboxing coaching, origami, eastern classical vocal, western singing, zumba, zoo trips, circus, sit and draw competitions, philately exhibition, Nepali prose writing competition, and a flash mob dance in Chowrasta. Educational talks covered motivational, social awareness, human trafficking, mental health, survival skills, disaster management, cleanliness, and hygiene for girls. A one-day medical camp was held on January 19th by the Alumni of the school, providing the neighborhood free medical facilities which included eye checkup, dental checkup, general physical checkup, ECG, blood grouping and medicines; all for free.





Teachers volunteered in turns, and over 400 students registered. Participants were provided with breakfast, lunch, stationeries, warm clothes, games materials, and cycles. NP Alumni played a significant role in organizing the events. Sir Warwick Roberts, Fr. Prefect, Br. P. D., the minister, Fr. Rector, Sch. Bipin, and Sch. Anup were all instrumental in the camp's success. Special thanks to Ms. Shristhi Chettri, a teacher, from St. Joseph's College, North Point for her dedicated service. The Winter Camp "Bal Kunj 25" offered students a platform to explore interests, develop skills, and engage in meaningful activities.

### **COMMUNITY:**

It is the winter vacation and most of the workers are not around. Some workers are helping in the winter camp and keeping the house clean and safe. The members of the Jesuit community dispersed on various errands, are returning gradually. Fr. K. J. Jose returned on 14th after his annual retreat, Fr. Rector and Fr. Minister on 15th and Br PD Vincent on 25th from their home visits. The scholastics (collegians) have gone to their respective provinces during this winter break.

Fr Roshan Kiro, the Vocation Promoter, is conducting a vocation camp "come and see" program for the boys in NP from 28th to 31st January.

**FR. SAMUEL SIMICK SJ**

### **ST. VINCENT'S, HATIGHISA:**

The school reopened on 6th January, and 11th a one-day seminar on mental health management was conducted for the teaching staff. A new aptitude test for classes 6, 7, and 8 was held on 13th. On 15th both teaching and non-teaching staff went for a picnic to M.M. Tharai, followed by a similar picnic for the hostel boys on 18th. The month concluded with the celebration of Republic Day along with the Annual Sports Day on 26th January.

**SCH. JEYARAJ SOLOMON SJ**

### **ST XAVIER'S, ALIPURDUAR:**

On 3rd January, classes resumed with the birthday celebration of Fr Lawrence during the School Assembly. The staff and the students spontaneously conveyed best wishes and prayers through songs and dances. Fr. Vincent George was given a moving farewell on 14th by the school and Jesuit Community. The Teachers, Students and the supporting staff appreciated his presence and contribution to the school.

15 January marked another day of sumptuous meal on the occasion of POT LUCK in the school quadrangle by classes I to IV. It was wonderful to note that each student brought varieties of delicious food items from home and shared the same with their friends and teachers including the Jesuits.



Class XI organized a farewell program for Class XII students on 17th January. The Staff and the students of classes 7,8,9 were invited as audience. The class XI staged charming songs and dances, Cat Walk, Games, and surprising memoir of class XII in the form of Video and power point presentations. Fr. Santy Mathew, the former Principal, was present for the occasion and gave a beautiful message. At the end of the program, a fitting meal was served for Cl. 11 & 12. The Class XII students were thrilled and enjoyed thoroughly.



On 26 January, a group of boys and girls participated in the Republic Day parade and celebration at the police parade ground, Alipurduar.

Fr. Xavier Alangaram made his annual retreat here from 15 to 23 January.

**FR. SEBASTIAN MINJ SJ**

### **GAYAGANGA:**

Fr John Ravi SJ, the Conference Secretary for Secondary Education (CSSE), New Delhi, led a comprehensive staff orientation program on 3rd and 4th January. The sessions provided our High School teachers with innovative teaching strategies, and fostering a collaborative spirit among them. The school reopened on 6th January for Class VI to XI, and Classes Pre KG to V joined on 9th January.



The Annual Sports Day for high school students took place on January 17. Sri Chiranjit Gosh, the Officer in Charge of Phansidewa Police Station, was the Chief Guest while Sri Sanjay Tirkey, the Officer in Charge of Ghoshpukur Police Camp, and Fr. Shajumon, Provincial were the guests of honour. Fr. Alvin Minj, the parish priest, Sr Beena FC and Sr Antonia FC were special guests.

The High School and Primary School staff enjoyed picnics at Dhudia and Gorubathan respectively. This outing offered a day of relaxation and bonding among the staff. The renovation of the primary hall is going on.

The community spent a day of quiet, reflection and prayer on January 22- 23 as part of our monthly recollection, points for which were given by Fr Roshan Minj, fresh from his Tertianship in Kodaikanal. Fr Sunil Lakra, SDB, delivered a motivational talk to Class IX and X students, inspiring them to focus on their goals.



All roads led to St Peter's School ground on January 26th for a grand Republic Day programme, organised on the premises of St Peter's with other institutions in the campus collaborating with it -: St Peter's High School (HS) & St Peter's Primary School, St Mary's High School (HS) & St Mary's Primary School, Navjeevan School and College of Nursing, and Navjeevan Institute of Allied Health Education, Gayaganga. The Chief Guest was Ms. Neha Jain, IPS, Sub-Divisional Police Officer of Naxalbari. The guests of honour included Ms. Roma Rashmi Ekka, Sahakari-Sabhadipati of Siliguri Mahakuma Parishad, Ms. Reena Ekka, Sabhapati of Phansidewa Panchayat Samiti, and Sri John Rajan Kindo, Pradhan of Ghoshpukur GP. More than 5000 students participated in the parade and drills/dances showcasing their talents, while hundreds of the well-wishers turned out to witness the spectacular programme which has become an annual feature by now.



The next day the Jesuit community went on a picnic across the Toonah River to our primary school during which Fr Roshan Minj was given a send-off. He left for Kurseong the next day to take up his new assignment at St Alphonsus.

The hostel kicked off the new academic year with enthusiasm, welcoming 39 new hostellers. Fr. Roshan Minj gave a brief yet insightful talk on the importance and need for moderation to prevent them from becoming distractions. The freshly completed toilets and bathing facilities have enhanced the comforts. The hostel family extends heartfelt gratitude to the Rajganj community for their generous support, especially in facilitating the much-anticipated hostel picnic. Fr Nabor Dung Dung attended the funeral service of Deacon Lorentus Horo of Jalpaiguri diocese, who died in a tragic accident on 26th January. The deacon is the older brother of Mr Albert Horo, a staff of the hostel.

**SCH. RAMHORCHAN MASHANGVA SJ**

### **ST. PETER CANISIUS CHURCH, GAYAGANGA :**

December 22, 2024, a historical day! The newly built Prayer Hall at the site on the Bagaicha was blessed by Fr Edward Kerketta in the presence of Fr Shajumon (Jesuit Provincial), the Jesuit Community, Religious Sisters of the Daughters of the Cross and the Parishioners of Gayaganga. During the Eucharistic Celebration, Fr Alvin Minj was installed by Fr Edward Kerketta, Administrator of the diocese of Bagdogra, as the Parish Priest replacing Fr Peter Pappu. Immediately after the Mass, in a short program, the new Parish Priest, Fr Alvin, was welcomed with enthusiasm and the outgoing Fr Peter Pappu was given an emotional farewell. The parishioners loved him so much that they could not hide their tears and emotions as he met them.

On 29th Dec. Family Day was celebrated with a special Mass. As was the custom, each family came for a special blessing after Mass. On the 31st December 2024, we had evening adoration followed by thanksgiving Mass. Many parishioners participated in the Eucharistic celebration at Good Shepherd Cathedral, Bagdogra, on the 5th January 2025 to witness the installation of our Bishop Rt. Rev. Paul Simick DD as Bishop of Bagdogra; our parishioners contributed generously for the success of this program.

We had Catholic Sabha meeting on 9th January 2025. About 120 members participated in this meeting to discuss issues relating to the parish. This was the 1st meeting to be conducted by the new parish team in 2025. The members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SSVP) also met on the 12th January to share their views on how to strengthen the works of SSVP in the parish. SSVP members have already taken up cases to help people. The needy people have begun to approach the team members for help. The SSVP members are in contact with the All India SSVP President in Chennai and he is coming to Gayaganga to see the members of the society. Further the members of the parish youth also have had two meetings under the leadership of Fr. Nabor SJ, Spiritual guide and animator of the parish youth. We hope to take up career guidance programme with Tata's (TISS) for them and later on a retreat for the youth.

The 76th Republic Day was celebrated on 26th January 2025 with a special Mass followed by flag hoisting by the Parish Priest, Fr. Alvin Minj; an inspiring speech, highlighting the rich culture, tradition, legacy and history of India was given by Mr Andreas Toppo, President of the Catholic Sabha. At the end, sweets were distributed to all in the name of the 76th republic day of India. Regular Sunday catechism classes for the young also have resumed.

**FR. ALVIN MINJ SJ**



## ST MARY'S, KANKEBONG:

On 6th January 2025 Fr Patrick Pradhan reached Fr Pankaj Kerketta along with few parishioners to Kankebong, his new mission place. Four youth from our parish attended the youth CLC Retreat in Pudung, Kalimpong from 5th to 9th January 2025 and another four participated in the Youth Convention held at St Xavier's School, Pakyong in Sikkim from 13th to 16th January 2025. Three children from our parish participated in the Holy Childhood Convention held at St Augustine School, Kalimpong. On the 19th January 2025, Fr Justin Thiraveyam was installed as Parish Priest of St. Mary's Church, Kankebong by His Lordship Rt Rev Bishop Stephen Lepcha, the bishop of Darjeeling, in the presence of Fr Shajumon CK, Provincial of Darjeeling Jesuit Province, Fr Stanley Varghese, Rector of St Joseph School, Darjeeling. The same day the outgoing Parish Priest, Fr Arun Pradhan was given farewell. The next day about 35 parishioners went to reach Fr Arun to his new mission place in Nepal. Six boys from our parish went to North Point School to attend a camp on 'Orientation to Life' organized by Darjeeling Jesuits from 28th to 30th January 2025.

**FR PANKAJ KERKETTA SJ**

## PRABHU JISU RESIDENCE, MATIGARA:

Fr Siby Joseph was welcomed as the new treasurer of the province and Fr Joe Victor was given farewell on 01st January 2025. The province is indebted to Fr Victor for his multiple service as Province Treasurer, Revisor of the Accounts of Communities and Apostolates, PDD and Land & Property matters. Fr Victor is on home visit, a break much deserved before he joins the JRS ministry.



The community was privileged to accommodate a few guests for the installation of Rt Rev. Paul Simick as the Bishop of the diocese of Bagdogra. His Excellency Archbishop Leopoldo Girelli (Nuncio), Archbishop Thomas D'Souza of Calcutta, Archbishop Vincent Aind of Ranchi, Bishop Elias Frank of Asansol and some fathers and sisters were accommodated in Inigo Bhavan. The community hosted a dinner for the newly installed Bishop Paul Simick on the 5th of January.

Frs Cheiran Padiyara and Peter Pappu had short home visits and are back. The dispersed community came together to celebrate the birthday of Sch. Joseph Kerketta on 10th January. Fr Giles is in senior Home, and his presence makes the Senior Home more alive.

North Bengal St. Xavier's College, Siliguri campus is shifted to Matigara and HLDRC is shifted to Shanti Sadan, Gurung Busty. The new Matigara Campus of the College was inaugurated on the 10th of January. Fr Provincial was the Chief Guest and Dr. Nupur Das, Principal Secretary, Undergraduate Council of North Bengal University was the Guest of Honour. The new building was blessed by Fr Provincial. The students are happy in the new campus as it is more spacious. Fr Freddy is the student counsellor in the new college campus.

**FR BASIL TOPPO SJ**



## PREMANJALI, JESUIT PRE-NOVITIATE:

Regular classes for Pre-novices resumed from 2nd of January, after the Christmas holidays. On the 5th, Pre-novices went to Bagdogra for the installation ceremony of the new Bishop Paul Simick of the diocese. Fr. Roshan Kiro conducted a three-day course on Personality and Motivation and the Pre-novices went through inner healing to accept themselves. On the 24th evening, Br. Clarence gave the recollection talk to our Pre-novices sharing his vocation story and inspiring and promoting them to Jesuit Brotherhood too. On the 26th, all the Pre-novices, accompanied by the regent, went to Gayaganga for the Republic Day programme. We have started to get ready for the Premanjali Day.

**SCH. JOSEPH KERKETTA SJ**

## MANRESA JESUIT NOVITIATE, KALIMPONG:

On the 28th of December, we celebrated Christmas with a gathering that included the Cluny novices. The event featured fun games and group activities, providing an enriching opportunity to get to know each other better.



On the 31st of December, we concluded the year with a Thanksgiving Mass held at night, and we joyfully welcomed the New Year. On the 2nd of January, we had a "Charity Encounter" that helped each of us identify our personal strengths and weaknesses.

On the 4th of January, the first-year novices departed for their village experiment to Sakyong, Lolay, and Kurseong, while the second-year novices began their work experiment in Manresa. For the first four days, we worked at Gandhi Ashram School, cleaning the campus. Fr. Santy Mathew, the Headmaster and Superior, provided us with delicious lunch and snacks. For the remaining days of the work experiment, we focused on beautifying our novitiate campus. Starting from the 21st of January, the second-year novices engaged in a reading and presentation exercise.

On the 11th and 12th of January, Fr. Xavier Alangaram, the Novice Master, conducted a two-day orientation on Interpersonal Relationships for the Junior Sisters of St. Joseph of Cluny at Pudung. He then attended the Formation Commission Meeting in Matigara on the 14th. Following this, he went to Alipurduar for his annual retreat and returned on the 25th. Fr. Jayantilal Patel, the Socius, assigned tasks to the second-year novices to further beautify the campus. He also visited the first-year novices in their respective villages, where they were sent for the village experiment. Following the Christmas celebrations, we faced a serious water crisis caused by air blocks in the pipes. Br. Gabriel, with the assistance of the novices, skillfully resolved the issue and repaired the pipes. On the 14th of January, the novices from the Chennai Province were delighted to welcome their PCF, Fr. Philip.

**NOVICE NIKHIL EKKA**



## VIDYAJYOTI, DELHI:

On Christmas Day, some of us participated in the Saint Michael Himalayan Catholic Association of Delhi's Nepali Mass. At the Good Shepherd Parish Hall, Fr. Jagdish Parmar S.J. celebrated the Mass with Fr. Danish Lepcha and Fr. Patrick Lepcha SDB concelebrating. Following the Mass, we had a festive meal, fun events, and a cultural program. We had the opportunity to celebrate and to share our joys, strengthening our bonds even when we all live far from home. We went to the monthly Nepali Mass on January 12th, which some of us usually attend as part of our ministry.

As a spiritual family, the Vidyajyoti embraced the new year 2025 with joy and a renewed feeling of hope and optimism. This new year was celebrated with meaningful celebrations and enlightening events.

Our understandings and the connection to the Ignatian way of life were further enhanced on January 2nd when the 1st and 2nd year theologians participated in an in-depth sharing session on Ignatian spirituality. After finishing their Diaconate retreat, the 3rd-year theologians returned to the community with spirit-filled optimism and geared up for the next phase of their lives.

There were many occasions during the month that promoted a sense of community togetherness. Our relationships were strengthened on the 11th when we had a special Community Living Group Dinner. Following this, on the 14th, we had a meaningful Pongal celebration where we exchanged happiness and cultural customs. The community picnic at Sunder Nursery Park on the 18th fostered companionship and a refreshing experience. On the 20th, we had the good fortune of interacting with Fr. Roberto Jaramillo SJ for only a brief but insightful session.

**SCH. LAWRENCE MUDIYAPPAN SJ**

## VOCATION PROMOTION:



Fr Roshan Kiro, Vocation Promoter, visited some of the schools in the month of December 2024 in Chhattisgarh, namely, Loyola School, Kunkuri, St Xavier's School, Jashpur Nagar, Janta High School, Harradippa, St Paul's School, Bagheema, St Xavier's School, Pathalgaon, St Xavier's School, Ambikapur, Nirmala Ashram Hostel, Jhingo and other schools. Fr Roshan could not visit some of the schools in Jharkhand according to his plan due to the sudden death of his father on December 14, 2024. After his visits to Odisha, Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand, he came back to the province on December 24. Fr Roshan guided an 8-day retreat for 19 sisters of St Joseph of Cluny from December 27, 2024 to January 4, 2025. Soon after the Formation Commission Meet at Prabhu Jisu Residence, Matigara on January 14, he left for Pakyong, Sikkim to help out in counselling and confession in the youth retreat of Darjeeling-Sikkim Diocese held from January 13 to 16. On 19th January, he was invited to celebrate the Holy Eucharist in the parish, where he emphasized the importance of family prayers to nurture religious vocations. He conducted 3-day sessions on personality and motivation for the pre-novices in Premanjali, Matigara from January 22 to 24.

**FR ROSHAN KIRO SJ**



## DARJEELING DIOCESE CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMUNITY (CLC)

### CLC Retreats 2025:

Darjeeling Diocese CLC organized a three-day Ignatian Retreat for the youths from 6th to 8th Jan. This year 52 youths (8 from St. Paul's Church, Kurseong, 13 from St. Joseph's Church, Kalimpong, 5 from St. Mary's Church Kankeybong, 19 from St. Xavier's Church, Sakyong, and 7 from Sacred Heart Church, Singamari) took part in the Retreat which was well directed by Fr. Benoy Lama, SJ. This year, for a change, the venue for the Youth Retreat was Cluny Farm, Pudung. The youths who attended the retreat liked the place very much. All the youths felt satisfied and enlightened. The Darjeeling Diocese Christian Life Community (CLC) is very thankful to Sr. Elisha Gurung and the community for their warm hospitality and necessary arrangements, which made the Youth Retreat successful.

DD CLC also organized a Five-day Directed Retreat for the Adult CLC from 13th to 18th January at BSA, 5th Mile, Kalimpong (Old Gandhi Ashram), where 27 CLCers (13 from SHC, Singamari, 1 from Cathedral, 2 from St. Mary's Church, Kalimpong, 4 from St. Joseph's 5th Mile, 3 from St. Xavier's Sakyong and 4 from St. Paul's Kurseong) took part in this year's Retreat. The retreat was well prepared and directed Fr. John Kennedy, SJ. Although this was an Ignatian retreat, the main focus was emphasized on "being with Jesus by clearing the jungles we have made ourselves (i.e. forgoing our attachments)."

The CLC also extends its heartfelt gratitude to Sr. Subeshna Thapa for allowing us to use the BSA campus and also for providing sumptuous food and lodging we thank Sr. Rosemary Tamang, Sr. Anggi Lepcha and Sr. Veronica Lepcha and all those who helped to make the retreat a success.

**MR MICHAEL TAMANG**

## OURS IN PUBLICATION:

Fr. Dennis published an article in Elsevier (South African Journal of Botany) journal titled "Ex situ conservation of *Elaeocarpus angustifolius* Blume via in vitro regeneration using DKW medium" (<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.sajb.2024.12.021>).

Fr. Divya published the following articles:

- In Scopus (UTILITAS MATHEMATICA) Journal titled " Monophonic Cover Pebbling Number (MCPN) of Network Graphs" (<https://doi.org/10.61091/um121-02>).
- An Automated Multimodal Medical Image Fusion Framework for Alzheimer Detection using Deep Learning ([https://doi.org/10.21203/rs-5826078/v1](https://doi.org/10.21203/rs.3.rs-5826078/v1))

**"Hope overflows in generosity; it is free of calculation, makes no hidden demands, is unconcerned with gain, but aims at one thing alone: to raise up those who have fallen, to heal hearts that are broken and to set us free from every kind of bondage"**



**POPE FRANCIS**  
on 58th World Day of Peace





## Rest in Peace

- **Sch. Anand Minj SJ (RAN 28/06)** died on 02.01.2025 at Samford Hospital, Ranchi
- **Fr Raska Gaudentius Soren SJ (HAZ, 75/55)** died on 05.01.2025 at Arogyam Hospital, Hazaribag.
- **Fr. Richard Sequeira SJ. (KAR 90/70)** died on 10.01.2025 at St. Philomena's Hospital, Bengaluru.
- **Fr. Cosmas Kurikkattil, SJ (GUJ 68/50)** died on 11.01.2025, in Ahmedabad.
- **Fr Thomas Karthanam SJ (PAT 86/65)** died on 27.01.2025 at Xavier Bhawann, Patna.
- **Fr Walter Saldanha SJ (PUN 87/69)** died on 28.01.2025 in Pune



## BIRTHDAYS IN IN FEBRUARY

- 01 Edward Arokiaraj
- 05 Peter Jong Lepcha
- 14 Roshan Topno
- 14 Peter Bhujel
- 14 Ashish Topno
- 19 Ramhorchan M.
- 19 Julius Kujur
- 23 Leo Thomas
- 27 Pascal Ekka
- 29 Gabriel Gurung



## ANNIVERSARIES OF OUR DECEASED MEMBERS IN FEBRUARY



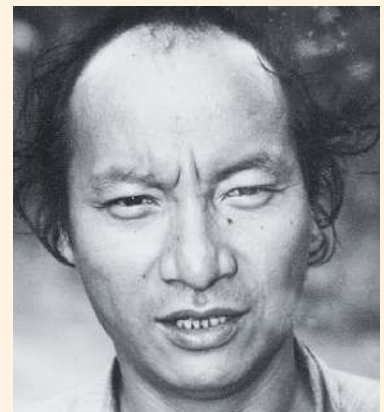
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**BRO. KAZIMAN RAI SJ**

**06 - 02 - 2006**



**BRO. STANISLAUS DUKPA SJ**

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