



***\* Thomas Lepcha (July 7<sup>th</sup>, 1963 - Jan 9<sup>th</sup>, 2011)***

He died at the early age of forty-seven, perhaps remembering that when he signed his first vows paper, he did so as “Thomas Paul Miki Lepcha”, a sign of his determination to give all his short life in the service of the Eternal King, especially caring for lost sheep.



***\* James George McCabe (June 12, 1922 - Jan 12, 2002)***

In his pre-Jesuit days in the ring, he was known as “Killer McCabe”, in the Society, a much-sought after bridge partner and as Regional Superior, the man who opened up the Terai to the Darjeeling Region in its growing years in the 1960’s.



***\* John Kennedy Bingham (May 19, 1927 - January 14, 2003)***

He died on his way back from the States to Tibet, where he hoped to die and be given a ‘Sky Burial’ to become one with that land and its people.



***\* Lawrence Abello (June 12, 1931 - January 22, 2012)***

Fr Larry was a man of no compromise, whether in the defense of the unborn or in practice of poverty or in the use of hydrogen as a substitute for fossil fuels, even though he himself had worked out that possibility as a means of protecting the environment.



***\* Francis George Patrick West (Oct 17, 1910 - January 23, 1991)***

Born British in Dinapore army camp, Bihar, Fr Frank West was international till the end, with early years in Quetta, Afghanistan; in the 1950’s, at North Point when twenty-eight nationalities were enrolled; in Toronto, directing Canadian Jesuit Missions.



**\* Maurice Francis Lawrence Stanford (December 26, 1911 - January 24, 1994)**

One of the “Original Five” Canadian Jesuits in Darjeeling, he was a bridge from the old to the new at North Point after Independence, where he was twice Rector. He developed the University department for local students, and an English school in Kerala.



**\* Sylvester Kaziman Rai (March 22, 1929 - February 06, 2006)**

The only thing artificial about Kaziman was his right leg, a replacement for the one he lost fighting the Japanese in Burma in WW II. Within a few years, the Lord called him from the workshop at St Alphonsus, Kurseong to follow Him in the service of others.



**\* Stanislaus Dukpa (September 08, 1937 - February 07, 2000)**

“I know what poverty and hunger is,” Brother Stan once said, and he gave his life in joyful service to the poor and needy, especially at Seva Kendra, Siliguri, and Loyola Pastoral Centre, Matigara. He was *different*- his clothes, his life style – like Jesus’!



**\* Louis Carl Phillian (April 18, 1906 - March 1<sup>st</sup>, 1983)**

Brother Phillian trained as an electrical engineer, but spent his life with people not machines. As the quietest of men, he put order into kitchens for hostellers, and in a booklet of spiritual gems, a garden of his soul, cared for like the flowers at North Point.



**\* Bernard Harvey Bruneau (August 21, 1921 - March 11, 2000)**

“Ben’ as he was called, was a ‘doctor’ in remote villages, and a pastor in places as remote - Sitong in the Teesta Valley of Darjeeling to Bandipur in western Nepal. He lightened the burdens of the poor with kindness and with a Nepali that spoke to hearts.



**\* Victor Tucker (July 15, 1909 - March 13, 1988)**

From Gangtok to Bhopal and in between, Fr Tucker of Ranchi Province gave his life to young and old alike, in education and spiritual direction. He arrived at North Point in 1970, guided Tashi Namgyal Academy for years, and left for Champion School in 1979.



**\* Auguste Bossaers (January 4<sup>th</sup>, 1879 - March 15, 1945)**

Alms giving in Jashpur, Madhya Pradesh, was not his style, schools, rice-banks, co-ops, inspiring co-workers, fighting for just wages – that was. That and devotion to Our Lady for himself and his sodalists and for all in Gayaganga where he arrived in 1933.



**\* Leo Maurice Forestell (July 18, 1929 - March 14, 2002)**

A big man from Marmora, a small crossroad in central Canada, Fr Leo stood tall wherever he was needed – at St Joseph’s where, ever a sport fan, he became an enthusiast of cricket as well as the bridge table, and at St Robert’s and St Alphonsus’ schools.



**\* Vincent Joseph Morgan (September 11, 1918 - March 25, 2010)**

Fr Vince was one of the first scholastics to be sent to Darjeeling, the one who played a guitar, mouth-organ and foot-pedal drum together. He served at North Point, St Robert’s, St Alphonsus and at Goethals as chaplain before returning to Canada in 1995.



**\* Leslie Alphonsus Prabhu-Lobo (October 30, 1939 - April 10, 2013)**

Young Leslie wanted to be a sailor but he had to wait till 1993 before he went over the seas, by air, to South Africa. In the meantime, he was a familiar parish priest and minister in the hills and plains until scooter accidents kept him in port for good.



**\* Eric Rudum (August 15, 1926 - April 16, 2013)**

Brother Eric was born in Singamari, North Point and died there – the in-between years away were few, for Jesuit formation and short spells in the Terai. A man small in stature, he was a giant in availability for all, one set apart from the ordinary.



**\* John Michael Prendergast (Dec 8<sup>th</sup>, 1908 - May 4<sup>th</sup>, 1977)**

Bishop Eric wept when “Prendie”, his VG, died in Bishop’s House. He was made for the job; his experience with accounts, with the administration of parishes and schools, and his friendship made him the Bishop’s confident especially in troubled times.



**\* Joseph Jean Baptiste Paul Emile Robin (July 26, 1910 - May 7<sup>th</sup>, 1996)**

Brother Paul was one of the ‘Original Five’ Canadian Jesuits to arrive in Darjeeling January 1947. He stayed until 1974 when he returned to Canada, leaving behind schools and convents in Kurseong and North Point ready for the modern world.



**\* Edgar Peter Burns (April 26, 1925 - May 17, 2010)**

He was a man with a difference: a different kind of English professor; a different kind of ‘man for others’, whether for Bishop Eric as VG, or for the clergy and religious of the diocese, or for the needy and unskilled who came to Hayden Hall for support.



**\* Michael Patrick Quinn (May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1908 - May 18, 1999)**

Leaving the life of a Mountie in the Arctic, 'Mike' Quinn, as a Jesuit brother, left a trail of friends, enthusiastic students, recovered patients in the hills and valleys of Bhutan, Darjeeling and Nepal, and at age 78 outpaced fellow climbers on Mount Sinai!



**\* Joseph Gérald Edouard Jean Leclair (Sept 7<sup>th</sup>, 1947 - May 23, 2010)**

"Gerry" was a great trencherman, and he confronted all the challenges of life with the gusto of one: learning Hindi in Gayaganga for a life in the Himalayas! As Rector and Principal of North Point, PCF of scholastics, forerunner of higher education in Bhutan.



**\* Edward John Joseph Hayden (October 15, 1893 - May 25, 1979)**

Father Hayden left Ireland for a life at sea as a radio operator, and ended up in the Jesuit novitiate in Shembaganur in 1925. That step would lead him deep into the lives of students at North Point College where it was said, "You'll never meet his like again."



**\* Aloysius Heptia (April 7<sup>th</sup>, 1876 - May 29, 1965)**

Blind in old age on the top floor of North Point, what memories he had: teaching days in Kandy, touring in Chota Nagpur, teaching at St Xavier's, Calcutta, and finally his 27 years (from 1937) in North Point while assisting the parish and St Michael's School.



**\* Gerard Adhelson Van Wallegem (March 07, 1927 – June 01, 2015)**

As 'Van' grew older he became the 'face' of North Point to generations of "old boys" and benefactors world-wide, as well as a well-remembered spiritual guide of Jesuit novices he had received into the Society, and of the many religious who turned to him.



**\* Arthur Rasquinha (December 22, 1936 - June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013)**

Fr Arthur had a magic touch on the accordion, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet and violin, and after studies in mathematics and spiritual counseling, he worked his magic in the eastern Himalayas of India and Bhutan, and finally for North Bengal SXC, Rajganj.



**\* Nicolas Johannesma (July 28, 1931 - June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2005)**

“Brother Nick” was the image of a rough, tough Dutch burgher who trained in agriculture before he emigrated, to Canada in 1953, to India (1965), Bhutan (1971-1989) and later to Jamaica, Liberia and Ethiopia, with periodic visits to help Darjeeling farmers.



**\* Anthony Paul Milledge (February 11<sup>th</sup>, 1924 - June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014)**

Fr Tony was a migrant twice over, at the age of five from his native England to Canada and later from Montreal, where he studied, to India in 1953. Our Lady of Lourdes Parish (Bhimbar) will forever recall the memory of this pioneer of the gospel.



**\* Philip Felix Soma Xalxo (August 5<sup>th</sup>, 1940 - June 23, 2010)**

It took a long time but it finally happened – in 1975: among the migrants from the *desh* (Mahuadanr) to the tea gardens of the Terai (New Chumpta the first, in 1867), a Jesuit priest appeared. The Terai was his parish, and he himself a sign of God’s presence.



**\* Emile L'Hoir (July 15, 1902 - June 26, 1978)**

Fr L’Hoir was a North Pointer for thirty-five years, first for a few years, and from 1949 till he died. He made Sunday nights ‘Movie Night’ in NP with films from Calcutta, and was cheerful to the end, as he wrote in a poem, until “death has closed my eyes.”



**\* George Coutinho (August 30, 1900 - June 28, 1987)**

Before he left Gayaganga in 1958 to pioneer the Church in Siliguri, the people thanked him for three things: the Boys Middle School, the installation of electricity and the introduction of educational films. He handed over to Fr Curmi, the first Canadian PP.



**\* James Joseph Mara (January 8<sup>th</sup>, 1921 - July 9<sup>th</sup>, 1992)**

Jim was 'Regional Coordinator of Social Communications' for his five years in India, from 1975. Sociable he was, and a great communicator, with camera and an audio-visual centre he set up.



**\* John Dan Macdonald (March 12, 1912 - July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2004)**

John Dan's arrival in India (1949) and departure (1962) are the stuff of legend (his introduction to toilets on Indian trains and his below decks return to Canada). Wiry and tough, he handled boulder strewn jhoras and NP's kitchen with equal wit and smiles.



**\* Stanislaus Rajam (March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1919 - July 24, 1977)**

A convert, Fr Stan became a first-rate Vocation Promoter for the Society (six joined the novitiate in 1969) and for JTI where he was Director, in addition to his classes as professor of chemistry at St Joseph's. He died in Bangalore meeting MBW members.



**\* Albert Martin Nevett (April 7<sup>th</sup>, 1909 - July 26, 1993)**

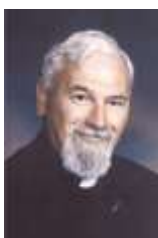
The Indian Social Institute is just one of the many practical products of Fr Nevett's social thought. Others are books (on demography and biographies of St John de Britto and our own Fr Hayden) and the Nevett Fund for grihini trainees and nurses.



**\* Charles Durt (April 24, 1908 - July 30, 1981)**

"Charlie" enjoyed life - wedding feasts especially, and a Charminar before they were banned! He was an optimist, and had to be as director of the Bureau in Ranchi for Andaman migrants.





**\* Richard A. Macdonald (June 9<sup>th</sup>, 1928 - August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2010)**

Fr Dick Macdonald is remembered as a very successful regent in Ethiopia, as a pioneer in tourism in Darjeeling with his travel agency, 'Summit Tours', and a priest with a listening heart for all who sought his guidance in India and, after 1979, in Canada.



**\* Frederick Lawrence Wimpenny (April 21, 1924 - August 10, 1967)**

"Larry" was built to last, but he was the first Canadian Jesuit to go – the direct result of an act of kindness on the highway from Dumdum to St Xavier's, Calcutta while returning from Canada. A "400 Homes Project" for the homeless was his legacy.



**\* John Joseph Anthony Francis Coffey (January 4<sup>th</sup>, 1911 - August 14, 1993)**

Fr Jack Coffey arrived in India in December 1947, with the second group of Canadian Jesuits. He was the first parish priest of Singamari, and a pioneer (1965–1979) in education in Punakha, Bhutan. He never lost his Taranta accent or his love for bridge.



**\* George Edward McGuire (September 25, 1927 - August 15, 2005)**

'Ed' McGuire ploughed a lonely furrow during his formation years, but struck gold when he found that western music was the key to Nepali hearts, from which "Gandhi Youth Club" was born – with education in a major key to the poor of the hills. He founded Gandhi Ashram school, Kalimpong.



**\* Janez Baptist Udovc (August 28, 1895 - August 19, 1978)**

Imagine a football team being asked NOT to compete in the World Cup because it always wins gold! That was Brother Udovc at Flower Show time in Darjeeling – he won everything! He also taught children catechism and their parents how to raise pigs!

**\* Joseph Murray Abraham (September 26, 1925 - August 28, 2012)**





Fr 'Abe' was a master salesman – of new teaching methods for old subjects (spoken English), of practical methods for new subjects (poultry farming) and of raising funds abroad for the development of the poor at St Alphonsus and at SASAC, Woodcot.

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**\* John Henrichs (December 7<sup>th</sup>, 1910 - August 29, 1986)**

At one time, Jesuit provincial (Calcutta province), parish priest (St Paul's, Kurseong) and life-long intimate of the Nepali people and their concerns, in the hills and in the diaspora throughout India, Fr Henrichs still lives in the hearts of many.

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**\* Jules Joseph Moreau (January 1<sup>st</sup>, 1900 - September 9<sup>th</sup>, 1961)**

Economics was a subject made for a conscientious professor like Fr Moreau (who started life so exactly - 01.01.00), so economical with his time that it seemed given only to his subject, his students – past and present - and the house library at North Point.

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**\* Francis Pew (October 4<sup>th</sup>, 1902 - September 10, 1975)**

For fourteen years in the NP University Department (1958-1971), he was, in his familiar black cassock and long black coat, the universal Jesuit: hostel warden, he taught English, Logic, Biology, History, Moral and Political Sc, with ministry at Lebong Cantt.

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**\* Michael Wéry (October 5<sup>th</sup>, 1900 - September 16, 1957)**

The biggest funeral ever in Kurseong was for the "Apostle of the Nepalis", as Father Wéry was called. From 1932, he toiled for, begged money for, and begged God for the people he called his own, for, as he said, "there is enough time to rest in heaven."



**\* Anil Tirkey (October 28, 1940 - September 19, 2003)**

“Where do I find God?” he wrote. “I find Him especially in children and in the people whom I meet every day”. He grew up next to the toy train tracks of Kurseong, and died on rail tracks near Lonavla after his retreat, alive still in hearts in Darjeeling.



**\* Susai Joseph Rajanayagam (September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1930 - September 19, 1984)**

Fr Rajanayagam’s time in Darjeeling was not long, but they were full: Dean of Students, economics professor, and director of NSS in the College and part of the Hayden Hall team; in 1983 he went with volunteers to Cooch Behar for refugee work.



**\* Felix Ferdinand Bulens (September 28, 1917 - October 11, 1999)**

Chemistry was his life - at North Point from 1956-1974, and from then on, bad health was – even during two chaplaincies: St Joseph’s, Matigara, and Goethals, Kurseong. A great reader, he knew French, English, German, Italian, Dutch, Norwegian!



**\* William Joseph Mackey (August 19, 1915 - October 18, 1995)**

One of the first Jesuits to arrive in Darjeeling in 1947, Fr Mackey stayed until declared ‘persona non grata’ in 1963. That was a divine open sesame to Bhutan where his educational work earned him the ‘Son of Bhutan’.



**\* Francis Drobnic (June 19, 1902 - October 22, 1963)**

D-Day 1944 changed our world, and Brother ‘D’ (Drob) changed our SJ world when he arrived in Darjeeling that year: Xavier Hostel; Our Lady of the Snows; the old Lab building - see his legacy - hear him as he often prayed in chapel: “My Lord and my God!”



**\* Jean Bouvez (May 7<sup>th</sup>, 1890 - October 23, 1972)**

Fr “Buzz” Bouvez arrived in India October 23, and left it on that date, fifty-two years apart, never returning to his native Belgium. Of the fifty-two, fifty were spent at NP, teaching the top Senior Cambridge classes, plus building up a remarkable library.



**\* John William Whelan (October 27, 1927 - October 23, 1996)**

“Whelie”, as he was known, had an incisive wit and a facile pen, backed up by his grasp of history (with an MA in History from Calcutta U) and balanced judgments. He helped set up the college library before ill health forced his return to Canada in 1994.



**\* Joseph Gerard McDonough (October 7<sup>th</sup>, 1925 - November 1<sup>st</sup>, 1999)**

This “most unpredictable and unforgettable character”, left his mark on Darjeeling in the 1970’s, and on much of Calcutta and Bombay in the 1980’s through his society, “Matthew 25” – his outreach to the lives of the most needy beyond counting.



**\* Joseph Georges Vincent Curmi (October 6<sup>th</sup>, 1918 - November 14, 2005)**

Fr Vince was a man always on the move – overseas to Malta at age two, to a failed regency in Ethiopia, to agencies in Europe for funds, to animate youth (CLC, Xmas choirs) and to inspire people in the parishes of Gayaganga, Kurseong and Singamari



**\* Leo Bryan (November 12, 1887 - November 16, 1966)**

A legend at NP as a student-athlete especially in cricket – with the highest ever score and a ‘sixer’ from the ‘Flat’ to Fraser Hall – in 1903 he received the first Depelchin Medal. After 30 years in St Xavier’s, Calcutta, he returned to a post-WW II NP in 1953.



**\* Leopold Vidmar (July 26, 1901 - November 18, 1984)**

Brother Vidmar (with his long beard, he was “Grandpa” to the workers in Basanti), carpenter, mechanic, farmer and especially builder, left the mark of his passing from the Himalayas to the Bay of Bengal, and in Gayaganga in the boys’ (old) hostel.



**\* Edward Gurung (January 17, 1946 - November 21, 2012)**

This most outgoing of companions is remembered not only for his contributions to education in St Alphonsus, St Peter’s, North Point and Namchi, and to parish life, but especially for having survived a near-death-experience in his theology days at Vidyajyoti.



**\* Michael Bauwens (March 16, 1905 - December 11, 1981)**

After a long career in parishes in Calcutta, Fr Bauwens moved to North Point in 1960 where he stayed till the end of 1972 when he returned to Belgium - leaving behind memories of a dynamic, personable teacher with the knack of making history come alive.



**\* Francis John Farrell (March 11, 1919 - December 14, 1990)**

Fr Frank was made for the post Vatican II era – just when men of his caliber were needed to move the liturgy and the bible from Latin to the vernacular. Amid all his concerns (Regional Superior, Headmaster) local vocations and publications were first.



**\* Joseph Chandy Paikeday (August 19, 1931 - December 14, 1992)**

At the Sea of Galilee, Joe said, after an experience there that was ‘overwhelming’, “I do not know what God has in store for me”. His life of teaching, building (LPC) and secretarial work (Rome) was then ending in the land of the One he found years before.



***\* Robert Leo Mittelholtz (December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1928 - December 20, 2003)***

Born in 1971 in Siliguri from the ashes of the war for a new country, Bangladesh, Jesu Ashram lives today at Matigara, a monument to the insight of Brother Bob, still caring for refugees from want, disease (especially leprosy and TB) and a no-hope future.



***\* Anthony Francis Sharma ( December 12, 1937 - December 08, 2015)***

Born and brought up in Kurseong, among model Jesuits at St Alphonsus (Frs Wery, Mackey, Bros Robin, Macdonald), he was chosen the first ecclesiastical superior in Nepal in 1984 and built up the church through difficult times till he retired in 2014.



***\* Alexius Minj (March 12, 1956 - November 16, 2015)***

Alex, after arriving from Madhya Pradesh, proved an ideal candidate for the Society in North Bengal, moving easily from the hills (Prefect at North Point, Pastor at Tandrabong, Headmaster at Peter's School, Gayaganga for thirteen years to Headmaster St Alphonsus' School, Kurseong



***\*Joseph Brennan ( September 22, 1095 - August 28, 2017)***

He was one of the greatest missionaries to have come from Canada to North Bengal. In his long years of service in the Lord's vineyard, he had been Parish Priest, Director of candidates, Director of Loyola Pastoral Centre and a host of other works. He lived in simplicity and poverty all his life. He founded Hatighisa mission. He was a counsellor for generations of Scholastics, Priests, nuns and the faithful. In his life time he was considered a living saint.



***\*Fulgence Xaxa (February 9 1960 – December 4 2017)***

He came from the state of Jharkhand. He was a very quiet person. He lived a simple life. He served as parish priest and as Socius to novice master for many years.