



Darjeeling-Nepal Jesuits

NO. 04

PRABHU JISU RESIDENCE, POST BOX 3, MATIGARA – 734 010, DT DARJEELING.

DECEMBER 2025

PROVINCIAL'S PROGRAMME

DECEMBER

- 1: Consult
- 2: GB, Loyola College, Namchi
- 3: Final Vows of Fr Divyanandam
- 5: Sittong
- 6: Mass at CJ Convent, Panighata
- 8: Darjeeling Diocese Consult/Mass for Nirmala Sisters
- 13-14: Meeting of Local Superiors
- 15-17: Visitation – Alipurduar
- 23-27: Kathmandu
- 29: Mass at Bagdogra

JANUARY

- 8: Siraha
- 14-17: Delhi
- 18-19: Ahmedabad
- 20-22: Mangalore
- 22-24: Chennai
- 25-27: Kochi
- 28-29: Mumbai
- 29-31: Pune/Lonavala

FEBRUARY

- 2-5: CRI, Shillong
- 21-28: JCSA, Kolkata

APPOINTMENT BY FR GENERAL

- Fr Francys Silvestrini Adão as the Provincial of the Province of Brazil



Father General has raised the Kohima Region to the status of Kohima Province, appointing Fr. Valerian Castelino as its first Provincial.



Fr Joseph Cardozo (GOA) as Regional Secretary for South Asia, effective from 01 June 2026.

CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations and prayerful wishes to Coadjutor Bishop Elect, Rev. Fr. Edward Barreto, of Darjeeling Diocese.

APPOINTMENT BY FR PROVINCIAL

- | | |
|----------------------|--|
| Br Broney Chettri: | Minister, St Xavier's Deonia (from 15 December 2025) |
| Fr Bosco Michael: | Treasurer, St Xavier's Deonia (from 15 January 2026) |
| Fr David Kumar Ekka: | Headmaster, Loyola School, Uttar Salbari (from 2 January 2026) |
| Fr Pramod Dhobi: | Pokhara (From 1 February 2026) |
| Fr John Kennedy: | Director of Ignatian Center, SASAC (from 1 February 2026) |
| Fr Thomson Amakkat: | Minister, St Joseph's School, Darjeeling (15 January 2026) |
| Fr Justin Bage: | Prefect, St Joseph's School, Darjeeling (1 February 2026) |
| Fr Victor Beck: | Mission In charge, Siraha |

The Department of Mathematics organized a seminar titled "A First Step to Infinite Sets" on October 29, led by Prof. Pratulananda Das from Jadavpur University. The seminar aimed to develop scientific temperament among students by introducing them to the concept of infinity. Prof. Das explored natural numbers, real numbers, and the mathematical distinctions between finite and infinite sets, providing students with foundational insights into infinite set theory and its significance in mathematics.

The Commerce Club organized a quiz competition on 1 November, focusing on Consumer Awareness, Finance, Business, Sports, Current Affairs, and Indian Culture and Heritage. Ten clubs participated. The Electoral Literacy Club secured first place, followed by Historia Odyssey Consortium and the Commerce Club.

The Department of Mass Communication organized a meet and greet program with the cast and crew of the upcoming Nepali feature film 'Dhaago' on November 3 at St. Joseph's College. Director Udip Rana Thapa and actors Surakshya Pantha, Prabhat Thapa, and Surabhi Thapa engaged with students, discussing themes of the film such as family, boundaries and human connection. The interactive session provided valuable insights into filmmaking and storytelling, inspiring students to explore deeper narratives in media.

The Annual Cultural Festival was celebrated on 4th Nov. with great enthusiasm. On this occasion, Ms. Pratima Rai, an NCC cadet and a proud student of St. Joseph's College, who successfully scaled Mount Everest was felicitated and honoured with a khada and a certificate of recognition by Principal Fr. Donatus Kujur for her outstanding achievement that brought immense pride to the institution.

In the Inter-Departmental Cultural Dance Competition, a total of 11 departments showcased folk dances representing various Indian states, blending colour, rhythm, and tradition. Students from Arunachal Pradesh also presented a special Arunachali dance performance, highlighting the spirit of inclusivity and cultural diversity.

The Department of Geography secured the first position for their captivating West Bengal dance; the Department of Economics earned the second position for their vibrant Maharashtrian performance; and the Department of Political Science claimed the third position for their graceful Kashmiri dance.



Quiz by Commerce Club



MONTAGE 2025



Meet and greet program



Maths Workshop



Cultural fest



Mount Everest scaler

MONTAGE 2025, the student film festival, was held on 6th November in collaboration with Darjeeling Goodwill. The festival, themed Darjeeling-Disappearing Darjeeling-Reappearing: Development or Regeneration, explored identity, environment, and regeneration through cinematic storytelling, offering insightful perspectives on Darjeeling's evolving cultural and ecological landscape. The event celebrated creativity and critical reflection through film.

On 7th November, the College marked the 150th anniversary of the national song 'Vande Mataram' with a special awareness program. Organized by volunteers from N.S.S., N.C.C., and other student groups, the event celebrated the song's historic significance and inspirational role in India's freedom struggle. The program fostered patriotic spirit and unity among the college community, highlighting the national song's enduring legacy.

The Department of Mathematics, organized a one-day workshop on "Drone Assembly and Technology" for fifth-semester students on 10th November. The session was conducted by resource persons Mr. Rajveer Kuri and Saroj Narayan Kour, who introduced participants to both theoretical and practical aspects of drone technology. Participants also learned about drone movements yawing (rotation), rolling (side movement), pitching (forward-backward tilt), and vertical lift (up and down) along with features like fail-safe and return-to-land modes.

On Nov. 8th the Nature Club organized a Nature Walk from Manebhanjyang to Chitrey, covering a distance of 4 kilometres each way. A total of 60 students participated in the hike, including 10 board members, representing various departments. Four faculty members- Dr. Upakar Rai, Dr. Abhijit Chettri, Mr. Divyam Chettri, and Mr. Shuvam Sharma accompanied the group.

Fr. Donatus Kujur was part of the team which visited St. Xavier's Schools, Jawalakhel, Deonia and St. Vincent de Paul School, Hatighisa to conduct the Shared Vision programme. Fr. Provincial's Visitation went smoothly. Prior to his final vows Fr. Divya made his retreat under Fr. K. L. George.

St. Xavier's College, Maitighar experienced an inspiring and activity-filled November, marked by energy, collaboration, and community spirit. The month opened with the successful completion of the 11th SXC Mini Marathon, a vibrant event, amplified by exceptional digital coverage from the Communication and Branding Team in partnership with SQC Udaan. The Department of Microbiology launched AMR Week 2025 with an engaging panel on "Act Now: Protect Our Present and Secure Our Future," while the Department of Counselling and Well-Being hosted a transformative one-day workshop, "The Art of Balance," focusing on holistic well-being. The College also hosted the second SXC-SCC Cultural Exchange Program, including a dynamic leadership workshop led by Fr. Augustine and Ms. Saluj Chand. Fr. Augustine and Ms. Saluja Chand attended the JHEASA north zone meeting of Principals and delegates in Matigara.

11th Mini Marathon

Anti Microbial Resistance (AMR)



Leadership Workshop



MOU with Salesian College, Sonada



MOU with Aloysius University, Mangalore

November further strengthened the institution’s academic and global presence. St. Xavier’s College signed two significant MoUs—one with St. Aloysius University, Mangaluru, and another with Salesian College, Sonada & Siliguri—to expand opportunities in research, academic exchange, and social outreach. The Physics Department organized a lively Family Week to foster unity among students and faculty. The Xavierian community proudly celebrated outstanding student achievements, with Astitwo Ojha securing the top rank in the MECEE MBBS Entrance Examination and Aaramva Acharya earning 1st rank in the IOST CSIT Entrance Examination.



Later in the month on 24th & 25th November, our college had the honour of organizing a 2-day University level Inter-College Volleyball Tournament wherein 20 colleges participated. The team from Sukhanto Mohavidyalaya, Falakata was the winner. Renovated old Xavier Niwas building was used for accommodating some match officials from distant places.

In the community, Fr. Divya is away making annual retreat in preparation for his Final Vows and so, Fr Deven stepped in as care taker hostel director. Fr. John Kennedy, with his team, visited St. Xavier’s, Jawalakhel, and St. Xavier’s School, Deonia for Shared Vision. Fr. Lalit was the main celebrant for the Feast of Christ the King at Mongradangi Parish. Fr. Dennis’s left leg is in plaster after he sustained an injury on his way back from Tipling and he is gradually recuperating. Sch. Ashish Basumatary who has been elected as the President of the Student Council for this year, has been planning for fund raising with his team of office bearers and planning for the biggest annual event for students- outdoor musical event called Xhilerate that also includes fashion show and other items.

NB ST. XAVIER’S COLLEGE & XAVIER NIWAS, RAJGANJ

LALIT TIRKEY SJ

Classes resumed after a month-long holiday and there was a real sense of urgency to complete the syllabus especially for 2nd and 3rd years as the date for filling up of Exams form followed by dates for the commencement of university exams were already announced. Hence, from 17-21 November, 2nd Internal Exams were conducted for all semesters in both campuses. Prior to that Frs. Lalit, Basil and Dennis were part of organizing the North Zone Conference for Jesuit Higher Education Association of South Asia (JHEASA) at Inigo Bhavan, Matigara. First day’s dinner for 30 delegates for the conference from about fifteen colleges were organized at the Grand Casa, Siliguri by the Alumni Association of NB St. Xavier’s College while the second day’s dinner was hosted by college community- Xavier Niwas.

ST XAVIER’S, DEONIA

JIJU SJ

The focus of the month was the second-term examinations, which were held from 14 to 21, with a week of revision preceding them. The first edition of the SXD Dance competition was held on the 7th, where the finalists put up enthralling performances.

The Plus Two students conducted their spelling bee competition while the others were having examinations. After the examinations were over, the staff spent two days reflecting on the Jesuit legacy of education through the Shared Vision program. Frs Kennedy, Donatus, Daniel, Jomon, and Mr. Subarna, through their thought-provoking and informative sessions, took the staff to the roots of the Jesuit legacy of educational practices. The final event scheduled for the month is the annual mini-marathon, which will be held on the 28th.

In the first week of November, Sanjay joined the other Principals in Matigara for a meeting. Frs Boniface, Vijay, and Anil stayed with us on their way to Matigara for the Principals' meeting. Fr Jiju went to Kathmandu to attend to various pending matters while the school was having examinations. Frs Kennedy, Donatus, Daniel, and Mr. Subarna stayed with us while they conducted the sessions of the Shared Vision. Since Kennedy was with us on the 25th, we had the first-ever cross-border birthday celebration of Darjeeling-Nepal Province.



Winners of Dance Competition



Spell Bee Competition



Shared Vision

The month of November was marked by a vibrant rhythm of parish, school, and community activities in Sadakbari. The parish observed the feasts of All Saints and All Souls with due solemnity. Preparations continued for raising the mission to parish status through ongoing updates of parish registers and pastoral engagements. A significant spiritual highlight was the First Communion and Confirmation ceremonies held on 15 November in Sadakbari and Simalbari. Parishioners also participated in the Christ the King Procession at St. Xavier's Parish, Maheshpur on 22 November.



First Holy Communion



Sports Day



Singing Competition

The school maintained its regular academic schedule while introducing new initiatives. Scout activities were launched for the first time under the guidance of international volunteer Mr. Samuel Prandini. The 4th Inter-House Singing Competition added colour and creativity to the month, while preliminary Sports Day activities on 14th November and the Jhapa Rural Municipality PABSON Annual ECA Meet (21st and 22nd November) gave students opportunities to display sportsmanship. On 17 November, the departure of Mr. Hirdesh Rajbanshi, the dedicated office assistant, was noted with gratitude as he moved on to pursue studies and work in Japan.

Frs Victor, Arun, and several parishioners had the joy and privilege of witnessing the priestly ordination of Roshan, John, and Sujit in Gayaganga. The brief visit of the Provincial, Fr. Shajumon and Br. Clarence on 17th November and the 'flying' visits of Sr. Sophia Lee SPC and Fr. Augustine Lee from Korea added encouragement to the mission. Artistic enhancement of the school campus began with the arrival of Mr. Kabi Budhato and the paint wall murals; he is an alumnus of St. Xavier's Social Service Center, Jawalakhel.

ST VINCENT'S, HATIGHISA

VINCENT GEORGE, SJ

On All Saints' Day, we blessed Bara Jharu Jote and celebrated the Eucharist. On All Souls' Day, each Community member participated in the grave-blessings and Eucharistic celebrations. On 10th our Madhyamik Students began their Selection Exams.



Of the three newly ordained priests, Frs John and Sujit celebrated their first Masses for the hostellers on 10th and 19th, respectively. On 15th our Community along with an 80 member parish contingent joined in celebrating First Thanksgiving Mass of Fr John Lepcha at St Joseph's Parish, 5th Mile, Kalimpong. Hospitality indeed was grand! Before leaving Kalimpong, we spent some quality-time at Manresa Jesuit Novitiate. Fr Sujit Minj's Thanksgiving Mass at St Thomas' Church, Merry View, on 16th, won hearts!

The Children's Day celebration on 14th was grand! The Staff's entertainment was praiseworthy! On 19th the Class 10ers completed their Selection Exams. On 22nd our Premanjali Pre-Novices from Matigara, spent a day with our Hostellers. In a friendly football match the visitors won 1-0. On 23rd, the Christ the King Procession cum the Solemn Eucharistic celebration were grand! The solemn procession from Satbhaiya ground ended in Birsa Munda Ground, Naxalbari. Fr Bijay Kindo was the main celebrant. Mass Arrangements were splendid!

INFANT JESUS SCHOOL, SITONG

IRENIUS GURIA SJ



Sudden entry of winter! Warm clothes have come out! Challenging times ahead! We have begun our annual exam on 19th and will be finishing on 27th November. The landslide area is being constructed and hopefully it will be completed by mid-December. We, the Infant Jesus school family, experienced a sad moment just before our annual exam started; Ms. Ketmit Lepcha's father (Jensho Lepcha) left us to enter into his heavenly abode.

ST. XAVIER'S SCHOOL, SIRAHA

ANIL BECK SJ

St. Xavier's School, Siraha, remained closed for nearly a week following the Gen Z protests in Kathmandu, and like many parts of Nepal, our community stayed cautious during that period. Once the school reopened, we celebrated Sambidhan Diwas on September 19 for the first time without interruption. It was wonderful to mark the occasion with various activities, and both students and staff truly enjoyed the celebrations.

On September 25, Fr. Vijay Toppo along with a scholastic, stayed overnight at Zeromile, Siraha, before leaving for their retreat during the Dashain holidays. Fr. Arul Selvam also attended the retreat in Matigara, Siliguri. Fr. Anil K. Beck had planned several trips, but heavy rain warnings kept him safely at home.

During Tihar, the Sadakbari Jesuit Community visited Siraha School for a short outing. They stayed at a hotel in Lahan, and with most community members away, our cook kindly prepared lunch for them. Later, the group enjoyed a self-prepared supper in the house. Hopefully, it was a relaxing and enjoyable outing, giving everyone a chance to unwind.

Meanwhile, Fr. Arul trekked in the Langtang region, travelling via Kathmandu to join Fr. Denis Susai before heading to Syabrubesi and trekking to Tipling. On October 18, Fr. Anil joined Fr. Sanjay Ekka and a scholastic from Deonia for a brief two-day visit to Alipurduar, returning on October 22.

On October 31, Fr. Siby visited Zero mile to inspect the school site with architect Mr. Pravin Mukhiya, and they returned the same day. On November 5, Fr. Anil attended the PSSE meeting at Matigara. On November 9, Fr. Arul travelled to Gayaganga to attend the ordinations of three Jesuits.

During Dashain, students were assigned second-term projects, which they submitted on time. The projects were colourful and creative, reflecting both teamwork and parental involvement. It was heart warming to see the students' efforts and creativity proudly on display.



Celebrating Samvidhan Diwas



Dashain Projects

On November 08, the school hosted its Senior Sports Day for Classes 6 through 10, featuring a spirited showcase of athletic skills, teamwork, and sportsmanship. Students participated enthusiastically in march past, track and field events and group drills.

From November 9 to 11, the Business Club of St. Xavier's School, Lalitpur, in association with the Inspirational and Educational Events Committee for the 75th Year Celebration, organized a three-day Social Entrepreneurship Boot Camp for Business Studies students of Classes 11 and 12. The workshop encouraged creative thinking, responsible leadership, and social innovation. Participants explored pressing social and environmental issues, learned the fundamentals of the Business Model Canvas, storytelling, and idea pitching, and worked in teams to design and present sustainable solutions on Demo Day. A total of 43 students took part in the program, facilitated by Mr. Roshan and the team from the International Development Institute. The camp concluded with Fr. Ajay Larka awarding certificates to all participants.

On November 11, as part of the Joint School Community Service initiative, students visited PA Nepal Sankhu Home, where children of incarcerated parents are provided shelter and care. The participants from Joint Schools distributed rations and sanitary supplies and engaged the children through song and dance performances. Children from PA Nepal also joined the dances and songs, creating a warm atmosphere of solidarity, empathy, and shared joy. The program strengthened the students' sense of compassion and social responsibility.

On November 14, Parents' Night for Classes 3 and 4 was celebrated with great enthusiasm. Students exhibited their talents through songs, dances and skits. The event offered parents an opportunity to witness their children's creativity and confidence on stage, while highlighting the school's holistic approach to learning. On the same day, the Science students of Classes 11 and 12 participated in an engaging Physics Quiz Competition. The event encouraged a healthy academic spirit and strengthened students' interest in the physical sciences.



Shared Vision



Sports Day

On November 15 and 16, St. Xavier's School conducted a two-day Shared Vision Training Program for its entire teaching community. Designed to orient and realign faculty with the Jesuit identity, mission, and educational philosophy, the sessions emphasized: Ignatian spirituality, Principles of Jesuit education, Ignatian pedagogy, discernment and Jesuit-lay collaboration.

On November 22, the Grand Alumni Meet in St. Xavier's School, Jawalakhel, organized by the GAA in association with SXJ Alumni and SXG Alumni, brought together former students across multiple generations.

Around 1000 participants attended the programme. The event celebrated enduring bonds, achievements, and the legacy of Jesuit education. It provided a platform for networking, reminiscing, and strengthening alumni engagement with the school community.

On November 23, Classes 11 and 12 Sports Week kicked off with basketball for boys and football for girls.

COMMUNITY NEWS:

We were delighted to welcome Frs. Donatus, Kennedy and Jomon to our community on 14th November. They were here to give seminar on SHARED VISION to our staff. Their expertise on Ignatian legacy highly motivated us. Thus, we have finished the first round of Shared Vision successfully.

Fr Provincial too came here for a short visit on the next day. His presence here brought much happiness. Frs. Peter Pappu, Cherian Maliekal and Jiju stayed with us from 16 to 19 November. They were here for the assessment of our school. They met most of our teachers, non-teaching staff, parents and Alumni, including all the Jesuits.

Fr. Roy Sebastian arrived on 19th from Delhi to attend a seminar here in Nepal. Sr Marigold Magbanua, CM from Japan spent a night here on 21st Nov. before she left for Bhadrapur to visit her sisters in Simalbari.



ST. XAVIER'S PARISH:

St. Xavier's Parish, Maheshpur celebrated several joyful and grace-filled events in recent weeks. The blessing of St. Xavier's Chapel in Kalimora, presided over by Fr. Dilip, was a special moment for the community. He thanked God for this blessing, remembered Late Musey Hembram who dreamed of a church in Kalimora, and expressed gratitude to the family who donated the land. After Mass, lunch was served to the faithful from Deonia, Birtamod, Gherabari, and nearby areas.

Fr. Nicholas left for a month-long home visit, while Fr. Anup and Sch. Jeyaraj went to Matigara, for their annual retreat. Fr. Dilip remained in the parish for pastoral care.

Youth activities were vibrant, including their final presentation on the Sacrament of Marriage, guided by Fr. Dilip and Sr. Rita. Forty youth, along with two animators, travelled to Chitwan for the Youth Convention, accompanied by Sr. Rita and Br. Ranjit Kullu, with participation from youth of other denominational backgrounds.

A meeting of prospective members for the Parish Pastoral Council was held, where Fr. Dilip explained the roles and responsibilities of the PPC. Ten members attended, and the council, selected Fr. Dilip as President (de facto), Mr. Bablu Murmu as Secretary, and Ms. Martha Bara as Treasurer, with a suggestion to include a youth coordinator.

The parish also welcomed pilgrims from Dharan and Sirsiya. About 110 pilgrims from Dharan prayed the rosary and celebrated the Eucharist, and later over 300 pilgrims from Sirsiya visited along with Fr. Mukesh Gracia. Fr. Dilip preached during the pilgrimage Mass.

The parish further hosted a women's training program led by Miss Asha Lama from Thokarpa, supported by the International Movement of Catholic Students, teaching women to stitch bags and pouches.



The Feast of Christ the King was celebrated with great devotion, with around 700 faithful, including 150 from Sadakbari-Simalbari, participating in it. Fr Arun Pradhan was the main celebrant, joined by the parish priests and religious sisters. After Mass, a simple lunch was served, and the entire celebration was well-organized by the youth and Krusveer Children under the guidance of the Parish Pastoral Council.

MORAN MEMORIAL SCHOOL:

The school reopened on 29th October after a month-long holiday. The Principal attended the Secondary Education Commission Meeting held on 5th Nov. at Matigara. The Second Term results for the primary section were distributed on 7th November. The top three students of each class were awarded as a way of encouragement.

On the same afternoon, a staff meeting was convened to evaluate the Second Term and to set clear and achievable goals for the Third Term. Fr. Boniface, the PSSE, were also present at the meeting. He reminded the staff of the key points discussed during the Shared Vision session, particularly emphasizing that Jesuit education should touch the hearts and bring about deep interior transformation in students.



The Class 10 results were distributed on 13th, and the Classes 5 to 9 received their results on 14th. On 21st November, the senior students participated in their monthly community service activity by cleaning the road from the school gate to Futanichowk.

ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL, DARJEELING

SAMUEL SIMICK SJ

The month of November marked the winding down of the academic year 2025. The closing days of October set the tone for November's rhythm. On 30th October, the school community gathered to honor Mr. Aleen Lepcha on his Silver Jubilee, celebrating twenty-five years of dedicated service to SJS NP. His steadfast commitment stood as a living testimony to loyalty and devotion, inspiring both staff and students. The following day, club presentations revealed the diverse gifts nurtured within our students, affirming the school's role in helping them discover and develop their God-given talents. That same day, our boys brought laurels to the institution by securing gold in the general category of the interschool quiz organized by Don Bosco, Kolkata.

November began with solemnity. On 2nd November, All Souls' Day, the cemetery below St. Michael's School was blessed, and the following day the memorial park received its blessing as students remembered our departed brothers. On 4th November, SJS NP hosted the interschool sports meet, where our boys created history by sweeping all six categories—a victory that will be remembered as a milestone in the school's sporting legacy.

Later that day, after a long gap, the much-anticipated social with Loreto Convent students was revived, with Class 12 boys and girls sharing dance and interaction, rekindling bonds of friendship and camaraderie.

On 8th November, the school's Blue Boy Choir lifted their voices at the interschool carols in Mount Harmon School, while our quiz team once again proved their mettle by winning first prize at Inspiria Siliguri. At the same time, teachers engaged in professional growth through SIP analysis and orientation conducted by the Ed Board. On 9th November, students and teachers visited Jesu Ashram, offering some support under the *auxilium ad gentem* program, embodying the spirit of service and solidarity.

Mid-November brought celebrations and transitions. On 14th November, Children's Day, teachers delighted students with a short and meaningful program, affirming the joy of childhood and the responsibility of nurturing it. The annual school fete on 15th November filled the campus with laughter, creativity, and community spirit. Soon after, examinations began across divisions, marking the academic culmination of the year. By the end of the month, Class 10 students departed for their break, while Class 12 prepared to bid farewell to their alma mater, closing a chapter of their journey at North Point.

COMMUNITY:

On 2nd November, the school community gathered in prayer to remember our departed brothers, blessing their graves and offering heartfelt petitions for their eternal rest. This solemn act of remembrance set the tone for the month, reminding all of the enduring bonds of faith and fraternity.

The days that followed were enriched by the presence of several visitors. On 2nd and 17th November, Fr Divyanandam from Rajganj visited the school while undertaking his annual retreat. On 4th November, Fr Paul Coelho from Kohima Province arrived to make his annual retreat. On 19th November, the guests of Fr Jenish from Delhi Province stayed with us for a few days. The following day, Fr Shiju spent a night at SJS NP, and during the month, we also welcomed Fr Peter Bhujel and Fr Leo, whose brief visits were nonetheless cherished.

On 9th November, Frs Justin, Samuel, and the Scholastics witnessed the ordination of three brothers, a moment of joy and grace for the Jesuit family. From 10th to 12th November, Fr Sajumon was present for his visitation of SJS NP, accompanied by Fr Siby, the Province Treasurer. Their guidance and presence ensured clarity in community accounts and strengthened the bonds of fraternity. On 13th November, Fr Justin travelled to Uttar Salbari to complete election formalities, while Fr Samuel went home to celebrate his niece's third birthday as well as to complete his SIR. Between 15th and 19th November, Fr Stanley undertook official work in Hyderabad. On 21st November, the community joyfully celebrated the birthday of Scholastic Valerian.

Throughout the month, Fr Justin represented SJS NP at various significant occasions. His presence was noted at the unification of the Loreto and CJ sisters, at ordinations, and at the funeral of Mr. Paul, father of Reuell Paul. Alongside these responsibilities, he continues to oversee the construction projects on campus, which are rapidly taking shape according to the blueprint.

GANDHI ASHRAM, KALIMPONG

SANTY MATHEW SJ

Four musicians from the Symphony Orchestra of India (SOI) conducted a week-long intensive training workshop for the Gandhi Ashram School Orchestra. During this inspiring session, our young musicians explored the art of orchestral performance—learning essential techniques, methods, and the discipline required to play as one harmonious unit. Their dedication and eagerness to grow were truly heartening.

On 6 November, the school had the pleasure of welcoming the students and teachers from Manjusri School, Sichey, Sikkim, for an interactive exchange programme. The event commenced with a warm reception, followed by a delightful performance by the Gandhi Ashram School Orchestra, proudly showcasing the musical talents of our students. In return, the visitors from Manjusri School presented a few engaging items, highlighting their creativity, enthusiasm, and spirit of collaboration. The interaction proved mutually enriching, fostering friendship and artistic appreciation between both institutions.



Continuing the spirit of celebration, Gandhi Ashram School hosted its first formal Sports Day on 12 November with great excitement. The day was graced by Fr. Stanley Verghese, Rector of St. Joseph's School, Darjeeling, as the Chief Guest, and Fr. Amrit Rai as the Guest of Honour. Students from LKG to Class 10 participated in fun-filled events, displaying energy, teamwork, and commendable sportsmanship. It was a memorable milestone in the school's journey.

Gandhi Ashram School also celebrated Children's Day in a unique and heart-warming way. Each class organised a potluck where students brought delicious homemade dishes to share. Before the potluck began, the campus came alive as children danced to popular Hollywood and Bollywood melodies, their joy filling the air and reminding everyone of the beauty of childhood.

On 15 November, the school community had the privilege of hosting the first Thanksgiving Mass of Fr. John Lepcha, a former student of Gandhi Ashram School. Held in the school auditorium, the Mass was concelebrated by nearly 25 priests who joined Fr. John in thanking the Lord for the gift of his vocation to the priesthood. Fr. John also celebrated Mass for the school community on 17 November. Fr. Giles graced the occasion with his presence for four days, witnessing this blessed and inspiring event.

The busy month concluded with the Parent-Teacher Meeting held on 21 November, where they came together to evaluate the progress of the 2025 academic year and thoughtfully plan for the year ahead. The meeting reinforced the shared commitment of parents and teachers in shaping the holistic development of every student.

ST PETER'S, GAYAGANGA

BIPIN BARA SJ

The month of November was an eventful and spiritually enriching period for our community, marked by numerous important celebrations and community activities. Each event reflected the unity, faith, and dedication of our members who worked tirelessly throughout the month.

The month began with the All Souls' Day Mass and blessing of cemeteries across various villages on November 2nd.

The long-awaited and joyous day arrived on November 9th, as the Darjeeling–Nepal province was blessed with three new priests. The ordination ceremony was solemnly presided over by Rt. Rev. Bishop Paul Simick and witnessed by nearly 8,000 faithful who gathered to celebrate this sacred milestone.



On November 14, the community commemorated Children's Day with great enthusiasm. Students participated in various cultural programs and activities that highlighted their creativity, joy, and talents.

The celebrations continued as Fr. Sujit Minj celebrated his first Thanksgiving Mass on November 16th at his village in Merry view Tea Estate.

From November 17th to 24th, the Selection Examination for Class 10 was conducted smoothly. Fr. Cherian attended a meeting in Jawalakhel, Nepal, from November 17 to 20. The admission process for Class 5 started on November 22nd, with a good number of students participating.



The Feast of Christ the King was celebrated with deep devotion expressed by a grand procession, on November 23rd. Finally, on November 24th, the community gathered to review and evaluate the activities of the month and planned for the upcoming initiatives.

November thus stood as a month of gratitude, grace, and growth—for the community, the students, and the parish as a whole.

The school reopened after the Tihar Vacation. The First Term Examination was conducted during the first week of November. Regular classes in the school and morning tuition in the Church are being continued. On All Souls Day the parish community gathered at Crus Dara at 4:30 P.M. for a solemn mass in remembrance of all the faithful departed. The celebration offered a meaningful time for prayer and reflection.



The other guests were Fr. David and three NJSI staff, who came to give an Educational Seminar to the students and staff of Dongden Devi High school. They also conducted an overnight camping session for 12 students of the school for three days at our premises.



The Feast of Christ the King was celebrated with deep devotion and Enthusiasm. The procession began from Lapdung, covering approximately 4 Kms, with parishioners walking together in prayer and song. It served as a great public witnessing event of Catholic Faith in this area.

Fr. Peter, accompanied by two youth, undertook an overnight pilgrimage to Paldor Crus Dara. We had a Monthly Youth Meeting on 16th Nov. The session provided a wonderful opportunity for our youth to share, plan and grow together in faith. Regular Village Mass, Holy Communion Distribution for old people, Friday Adoration and Confession are going on well. On 12th Nov. Fr. Norbert accompanied the staff and students of Gothen Devi School to Pangsang Hill for a picnic.



Ms. Bina Lama, one of our old hostel students from Baniyatar and a political leader of this area, came to visit us on 4th November. She expressed her heartfelt appreciation for the support she received from the Catholic Church, which played a vital role in her success. She encouraged the tuition students to study diligently and to take the guidance of Fathers seriously.

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, KALIMPONG

In the month of October during puja holidays, the parish conducted two days of annual retreat for all the Parishioners. Fr Martin Lakra and Mr Bharat Francis Mothey were the preachers. Practically all parishioners participated in the sacrament of reconciliation. Our holy childhood and the Youth CLC went to St Xavier's Church Sakyong for the pilgrimage and faith sharing program conducted by Fr Benoy Lama and Fr John Banerjee. On 31st October BEC-wise rosary procession was conducted.

Sr. Carmelita from Asir Bhawan, Kathmandu came on a pilgrimage and spent three days with us. She brought medicines for people sent by Mobile Clinic sisters from Baniyatar.



The month of November was a blessing to our parish to have the first Jesuit priest, Fr John Lepcha, ordained in Gayaganga on 9th November 2025. Almost half of the Parishioners went to witness this great day at Gayaganga. The Thanksgiving mass of Fr John Lepcha was on 15th. It was another big moment for all of us.



During the month of November Parish Priest was busy going to each BECs to bless the cemetery. On 23rd November Parish celebrated the feast of Christ the King. The procession started from Mr Lazarus Tamang's house, 7th mile to the Church.

BANIYATAR PARISH

K C PAUL SJ

Blow blow thou winter wind, you are not so unkind as man's ingratitude." Here William Shakespeare is quoted not to sight man's ingratitude but to let everyone know about the freezing cold debilitating our free movements in the open. The time is quite tempting to sit at home ruminating over the bygone days of the past. However, during this advent of winter in the Advent Season of the Liturgical Year, we had a few ritualistic celebrations in the parish. One among them was the celebration of All Souls Day quite late in the evening since the parishioners are out for jobs in the early morning hours of the day. As we are commemorating the month of November praying for All the Souls Departed, one of our faithful joined the already departed souls on the 6th of November. She received the Viaticum on the 5th of November and said goodbye to this nefarious world of our present age on the following day.

For the betterment of the parish, a new leadership team with adequate representation of all concerned is being considered.

In the schools and colleges, our companions are speaking highly about Ignatian Pedagogical Paradigm. I think it is high time to start the Ignatian Pastoral Paradigm for the Parish Priests of our Province. I personally am very much interested in an Ignatian Pastoral Paradigm shift especially when the Parish Priests are in their septuagenarian stage of life.

Of late I have noticed that many of our enthusiastic parishioners are expecting young Parish Priests in years, vast in experience and eloquent in Nepali language. I pray that their hopes and aspirations be fulfilled. Of course, they have sufficient reasons to justify their hearts desires since their present Parish Priest is fast approaching to join the octogenarian club. However he was found fit to give a couple of recollection talks to the Vicariate priests of Nepal and to a few C.J nuns in the valley.



Christ the King Procession



All Souls Day Prayer at the Columnbarium



Student Heals and Returns Home to Continue Her Studies:

On 27 October 2025, a student from a government school in Nepal, successfully completed her treatment at Jesu Ashram. She had been admitted for several weeks and received dedicated medical attention from the Ashram’s staff. Her recovery has brought great joy to her family and community, and she has now returned home to continue her education. Her story reflects the Ashram’s ongoing commitment to providing accessible and compassionate healthcare to those in need.

Ongoing Flood Relief Work in Bamandanga Model Village

The Province continued its flood-relief outreach on 30 October 2025, as Jesu Ashram, HLDRC, and the Sangitangli team joined hands to support affected families in Bamandanga Model Village. A team of five Jesuits, accompanied by nursing students and Sangitangli volunteers, adopted a revised method of distribution this time. The teams visited 100 families, delivering essential food supplies directly to their homes. During these visits, volunteers also surveyed surrounding areas severely impacted by the flood. Their observations revealed an urgent need for medical assistance, prompting further action in the weeks ahead.



Medical Camp Brings Relief to Vulnerable Families:

Responding to the health needs identified earlier, a medical camp was organized on 8 November 2025. The camp was staffed by 12 nursing students, 3 nursing staff, 3 doctors from Jesu Ashram, and Dr. Sr. Rani from Loyola Health Centre, Kelabari. The team examined 177 patients.

Several concerning conditions were detected: widespread vision problems, anemia, a child with a blood disorder, a young woman with severely low hemoglobin (2–3 g/dL), and one patient with an abdominal tumour. Twenty patients were urgently referred to hospitals for further treatment.



On 12 November, five referred patients arrived at Jesu Ashram—each suffering from eye-related issues. Two have already undergone successful cataract surgeries. Among them, Hemraj Oraon, previously unable to see for 5 years and dependent on others for daily movement, has now regained his sight and independence. All five continue to receive care at Jesu Ashram.

Cemetery Boundary Wall Construction Begins

On 24 November 2025, work began on completing the boundary wall of Jesu Ashram’s cemetery, a long-pending need. This cemetery holds the remains of hundreds of destitute individuals who had no one to claim their bodies. Ensuring a proper boundary is vital to preserving the dignity and sanctity of this sacred resting place. The Province expresses deep gratitude to the generous benefactor whose support has made this important project possible.

After the long Dashain and Tihar holidays, the students of SBK joyfully returned to school with refreshed and renewed energy. They carried with them many pleasant memories from the festive season, which added a cheerful atmosphere to the campus. To help the students gradually settle back into their daily routine, the staff organized a series of educational and recreational activities. These fun and engaging sessions helped the children reconnect with one another and adjust smoothly to regular school life.



A team of students and guides from the Maya Foundation in the Netherlands spent a day with our school community. They presented skits and dances centred on value education adding both learning and entertainment to the day. Their visit brought joy to the children and enriched their understanding of important life values.

In the parish, the month was spiritually enriching with many solemnities. While the Parish Priest was away in Siliguri for medical follow up treatment, the Assistant Parish Priest took excellent care of the spiritual needs of the faithful. October and November were marked by several liturgical celebrations. The Marian devotion was concluded with a solemn procession before the Holy Eucharist on Saturday. All Saints day and all Souls day were observed reverently as the faithful remembered their departed love ones.

The annual visit of Korean students to Pokhara city and Church took place this year also. The feast of Christ the king was celebrated with great enthusiasm, inspiring parishioners to live lives worthy of seeing the radiant face of God.



Fr. Devadhas travelled to Kathmandu for the renewal of his embassy documents and the retotaling of examination marks and later returned from Siliguri after a follow up medical check-up.

All the Religious gathered at St. Mary's School Campus for the CRN meeting and for the celebration of the merger of the Congregation of Jesus and the Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary, wished them a fruitful mission ahead.

Fr. Steven Almeida from the Goa Province also visited and enjoyed the scenic beauty of Pokhara and its snow capped mountains.

SXSSC, JAWALAKHEL**PRATIKSHYA DHAKAL**

St. Xavier's Social Service Center (SXSSC) and Aruna Bhawan students were busy with their classes and homework throughout November. After the Dashain and Tihar holidays, SXSSC student Gobina B.K. was happily reintegrated with his family on 30th October 2025. The first term examination report cards of Grade 11 and 12 showed that students need to work harder. However, they are generally talented and only need to stay more focused on their studies.

On 8th November, Fr. Juel organized a student meeting. That day, Mr. Raj Karnikar, a local supporter, generously sponsored lunch for all SXSSC students. The Centre sincerely thanks him for his kindness.

Later, Ms. Karen Carmody and her husband visited Aruna Bhawan. They spent joyful time with the children, and Aruna Bhawan remains grateful to Ms. Karen for donating indoor games materials. On 14th November, a meeting was held with all the girls to discuss challenges in their studies.

November was also a month of celebrations: Sweta Dongal celebrated her birthday, while Nisha Sunar, the youngest girl at Aruna Bhawan, celebrated hers on 16th November. Both were warmly wished by their friends. Additionally, Samita Timilsina and Pushpa Murmu were given a second chance to stay at Aruna Bhawan and receive support for their Plus Two studies.

This month also included a meeting with Ms. June, PAWA group coordinator for the Nepal Project, along with Fr. Juel, Ms. Pratikshya, and PAWA-sponsored girls. On 23rd November, Ms. Pratikshya attended meetings at Mahalaxmi School and Tir-Padama School regarding exams and academic progress.

To prepare for winter, Fr. Dilip arranged financial support and provided warm clothes for the girls, earning heartfelt appreciation. Recently, the girls have also started enjoying football on the games field, adding energy and joy to their daily routine.

SANEPA, LALITPUR

JUEL KISPOTTA SJ

Winter arrived swiftly and unexpectedly, sweeping into November with a sharp chill that caught us off guard. To keep the cold at bay, we have wrapped ourselves in layers of warm clothing.

During the first week of November, Frs. Siby and Joe Parakatt visited Kathmandu, where Fr. Juel graciously guided them through several of our houses. Later in the month, on November 22, Fr. Shajumon also came to Kathmandu and made it a point to visit all the communities across the valley, meeting with many Jesuits and strengthening fraternal bonds.

Meanwhile, Sch. Ashish achieved a milestone by securing his driving license. He now rides his bike daily from Sanepa to Jawalakhel school, embracing his new independence. Beyond that, he has brought fresh life to the HRD compound, adorning it with vibrant flowers and maintaining its cleanliness —a visible reminder of the positive difference a scholastic brings to community life. Fr. Juel remained equally engaged, holding online discussions with the PAWA donor agency on November 24 and 27.

Alongside these responsibilities, he continues to accompany the boys and girls of both Centres, offering guidance and support, even as he diligently pursues his own studies.

WOODCOT, KURSEONG

PETER BHUJEL SJ

There is an ill-conceived perception that one needs will power to quit addiction to drugs, including alcohol which is also considered a drug. This is a major lie because if you are still fighting it, you have not yet quit. You are still orbiting around the thing that keeps hurting you brain, body and soul. Will power keeps drugs like alcohol in focus. Quitting drugs requires willingness or clarity. The goal is not to resist addiction which is like setting your house on fire to stay warm and happy; the goal is to reach such a stage in addictive life when and where one no longer wants to do any type of drugs.



As a part of the ongoing Substance Abuse Awareness Campaign in order to give proper and right information and knowledge about this "cunning, baffling and powerful" disease, Fr Peter Bhujel held meaningful and fruitful interactive sessions for the class 11 students and the staff of St Joseph's Higher Secondary Girls' School in Kurseong, the hostel boys and girls of North Bengal St Xavier's College, Rajganj, the parishioners of St Thomas Church, Gangtok, and the ASHA trainees at Woodcot. They come to know that addiction is not a weakness, but it's a treatable disease like any other disease.

PRABHU JISU RESIDENCE, MATIGARA

BASIL TOPPO SJ

Fr Joseph Parakad stayed with us for about two weeks from 27th of October. Frs Provincial and Devadash were operated upon on Nov. 4th at Talamus Institute of Medical Sciences, for piles and removal of stone from Salivary gland respectively. Bro. Calrence, our minister, was busy as the Curia hosted two important meetings.

Meeting of the Secondary Education Commission of the province was held from 4th to 5th of November. Eighteen Jesuits attended this meeting. The meeting of the Principals and delegates of North Zone JHEASA (Jesuit Higher Education Association of South Asia) was held from 14th to 16th November on the theme "Educational leadership in the Light of Reimaging and Restructuring of the Society of Jesus in South Asia". Thirty eight participants from different colleges of North Zone participated. Both the meetings were held at Inigo Bhawan, Matigara. The community celebrated Fr Siby's birthday on 16th November.

MANRESA, KALIMPONG

NOVICE WILSAN KULLU

The months of October and November brought many blessings to the entire novitiate community. These weeks were intellectually and spiritually enriching and nourishing for all of us. We began the month of October with preparations for our long retreat, as we had the opportunity to journey with the Lord. The one-month spiritual journey for the thirteen first-year novices was indeed a time for deep reflection and contemplation. It helped us understand ourselves and our vocations in a deeper and more meaningful way. Meanwhile, the seven second-year novices had the opportunity to serve the sick and the destitute. It was a privilege for them to undertake their hospital experiment in two places: Jesu Ashram in Matigara and Jeevan Dan in Mailani Joth (Ghospukur). It was a time to experience the love of God through their devoted service to the sick. This essential part of their formation helped them learn to carry out joyfully the very mission of the Lord Jesus.

We, the first-year novices, began our long retreat on 7 October under the able guidance of Fr. Xavier, the Novice Master. We completed our retreat on 7 November, and a thanksgiving Mass was celebrated that same evening. It was a wonderful moment to thank the Lord for His abundant graces and blessings.

On 9 November, we attended the ordination of three deacons in Gayaganga. It was overwhelming to see so many people gathered to witness such a blissful occasion. At present, first-year novices are gradually settling into the rhythm of formation and gathering various learning experiences.



Both the first-year and second-year novices had a sharing session on our Long Retreat and Hospital Experiment on 14 and 17 November. It was truly beautiful and highly enriching to listen to one another's experiences. On 12 November, we attended the first Sports Day of Gandhi Ashram School. It was uplifting to witness the unity between students and teachers.



On 15 November, we attended the first Mass of Fr. John Lepcha. The celebration inspired us greatly. On 16 November, we went to the Parish Mela at Mother Mary of God Church in Reilly Road. On the Feast of Christ the King, St Teresa Parish began its procession from Manresa Novitiate. We felt blessed that our novitiate was chosen as the starting point. All the novices worked together under the guidance of Fr Amrit Rai, our Socius, to adorn our premises with a devotional atmosphere enabling the faithful to participate meaningfully in the procession.

This month was filled with many joyful activities and meaningful experiences. Fr. Leo was in Bhopal from Oct. 31 to 4 Nov., to attend the meeting of the Pre-Novitiate Directors and Vocation Promoters. On 9th November, we attended the priestly ordination of Dns Roshan Topno, John Lepcha, and Sujit Minj at Gayaganga and on 16th November we went to Merry View, Hatighisha, for the thanksgiving Mass of Fr. Sujit Minj.



On 14th November, we celebrated Mass in the garden as a way of thanking God for the gift of nature. During the same week, a few Pre-Novices helped the students of Jesu Niketan School with their Children's Day and sports day preparations. We also played a basketball match against North Bengal St. Xavier's College boys and won the game. On 18th and 19th November, Prof. Pavanbir conducted English classes in the evening.



On 22nd November, Pre-Novices, during the community visit, played a football match against St. Vincent's hostel boys at Hatighisha and won by 1-0. We thank all the community Fathers and Brother for their arrangements and warm welcome. The next day, we celebrated the feast of Christ the King. On 24th November, Fr. Leo travelled to Darjeeling to plan the Pre-Novices' upcoming programme and on the same day, the Pre-Novices began their second semester examination. We are now looking forward to the upcoming village experiment next month and the beginning of the Advent season.

The month of November unfolded at Vidyajyoti College with moments of deep reflection, intellectual engagement, and heartfelt experiences that shaped us in many ways.

From Oct. 31 to 1 Nov. we were privileged to host a national seminar on the theme "Truth and Post-Truth (Understanding – Analysis – Response)." This gathering was not merely an academic exercise but a profound contribution to our theological formation. Distinguished resource persons from philosophy, history, social activism, law, and theology enriched the sessions with their wisdom and perspectives.

A highlight of the first day was the third session, where Mrs. Seema Christi spoke powerfully on "Speaking Truth to Power," with Fr. Roshan Kiro, SJ, moderating. Later, in a creative and groundbreaking initiative, we held our first-ever mock parliament discussion on the Uniform Civil Code (UCC). Chaired by Senior Advocate Mr. Colin Gonsalves, this program was a unique contribution suggested by Sch. Reuell Paul, and it left us inspired by the possibilities of dialogue and debate.

On November 7-8, our monthly recollection invited us to pause and reflect on "The Life of Formators in the Society of Jesus." We considered both the strengths and the limitations of today's formators, gaining insights that will guide our own growth. Soon after, from November 10-14, we entered into the rigor of semester examinations.

Following the exams, we embarked on a short cultural trip around Delhi. This journey was more than sightseeing it was a refreshing experience that nourished us physically, emotionally, and mentally. Exploring new places and meeting new people strengthened our bonds with companions and offered us memories to cherish, moments to relax, and lessons to rise above. And amid these joys, November also brought sorrow. On November 20, we received the heartbreaking news of the passing of Sch. Reuell Paul's father. Our hearts were heavy with grief, but our faith assures us that he now prays for us in the presence of God.

On November 24, we stepped into the second semester with renewed energy and gratitude. After a month filled with learning, reflection, joy, and sorrow, we give thanks to God for all that we have experienced and for all that we are becoming.

ST XAVIER'S, AHAMADABAD

ALEX HEMBROM SJ

November has been a month of spiritual reflection, academic focus, and engaging visits for the Scholastics. A variety of events and activities have contributed to both the intellectual and spiritual growth of the community. A recollection was conducted by Fr. Cedric Prakash SJ for the Scholastics on the theme 'Sinner, Soul, Saint'. The two-day prayer offered deep insights into the human journey of sin, redemption, and sanctification in the light of the feasts of All Saints day and the All souls day.

The second and third-year Scholastics undertook their odd semester final exams from Nov. 6 – 15. The first-year brothers then faced their end semester exams from the 17th to 22nd. These exams were especially significant marking the first major academic milestone of their formation in the college.

In the latter half of November, we had the privilege of hosting two PCFs, the PCF of Patna, from the 14th to 15th of November, and the PCF of Hazaribag from the 19th to 22nd of November. On the 20th we had a short re-orientation talk by Fr. Jimmy Dabi SJ, so as to get geared up for the new semester and get going with our mission of studies.

VINAYALAYA, MUMBAI JUNIORATE

NIKHIL SJ

On 4th November, we began our 2nd semester with enthusiasm and renewed commitment. The 2nd semester is planned meticulously with multiple workshops, sessions, assignments, presentations, etc.

We had a workshop on Speech and drama by sir Conon. It was very practical and interesting, where we were taught the performance of drama, mime, speech moderation, and facial expressions.

On 16th November, Bombay province celebrated the jubilee of nineteen Jesuit jubilarians at Vinayalaya. The house was filled with joy and laughter as Jesuits gathered in large numbers. The commitment and selfless dedication of jubilarians inspired us to keep up the same spirit and intensity with which they have lived their lives.

We also had a workshop on "Pastoral Management and Leadership Skills" by Sir Adrian Rosario. The sessions were dynamic and holistic. We deepened our understanding about the functions of pastoral management which consists of planning, organizing, directing, controlling and coordinating. We have swimming classes going on at Holy Family School. These classes teach us first of all safety measures for our personal and that of others along with the exercises needed.

PWPN & EYM NEWS

JOHN BANERJEE SJ



Fr John Banerjee attended the 7th annual conference of PWPN (Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network and EYM (Eucharistic Youth Movement) held in Pune from 3rd to 6th November. Fr Rouque Alphonso, Administrator of Pune Diocese and Fr Stany D'Souza SJ, President of Jesuits of South Asia inaugurated the program with an inspiring message. Pope's prayer intention book 2026 and theological reflection book were also released.

Former National director Fr Jagdish Parmer SJ was felicitated and was thanked by the new national director for his dedicated and committed service for spreading the mission of PWPN and EYM in South Asia. There were 75 participants from all over India and Sri Lanka. The program concluded with a fitting message from Fr Shibu Pullickal, emphasizing lay involvement and collaboration within the PWPN and EYM family across South Asia.

**MISSION PARTNER FORMATION
IN OUR SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES**

“Shared Vision” is the name given by the Darjeeling-Nepal Province for the Mission Partner Formation Programme in our Province. It is a formation and a professional development programme for all our collaborators in our mission. It aims to communicate with them the Ignatian heritage and Ignatius’ worldview. We realize we cannot do it effectively on our own; we need our collaborators/mission partners to continue the work even in our absence. Ignatius, as a layman, even before he began his formal studies, understood that God wants human collaboration to continue His work on earth.

Today, we are working with tens of thousands of people who are our mission partners. We work together in our schools, colleges, universities, and social work centers with refugees and with the homeless. We share the core of our spirituality with our collaborators laboring with us there. Together, we want to listen more closely to the values of Jesus Christ and thereby become more effective agents of authentic human values, in which love dominates every action of ours.

To accomplish this task, the Provincial, Fr Shajumon, and the then Regional Superior, Fr Amrit Rai, constituted a committee to conduct seminars and workshops for all our collaborators in our Province. The Chairman of the committee, Fr. John Kennedy, and his dedicated team of resource persons have been conducting seminars accordingly. It is a very structured programme with a defined timetable. Participants in the full two-day programme in each of our educational institutions will receive a certificate of participation.

The Shared Vision programme has been conceived in three cycles. By the end of December 2025, the committee would effectively complete the first cycle of the Shared Vision programme. Then, for the Shared Vision - 2, another team of resource persons will conduct the programme for our coworkers in the social field, parishes, and the support staff of our schools and colleges.

The following chart reveals the dates on which we conducted the SV-1 programme. Out of the sixteen places where the SV-1 was conducted, in more than ten of those centers, the following were the Resource persons: Fr Lawrence Stanislaus, S.J., Fr Donatus Kujur, S.J., and Fr Daniel Bara, S.J. We thank the entire SV committee and its resource persons.

Shared Vision Mission Partner Formation in our Schools and Colleges			
	Name	Month-Date	Remarks
1	Loyola School- Kelabari	April 3- 4	✓
2	St. Xavier's - Sadakbari + Siraha	April 7-8	✓
3	St. Peter's - Gayaganga + Primary School	April 11-12	✓
4	St. Alphonsus' - Kurseong + Primary School	April 28-29	✓
5	Loyola College - Namchi	May 2-3	✓
6	St. Xavier's - Godavari	May 11-12	✓
7	St Xavier's - Alipurduar	May 16-17	✓
8	Moran Memorial School - Maheshpur	May 22-23	✓
9	St. Xavier's College - Rajganj	May 30-31	✓
10	St. Joseph's School - Darj+Mungpoo+Sittong	June 26-27	✓
11	St. Joseph's College - Darj	July 24-25	✓
12	Gandhi Ashram - Kalimpong	August 29-30	✓
13	St. Xavier's - Jawalakhel	November 15-16	✓
14	St. Xavier's - Deonia	November 24-25	✓
15	St. Vincent's - Hatighisa + Jeshuniketan	November 27-28	✓
16	St. St Xavier's College - Maitighar	December 22-23	✓



REST IN PEACE

- **Fr. Kustas Lima SJ (GOA) 50/26 died on 07.11.2025 at Gadhinglaj, Goa.**
- **Fr. Joseph Kochupura SJ (DEL) 85/65 died on 19.11.2025 at Jaipur.**
- **Fr. Swabert D'Silva SJ (KAR) 68/50 died on 20.11.2025 at Bengaluru.**
- **Fr. Joseph Njarakulam SJ (PAT) 85/61 died on 21.11.2025 at Xavier Bhawan, Patna.**
- **Fr. Lawrence Tirkey SJ (HAZ) died on 23.11.2025 at Ranchi.**
- **Fr. Joseph Ovelil SJ (GUJ) 92/70 died on 26.11.2025 at Baroda.**
- **Mrs. Mary Anthony (79) Mother of Fr. Tommy Kollakkombil, died on 18.11.2025.**
- **Mr. Hilarius Paul (71) father of Schol. Reuell Paul, died on 20.11.2025.**
- **Mr. Sebastian Kujur, Brother-in-law of Fr Pascal Xalxo, died on 21.11.2025.**
- **Mr. M.C John (96), father of Fr. Cherian Maliekal, died on 01.12.2025.**



Happy Birthday

03 Fredrick Baraik
03 Giles Goluckmu
03 James Antony P.
13 Joseph Parakad
13 Anthony Kollakkompil

19 Augustus Ekka
22 Joseph Pappadil
22 Sundeep Beck
23 Victor Beck
24 Kinley Tshering

25 Prabhu Bhengra
27 Chiranjit Bara
30 Anup Ranjan Minj
31 Roy Sebastian N



In Memoriam: December



Fr. Fulgence Xaxa SJ
04/12/2017



Fr. S. Arulanandam SJ
12/12/2022



Fr. James Dressman SJ
18/12/2014



Fr. Francis D'Souza SJ
06/12/2022



Fr. Joseph Paikeday SJ
14/12/1992



Bro. Robert Mittleholtz SJ
20/12/2003



Bp Anthony F. Sharma
08/12/2015



Fr. Thomas E. Gafney SJ
14/12/1997



Fr. John Dahlheimer SJ
24/12/1992



Fr. Michael Bauwens SJ
11/12/1981



Fr. Francis Farrell SJ
15/12/1990



Fr. Martin P. Coyne SJ
31/12/2013

POPE'S INTENTION FOR DECEMBER 2025



FOR CHRISTIANS IN AREAS OF CONFLICT

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.