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NEWSLETTER OF DARJEELING JESUITS

MAY 2025

PROVINCIAL'S PROGRAM

MAY

- 01: Bishop's Ordination, Jalpaiguri
- 03: 5th Mile Church, Kalimpong
- 04-06: DAR-NEP Common Assembly
- 07: Meeting of Local Superiors
- 10: Jesuit Inter-school Cultural Exchange, Gandhi Ashram, Kalimpong.
- 11-16: Nepal
- 17-18: Former Jesuits Meeting, Darjeeling.
- 19: GB, SJC, Darjeeling.
- 20: GM, NBSXC, Rajganj.
- 24: SND Novitiate, Matigara.
- 27: Scholastics Gathering, Alipurduar
- 28: Salesian College, Siliguri.
- 30-31: Shared Vision, NBSXC, Rajganj.

JUNE

- 1-4: Bhutan
- 21: First Vows: Manresa, Kalimpong

CREATION OF NEW PROVINCE

Father General has signed the Decree on the Unification of the Nepal Region and Darjeeling Province on April 12, 2025. This new entity will be known as the Darjeeling-Nepal Province (DAN), effective from July 31, 2025.

APPOINTMENTS BY GENERAL

- **Fr. Henry Pattarumadathil, S.J.** as the next Provincial of Kerala Province.
- **Fr Dolichan Kollareth (KER)** President of Jana Deepa, Pune.
- **Fr Amal Kulandaisamy (MDU),** Rector of Satya Nilayam, Chennai.

CONGRATULATIONS



The Darjeeling Jesuit Province rejoices with the Clergy, Religious, and Faithful of the Diocese of Jalpaiguri on the occasion of the episcopal ordination of Rt. Rev. Fabian Toppo as the Bishop of Jalpaiguri. We wish the Bishop God's abundant blessings and assure him of the continued prayerful support of the Society of Jesus in the Diocese.

DARJEELING-NEPAL: COMMON PROGRAMS:

- Common Assembly 4-7 May at Matigara
- Province Retreats:
 - 1) 9-17 June at Godavari, Nepal
 - 2) 28- Sept to 6 October at Matigara
 - 3) 4-12 December at Matigara

SHARED VISION WORKSHOPS IN OUR EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

- May 02-03: Loyola College of Education, Namchi
- May 11-12: St Xavier's, Godavari.
- May 16-17: St Xavier's School, Alipurduar
- May 22-23: Moran Memorial School, Maheshpur.
- May 30-31: St Xavier's College, Rajganj

SPECIAL EVENT:

Former Jesuits' Gathering from May 16-18 at North Point Darjeeling

ST. PAUL'S, KURSEONG:

On 30th March, Fr. Peter Jong Lepcha led twenty-three ChrisTeen boys and girls on a pilgrimage to Darjeeling, visiting the Cathedral Parish, the Bishop's House, and North Point School. On 5th and 6th April, the Fatima Youth of our parish participated in a training session on prayer and healing, conducted by Sr. Emilda Sherpa, SJC, at St. Helen's Convent. As part of the Easter preparation, recollections were held in Ambootia on 6th April in collaboration with the Sisters from St. Helen's, and in Mahanadi on 12th April with the Carmel Sisters. On the same day, the Nari Sangathan group observed the Way of the Cross, visiting seven holy places around Kurseong.

Palm Sunday and Holy Week services were meaningfully celebrated in the main parish, as well as in Ambootia and Lalmati. On 20th April, Fr. Alphonse organized an outing for the youth of Lalmati to Shivkhola.



In honor and remembrance of the late Pope Francis, posters of the Holy Father were displayed with decorations both inside and outside the church. A triduum of prayer, including Holy Hour and Holy Mass, was held from 23rd to 25th April. During this time, the church remained open to the public, allowing the people of Kurseong to come and pay their respects. In addition to a large number of Catholics, many people of other faiths and students from Catholic schools also came to pray for the late Pope.

PETER JONG LEPCHA SJ

ST PETER'S, GAYAGANGA:

The community warmly welcomed Fr. Sundeeep Beck to our midst on April 2nd. As per the directions of the School Education Department, the first Summative Tests were conducted for students of classes V to X from April 3 to 10. A combined seminar for the 70 plus staff of St Peter's on "Shared Vision" was organised in the school on April 11 & 12, imparting the Jesuit legacy and spirit in the field of education. The speakers focussed on Jesuit ideals, holistic education, intellectual rigour, spiritual growth, social justice, and service.



World Earth Day

The schools and hostel had a week-long break from April 14 to 21 during the Bengali New Year and Easter season.

Led by Fr Alvin Minj (Parish Priest) and Fr Simon Kerketta, the women's organisation (Maria Mahila Sangh) went on a pilgrimage to Matigara and Gulma parishes as a preparation for Holy Week and Easter. Some 70 women from the neighbouring Chopra parish made a pilgrimage to Gayaganga parish on April 12.

After completing an intensive 40-day Psycho-Spiritual Integration course, Fr. Nabor rejoined the community, brimming with energy and passion. The visitors to our community included Fr Justin Bage from North Point, Fr Joe Parakad and novices Aloysius and Chris from Manresa, Kalimpong.

On receiving the sad news of the demise of Pope Francis, the Gayaganga campus (SJs, FCs and a few laity) immediately had an hour of adoration; a Mass in the morning, and separate condolence prayer services in both the Primary and High school on April 22 were arranged. Moreover, after due intimation to the District Inspector of Schools, Siliguri, classes were suspended in our schools on Saturday, April 26, 2025. A parent-teacher meeting was held on April 29, a day before the government asked us to shut the schools due to the "heat wave". More than 1200 parents turned up and the Headmaster addressed them. Every teacher was introduced to them. As is customary in our school, a light refreshment was served to them.

RAMHORCHAN SJ

ST. VINCENT'S, HATIGHISA

From 25 March to 12 April, Frs Leo Alphonse, Simon Kerketta, Tommy and our community fathers visited various sub-stations to hear confessions. During this time, Confirmation classes also began for the Catholic children. On March 29th, the results for Class XI were announced, followed by admissions for Class XII on April 1st and 2nd for the selected students. On April 24th, the first mid-term examinations began for students of Classes 5 to 10 in the school.

A one-day recollection was held on March 31st in the parish for the ChrisTeen group children. On April 5th, a medical camp with a special focus on eye check-up was organized for school students by Jesu Ashram. The following day, April 6th, the babas of the parish undertook a Lenten pilgrimage to New Jalpaiguri, while 93 parish youths participated in a diocesan-level prayer service at Faudijote Parish. On Easter Sunday, the solemn Eucharistic celebration was presided over by Fr. Devan Yonzon, S.J. The celebration was filled with joy and reverence as parishioners came together to commemorate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, with uplifting hymns, reflections, and a spirit of unity. On April 23rd, the marriage of nine couples was solemnized, after due preparation.

JEYARAJ SOLOMON S.J

LOYOLA, UTTAR SALBARI:

The church was vibrant with spiritual activities in April. A few groups from other parishes visited our church as part of their Lenten pilgrimage. All the residential priests were readily available to attend to the spiritual needs of the pilgrims. The parishioners too were spiritually well prepared for the Easter. The Holy Week liturgical celebrations were devotional and meaningful presided over by Fr Peter Pappu, on Palm Sunday, Fr Benny Paul on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, Fr Lawrence Thanislaus on Holy Saturday Vigil and Fr Bosco on Easter Sunday. So, profound sermons delivered in unique ways were enjoyed by the parishioners. Fr Patrick celebrated Palm Sunday in Thimphu.

The school was very much action packed with academic as well as extra-curricular activities in April. On the 3rd of April, Shared Vision Seminar was conducted by Fr Kennedy and his team for the teaching staff. It was well received by them. Kudos to Fr Kenndy and his team for making us Magis-oriented teachers for the Greater Glory of God as we accompany our students to be men and women for others. On 8th April, First Semester got over and Fr Headmaster and the teaching staff left for an educational tour of Assam and Shillong. They got back home safe and sound looking healthy, savvy and happy. First Semester results were given to the Parents/Guardians of the students on 25th April.

PATRICK BHUTIA SJ

ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL, NORTH POINT

April was an eventful month filled with sporting achievements, cultural vibrancy, spiritual moments, and community outings.

The Under-14 cricket fixtures against St. Paul's School marked the beginning of the month, though North Point couldn't secure a win. However, the laurels came on April 5th, as the senior cricket team triumphed over Mount Hermon School. In basketball, the Under-7 category excelled, achieving the runner-up status at St. Augustine School, Kalimpong on April 4th and 5th, even as it narrowly lost to SAS. The tennis team defeated St. Paul's School in fixtures held on April 9th. Further basketball successes were celebrated when both ISC and ICSE teams lifted the much coveted trophies at SAS, Kalimpong.

On April 11th and 12th, the school hosted the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) Club Conclave, welcoming distinguished schools such as Loreto Convent and Goethals Memorial. The event fostered engaging dialogues, presentations and cultural performances. The UD singing contest on April 16th brought a lively musical atmosphere to the campus.

The Holy Week was observed with solemnity and the school closed for Easter vacation on Maundy Thursday, April 17th. While some boarders stayed back, the outings proved delightful. Junior boarders explored Singla, while seniors enjoyed an overnight stay there before visiting Bengal Safari and Siliguri City Centre. PD boys kept their explorations closer to home, enjoying the excursions within Darjeeling. After the break, boarders returned refreshed on April 21st.

To remember the former Pope Francis, the school conducted a prayer service on 23rd of April with the entire school praying for the deceased Holy Father. The month concluded on a high note with a grand music concert on April 25th, showcasing the exceptional talents of North Point students.

Community: The month of April also witnessed visits from several esteemed guests. Fr Joseph K.J. hosted his visitors in the community for a few days. On April 11th, Fr Tek Raj Paudel visited briefly en route to Sandakphu for hiking and then Easter ministry in Rimbik. Other notable visitors include Frs Jobin K from Kerala, Dayanidhi Bishoi from Jamshedpur, and Sch. Prashant Toppo from Ranchi.

Fr Stanley and Br PD travelled to Kolkata for official work on April 4th and returned on the 6th. Amidst these activities, Sch. Bipin faced a personal loss as his uncle, Mr Sebastian, passed away on April 6th. He travelled to Maheshpur for the funeral and later went to Godavari, Nepal, on April 26th for the scholastics summer programme.

The community rejuvenated its spirits with a night outing to Pelling on April 20th and 21st, celebrating Easter in a memorable way. Fr Rector officially blessed the foundation of the new Primary Section building, on 24th April.

SAMUEL SIMICK SJ

LOYOLA COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, NAMCHI:

Fr Francis George conducted two sessions: one on “Introduction to Christianity, Catholicism and the fusion of cultural and inter religious traditions” and the other on “Jesuit jargons” for the staff of Loyola School, Uttar Salbari on 3rd and 4th April 2025.

Fr Daniel Bara and Mr Shiva Shrestha participated in a discussion on NCTE Regulations 2025, organized by Harka Maya College of Education, Gangtok on 4th April, to plan for the introduction of Integrated Teacher Education Programmes in the state of Sikkim. Fr Daniel Bara conducted sessions as part of the shared vision programme on 11th and 12th April 2025 for the staff of St Peter’s Higher Secondary School, Gayaganga, and in a similar way for the staff of St. Alphonsus’ Higher Secondary School, Kurseong, on 28th and 29th April 2025.

Mr Noel Pereira, Principal of Newton Academy, Jhapa, Nepal, shared his expectations from the prospective teachers, based on his experience, with the staff and students on 12th April 2025. He inspired the students to become better teachers. The staff and students organized a prayer service in memory of Pope Francis on 23rd April 2025. The students highlighted the legacy of Pope Francis through speeches and video presentations.

FRANCIS GEORGE SJ

ST. XAVIER’S COLLEGE, RAJGANJ:

Five AICUF students of our college attended the AICUF DAY -WORKSHOP from 29th-30th March, 2025 at St. Xavier University, Kolkata. On 7th April, Fr. Peter Pappu SJ, Socius to the Provincial, launched the college new website www.nbxc.edu.in in the presence of former principal Fr. Joe Victor SJ, students, and the entire faculty. This new website with a new domain integrates the new college ERP system and a plethora of other online facilities including attendance of staff and students and fee payment gateway which all the students and staff will benefit.

The Nature Club of the college organised “Earth Day” with some speeches by two resource persons and a poster competition.



The Matigara campus of North Bengal St Xavier's College had a two-day XAMCon '25 (Xavier Annual Management Convention) on the 24th and 25th of April. It was guided by the staff but organized and managed by the students. Five nearby colleges participated in it. NBSXC Rajganj campus emerged the overall winner.

Fr Divya participated in the seven day National faculty Development Programme on Research, Innovative & Industry Connect: Empowering Excellence in Education, organised by Jyoti Nivas college (Autonomous), Bangalore, from 21 to 27 April; he also gave an orientation talk to the children and their parents of class 8 and above at Holy Cross school, Dalkhola.

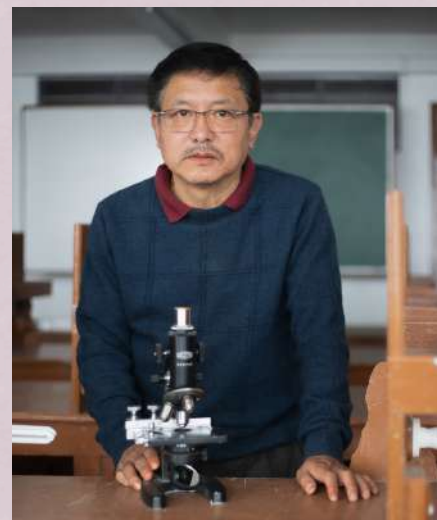
Fr Kennedy gave two two-day recollections to the DSA Sisters in Jalpaiguri on the theme "Pilgrims of Hope". Fr Lalit P Turkey SJ, rejoined the community on 19th April, after about a month and a half of treatment. For Easter ministry, Fr Devan Yonzon was at St Vincent's Parish, Hatighisa, Fr John Kennedy was at Samtse and the others at the local parish.

DIVYANAND SJ

ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE, NORTH POINT:

Five students, namely, Roma Nancy Kispotta, Melbin Moktan, Isha Kerketta, Arti Horo, and Angel Lakra, actively participated in a two-day workshop titled "Leadership Development for Social Change - Ignite, Inspire, Lead", held at St. Xavier's University from 29th to 30th March 2025. It featured interactive sessions, group discussions and project-based activities aimed at nurturing a sense of responsibility and initiative among participants.

As part of the workshop, a Social Change Project Competition was organized where participants from seven colleges presented their innovative ideas and action plans for community betterment. Representing their institution with distinction, our students secured the First Place, showcasing a well-researched and impactful project that stood out among the entries.



The college bid a heartfelt farewell to Dr Dorjay Lama, honouring his exceptional, illustrious and committed 38-year long service. Joining as a faculty member in the Department of Life Science in 1987, Dr Lama held various key positions, including Head of the Department of Botany, Member of the Governing Body and a pivotal contributor to the founding of the Department of Microbiology in 2004-2005. He also served as Vice Principal (Administration) from 2015 to 2022. Dr Lama's leadership and dedication have left a lasting legacy. The college community expresses its immense gratitude and wishes him good health, happiness, and fulfilment in the years ahead.

A seminar on Spreading Awareness on Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STDs) was organized by the Department of Microbiology with the aim of educating students about the risks, consequences, and prevention of STDs and related health issues. The session was led by Ms Rubina Pradhan, Counsellor at District Hospital, Darjeeling, who provided valuable insights into the medical, psychological, and social impacts of STDs. The interactive seminar encouraged open dialogue and addressed common myths and misconceptions. The event was attended by 100 participants who actively engaged in discussions, making the seminar both informative and impactful for the student community.



In continuation of the 'Department of the Year' initiative, the Student Council organized a series of events to promote academic excellence, creativity and sustainability. One such event, AURORA, an Inter-Departmental Quiz Competition hosted by the Science and Research Club, saw enthusiastic participation across departments. The contest highlighted students' teamwork, quick thinking, and wide-ranging knowledge. After a series of intense rounds, the Political Science Department claimed 1st Place, with the Botany and Mathematics Departments finishing 2nd and 3rd, respectively.

The Department of Microbiology conducted a Poster Presentation to encourage creative and scientific expression. This event provided a platform for students to visually communicate innovative ideas and research. Numerous departments participated, submitting thought-provoking and original posters. The BBA Department secured 1st position, followed by the Political Science Department in 2nd and the BCA Department in 3rd positions.

The Student Council hosted the "Best Out of Waste" competition to raise awareness about recycling and sustainability. Participants crafted eco-friendly creations from discarded materials, blending innovation with environmental consciousness. The Political Science Department emerged as the winner once again, with the Commerce and BBA Departments earning 2nd and 3rd Places. Collectively, these events showcased the students' talent, teamwork, and commitment to interdisciplinary learning and sustainability.

The Department of Chemistry successfully organized a two-day international conference titled "Emerging Trends in Science: Challenges and Opportunities", which took place on a hybrid mode, allowing both in-person and virtual participation. The event brought together scholars, researchers, and academicians from prestigious universities across India and abroad, fostering a vibrant platform for academic exchange and collaboration. The conference featured a diverse array of research paper presentations covering cutting-edge developments and pressing challenges in various scientific disciplines. Participants shared innovative ideas, discussed recent scientific breakthroughs, and explored interdisciplinary approaches to address global issues through science. The event encouraged meaningful dialogue and knowledge sharing, contributing to the academic and professional growth of attendees.

The NCC Pledge Day Celebration was held at 12:00 noon in front of Arrupe House, graced by Colonel Jagdish Almia, CO, 5bn battalion NCC, as the Chief Guest, along with the Principal and staff members. The event marked a significant moment for first-year cadets, who were formally initiated into NCC by taking the oath of commitment and service. The solemn ceremony was followed by a vibrant showcase of cultural programs, reflecting the spirit, discipline, and unity of the NCC. The celebration served as a proud and inspiring moment, reinforcing the values of dedication, patriotism, and teamwork among the young cadets.

A Voluntary Blood Donation Camp was successfully conducted at St. Joseph's College on 11th April 2025, organized by the NSS Unit in collaboration with the Indian Red Cross Society, Darjeeling District Branch, and the District Hospital Blood Bank Unit. The initiative aimed to promote the importance of voluntary blood donation and raise awareness about its vital role in saving lives. The camp received an enthusiastic response, resulting in the collection of 73 units of blood, a valuable contribution to those in medical need. The smooth execution of the event was made possible by the dedicated efforts of the NSS student volunteers. Their commitment was evident in every aspect of the camp—from organizing logistics and guiding donors to managing the overall flow of activities.

Kudos to the students of St. Joseph's College who actively participated in Insvaganza 2025, an inter-college fest organized by Inspiria College on 11th and 12th April. Competing against various institutions, our students excelled in several events. We secured first place in BGMI, Photography, and Solo Singing - Indian (Female). They also secured runner-up positions in Face Painting, Solo Singing - Western (Male), Film Quiz, and Taste the Ingredients.

A special day of remembrance for Pope Francis was organized by the AICUF of St. Joseph's College on 23rd April 2025 at 11:00 AM in Campion Hall. Staff and students gathered for the memorial event to honour his legacy of mercy, advocacy for the marginalized, and commitment to climate justice, through prayer and reflection.

DONATUS KUJUR, SJ

PRABHU JISU RESIDENCE, MATIGARA

The community recollection was held on the 11th of April. Fr Joe Parakad gave an inspiring talk, preparing us for the Easter. The community members actively assisted/participated in the Holy Week Services: Fr Provincial was in Godavari; Fr Peter Pappu was the main celebrant on Palm Sunday at St Ignatius Church, Uttar Salbari and on Easter Sunday at Prabhu Jisu Girja, Matigara; Fr Basil Toppo offered the Easter Vigil Mass at Pradhan Nagar.

On Maundy Thursday, our senior priests from Inigo Bhavan, Frs Giles, Freddy, Cherian Padiyara and Boniface Joseph were all at Prabhu Jisu Girja for Mass. Ms Preeti Nampeli, the niece of Fr Cherian Nampeli, spent a day at Inigo Bhavan, brightening his face. The entire community celebrated the birthday of Bro. Clarence Joseph on the 23rd of April.

Fr Siby Joseph is busy renovating the Prabhat Tara block at Prabhu Jisu Residence to accommodate more Jesuits during the common assembly of Darjeeling Province-Nepal Region. Fr Joseph Victor, the new Conference Secretary for Inclusive Development (CSID) attended the Conference Annual Review Meeting in Bangalore on April 23 and 24.

BASIL TOPPO SJ

REPORT ON SHARED VISION :

Shared Vision (SV-1) is a formation program for teachers and support staff in the Jesuit schools and colleges of the Darjeeling Province and Nepal Region. It aims to communicate the legacy of Jesuit education and encourage awareness and understanding of Jesuit identity and mission. It is a comprehensive program that highlights the Ignatian values in our educational institutions and encourages our partners to participate actively and collaborate deeply. The Provincial, Fr Shajumon, with the Nepal Regional Superior, Fr Amrit, constituted a team to conduct seminars and workshops for all our collaborators in the province and region.

St Ignatius and his writings are a vital source of strength and inspiration for us and our educational work. Shared Vision has developed a program with three cycles. The first cycle is comprised of St Ignatius's life and ideals. The second cycle is geared towards collaboration, and the third includes a four-day Ignatian retreat.

SHARED VISION (SV-1) SEMINAR AT UTTAR SALBARI, APRIL 3-4:

The Shared Vision program was inaugurated at Loyola School, Uttar Salbari, and will move to all our schools and colleges in Darjeeling and Nepal. The resource persons were Fr Francis George, Fr Lawrence T., Fr Stanley, Fr Kennedy, and Dr Pavanbir Kaur. Thanks to their valuable time and inspiration-inducing inputs.



Shared Vision (SV-1) Seminar at St Peter's School, Gyaganga, April 11-12:

The resource persons were Fr Donatus, Fr Daniel, Fr Kennedy, Fr Lawrence, Mr Andre L, and Dr Pavanbir Kaur. The session profoundly explored the values, principles, and transformative aspects of Jesuit pedagogy, leaving a lasting impact on the participants.



The seminar highlighted the core tenets of Ignatian education—cura personalis (care for the whole person), discernment, magis (the pursuit of excellence), and forming men and women for others. The speakers' expertise and passion brought these concepts to life, making them relevant to contemporary educational challenges. The discussions on fostering critical thinking, compassion and faith in action were enlightening. The interactive sessions, reflective exercises and real-life examples made the learning experience engaging and meaningful. It was evident how the Ignatian education goes beyond the academics, forming individuals who are not only intellectually but also ethically grounded and committed to social justice.

Our heartfelt thanks to the headmasters for their cooperation and support. The seminar deepened my appreciation for Jesuit education and inspired me to integrate its principles into my teaching/learning journey.

JOHN KENNEDY SJ

VOCATION PROMOTION:

A much-awaited vocation camp for the terai (plains) boys was held from March 31 to April 3rd, 2025 in Premanjali Jesuit Pre-Novitiate, Matigara. However, only seven boys from five parishes participated.

Immediately after the camp, the vocation promoter left on a vocation tour, mainly to Jharkband, Odisha and Chhattisgarh. He attended the vocation camp in Kalunga, Odisha, organized by Rourkela diocese, from 3rd to 6th April. Most of the boys who attended the camp were from class 10. There were a few who had appeared for +2 exams; a few of them have responded quite positively. We are hoping to have at least a few.



After spending a few days in Rourkela area, Fr Roshan left for Chaibasa, Lupungutu and Jamshedpur to meet a few more boys who were interested in joining the Darjeeling-Nepal province. On April 10th he addressed the boys who had come for the vocation camp in Jamshedpur, organized by Jamshedpur province. Here also he observed that almost all had come after class 10th exams. Having visited Jamshedpur, on April 11th, Fr. Roshan left for Kunkuri, Chhattisgarh, to meet some other prospective candidates.

On April 16th, Fr. Roshan left for Bengaluru to collect his M.Sc. Counselling Certificates. During the holy triduum he helped out in the service for Nepali speaking community in Bengaluru. After Easter, he left for Odisha to meet other boys who had shown interest in the Society. He spent a few days in and around Cuttack and Rourkela. For the last few days, Fr. Roshan toured in Simdega diocese.

ROSHAN KIRO, SJ

JESUITENKOLLEG, INNSBRUCK AUSTRIA

It has been a year since I arrived in Innsbruck, Austria. I was warmly welcomed by Fr. Christian Marte SJ (Rector) and the Jesuit community here in Innsbruck. Our Jesuit community consists of 40 Jesuits of different age-groups: some are emeritus professors, some still actively teaching and some others like me are students from different countries. Among the students, six are Jesuits from India. Soon after my arrival, I enrolled at the University of Innsbruck in the Faculty of Theology as a doctoral student. Then induction into Austrian and academic life began with six months of learning a new language – German.

At present, I am engaged in attending seminars and lectures. At the same time my doctoral topic is finalized; I am currently working on my research proposal which I plan to register by June 2025. Along with my academic work, I am also involved in pastoral ministry, offering mass in small parishes, old age homes and convents. Whenever I feel intellectually fatigued, I take time out to refresh myself by hiking in the Austrian Alps or going for mountain biking.



Fr. Shajumon SJ, our Provincial, visited me here on 8 – 9th of April 2025, after attending the new Provincials' Colloquium in Rome. It was a time of grace for me as we shared updates about our province and my life here in Innsbruck.

As the university is closed for Easter for two weeks and will reopen on 28th of April. I took this opportunity to make my personal annual retreat from 20 to 27 April 2025 at the Carmel Cloister convent. It was a spiritually enriching and fruitful time with the Lord.

Wishing you all the joy, peace and hope of the Risen Lord. I entrust you all in my prayers and humbly ask you to remember me in yours as well.

FRANK SUBBA, SJ

OURS IN PUBLICATION:

Fr. Divya published the following articles:

Dhivviyanandam, I. etc, 2025. Analyze the correlation between topological indices and antibacterial medications in physical and chemical characteristics. <https://doi.org/10.21203/rs.3.rs-6339457/v1>

Dhivviyanandam, I, etc 2025, An automated multimodal medical image fusion framework for Alzheimer detection using deep learning, <https://doi.org/10.61091/jcmcc126-04>



Prayer for THE ELECTION OF POPE

God, our loving Father,
Jesus, our Good Shepherd,
Holy Spirit, our Guide and Comforter,
in this time of waiting and prayer,
we turn to You with open hearts.

Father, You have always watched over Your Church.
You raise up shepherds after Your own heart.
Send forth the Spirit of Wisdom upon the College of Cardinals.
Make them one in mind and heart,
so that in their prayerful discernment
they may be guided by divine wisdom.

You, Lord, who know the hearts of all,
show which one of them you have chosen
to be the successor of Peter.
May the new Pope be a man of prayer,
a servant of truth,
gentle yet bold, and compassionate
and deeply rooted in Your love.

Through the intercessions of Mary, the Mother of the Church,
St Joseph, her Guardian and Protector,
and of Saints Peter and Paul,
may this election bring new life and freshness into the Church
and new hope to the world.

We make this prayer to You through Jesus Christ our Lord,
the author of life and our salvation.
Amen.



CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS OF INDIA

REST IN PEACE

- His Grace Archbishop Pascal Topno SJ (MAP) 93/71 died on 6th April at Ambikapur.
- Br. Joseph Anthonydoss, SJ, (PAT) 66/47 died on 10th April in Holy Family Hospital, Patna.
- Mr Sebastian, died on 6th April at Maheshpur, Nepal. (Uncle of Schol. Bipin Bara)

BIRTHDAYS IN MAY

01	Francis Xavier Subba
05	Bipin Bara
08	Jose Ollukkaran
09	NS Mariyo Chris Derrick
10	Cherian Maliekal
11	Ajay Raj Lakra
12	Bipin Tirkey
12	Kuldeep Topno
13	Ruban Praveen K.
14	Henrick Immanuel
18	Daniel Bara
18	Xavier Binay Kamdulna
20	Justin Bage
22	John Lepcha
24	Anuranjan Ekka
25	Anup Minj
28	Sujit Minj
29	Gilbert Lepcha
30	Cherian Nampeli

POPE'S INTENTION FOR MAY 2025

FOR WORKING CONDITIONS

Let us pray that through work, each person might find fulfillment, families might be sustained in dignity, and that society might be humanized.

ANNIVERSARIES OF OUR DECEASED MEMBERS IN MAY



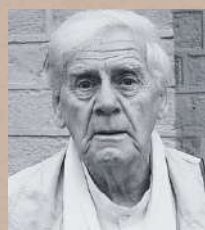
FR. JOHN PRENDERGAST SJ

04 - 05- 1977



BRO. PAUL ROBIN SJ

07 - 05- 1996



FR. EDGAR BURNS SJ

17 - 05- 2010



BRO. MICHAEL QUINN SJ

18 - 05- 1999



FR. GERALD LECLAIRE SJ

23 - 05- 2010



FR. EDWARD HAYDEN SJ

25 - 05- 1979



BRO. ALOYSIUS HEPTIA SJ

29 - 05- 1965

"I see the church as a field hospital after battle. It is useless to ask a seriously injured person if he has high cholesterol and about the level of his blood sugars. You have to heal his wounds. Then we can talk about everything else."

"You pray for the hungry. Then you feed them. That's how prayer works. Prayer that doesn't lead to concrete action toward our brothers and sisters—especially the least, the poor, the sick, the excluded—is fruitless and incomplete."

"Whenever we take a step towards Jesus, we come to realize that he is already there, waiting for us with open arms"

"We have realized that we are on the same boat, all of us fragile and disoriented, but at the same time, important and needed, all of us called to row together, each of us in need of comforting the other."



Quotes of Pope Francis

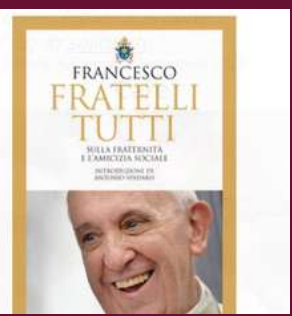
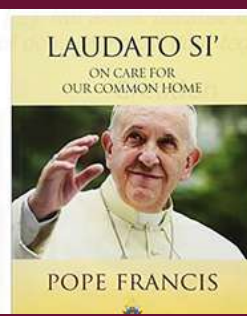
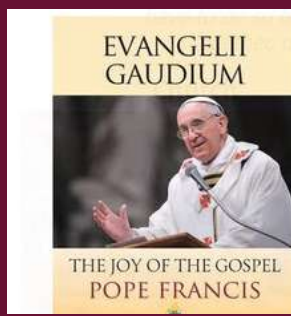
"One cannot proclaim the Gospel of Jesus without the tangible witness of one's life. Those who listen to us and observe us must be able to see in our actions what they hear from our lips, and so give glory to God!"

"Vocations are born in prayer and from prayer; and only in prayer can they persevere and bear fruit."

"I prefer a church which is bruised, hurting, and dirty because it has been out on the streets, rather than a church which is unhealthy from being confined and from clinging to its own security."

"I want to remind priests that the confessional must not be a torture chamber, but rather an encounter with the Lord's mercy... The Eucharist is not a prize for the perfect, but a powerful medicine and nourishment for the weak."





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