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Guiding light of St. Joseph for our Lenten Journey

I hope we've mindfully begun this grace-filled 40-day Lenten journey. Like every season in the liturgical calendar, Lent is an invitation—a sacred time to step away from distractions and reflect deeply on God's redeeming presence in the world and in our lives.



Lent is often called a spiritual school, a season of discipline, sacrifice, and renewal. Just as a school forms students through lessons and challenges, Lent molds us through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Yet, the fruits of this season are not meant for us alone. They should blossom in our relationships, communities, and society—making us more grateful, compassionate, and open to growth.

Amid this time of penance, the Solemn Feast of St. Joseph on March 19 stands as a bright moment of joy and reflection. St. Joseph, the silent and steadfast guardian of Jesus, is a beacon of humility, faith, and diligence. In a world where families face uncertainties and relationships are tested, St. Joseph remains a powerful witness—a model of a faithful husband, a loving father, and a man of unwavering trust in God.

His life reminds us that true success—whether spiritual or personal—is not measured by power or recognition, but by the depth of our faith and the strength of our character. Our attitude shapes our journey, just as Lent challenges us to persevere, embrace change, and trust in God's plan even in silence and uncertainty.

If we walk through this season with sincerity, practicing self-discipline and being kind and charitable to others, we will rise—not just for a moment, but in a lasting way, growing in faith, wisdom, and grace. May St. Joseph's example inspires us to trust God more fully, love more deeply, and walk this Lenten path with courage, faith, and a heart open to change and growth.

Fr. K. J. Abraham, CSC
Provincial Superior

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A Lenten Journey: A Time of Grace and Renewal

Dear Readers,

As we step into this sacred season of Lent, we are reminded of the profound invitation to prayer, fasting, and almsgiving—the pillars of our spiritual renewal. Lent is not merely a time of abstinence but an opportunity for deep introspection, conversion, and grace. It is a season that calls us to embrace the Gospel more fully.

In the words of Blessed Basile Moreau, “Our vocation is to imitate our Lord and his Mother in the virtues of the cross.” Lent challenges us to carry the cross with faith and perseverance, uniting our sacrifices with Christ’s journey to Calvary. Through prayer, we deepen our relationship with God; through fasting, we discipline our desires and make room for His presence; and through almsgiving, we extend His love to those in need.

This season also invites us, as a Holy Cross family, to reflect on our mission. Are we living as true disciples of Christ, bringing hope where there is despair, light where there is darkness, and love where there is indifference? The call to renewal is both personal and communal. As we prepare our hearts for the joy of Easter, let us walk this Lenten journey with humility, gratitude, and a renewed commitment to our vocation.

May this Lenten season draw us closer to Christ and to one another, strengthening us in faith and service.

Wishing you a grace-filled and transformative Lent!

In Holy Cross,



George Jacob, CSC

ST. ANDRE PARISH, NYAPIN

Pastoral Council Meeting

The first Parish Pastoral Council Meeting of the year was held on February 8, 2025, at the priests' residence in Nyapin. Key discussions included the planning of the parish's annual calendar and the presentation of financial accounts. The meeting laid a strong foundation for the pastoral initiatives of the year ahead.

Opening of the Jubilee Year & Blessing of the Jubilee Cross

On February 8, 2025, St. André Parish, Nyapin, solemnly inaugurated its Jubilee Year in the presence of the faithful. The celebration began



with the hoisting of the Jubilee flag, the blessing of the Jubilee Cross, and the recitation of the Jubilee prayer in the local Nyshi language. In his homily, Fr. Lawrence emphasized the significance of the Jubilee Year, drawing insights from the Book of Exodus. He also outlined the upcoming spiritual activities planned for this special year, aimed at deepening the faith of the community.

Provincial's Visit

The Nyapin community had the privilege of welcoming Fr. K.J. Abraham, CSC, on February 17–18, 2025, for his maiden visit as Provincial Superior. His presence was a source of joy, encouragement, and renewed commitment for the priests, teachers, students, and non-teaching staff. The provincial administration expressed

satisfaction with the steady growth of the mission and assured its continued support. During his



visit, Fr. Abraham took time to interact with the teachers, offering valuable guidance and words of encouragement, which uplifted their spirits and reinforced their dedication.

ST. JUDE SCHOOL, NYAPIN

Blessing of the New Drinking Water Facility

During his visit on February 18, 2025, Fr. K.J. Abraham also inaugurated and blessed a new drinking water facility in the school. This initiative, made possible through the generosity of benefactors and the province administration, ensures access to clean drinking water, promoting better hygiene and well-being for the students. The school community expresses its heartfelt gratitude for this noble contribution.



Farewell Ceremony for Class Five Students

On February 18, the School bid farewell to 27 Class five students, who successfully completed their board examinations. Many of these students have been part of the school community since nursery. As they embark on new



academic journeys in different institutions, we extend our best wishes and prayers for their future endeavours.

Teachers' Outing

The teaching staff of St. Jude's School embarked on an exciting excursion to the border area of



Kurung Kumey district on February 25-26. This two-day outing was a refreshing and memorable experience, especially as it was the first time many teachers witnessed the breathtaking beauty of the snow-covered mountains. The trip not only provided relaxation but also fostered strong bonding among the staff.



John Dessing Nongphud, CSC

HOLY CROSS PARISH, KOLORIANG

Rebuilding St. James' Church, Relung

The reconstruction of St. James' Church in Relung is now underway after it sustained severe damage



in a storm last year. This effort has been made possible through the generosity and dedication of our parishioners, who came together to raise

funds for the project. Their unwavering support and commitment reflect the strong faith and unity of our community. Construction has officially begun, and we are hopeful that the work will be completed within the next two months, allowing the faithful to once again gather in their place of worship.

Pastoral Visits to Village Sub-Centers

Our pastoral team has commenced its village visits to the various sub-centers of our parish. These visits are essential in strengthening our



spiritual outreach, fostering deeper connections with our parishioners, and ensuring that each community receives pastoral care and guidance. One of the significant sub-centers we visited recently was Derbo Moriam Church, Yumlam, which stands as one of the largest sub-centers in our parish. The warm welcome and active participation of the faithful in these visits reaffirm the vibrant spirit of our mission.

Visit of Provincial Administration

We were blessed to receive a visit from our Provincial and Administrator, who spent valuable time engaging with our community, meeting church leaders, and discussing strategic plans for the growth of our parish. Their visit provided an



opportunity to evaluate our educational and hostel facilities, and together, we explored ways to enhance the learning environment and pastoral care for students.

During his visit, provincial gave a session to our teachers, where he shared valuable insights on the Holy Cross approach to education. His reflections on educating the heart and mind in the tradition of Blessed Basile Moreau were deeply inspiring and reinforced our commitment to holistic education.

Co-Missionary and Regional Meetings

During their time here, the Provincial team also attended two important meetings, Co-Missionary Meeting and Regional Meeting. These sessions



were instrumental in fostering collaboration, sharing best practices, and strengthening our collective mission. Discussions focused on pastoral challenges, new initiatives, and ways to build a more vibrant faith community.



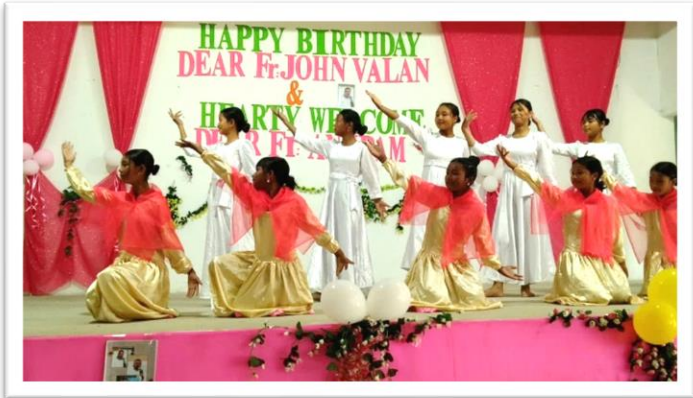
Prasanta Basumatary, CSC

HOLY CROSS SCHOOL, MAWKYNREW

Welcoming New Principal

Holy Cross School, Mawkynrew, held a special program on February 25, 2025, to warmly welcome its new principal, Fr. Anupam. The program began with a heartfelt welcome speech

by Fr. Sharon, expressing gratitude and excitement for Fr. Anupam's leadership. The students performed a melodious welcome song,



followed by a the presentation of a bouquet. A lively dance performance by the students added to the celebratory spirit.

In his address, Father Anupam shared his vision for the school, emphasizing academic excellence, holistic development, and fostering a strong sense of community. His inspiring words were met with enthusiasm, setting a positive tone for the journey ahead.

Empowering Student Leadership

Holy Cross School, Mawkyntew, held its annual investiture ceremony on March 5, 2025, a momentous occasion where the newly elected student cabinet and house captains formally assumed their leadership roles.



The event commenced with a prayer, followed by a welcome address from Principal Fr. Sharon, who greeted the Chief Guest, Ms. S.K. Kharsyntiew, and the gathered audience. A key highlight of the ceremony was the oath-taking by

the student leaders, pledging to uphold their responsibilities with integrity and dedication.

Ms. Kharsyntiew conferred badges and sashes upon the newly appointed leaders, followed by the symbolic handover of the school and house flags, signifying the transition of leadership. In her address, she emphasized the importance of leadership, quoting John C. Maxwell: "A leader is one who knows the way, goes the way, and shows the way."

The event also featured energetic dance performances by students from the secondary and higher secondary sections. Headmistress Sr. Nabina concluded the ceremony with a vote of thanks, acknowledging the principal, staff, students, and guests for their presence.

Promoting Discipline and Leadership

On March 6, 2025, officers from the 61 Meghalaya Girls Battalion of the National Cadet Corps (NCC) visited the school, to encourage students to join the NCC and instil values of discipline and leadership.



The delegation, led by Commanding Officer Deepak Nambir, was welcomed with a cultural dance performance by the students. Miss Suntamary Mynsong, an NCC officer associated with the school, delivered an introductory speech, presenting the visitors with flowers and shawls as a mark of respect.

In his address, Commanding Officer Nambir highlighted the benefits of NCC training, emphasizing how it helps young people develop

discipline, responsibility, and leadership skills. His words inspired many students to consider joining the NCC as a means of personal growth and national service.



Sharon Piuse, CSC

GOOD SHEPHERD SCHOOL, JONGKSHA

Inaugural Holy Eucharistic Celebration and Investiture Ceremony

The academic year 2025 at Good Shepherd School, Jongksha, began with a Solemn Eucharistic Celebration and the Investiture Ceremony on March 11. This event marked an important



milestone in student leadership, emphasizing the democratic selection process, where students learn the significance of choosing the right leaders to guide them under the supervision of teachers.

The school was privileged to welcome Mr. Seiborlang Warbah, honourable Member of the District Council (MDC) and a former teacher of Good Shepherd School, as the chief guest. His journey from an educator to a leader in the state serves as an inspiration for students, demonstrating that self-belief and determination can lead to great achievements.



The newly appointed student leaders pledged to uphold the values and legacy of the school with

integrity and commitment. As they step forward with confidence, the entire school community extends its best wishes, standing united in faith and purpose.

- *Antony M. Joseph, CSC*

Annual Eucharistic Procession

The Good Shepherd Parish family organized its Annual Eucharistic Procession at Iewrynghep village on March 2, 2025. The Holy Eucharist was

presided over by Fr. Leo Lyndem, Parish Priest of Sawsymer Parish, and witnessed by over 2,500



faithful from across the parish. During the Holy Eucharist, children received First Holy Communion, adding to the spiritual significance of the occasion.

The procession concluded with a solemn blessing, reinforcing the deep devotion and spiritual journey undertaken with the Eucharistic Lord.



This annual event remains a powerful reminder of the unity and strength of the parish community.



Suresh Kagoo, CSC

ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE PARISH, KHAWZAWL

Parish Women's Group

The Parish Women's Group held its first meeting of the year in January at the parish center, with 45 members from six villages in attendance. The meeting focused on evaluating past activities and contributions to the parish's growth, with members expressing satisfaction with their efforts. They also planned activities for the coming year and spent the day engaging in discussions and fellowship. The meeting concluded with a shared meal, strengthening their bond as a community.



Annual Youth Gathering

The Annual Parish Youth Gathering took place in Khawzawl, bringing together 120 young participants. The event was made possible through the generous financial support of the Holy Cross Family Ministry. Various competitions were organized to engage the youth, along with an input session on the theme: "The Responsibility and Importance of Youth in Parish Development." The resource persons, Rev. Fr. John PKC, CSC, the parish priest, and Pu James Lalbiakthanga, a respected church leader,



inspired the youth with their talks, encouraging them to be more active and enthusiastic in the years ahead.

Centenary of the Catholic Church in Mizoram

The Centenary Celebration of the Catholic Church in Mizoram was meaningfully inaugurated at the Parish Center on February 2, 2025. The Jubilee Bell was rung one hundred times by



representatives from each village, symbolizing a century of faith. Fr. Ishongkun, CSC, the assistant priest, unfurled the Jubilee Banner and lit the Jubilee Candle, marking the beginning of the celebrations. A solemn entrance procession led into the church, followed by the Eucharistic Celebration, which was the spiritual highlight of the day.

Blessing and Inauguration of St. Thomas Church, Teikhang

The newly constructed St. Thomas Church in Teikhang was blessed and inaugurated on February 19, 2025, by Most Rev. Stephen



Rotluanga, CSC, DD, Bishop of Aizawl, in the presence of priests, religious, and a large number of faithful. The MCBS Fathers, under the supervision of Fr. Amal MCBS from Ngopa,

undertook the construction of the church. The inauguration was a joyous occasion, celebrating the faith and dedication of the community.

Parish-Level Women's Group Conference

From February 28 to March 2, 2025, the Parish-Level Women's Group Conference was held in Lungtan village, with 120 participants. The program was planned and executed by the women themselves, demonstrating their leadership and commitment. The main resource



person, Pu Joseph Thanga, Catechist of Holy Cross Parish, Champhai, led meaningful sessions, helping participants grow spiritually. Many attendees received the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Holy Communion, making the gathering a deeply enriching experience.

ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL, KHAWZAWL

Annual Picnic

The staff of St. Joseph's School went on their annual picnic on February 15, 2025, to Bulfek, near the Indo-Myanmar border, approximately



40 km from Khawzawl. This outing was particularly special as it was the final gathering for the entire teaching staff before the closure of the High School section. Some teachers would be leaving, making the event an emotional yet joyful occasion. The day was filled with fun, shared meals, and moments of camaraderie, creating lasting memories for all.

Annual Result Day

Following the Mizoram Board of School Education (MBSE) guidelines, final examinations were conducted from February 17 to 26, 2025. The results were announced on March 4, 2025,



recognizing the academic achievements of students. Prizes were awarded to top performers in each class, as well as to students with perfect attendance, encouraging both excellence and commitment.

 **John PKC, CSC**

HOLY CROSS SCHOOL, BAGBASA

Farewell to Class X

Holy Cross School, Bagbasa, bid farewell to its Class X students on 7th February 2025, marking a significant milestone in their academic journey. Organized by Class IX students under the



guidance of Mr. Biswajith Shill, the send-off featured a cultural program, heartfelt speeches, and the presentation of certificates and mementos as tokens of appreciation. Mr. Tapas Chakraborty delivered the vote of thanks, and the Principal's blessing concluded the ceremony. We extend our best wishes to our outgoing students for their board exams and future endeavors.



Rajni Kandulna SAC

Class X School Picnic

On 1st February 2025, Class X students and staff of Holy Cross School, Bagbasa, enjoyed a memorable picnic at Don Bosco, Patharkandi. The



day was filled with games, sports, team-building activities, and a friendly football match, fostering camaraderie among students and teachers. A delicious lunch added to the joy of the outing. As the sun set, everyone returned with cherished memories, looking forward to future adventures.



Priskili Marak

Annual Hostel Picnic

The Holy Cross Boys' and Girls' Hostels, Bagbasa, organized their annual picnic at Sonbill, Assam, known as



the second wettest land in Asia. The breathtaking location, combined with boating and outdoor activities, provided a refreshing break from hostel life. Laughter and excitement filled the air as students bonded over games and shared experiences. A special thanks to the hostel staff for their meticulous planning and preparing a delightful meal.



Borsangring Halam

HOLY CROSS SCHOOL, PANISAGAR

January 16

Welcome to Former Principal, Fr. Paul

The school had the privilege of welcoming back Fr. Paul C.R., who served as a dynamic principal from 2007 to 2012. Visiting after many years, he was deeply impressed by the school's growth and achievements. The staff and students honoured him in the assembly, presenting him with flowers and a special song as a token of appreciation for his contributions.

January 19

Kokborok Day Celebration

Cultural heritage is the soul of a community, and Kokborok Day commemorates the recognition of



Kokborok as an official language of Tripura in 1979. Our students, dressed in traditional attire, participated in the block-level celebrations, winning admiration from locals and government officials for their spirited involvement.

January 20-25 Sports Week



Sports are an integral part of education, fostering physical fitness, teamwork, and discipline. Sports Week 2025 was a grand celebration of athleticism and camaraderie, with students from KG to Class X enthusiastically participating. The event featured march pasts, track and field events, team sports, and even a tug-of-war competition. The final day was graced by Shri Khaushikh Chakraborty (RCPE, Assistant Professor) and Shri Nishi Ranjan Debnath (TW Extension Officer, Panisagar), who unfurled the sports flag and took the salute at the march past. The principal emphasized that the true essence of sports lies not in winning but in participation, teamwork, and perseverance.



January 24 Khelo India Football Tournament

Our girls' football team proudly participated in the district-level Khelo India tournament in Dharmanagar, securing the runners-up position. It was a historic win for the school, filling the players with immense joy and confidence.



January 31 Farewell to Class X

Bidding farewell to our Class X students was an emotional yet celebratory event. Class IX students organized a heartfelt send-off, filled with fun,



gratitude, and nostalgia. The principal encouraged the students to always remain grateful and presented each one with a memento and a token of appreciation. As they step into a new phase of life, we wish them success and blessings.

February 9 Mathematics Olympiad

Mathematics is a language of logic and creativity. A block-level Olympiad was organized for Class V & VI students, with eleven students qualifying to represent the school. Their enthusiasm and dedication reflect their passion for learning.



February 15 Hostellers' Picnic

Over 200 hostel students enjoyed a fun-filled picnic at Unakoti, Tripura's renowned historical site. After exploring the ancient rock carvings,



they proceeded to Holy Cross School, Kumarghat, for lunch and a cultural program. The day was a perfect blend of adventure, bonding, and relaxation.

February 16 Inter-Hostellers' Football Match

Sports build team spirit and resilience, and our hostellers had an exciting football match against Trinity School's hostel team (Class VII & VIII). The



match was fiercely contested, with our boys emerging victorious. The event fostered camaraderie and sportsmanship between the two hostels.



Kanikkai Jeyraj, CSC

ST. PAUL'S PARISH, KUMARGHAT

Parish Sabha A Gathering of Faith and Hope

St. Paul Parish organized its annual three-day Parish Sabha at Sunaimuri Village, bringing together 298 faithful in a spirit of community and devotion. The villagers generously arranged all logistics, accommodations, and meals. The event commenced on January 24th at 4 PM with the hoisting of the Parish flag and an inaugural talk by



Fr. Leenus VC on the theme "Pilgrims of Hope." He provided a biblical perspective on the Jubilee Year, emphasizing its significance in fostering

penance, holiness, and liberation. The evening continued with rosary recitation, followed by a vibrant session of Kirtan and Zaikhawm.

The second day began with prayer and breakfast, followed by an insightful session by Fr. Leenus VC on embracing the Jubilee Year with renewed faith. The day also featured praise and worship, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and the Holy Eucharist. Reports from various villages and associations were presented in the afternoon, and a candle-lit rosary procession added a deeply spiritual touch to the evening. The night concluded with a cultural program and competitions organized by the Parish Sabha team.

On January 26th, Republic Day, the Parish Priest hoisted the National Flag and shared a special message. Later in the morning, the faithful warmly welcomed Archbishop Peter Machado of Bangalore and Bishop Lumen Monteiro, CSC with a traditional Risha and Halam dance.



Lancy Dsouza, CSC

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH, MOHARPARA

Marriage Preparation Course

Moharpara Parish conducted a three-day Marriage Preparation Course from January 29 to 31, 2025, at the Parish Centre, with 20 couples participating. The sessions were led by Fr. Amalraj, Mr. Ashim Uchoi, Dr. Chinarung Uchoi, and Dr. Pomila Debbarma.



Fr. Amalraj spoke on the sacredness and permanence of marriage, encouraging couples to build their family life on faith through daily prayer and Bible reading. Mr. Ashim Uchoi provided insights on handling family challenges peacefully, while Drs. Chinarung and Pomila stressed the importance of hygiene during pregnancy and warned against the long-term effects of abortion. They also promoted natural family planning for a healthy family life.

At the conclusion, participants received certificates and expressed gratitude for the valuable lessons on marriage and family life, pledging to apply them in their life.

Maria Sangha Seminar

The Maria Sangha of the Parish held a one-day seminar on February 2, 2025, in Twithampui village, with over 70 women from various sub-centers attending. The day began with Holy Eucharist celebrated by Fr. Arbok, CSC, who emphasized family prayer and quality time with children. In the animated session, Sr. Veronika FS encouraged mothers to lead family prayers, recite the Rosary, and read Scripture daily, while Mrs. Rita Uchoi, Secretary for Women's Commission, spoke on financial independence through traditional weaving. Parish Secretary, Sir Amarpreem Jamatia, urged women to take active roles in the Church.



A new committee was elected for a three-year term, followed by a common meal, where

participants shared fellowship and left spiritually renewed.

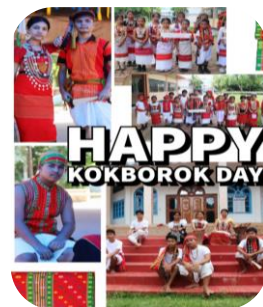


Arbok Lyngdoh, CSC

NOTRE DAME HOLY CROSS SCHOOL, MOHARPARA

Kokborok Day Celebration

The school celebrated Kokborok Day on January 19, 2025, highlighting the importance of language and culture. The event aimed to raise awareness and promote the use of Kokborok, encouraging the younger generation to preserve their linguistic heritage. It also served as a symbol of unity and inclusiveness, bringing together not only Kokborok speakers but also individuals from other communities, fostering mutual respect and cultural pride.



Farewell to Fr. C.V. Jose, CSC & Welcome to Fr. Sahaya Lourdu Raj, CSC

On January 29, 2025, the school held a heartfelt farewell ceremony for Fr. C.V. Jose, CSC, honouring his dedicated service and significant contributions. The event then transitioned into a warm welcome for the new principal, Fr. Sahaya Lourdu Raj, CSC, marking a new chapter of leadership filled with optimism and enthusiasm.



The occasion was graced by Fr. Alfred D'Souza, CSC (Administration, NE Province), Fr. George

Jacob, CSC (Secretary, HCEF), and Fr. Arbok Lyngdoh, CSC (School Secretary). The event was a blend of gratitude, reflection, and hope, as the school community embraced this transition.

Farewell to Class X

The farewell ceremony for Class X students marked a significant milestone, as they bid adieu to their school life and prepared for future challenges. The event concluded with Fr. Lourdu's inspiring words of guidance and best wishes, encouraging the outgoing students to pursue excellence and uphold the values instilled in them.



Sahaya Lourdu Raj, CSC

HOLY CROSS SCHOOL, KATHALCHERRA

Farewell to the Outgoing Batch of 2024-25

Holy Cross School bid a heartfelt farewell to the Class X and XII students on January 25, 2025. The event, organized with enthusiasm by Classes VII and VIII, provided a platform for the outgoing students to reminisce about their cherished moments.



The program commenced with a prayer and welcome address by Dr. Fr. Davis Konuran, C.S.C.,

the Principal, who shared words of wisdom and encouragement. The farewell featured cultural performances, including songs, dances, and a special video showcasing the journey of the outgoing batch.

Fr. Abraham, CSC, the School Manager, presented mementos to Class X students, while Dr. Fr. Davis Konuran, CSC, did the same for Class XII. The THARLÂK KÛT 2025 (Harvest Festival of the Darlongs) beauty pageant winners were honoured by Sr. Cecilia Kujur, BS. The event's Chief Guest, Shri Saju Vaheed A, IAS, District Magistrate and Collector of Dhalai, Tripura, released the E-Spectra School Newsletter and distributed prizes for co-curricular excellence.



Two student representatives from the outgoing batch expressed gratitude to the school for shaping their lives. The event concluded with a vote of thanks by Sr. Cecilia Kujur, B.S., the Headmistress, followed by the National Anthem.

Oral Health Awareness Camp

On January 28, 2025, the school hosted an Oral Health Camp & Awareness Programme in collaboration with Nepaltilla Primary Health Care – Ayushman Arogya Mandir (AAM). The camp, open to students of Classes VIII, IX & XI, aimed to promote good oral hygiene practices. During the camp, the doctors demonstrated proper brushing and flossing techniques, emphasizing the importance of brushing twice a day and reducing sugar intake to prevent cavities. An interactive quiz engaged students in learning oral



health facts, with prizes awarded to those who answered correctly.



Tina Sinha

HOLY CROSS SCHOOL, TUICHAKMA

Parents-Teachers Meeting (PTM)

The Parents-Teachers Meeting (PTM) at Holy Cross School, Tuichakma, held on 1st February 2025, saw an enthusiastic gathering of parents, teachers, and school management. Fr. Arbok, CSC, and Sr. Binita Soreng addressed the gathering, emphasizing the



importance of parental involvement in shaping students' academic and personal growth. Discussions focused on student progress, classroom engagement, and areas of improvement, fostering stronger collaboration between educators and parents. Parents actively participated by sharing feedback and suggestions, creating an atmosphere of trust and shared responsibility. The meeting reinforced the school's commitment to holistic education and continuous improvement.

Sports Event in Tuidu

On 18th February 2025, students from Holy Cross School, Tuichakma, participated in an inter-school sports event organized by the Tuidu Sports Committee. The event, featuring Kabaddi, Kho-Kho, Football, and Long Jump, saw intense competition

and remarkable displays of teamwork, agility, and sportsmanship. Our students performed exceptionally well, securing selections for the upcoming zonal-level games. The event not only provided a



platform for young athletes to showcase their talents but also fostered discipline, resilience, and camaraderie. We extend our congratulations to the selected students and wish them success in the zonal competitions.



Binita Soreng, SAC

ST. ANDRE SCHOOL, BODHJUNG NAGAR

Staff Picnic

On January 23, the teaching and non-teaching staff of Saint André School embarked on a delightful picnic to Brahmakunda. The day was filled with enthusiasm as everyone actively participated in various activities, from preparing meals to setting up the music system. The staff also visited Bashgram, further enriching their experience. It was a day of fun, bonding, and cherished memories.



Farewell Ceremony for Class X & XII

The farewell ceremony for the outgoing Class X and XII students was held on January 25, 2025. The event was graced by the presence of school



management, teachers, and students, making it a truly memorable occasion. The program featured cultural performances, including songs, dances, and skits, adding to the festive spirit. The departing students were honoured with tokens of appreciation as a gesture of gratitude and best wishes for their future endeavours. We were privileged to have Dr. Priyank Kumar Shivam as the Chief Guest and Dr. Bheem Pad Mahato, Assistant Professor from the Faculty of Education, as a special guest.

76th Republic Day Celebration

The 76th Republic Day was celebrated with great patriotism on January 26. The flag was solemnly unfurled by Fr. Kitbok, CSC, marking the beginning of the celebrations. Adding to the patriotic fervour, our students performed a cultural dance at the Mohanpur Subdivision. They



were accompanied by the school band and NCC cadets, who showcased their discipline and dedication, making the occasion truly memorable.

Teachers' Seminar

On January 28, 2025, Saint André School hosted a teachers' seminar conducted by Wasim Akram, a representative from Hembro Infotech. The



seminar focused on enhancing digital literacy, particularly addressing challenges faced by teachers while using the e-Camp app. The interactive session provided valuable insights and solutions, equipping teachers with the necessary skills to navigate digital platforms effectively.

Annual Sports Meet

The Annual Sports Meet for the 2024-25 session took place from January 30 to February 1, 2025. The event commenced with the hoisting of the school sports flag, followed by the official inauguration by the principal, Fr. Iswar Happa, CSC. A series of thrilling competitions, including 100m and 200m races, relay races, football, and volleyball, showcased the students' athletic prowess.



Participants from Classes IV to XII were categorized into three divisions—Juniors, Sub-Juniors, and Seniors—and further grouped into four houses: Red, Blue, Green, and

Yellow. The students demonstrated outstanding sportsmanship and enthusiasm, making the event a resounding success.

Annual Parents' Day Celebration

The Annual Parents' Day 2025 was celebrated on February 8 with vibrant cultural performances by students, showcasing the diverse tribal heritage of Tripura. The event commenced with a warm welcome to the dignitaries, including Chief Guest



Sri Sabyasachi Debnath, SDPO of Lembucherra and Guest of Honour Fr. George Jacob, CSC, Secretary of the Holy Cross Educational Foundation. In his address, the Chief Guest emphasized the importance of ensuring students' safety and security while maintaining academic excellence. The event was a beautiful tribute to the collaboration between students, teachers, and parents in fostering a nurturing educational environment.

Iswar Happa, CSC

HOLY CROSS SCHOOL, TUIKARMAW

Farewell Ceremony for Class X, XII, and Our Beloved Sisters

Holy Cross School bid an emotional farewell to the outgoing students of Class X and XII, along with Sr. Elaize, SABS, our Headmistress, and Sr. Mary, SABS on January 17th. The event was filled with gratitude and heartfelt memories as students and teachers shared their appreciation for the

departing sisters' contributions. Sr. Elaize and Sr. Mary expressed their gratitude for the support



they received. The students also reflected on their journey, making it a touching and memorable occasion.

Farewell to Fr. Renju and Welcome to Fr. Vicky

On January 25, Holy Cross School, Tuikarmaw, bid farewell to Fr. Renju, CSC, and welcomed Fr. Vicky L. Gayang, CSC, as the new Principal. The event, attended by Fr. Alfred D'Souza, CSC, and Fr. Thomas Pereira, CSC, was marked by words of appreciation, fond memories, and a token of gratitude for Fr. Renju's dedicated service. Fr. Alfred formally introduced Fr. Vicky, who expressed his commitment to leading the school forward. The occasion was a heartfelt transition, filled with gratitude and hope.



Tribute to Fr. Jose Sarpathil, CSC

The Holy Cross community mourned the passing of Fr. Jose Sarpathil, CSC, a devoted missionary and founder of Holy Cross Parish and School, Tuikarmaw. To honour his legacy, a solemn candlelight procession and prayer service were



held on January 26th, with hundreds gathering in silent tribute. The procession symbolized the lasting impact of his mission, illuminating the path he paved for faith and education. May his soul rest in peace.

Republic Day Celebration

Holy Cross (South) English Medium School celebrated the 76th Republic Day with patriotism and enthusiasm. The event began with the flag hoisting by the School Manager, Fr. Thomas Pereira, CSC, who was also honoured on his birthday. Students performed cultural dances and patriotic songs, while NCC cadets represented the



school at Santir Bazaar College Ground. The girls' cadet team secured first place, and the boys' team placed third, bringing pride to the school.

Welcome to Our New Headmistress

During the school assembly on January 28th, Holy Cross School warmly welcomed Sr.

Elsi, SABS as the new Headmistress. A beautiful welcome song and a token of appreciation were presented. In her address, Sr. Elsi expressed gratitude for the warm reception and sought everyone's cooperation in working together for the school's growth.



Peace Club Session

On February 7th, a session on "Peace" was conducted at Holy Cross School, Tuikarmaw, by Miss Eliakimi from

JUST Agartala. Students explored various perspectives on peace, engaged in group discussions, and shared their reflections. The

interactive session concluded with a review of their insights, deepening their understanding of peace and harmony.



Vicky Gayang, CSC

HOLY CROSS SCHOOL, AGARTALA

Inauguration of Fr. Matthew Ullatill Block

Holy Cross School, Agartala, marked a milestone with the inauguration of the Fr. Matthew Ullatill Block on 8th January 2025, dedicated to nursery and kindergarten students. The Hon'ble Governor of Tripura, Shri Indrasena Reddy Nallu, graced the



occasion as Chief Guest, alongside Fr. Emmanuel Kallarackal, CSC, General Assistant, Fr. K. J. Abraham, CSC, Provincial Superior, Holy Cross priests, religious and other dignitaries. In his address, the Governor praised Holy Cross for its commitment to education, emphasizing the role of technology and values in shaping future generations. The event concluded with a campus tour, celebrating this new cornerstone of learning.

Holy Cross Annual Sports Week

Holy Cross School's Annual Sports Week was a dynamic celebration of athleticism and teamwork. Students from nursery to Class 12 participated in various house competitions,



including races, relays, and endurance events. The opening ceremony featured flag

hoisting by Mr. Subrata Dey, Secretary of the Tripura Cricket Association, followed by vibrant dance and Zumba performances. Special games



for staff added to the excitement. The closing ceremony showcased a grand march past, followed by the prize distribution, recognizing outstanding performances and fostering a spirit of sportsmanship.

Teachers' Orientation Programme 2025

To stay ahead in education, Holy Cross School hosted an insightful Teachers' Orientation Programme led by Mr. Sirish Sebastian. The session emphasized adapting to changing educational landscapes while valuing diversity, inclusivity, and technology's role in learning. Teachers were encouraged to nurture students beyond academics, instilling values that technology cannot replace. Engaging activities underscored teamwork, interdependence, and innovative thinking, reinforcing the role of educators as key influencers in students' lives.



Leadership Workshop - A Journey of Growth

The Leadership Workshop at Holy Cross School was a transformative experience, fostering teamwork, decision-making, and self-awareness.



Participants engaged in self-assessments, interactive tasks, and group activities, including organizing a quiz, debate, and school assembly. The program highlighted the importance of planning, communication, and patience in leadership.

Beyond learning, participants enjoyed unique culinary experiences, bonding over new friendships and cherished memories.



Ragheswari Majumder

Nursery Inaugural Program

On January 25, Holy Cross School, Agartala, welcomed its 28th Nursery Batch with a heartwarming inaugural ceremony. The event, attended by parents, teachers, and staff, featured Chief Guest Dr. K. Sasikumar IFS, who shared inspiring insights on early childhood education. Principal, Fr. Jilson Tom emphasized the school's commitment to holistic learning. The celebration



included cultural performances such as a prayer dance, Kokborok dance, and a jungle-themed act, making it a joyous beginning for the youngest members of the Holy Cross family.



Baishakhi Deb

HOLY CROSS PARISH, MAWPAT

Youth Convention

Holy Cross Parish, Mawpat, hosted the 16th Annual Diocesan Youth Convention from January 10 to 12, 2025, marking a significant milestone since its establishment in 2017 under the Diocese of Nongstoin. Themed "Those Who Hope in the



Lord Will Renew Their Strength," the event gathered hundreds of Catholic youths from 22 parishes for spiritual enrichment and leadership development.

The convention opened with a Holy Eucharist celebrated by Fr. Roy Thallackan, CSC, the first parish priest. Shri Carnes Sohshang, MDC of Mawkyrwat Constituency, was the chief guest. The closing Mass was presided over by Most Rev. Wilbert Marwein, Bishop of Nongstoin. The event



highlighted the contributions of the Holy Cross Fathers in the sacramental and educational life of the diocese.

A key initiative of the Nongstoin Diocesan Catholic Youth Movement (NDCYM) was a mass rally on “Prevent Early Marriage,” raising awareness on a pressing social issue among young people.

Seng Rangbah Convention

From January 24 to 26, 2025, the parish also hosted the Diocesan Men’s Convention on the theme: “Unless the Lord Builds the House, the



Builders Labor in Vain” (Psalm 127:1). Shri Kyrpham was the chief guest at the inaugural function, while Most Rev. Victor Lyngdoh, Archbishop of Shillong, presided over the concluding Eucharist. Fr. Devasia Vazhayil, SDB, served as the animator throughout the convention, which brought together men from 22 parishes to deepen their faith and strengthen their roles as spiritual leaders in their families.

Parish Eucharistic Procession

On February 2, 2025, Holy Cross Parish organized its Annual Eucharistic Procession at Mawjarain village, drawing faithful from 31 villages. Renowned preacher Fr. Staibok Warjri led the celebration,



fostering spiritual renewal among the participants.

ST. JOHN BOSCO SCHOOL, MAWPAT

The 2025 academic year at St. John Bosco Secondary School, Mawpat, began with the blessings of esteemed visitors, including Shri Conrad Sangma, Chief Minister of Meghalaya, Bishop Wilbert Marwein, Fr. Abraham KJ, CSC (Provincial), and Fr. Alfred D'Souza (Administrator), from February 24 to 26, 2025.



On February 25, 2025, the Investiture Ceremony and Inaugural Mass took place in the presence of FSM Sisters, including Sr. Angela, Provincial Superior of the Bangalore Province, and Sr. Jaisy, a Provincial Counsellor. A seminar was conducted for teachers from both central and



village schools, and Fr. Abraham KJ laid the foundation stone for a new school building.

 **Friny Peter, CSC**

ST. ANDRE MINOR SEMINARY, BODHJUNGNAGAR

Blessing of the Chapel and Canonical Visit by the Provincial

The seminary experienced a moment of profound grace and joy on March 4, 2025, with the blessing of its chapel, a ceremony



presided over by Rev. Fr. K.J. Abraham, CSC, Provincial, at 6:00 p.m. The occasion was made even more special by the presence of Holy Cross Fathers from neighbouring communities, who joined in prayer and celebration.

Earlier in the evening, at 4:30 p.m., Fr. Provincial conducted his canonical visit to the community, accompanied by two confreres from Bangladesh. The visit provided a meaningful opportunity for fraternal dialogue, offering reflections on the seminary's ongoing formation journey and strengthening the spirit of unity among its members.



Both events were deeply enriching for the seminary community, fostering a renewed sense of faith, fraternity, and commitment to the mission of Holy Cross.



Francis Gayang, CSC

SACRED HERAT STUDY HOUSE, LEMBUCHERRA

Parish Experience 2024: A Time of Learning and Service

During Christmas 2024, the first-year students stayed back for pastoral experience instead of returning home. Moharpara Parish was chosen for our Christmas mission, and our team included



Rikbirth D. Sangma, Bivek Kaipreng, Nalon Hutten, Rikanroi, Balajied, and Pascolio.

We departed on December 21st at 4:00 a.m. from Sacred Heart Study House, with Fr. Kitbok, our director, assisting us. After a train journey, we arrived at Teliamura Station, where Dn. Newton received us and brought us to the mission center. Fr. Arbok, the Parish Priest (PP), warmly welcomed us, and Rikus guided us during our stay.



Ministries and Responsibilities

We actively engaged in:

1. Village visits with the fathers for funerals, Holy Eucharist, and carol singing.
2. Assisting in parish activities.
3. Cleaning the surroundings and tending to plants and flowers.

Returning on January 6th, we left with hearts full of gratitude. We sincerely thank Fr. Arbok and the priests for their guidance. The experience was deeply enriching and strengthened our commitment to pastoral ministry and the Holy Cross mission.



HOLY CROSS PINE VIEW STUDY HOUSE, SUMER

18th January 2025



Ordination of Dn. Shanborlang Mawrie, CSC

Ordination of Dn. Shanborlang Mawrie, CSC: The ordination of Dn. Shanborlang Mawrie, CSC was a moment of great inspiration for our young candidates, strengthening their vocation to the priesthood. To honour this joyous occasion, we presented a heartfelt congratulatory song during the celebration at his home.



3rd – 5th Feb 2025 - Three-Day Work Camp

We organized a three-day work camp, filled with engaging activities such as a broomstick collecting competition, crop rotation farming, and jungle clearing. Despite the physical exertion, the house-wise competition format kept spirits high, fostering teamwork and enthusiasm.

9th Feb 2025



Eucharistic Procession at Mawkynew

Following tradition, we participated in the Eucharistic procession at Mawkynew Parish. The experience left a deep impression on us, especially the altar children's reverence and the warm hospitality of the Mawkynew fathers, who treated us with great dignity and kindness.



26th Feb 2025 - Visit by the Provincial

We were honoured by the visit of Fr. K.J. Abraham, CSC, Provincial of Holy Cross Northeast India, and Fr. Alfred D'Souza, CSC, Administrator. Their



presence was a great encouragement, and Fr. K.J.'s talk on "HOPE" left a lasting impact, reaffirming our commitment to the Holy Cross mission.

These events made the start of the year truly memorable, strengthening our faith, vocation, and community spirit.



Clement Amo, CSC

SEMINAR ON ACCOUNTS AND FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

A two-day seminar on bookkeeping, financial management, and compliance was held at MIIT, Shillong, from February 28 to March 1, 2025. The program aimed to enhance the efficiency and awareness of unit administrators, accountants, and office assistants in financial management,

data maintenance, and the use of school management software.



The sessions were led by Mrs. Dipsha D'Souza, CA, the official auditor, and Mr. Kiran Kumar from Hembro Infotech, a leading school software company. Their expertise provided valuable insights into recent regulatory updates, best accounting practices, and the benefits of digital financial management.

The seminar began with a welcome address by Fr. Abraham Kochupurakal, CSC, Provincial Superior, who emphasized the importance of accurate bookkeeping, financial transparency, and compliance with evolving regulations.

Throughout the sessions, the resource persons highlighted the fast-changing regulatory landscape and the need for timely adherence to financial policies. They thoroughly reviewed the existing accounting systems and recommended enhancements for better accuracy, efficiency, and



transparency. A key focus was the integration of school management software, demonstrating how digital tools can streamline financial processes, automate record-keeping, and enable real-time monitoring.

A total of 23-unit administrators, 19-unit accountants, and 11 office assistants actively participated in the seminar. The event provided an enriching platform for learning, discussion, and

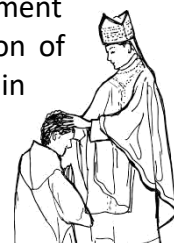


skill development, ensuring better financial management and compliance across all units.

 **Alfred Dsouza, CSC**

THREE ORDINATIONS: A TIME OF GRACE AND JOY

The Province of Northeast India rejoices in the ordination of three new priests, a moment of grace and joy for the Congregation of Holy Cross. The ordinations, held in Meghalaya, Jharkhand, and Assam, mark a significant milestone, especially with Holy Cross' first-ever ordination in Jharkhand. Each of the newly ordained priests comes from a distinct cultural background, truly embodying the spirit of crossing borders in faith and mission.



On January 18, 2025, Deacon Shanborlang Mawrie, CSC, was ordained by Archbishop Most Rev. Victor Lyngdoh, DD, at the Cathedral of Mary Help of Christians, Shillong, Meghalaya, alongside seven other deacons. The solemn ceremony was enriched by the Khasi community's cultural traditions, making it a deeply



meaningful celebration. The following day, Fr. Shanborlang celebrated his first Holy Mass, surrounded by family, friends, and fellow priests.

On February 2, 2025, Deacon Anupam Beck, CSC, was ordained at All Saints' Catholic Church, Doranda, Jharkhand, by Archbishop Emeritus Most Rev. Felix Toppo, SJ. This historic event—marking Holy Cross' first ordination in Jharkhand—was attended by a large gathering of priests, religious, and faithful, who celebrated with traditional Adivasi music and dance. The following day, Fr. Anupam offered his first Mass, a moment of gratitude and joy for his family and the community.



On February 23, 2025, Deacon Newton Basumatary, CSC, was ordained at St. Joseph Church, Kabirali, Assam, by Bishop Rt. Rev. Michael Akasius Toppo, DD, of Tezpur Diocese. The ceremony beautifully showcased the rich Bodo cultural heritage, with many priests, religious, and faithful in attendance. The next day, Fr. Newton celebrated his first Holy Mass, marking the beginning of his priestly journey.



Fr. K.J. Abraham, CSC, Provincial Superior, along with several Holy Cross priests, was present for these joyous occasions, expressing gratitude to God for the gift of priesthood.

The Northeast province extends its heartfelt congratulations to Fr. Shanborlang, Fr. Anupam, and Fr. Newton, praying that their ministry be filled with grace, wisdom, and unwavering commitment to Christ's mission.

Congratulations



Fr. Preet Anupam, CSC



Fr. Newton, CSC



Fr. Shanborlang, CSC

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