



Waves Province Newsletter

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PROVINCIAL SPEAKS



As the result of class X and XII board examinations were announced, there was much reason for celebration and jubilations in the classrooms and corridors of our schools. "They all made it", said a principal who had doubt on the ability of the pupils. It is centum.... golden history is repeated again.... these were the words of some of the teachers who phoned to me about the result of their schools. I recognized in their voices a sense of achievement and fulfilment shared with students. I acknowledge and appreciate the **team effort** of all the schools in coaching and motivating the students of Class X and XII to secure excellent results in their secondary schooling. I also wish that the results would inspire their juniors to study hard with a goal in life.

Educating the mind and heart is innate to the very life and mission of Holy Cross all over the world. In the context of the Province, where our educational institutions are situated, it is no joke to teach, above all to motivate students to study hard with a goal in life. Therefore, excellent results evoke a great feeling of victory over an unknown foe (fear) in the school campus. Celebrate the success! Let it rejuvenate the team for the new academic year.

Celebration of Success in the school campus needs to motivate celebration of success in the pastoral context of our mission as well. In the year of faith, success in the pastoral context would mean sharing the joy of knowing the Saviour with as many people, who already know Him and those who do not know him. This success does not depend on the head-count of the number of persons we work with; instead it depends on the holiness of life based on the Faith in Jesus Christ. Success is measured in terms of **fidelity** to listening, meditating and practicing the Word of God. Bl. Mother Teresa of Calcutta said, 'I am called to be faithful and not to be successful'. Is there a person among us who is more successful in the world than Bl. Mother Teresa? Let us then acknowledge that every success is the result of faithfulness.

K. J. Abraham, CSC

EDITORIAL



After a few months of silence, *Waves* is here once again. Many things and ministerial changes have happened since the last issue of *Waves*. The main among them are the sports meets, the final exams of our students in our Schools and College and seminars, meetings and the celebration of Easter and the year of faith in our parishes. This issue of *Waves* brings to you some news and titbits of these celebrations as well as ministerial changes of our confreres.

A group of young confreres from Bangladesh had a refresher program at ASHA, Agartala and as per their report it was a truly enriching program. Thanks to our Provincial, Fr. K.J. Abraham who animated the sessions. Congrats to all our principals and parish priests who have offered effective leadership to our schools and parishes, helping our students to perform their best and the faithful to grow in their faith.

The Editorial team congratulates all confreres who have taken up new responsibilities and wish them the very best. May their efforts be fruitful and rewarding. I wish all readers of *Waves* a happy and informative reading.

Emmanuel Kallarackal, CSC

Congratulations

*To all the Principals, Staff and
Students on securing excellent Results
in Board/University Examinations.*



REFRESHING PROGRAM IN AGARTALA, INDIA

Heartfelt thanks and gratitude to Fr. Abraham K J, CSC, Provincial of North East Province for conducting such a wonderful and meaningful refresher program for six Bangladeshi Holy Cross Brothers. (Though the original number of participants were 12, only 6 could get the Visa). The program was held at ASHA, Agartala from May 24-26. We had an opportunity to discover the transition periods of human life, specially psychical and mental changes that take place during mid- life. This session made us aware of the signs and symptoms of mid- life crisis. In every seven years in human life a psychical and mental change takes place. An iron sharpens another iron. A human being needs another human being to get rid of these challenges. In our religious and community life we will need our confreres and brothers for our overall growth. My spirituality grows when I have joy in my life and heart. I had an opportunity to discover my pains in my life. Each and every human being does have pains in their everyday life. The sessions made me aware of my life and vocation: what I am, what I am doing and what I should do. Since it was a small group, we had a great opportunity to make case studies with some events and share our life and our feelings from the core of our hearts. I feel privileged and lucky to get such a wonderful session.

GOVERNOR LAUDES GOOD SHEPHERD SCHOOL, JONGKSHA



Good Shepherd Higher Secondary School, Jongksha, East Khasi Hills District, held their Annual Sports Meet on March 27, 2013. His Excellency Ranjit Shekhar Mooshahary, Governor of Meghalaya, was the Chief Guest of the day. In his address to more than 4000 students and parents from 23 participating schools, His Excellency appreciated the efforts of Holy Cross Fathers who manage the administration of the schools in collaboration with the Sisters of the Little Flower of Bethany. The first citizen of the state said, “....in this

environment, the school is serving a noble cause in spreading the light of knowledge.”

Tastefully decorated school campus with its fluttering flags and rhythmic beat of the school band gave a fusion of sound and music. The march past of 23 LP, UP, Secondary and Higher Secondary Schools were a feast for the eyes. The tiny tots enthralled the audience with their scintillating music and rhythmic movements of their body. The drill display of the students of Good Shepherd High school, Jongksha and RCLP School in Thynroit were stupendous.

Though the school is only 30 km. away from the capital city of Shillong there is no regular bus service to this place. Many of the students walk an hour to come to the school. Unsteady power supply interrupts their study. In spite of many odds and obstacles Good Shepherd Higher Secondary School, Jongksha, had been performing very well in the past years with excellent results in Secondary and Higher Secondary Board Examinations. Rev. Fr. Davis Konuran CSC, the principal of the school said that the school secured cent percent result for the HSSLC Board Examinations held in the year 2012. Two of the students – Celesta Maria Suting and Dontilang Kharsahnoh secured 5th and 9th position respectively in the state of Meghalaya in the HSSLC examination in 2012.

Davis Konuran, CSC

HOLY CROSS SCHOOL SHINES...

Holy Cross Secondary School, Mawkyntsew, recently participated in the Science Exhibition conducted by the Mawkyntsew Block for all the schools under its jurisdiction. Our Students out smarted other schools by bagging five first and one second and consolation prizes during the exhibition. They received certificates and cash awards for their scintillating performance. Congratulations dear teachers and students.

Renju Kolattukudy, CSC



WARM WELCOME TO SISTERS

14TH April saw St. Joseph Parish, Khawzawl extending a warm welcome to the SMMI Sisters who have willingly come to begin ministry in the Parish. Bishop Stephen blessed the convent in the presence of the SMMI Provincial and a large number of the faithful. The Bishop in his address welcomed the sisters to the Diocese and wished them well in their ministry at Khawzawl. The Sisters will be part of the mission helping out in the parish and school. We warmly and affectionately welcome the SMMI sisters to our mission.

Jomy Mathew, CSC

SEMINAR FOR MARIA SANGHA AT KUMARGHAT



Women from 14 villages and six tribes had gathered together in Kumarghat, the parish centre, for two days of convention from 17th to 19th May 2013. On the day of arrival a beautiful rosary procession was held from the road to the grotto. There was a lot of spiritual nourishment and motivation given to the women during the convention by different resource persons. Women were told by the resource persons – Fr. Thomas Pereira, CSC, Sr. Simon Theresa, BS, and Mrs. Sawmliani Darlong of the importance of the daily family Rosary and prayer to unite the family together. A special talk relating to the Family health was given by a Lady Doctor Ms. Sulakshana. The unity among the different tribes was seen during the convention. The convention was very enriching and there was a lot of satisfaction and joy among the 140 participants.

Thomas Pereira, CSC

WELCOME & GOOD WISHES

"Waves" Congratulates and welcomes new Parish Priests to our Parishes and formators to the Formation Houses.

- ✠ Fr. Lancy D'Souza, CSC took over as the Parish Priest of Good Shepherd Parish, Kathalcherra on 17th February.
- ✠ Fr. Abraham C., CSC was installed as Parish Priest

of St. Mary's Parish, Tuikarmaw on 24th February.

- ✠ Fr. Thomas John, CSC was installed as the Parish Priest of St. Thomas Parish, Ramhlun on 19th May.
- ✠ Fr. Shaji M.L, CSC was installed as the Parish Priest of Holy Cross Parish, Umkiang on 19th May.
- ✠ Fr. Theophilus, CSC took over as the Parish Priest of Holy Cross Parish, Mawkynew on 23rd June.
- ✠ Fr. Arul, CSC was installed as the Parish Priest of St. Paul's Parish, Kumarghat on 30th June.
- ✠ Fr. Harry D'Silva took charge as the Director of Holy Cross Pine View Center, Sumer on 22nd May.
- ✠ Fr. Suresh Kagoo took charge as the Director of St. Andre Minor Seminary, at Bodhjunnagar on 17th June

FRESHERS DAY & THE SECOND GRADUATION DAY

AT HOLY CROSS COLLEGE, AGARTALA

The final year BA and BCA students of Holy Cross College once again brought laurels to their alma mater by their hard work and consequential good results in the University examinations. All the Honours students and BCA students were successful in their examinations and among the BA pass course students all except 3 were qualified for their degree. There were a total of 64 students passing out of the college this year.

The months of **May** and **June** were busy months with



interviews and counselling as the college was recruiting **new teaching faculty** and **students** to the college. The response to the advertisement for teaching faculty had been very encouraging and overwhelming and there were 189 applicants who wanted to serve Holy Cross College as Asst. Professors, even though we could offer chances to very few of them now. Many are chosen to be in the Panel so that they could serve Holy Cross in future when more courses are offered with sufficient infrastructures. Admissions of students to the first year courses had also been very encouraging and admissions are open till the middle of July. The newcomers to the college will be formally welcomed in

a function on **July 8th (Freshers' Day)** to which all are warmly invited.

The **Second batch/class** of the college will be **graduating** from the college and the University with their **BA and BCA** degrees this year. To make their graduation day memorable there will be a function to honour them in the presence of many dignitaries, parents and friends on **August 8th, 2013 at 11.30 AM** at the **College and School campus at Durjoynagar**. *All confreres, friends and readers of Waves are cordially invited to be present for the function and share in the joy and celebration of the success of our graduates.*

Emmanuel Kallarackal, CSC

SMART CLASS ROOMS AT HOLY CROSS, PANISAGAR



Smart Classes have been introduced in Holy Cross School, Panisagar which will provide a real life experience to the students where they can better understand any subject with the help of live concerts.

It has made class rooms more attractive and technically high that provides an intellectual environment where education is easier for kids. Hon. Sub Divisional Magistrate Mr. Biplab Das inaugurated the smart classes and spoke of the importance of the modern technology in the educational field. He emphasized that as the education level is on an upward rise all over the world, it becomes very essential for today's modern schools to prepare their students for a high level global career.

Sojan Augustine, CSC

HOLY CROSS HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL KATHALCHERRA

Holy Cross High School was formally upgraded into **Higher Secondary** on July 01, 2013 with a meaningful inaugural ceremony. The historic event was witnessed by the School Community where in Fr. K.J Abraham Provincial Superior welcomed the first batch of students with lit candles. The theme being '**Called to be the Light**', the ceremony instilled in the students the vigour to bask in the light of Holy Cross. Mr. Talwar, DFO, the

special guest of the day called upon the students to make use of every opportunity to be the light of the



world. Holy Cross School established in the year 1983 by **Fr. Hormis John, CSC** in collaboration with the **Bethany Sisters** today has grown to be a premier institute in the district. The school owes much to the selfless services of previous Principals, Secretaries and Headmistresses along with the teaching staff.

Valerian Castelino, CSC

HOLY CROSS BOY'S HOSTEL, KATHALCHERRA

Holy Cross Boys' Hostel, Kathalcherra is all set to have a facelift as the foundation stone for the new hall and dormitory was laid on May 26, 2013 by Fr. K. J Abraham, Provincial Superior of Holy Cross,. Shri Bimal Reang, SDM, Longthraivally was present for the laying of the foundation stone. Holy Cross Boys Hostel, Kathalcherra accommodates 210 ST boys hailing from different remote villages of Dhalai, Unukuti & North Tripura Districts. Thanks to the spadework done by Fr. Simon Fernandes, CSC and the swift move of the confreres in support of this genuine endeavour.

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