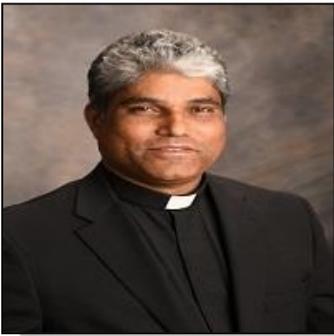




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Provincial Speaks



Dear Confreres,

Peace of Christ.

You are enthusiastically greeted by yet another publication of WAVES, the Province Newsletter. I wish each of you the *Joy of Religious Life* from Rome.

These days, as you know, the CSC is actively busy in Rome. The Major Superiors of different Sectors of the Holy Cross are engaged with the General Chapter and other related activities. At long last, we have made history. A Holy Cross **Brother** has been elected as the Congregation's Superior General. It is not a strange but true feeling, but a feeling of a genuine dream of ours coming true. Let us rejoice with the change of history in our Congregation. On your behalf and behalf of our Province, let me offer our joyful greetings and wholehearted support to Rev. Bro. Paul Bednarczyk CSC ... our Newly Elected Superior General. {I know that some of us will struggle to learn his name with proper pronunciation and spelling}. God bless Holy Cross.

Waves are created, and the fuel of wind motions them. Our Province News Letter - WAVES, needs to be completed and activated periodically, and the required fuel is on your hands, in the form of your articles, reflections, information, etc. I am glad that many of you have contributed your share of fuel to this issue, making it to reach you, burning. Thank you for your goodwill gesture.

After Fr. Sharon CSC, we have been recently blessed with one more priest-confre in the person of Rev. Fr. Stephen Langsianmunga CSC. Let us gratefully and joyfully welcome him to the Altar of the Lord.

Every formation house of our Province is full to the brim - House Full. Thanks to the regional vocation facilitators. I wish all our formators the best, as they have a herculean task ahead. I reiterate my request to all of you that you keep our formees in your prayers.

Have a pleasant reading of our Province News Letter, WAVES.

Fr. Simon Fernandis CSC,
Provincial Superior

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EDITORIAL

Dear readers of WAVES,



As I write these lines, the 2022 General Chapter of the Congregation of Holy Cross is underway at the Villa Aurelia in Rome. The chapter's theme, inspired by the Prophet Joel, is: *'The Dream Has*

Its Time: A Journey Together in Hope.'

Our founder Blessed Basil Moreau had a dream - a religious family in which all the members—priests, brothers, and sisters—despite the differences in their respective vocations, would share a common dignity as religious. This fundamental equality is at the heart of our identity, charism, and mission. To a world divided into various lines, we, as Holy Cross religious, can witness this equality to the world. So, this is a time we join our hands to fulfil the dream of our founder and journey together with hope for a better world.

The theme *'The Dream Has Its Time: A Journey Together in Hope'* was genuinely reflected in the election of the Superior General of Holy Cross. In a historic first, the General Chapter of the Congregation of Holy Cross elected Br. Paul Bednarczyk CSC, as Superior General. Br. Bednarczyk is the first brother to serve as Superior General in the Congregation's history. In addition, the chapter also elected Fr. Emmanuel Kallarackal CSC of the Province of North East India, and Br. Prodig Placid Gomes CSC of St. Joseph Province, Bangladesh (SJ), as General Councillors. WAVES congratulates them on their election and wishes them all the best as they serve the Congregation worldwide.

While a lot is happening at the chapter we also have a number of activities going on in our mission

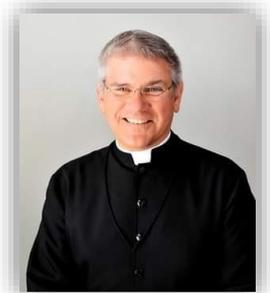
centers. In this issue of WAVES you will find happenings in our parishes, schools and formation houses. Every activity that is happening in the province is an example of our commitment in fulfilling the dream our founder and journeying together with others in hope.

George Jacob, CSC
Chief Editor

GENERAL CHAPTER 2022

HISTORIC GENERAL CHAPTER 2022 ELECTS BROTHER PAUL BEDNARCZYK, CSC, AS SUPERIOR GENERAL OF THE CONGREGATION OF HOLY CROSS:

History has been created as the General Chapter of the Congregation underway in Rome has elected Brother Paul Bednarczyk, CSC as the first Religious Brother of the Congregation as the New Superior General for a term of six years.



Election of a Religious Brother as the Superior General became possible with the announcement of Pope Francis on May 18th, 2022, about the changes that he had made in the Canon Law relating to the eligibility of the non-ordained member to be named/or elected as the Major Superior of a clerical Institute, including the Superior General.

Congregation of Holy Cross is a religious Congregation composed of two distinct societies of religious, one of the priests and one of the brothers, bound together in one indivisible brotherhood. It has a common founder, tradition, rule, government, way of life, and mission. (C.1, 6)

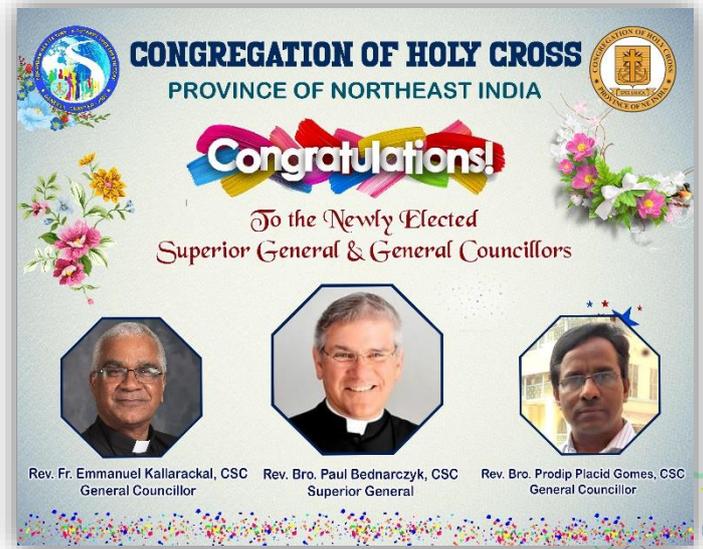




Brother Paul Bednarczyk belongs to the Moreau Province, with headquarters at Austin, Texas. He professed as a religious of Holy Cross in the year 1979 and served the Church in many capacities. He has served as the Executive Director of the National Religious Vocation Conference (NRVC), USA, consultant to the U.S. Bishops' Committee on Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations, member of the Advisory Board of Praesidium Religious Services, the Corporate Board of Holy Cross Family Ministries, and on several international Holy Cross commissions. Currently, for the past six years, Bro. Paul serves as the Vicar General of the Congregation. Brother Paul assumes the leadership in the Congregation at a historical time for the Congregation of Holy Cross.

Governance, (2) Mission and Ministry, (3) Consecrated Life, Heritage, and Charism, (4) Stewardship, and (5) Vocation & Formation. These

The Chapter elected Fr. Emmanuel Kallarackal, CSC, of the Province of Northeast India as the priest assistant for the General Council. Bro. Prodip Placid Gomes, CSC was elected as the brother assistant to the general council.



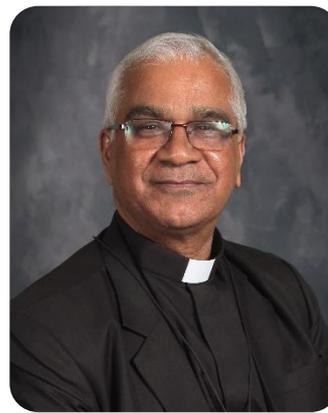
The General Chapter, which began on June 20th, 2022, at Villa Aurelia, Rome, has the theme: "The dream has its time, a journey together in Hope." There are 58 delegates from 16 countries participating in the Chapter deliberations.



sessions deliberated on matters concerning the world, the Church, and the Congregation. On the opening day of the Chapter deliberations, Superior General Fr. Robert Epping, CSC, gave the state of the Congregation and highlighted the agenda items for the consideration of the Chapter. The final week of the Chapter is scheduled for legislative works, which will see decisions that will have far reaching effects on the Congregation and its ministerial commitment throughout the world.

The delegates spent the first three days of the Chapter for a time of discernment in which the Chapter delegates listened attentively to the inspiring and eloquent speakers; Cardinal Braz de Aviz, the Prefect of the Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life, Fr. Arturo Sosa S.J. the Superior General of the Society of Jesus and Sr. Roxanne Shares, SSND., the Superior General of the School Sisters of Notre Dame to facilitate this process of discernment.

Our congratulations to Fr. Emmanuel Kallarackal CSC, a member of the North-East province, on being elected as the General Councilor. Congratulation, dear Fr. Emma, and our prayerful wishes are with you as you take up this important responsibility in the Congregation.



During the last ten days, the chapter capitulants engaged themselves in various sessions on (1)

- Roy Thalackan CSC



HOLY CROSS SCHOOL KUMARGHAT



Seminar:

A seminar on **Save Soil** was organized to create awareness among the students on protecting our environment. The school organized a conference on



14th May 2022 on the importance of protecting the soil under the title: **SAVE SOIL**. Sir Apu gave an excellent presentation on the importance of soil conservation and how we can achieve it. It was a well-attended seminar by the students.



Workers' Day:



This year, going against the tradition for practical reasons, we celebrated the International Workers' Day on 14th May 2022. It was a day on which the School Administration took time to make known the

contributions made by our supporting / non-teaching staff. Everyone appreciated the supporting-staff for their simple but essential services, towards the smooth running of the school. We had games and a short cultural program in honour of the workers. Each of them was presented with a gift as a token of our love and appreciation for his / her service to the Mission.



Session for the Teachers:



Fr. George Jacob CSC, after having taken up the new responsibility as the Secretary of HCEF, made his maiden visit to the school on 21st May. He personally addressed the teaching-staff and gave a session on: *How a teacher could be efficient and relevant in the present scenario*. He also made the teachers know the *expectations of the HCEF*. During the cultural event, arranged in his honour, he was welcomed by the school community and assured of our mutual support.



Farewell Program:



The School organized a send-off program in honour of Sr. Bantilin Rani FS, who had rendered a committed service to the school as the **supervisor**



cum teacher for the past two academic years, from 2020-22. She was very creative and friendly in her teaching. She accompanied the Supporting staff efficiently. On 21st May, the school community presented a colourful cultural-event, thanking her earnestly for her unassuming service to the school. She was assured of the best-wishes for her future endeavours, as well.

World Environment Day:

On 3rd June, the school celebrated the World Environment Day. In and through the program, the



students were made aware of the need to protect the environment, to keep it clean and to care for the Mother Earth. They were encouraged to plant saplings

at home and care for them. Students went around the school campus, clearing the place of plastics and other unwanted materials. We also planted some plants within the school compound. The students, from their part, displayed various ornamental-plants as their project-work.

Welcome Ceremony:

Sr. Lahunsuklang Marwein FS, was warmly welcomed to the school on 6th June, to render serve



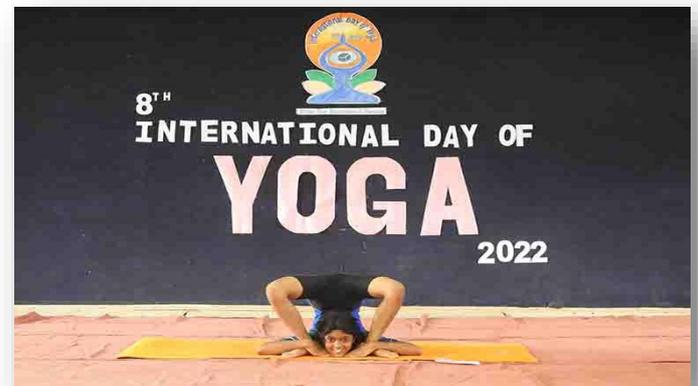
as a teacher and supervisor. With much enthusiasm, she began her duty; and we wish her every best in her service to the school, and a happy stay as well.

Rabindranath Tagore Jayanti:



Our school joyfully celebrated the 161st Birthday of Rabindranath Tagore, on 9th May 2022. The students were furnished with the life-story of the poet; and were refreshed with his Works of Art. The entire school-community {the Management, Teaching Staff, Students and the Supporting-Staff}, paid a significant tribute to the litterateur.

International Day of Yoga:



On 21st June 2022, the school celebrated the International Day of Yoga, in all enthusiasm. In a session, the students were briefed of the importance of Yoga and how to practice the same at home. After the session, different Yoga-Asanas were exhibited to them. Many expressed their eagerness to practice it daily.

- J. Sahaya Lourdu Raj csc





ORDINATION TO PRIESTHOOD

ORDINATION OF Dn. STEPHEN L. MUNGA CSC:

It is a matter of Rejoicing. Yes, the Province of North East India glorifies God for the gift of another priest in the person of Fr. Stephen Langsianmunga CSC.



Deacon Stephen CSC was ordained a priest on 18th June 2022 at Holy Cross Parish, Champhai, in the Diocese of Aizawl. Most Rev. Stephen Rotluanga CSC, Bishop of Aizawl ordained him in the presence of 26 priests, many of whom were CSCs. Many religious and lay-faithful were also present on the occasion. Despite

incessant rain and dilapidated road-conditions in most parts of the North East, many managed to reach the spot for the event. Bishop Stephen, in his homily, encouraged the newly ordained to work for God's reign with full vigour and with profound commitment. Soon after the sacerdotal ceremony,



a felicitation program was organized in honour of the newly ordained, and needless to say that it all came to an end, with a community Meal. On the

following day, 19th June 2022, Fr. Stephen CSC celebrated his first mass in the same church.



Fr. Stephen Langsianmunga was born on 4th July 1991 in Champhai to Mr. Ngozaakapa and Mrs. Monica Ningngaihluni. He joined Holy Cross as a candidate in 2009 and did his pre-novitiate studies in Holy Cross School, Agartala, Morningstar College,

Shillong and Christ King College, Shillong. After one year of Novitiate formation, he made his first profession on 25th May 2016 in Yercaud, Tamilnadu. He completed his Theological studies at Jnana Deepa Institute of Philosophy and Theology, Pune. On 16th October 2021, Stephen made his perpetual commitment in Holy Cross, at Agartala; and on the following day {17th Oct.'21}, was ordained a deacon by Most Rev. Lumen Monteiro, CSC, Bishop of Agartala Diocese. Fr. Stephen has been assigned for his first ministerial commitment, to Holy Cross Parish, Koloriang, under Itanagar Diocese, Arunachal Pradesh.

The Editorial Team of WAVES met with Fr. Stephen Langsianmunga CSC, and had a conversation with him, regarding his life and ministry.

WAVES: Can you tell us about yourself?

Stephen: I am from Champhai and I belong to Holy Cross Parish under Aizawl Diocese in Mizoram. My Father's name is Ngozakapa, a driver by profession, and my mother, Monica Ningngaihluni, is a homemaker. I have five siblings, comprising 4 brothers and 1 sister. I am the 2nd child in the family. My eldest brother joined Assam Rifles in 2005. He got married in 2017 and has two sons now. My younger sister has already completed her MA and is currently working as a Govt. school teacher. Two of my younger brothers completed their graduation, and my youngest brother is doing his BA first year at the moment.



WAVES: In your experience, what is unique about Holy Cross?

Stephen: My past experiences in Holy Cross have motivated me to become an excellent religious in the Congregation of Holy Cross. I am richly blessed to live with the senior confreres, who are part of my religious-growth. In all my formative years, I have seen different personalities and characters in the form of formators, who have molded me in every way. In all these, I could experience tremendous joy and collaboration with others. Everyone is genuinely gifted, and their creativity has enhanced the community atmosphere. Despite coming from various cultures and languages, I could experience family spirit wherever I was, which enhanced my life to a great extent. I think, therefore, the nature of community life we live is the uniqueness of Holy Cross.

WAVES: In what way, as a Religious Priest, would you like to be SPECIAL?

Stephen: I love visiting families and villages, and I enjoy meeting people and listening to their life-stories. Therefore, as a religious priest, I would very much like to involve more in the pastoral ministry as to be a blessing to the people.

Waves: Who motivated you to choose this way of life?

Stephen: Fr. Thomas John CSC invited and motivated me to join the Congregation of Holy Cross. I am grateful to him for having inspired me to this effect.

- **Team Waves** 



NEWS FROM BAGBASA



Inauguration and blessing of girls' hostel:

With the combined effort of two Congregations, namely, the Pallottine Missionary Sisters in India and the Holy Cross Fathers of North East Province,

the dream of opening a hostel for girls has become a reality. It has been christened as Holy Cross Girls' Hostel. On 14th June 2022, the hostel building was blessed by Most Rev. Lumen Monteiro, CSC, Bishop of Agartala Diocese. It was jointly inaugurated by Fr. Simon Fernandis CSC, Provincial, Holy Cross Fathers,



Province of North East India and Sr. Helen Lourdsamy SAC, Provincial Superior, Pallottine Missionary Sisters, India. Currently, there are 46 girls in the hostel taken care of by the Pallottine Sisters.



Investiture Program:

Leadership is an essential functional-key that helps direct an organization's resources for improved efficiency and the achievement of goals. Influential leaders provide clarity of purpose, and motivate organizations to realize its mission.

Holy Cross School, Bagbasa believes that the students who come into the portals of this institution should be given opportunities to learn leadership skills. Keeping this in mind, the school empowers the student-leaders to take an active part in the daily running of the school. On 25th May, the student-leaders took oath as SPL, ASPL, House Leaders, Class Captains and Vice Captains for the Academic Session 2022-23.



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- **Ajit Philip, CSC** 





ST. PAUL'S PARISH, KUMARGHAT



Fathers' Day Celebration:



On 1st May 2022, combined with the feast of St. Joseph, the worker, St. Paul's Parish, Kumarghat, organized the Fathers' Day to honour and to celebrate the *fatherhood*. There were over 90 daddies who participated from different *mondolies*. The input sessions by Fr. Jyothi SJ focused on the role and responsibility of fathers, basing St. Joseph as the role model. A meaningful Eucharistic celebration was organized as part of the celebration. The day also had fun-filled activities like musical chairs, busting the balloon, bombing the city, and tug of war, and the winners were given prizes. Fr. Lancy, Sr. Bastian, Mr. Roitua, and Mr. Thomas were the main organizers of the day. The celebration came to an end with refreshments being served to all. The day will be cherished by the fathers for a long time.



Seminar for the Village Leaders:

Two days workshop for the village-leaders of the parish was organized on 18 & 19, June 2022. Torrential rain could not adulterate the spirit of 62 participants who attended the program with a lot of enthusiasm. The seminar began with the enthronement of the Bible and prayer. Fr. Lancy CSC, the Parish Priest, welcomed the participants

and the resources Persons. The resource persons were: Fr. Hormis John CSC, Fr. Cyprian Pinto SVD & Fr. Jeevan SVD. They were ably assisted by Sr. Bastian FS, Sr. Vero Antony MC, Sr. Tarcisius MC & Fr. Lancy CSC. They dealt with the following aspects of Christian life: *Leadership in the Church & Synodality, Sacraments & homiletics, History of the Church, the present scenario of the Church and Sacrament of Marriage*. A question-answer session enhanced the participants clear their doubts on the topics discussed. The seminar also touched upon a few vital aspects of the liturgical activities of the



Church, such as: *Sunday Eucharist; how to conduct Sunday service; how to prepare the prayers of intensions, how to select the appropriate hymns for Sunday Eucharist and Sunday Service*. The participants appreciated the well-conducted seminar by the resource persons and thanked the organizing team for organizing it.

- Lancy D'Souza, CSC



Training for Sunday-School Teachers:

A day-long workshop was organized for the catechism teachers on 21st May with an aim of having an effective spiritual enhancement. 47 Catechism teachers from 12 villages enthusiastically participated in the seminar. Fr. Lancy CSC, in his session, explained the importance of the faith formation of children in the parish. Mr. Roitua Darlong explained to the teachers various ways and means to create interest in the children and how one can teach catechism effectively. Sr. Bastian FS





gave a session on the role and responsibilities of the catechism teachers in the *mondolies*. In the afternoon, a general session was held to share the responsibilities among the teachers and chalk out



the plan for the future. All returned to their respective villages, committing themselves to be more active in the children's faith formation.

- Roitua Darlong



HOLY CROSS PINE VIEW STUDY HOUSE, SUMER

The academic year 2021-22 ended on 30th April. We started with twenty-seven candidates, and after completing all the requirements, twenty will be moving to the next stage of formation in Tripura. They left for Agartala on 21st May along with Fr. Jowelson CSC, the Dean of Studies, here. We salute all our regional vocation promoters for their commendable service despite the hurdles they faced due to Covid-19 in bringing these young men to Holy Cross. We had to face trying moments during the academic year as this formation house was a containment zone, with most of us down with Covid-19. Jitu Beera, one of the candidates, was in the hospital for ten months from September 2021 with Covid and other health-related issues. He had just been discharged from the hospital and returned to Orissa, his home-state, for further medical attention. We thank those who have assisted us and offered their prayers and support during these

trying circumstances. We are currently getting ready to welcome the new batch for the academic year 2022-23.

- Jomy Mathew, CSC



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH, MOHARPARA

Sacrament of Confirmation:

Just as Baptism gives new life, Eucharist nourishes life, and Reconciliation restores life when it is



broken; confirmation strengthens that life by the gifts of the Holy Spirit {cf. CCC 1285}. On 28 & 29 May 2022, Most Rev. Lumen Monterio CSC, administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to 150 people in the Twithampui Zone and 100 people in Moharpara Zone of IC Parish at Moharpara. On the occasion, a few children received their First Holy Communion. The event was also used to wish Bishop Lumen on his 26th Episcopal Ordination Anniversary by the parish community.

Youth Bible Camp:

"Daily reading of the Bible is a sacred-duty of every baptized Christian, and one needs to take it seriously," said Fr. Joe Paul to about 100 youth of the parish who had gathered at St. Joseph Chapel, Toidu for one day Bible camp. He gave the participants detailed information about the Bible and responded to their queries. The program, held



on 5th June 2022, began with a Bible class, which was



followed by the Eucharist. The day ended with a shared-meal, and everyone returned to their homes with a pledge to read the Bible daily.

Seminar for Maria Sangha :



On 19th June 2022, our women from the sub-centers of the parish gathered at Yesu Khristo Jayanti Church in Gamaku for a day-long symposium. Sr. Jolly FS, Secretary, Diocesan Women Commission, and Sr. Mary Halam CSC, were the resource persons of the day. During the sessions, Maria Sangha members were enlightened about dealing with daily family problems and were invited to give importance to family prayer and Holy Rosary.

- Arbok Lyngdoh CSC



HOLY CROSS HR. SEC. SCHOOL: MAWKYNREW

National Championship:

Our students shine outside. An expert in anything



was once a beginner: These words are true of our students who won laurels at the Kickboxing National Championship. The students of Holy Cross School Mawkynrew began the journey of Kickboxing in 2015. Over the years, they have won medals both at State and National level Competitions. In May 2022, thirty of our students participated in the state-level kickboxing championship. Believe it or not: They won 9 gold medals, 12 silver medals, 3 bronze medals, and subsequently school won the overall-title. Eight of these students represented the State of Meghalaya at the National Championship held in Madhya Pradesh from 13 to 23 June 2022. Though faced with different hurdles on their way, including bus accidents, delays in transportation, torrential rain and financial constraints, our students kept their goal compact. They won 01 gold medal, 04 silver medals & 03 bronze medals. They now certainly believe that: *A dream coupled with hard-work brings success.* Kudos and Congrats to you spirited-students, and wish you all the very-best in your journey towards greater glory.

- Antony Maria Joseph, CSC





GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH, JONGKSHA

Parish Day:

8th May 2022, was marked as a day of thanksgiving



to God for the manifold blessings He had showered upon the Good Shepherd Parish community. Parish day this year was unique and memorable because of the Jubilee year. The con-celebrated solemn Eucharist was presided over by Fr. Teibor Lyngdoh, Administrator of Shillong Archdiocese. Over 10,000 faithful from all the corners of the parish had come to participate in the celebration. 1,279 youth of the parish received the Sacrament of Confirmation during the Eucharist. Fr. Teibor Lyngdoh shared the Word of God and spoke of Jesus as Good Shepherd leading the flock to life-eternal. He also appreciated and admired the faith of the faithful of Jongksha. Sharing the community meal after the Eucharist was a moment of grace and fellowship for the parishioners of the Parish. In the afternoon, the Eucharistic Adoration took precedence over everything, and it was prayerfully animated by Fr. Theophilus Sohtun CSC, Vice Provincial of Holy cross Fathers. The day came to an end, with an entertainment program, presented by different villages, during which the church-leaders were felicitated for their service.

- *Valerian Serrao, CSC*



NOTRE DAME HOLY CROSS SCHOOL: MOHARPARA

Farewell Program:



The school bid a memorable farewell to its out-going principal Fr. Alfred D'Souza CSC, on 23rd May 2022. He served the school for three and half years, and the entire school community thanked him for his selfless service to the school. The students performed various cultural items as a mark of honour and respect. Farewell speeches were delivered on behalf of the teachers and students. During the same function, the school community warmly welcomed its new principal Fr. Roby Menacherry CSC. The function was graced by Fr. Valerian Castelino CSC, Administrator of Holy Cross Fathers, Province of North East India, Fr. Arbok Lyngdoh CSC, School Manager and Fr. Hormis John CSC.

World Environment Day:





The World Environment Day was observed on 10th June 2022, in our school premises. The SDFO and the Ranger of Teliamura Sub-Division of Forest Department graced the occasion as the chief guest and guest of honor respectively. In their messages, both of them insisted on the importance of preserving the environment and the need to increase the green diversity of the particular area, State, and Nation for a better future. After the program, the dignitaries planted saplings on the school premises. Besides them, each class teacher and their class planted saplings on the school premises and promised to take care of them till they are gone from the school.

International Day of Yoga:



On 21st June 2022, the school celebrated the International Day of Yoga ardently, and many students participated. The theme for this year's Yoga Day was *Yoga for Humanity*. The students from Classes V to X actively participated in the observation of the day. The inaugural speech was given by Ms. Rosemary Hrangkhawl, who emphasized the importance of yoga and physical exercise in our daily lives. After a brief introduction, the meditation began, followed by *Surya Namaskar* {Sun-Salutation} and other '*asanas*.' The Yoga Day observation ended with the students exercising to get fit and remain healthy.

- **Roby Menacherry CSC**



ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR HEADS OF THE SCHOOLS

A three day Professional Development Program for all the Principals and Headmistresses of our schools



under Holy Cross Educational Foundation {HCEF} was organized from 27 to 30, May 2022, as part of "HCEF Leadership Conclave 2022". The day academically witnessed rigorous discussions and exchanges of ideas, leading to meaningful action-pointers essential to drive the culture of improvement in our Educational Institutes. The program began with a pre-reflection task that helped the participants understand the principals' and headmistresses' specific needs and challenges. One of the common areas of critical importance identified across the schools was the need to focus on strengthening the teaching, learning and assessment-practices, leading to a "culture of improvement in learning." Accordingly, the main focus of the program was to encourage principals, to critically reflect on the importance of transitioning from school leadership to educational leadership, preparing them to lead and improve teaching and learning in their schools. A framework for pedagogical leadership was introduced during the session, supporting principals and headmistresses to develop an "Annual Pedagogical Plan" for their schools. The three-day session was animated by Mr. Pavan Kumar from Variance Eduventure, Bangalore.

- **Paul Ranglong**





HOLY CROSS COLLEGE, AGARTALA

TEJAS 9.0:

The Annual Cultural and Sports Program "Tejas 9.0" of Holy Cross College, Agartala, was held in April - May 2022. Such cultural and sports program allows students to present their talents in different fields like music, dance, literary, fine arts, etc. The theme for Tejas 9.0 was: *We - the Warriors*.

Tejas 9.0 was officially inaugurated in the college auditorium on 6th May 2022. In his speech, the Chief



Guest of the program Shri Subhash Datta, SDM, Mohanpur Sub-division emphasized the importance of students participating in extra-curricular activities. He said, *"Practicing cultural activities will undoubtedly improve students' academic careers."* An inter-college singing and dancing competitions followed the inauguration program.

As part of Tejas 9.0, students, particularly young women, were allowed to participate in the self-defense workshop that lasted for 3 days from the 11th of May. During the entire duration of Tejas 9.0, the college organized competitions such as recitation, essay writing, inter-departmental quiz, and *rangoli*, and students enjoyed participating in them. An Art, Science, and Photography exhibition were organized on the 11th of May, which displayed the creativity and scientific temperament of the students.



The concluding function of Tejas 9.0 took place on 13th May, and the day was also celebrated as Ethnic Day. The day was dedicated to showcasing the diversity of Indian cultures and values. The students brightened up the day by dressing in traditional attire. *Sarees, kurtas, Dhotis & Rignais* were among the essential garments seen. Some students attempted to dress as ethnically and traditionally as possible to represent their lineage and place of origin. Students showcased their region's culture through various art forms such as singing, dancing, fashion shows, etc. Shri Jishnu Dev Varma, Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister of Tripura, was the day's Chief Guest, and he appreciated the college's efforts to promote talents among the students.

- Fr. Joe Paul CSC



HOLY CROSS SCHOOL, AGARTALA

A Journey from Where You Are to Where You Want to Be:

A fresh cohort of class XI began their journey in Holy Cross Agartala, despite the delay in the Board exams and uncertainty of the results. At the inaugural function, held on June 24, 2022, the chief guest, Fr. George Jacob, emphasized the new phase of their academic life and preparedness for it's unfolding.



After the formal inauguration, the freshers had a day-long seminar with the theme: "A Journey From Where You Are to Where You Want to Be." As the theme suggests, the resource person helped the cohort reflect on their generation's (Generation Z) characteristics to prepare them to respond to the challenges and situations they may face in the future. The class also spent considerable time discussing career preparedness as they had an opportunity to understand various streams, advantages, and disadvantages of multiple career options and the aptitude they must have or develop to pursue a particular career. The group also had games and activities to familiarise themselves with each other as they began their journey towards new horizons. God bless them and our efforts!

- **Jilson Tom, CSC**



ST. MARY'S PARISH, TUIKARMAW

Installation of the Parish Priest:

Fr. Thomas Pereira CSC was installed as the new parish priest of St. Mary's Parish, Tuikarmaw during a con-celebrated Eucharist presided over by Most Rev. Lumen Monteiro, CSC, Bishop of Agartala. The event was held on 5th June 2022 amidst a large

gathering of priests, sisters and faithful of the parish. After the mass a felicitation programme was



organized by the parish council to welcome Fr. Thomas as their parish priest and thank Fr. Sojan Augustine CSC for his wonderful services for the past years as parish priest. The programme also saw the presence of Fr. Simon Fernandis CSC, Provincial Superior and Fr. Gervis D'Souza, Deputy Secretary General of CBCI.

- **Renju George CSC**



HOLY CROSS FORMESS

Academic Year 2022-2023:

No.:	Formation House	Candidates
01.	Holy Cross Pine View Study House: Sumer - Meghalaya	36 Candidates Orientation Program
02.	St. Andre Minor Seminary{SAMS} Bodhjunnagar - Tripura	29 Candidates Class 11: 16 Class 12: 13
	Sacred Heart Study House Lembucherra - Tripura	42 Candidates 1 st Yr Degree:15 2 nd Yr Degree:08 3 rd Yr Degree:13



03.		Plus.: Brothers' Candidates: 05 Graduated Candidate: 01
04	Holy Cross Novitiate Yercaud - Tamil Nadu	NE: Novices: 06 {Davit, Emelius, Sarbin, John, Marshal & Wantei}
05.	Philosophy: Holy Cross Seminary, Pune I B. Ph.: Two Scholastics: Pintu & Henry	
06.	Regency: Three Scholastics: Thomajoy Reang csc / Thamwar {Anthony}csc / Gilderious csc	
07.	Theology: Holy Cross Seminary, Pune I BTh: 3 Scholastics: Akhsi Kumar Wary, Eldho Augustine & Tarsis Marak II BTh: 3 Scholastics: Newton Basumatari, Preet Anupam Beck & Shanborlang Mawrie III BTh: Two Scholastic: Francis Gayang csc & John Nongphud csc	
08.	Perpetually Professed & Deacons One: Ishongkun Kurbah CSC	

- **Mariaraj CSC**



RESULT 2022

Our Schools performed very well in the recently held Board Exams. Waves congratulates the principals, headmistresses, staff, students and well-wishers. The performance of the schools are mentioned below:

TBSE (Tripura Board)

Madhyamik Result

Holy Cross School Bagbasa: 100 %
Holy Cross School Panisagar: 100%
Holy Cross School Kathalcherra: 95%
Holy Cross School Tuikarmaw: 100%

Higher Secondary Result

Holy Cross School Kathalcherra: 100%
Holy Cross School Tuikarmaw: 100%

MBOSE (Meghalaya Board)

SSLC

Good Shepherd Jongksha: 84%
Holy Cross Mawkenraw: 71%
St. John Bosco Mawpat: 74%
Holy Cross School Umkiang: 98%

HSSLC

Good Shepherd Jongksha: 100%
Holy Cross Mawkenraw: 100%
Holy Cross School Umkiang: 100%

MBSE (Mizoram Board)

St. Joseph Khawzawl: 100%

