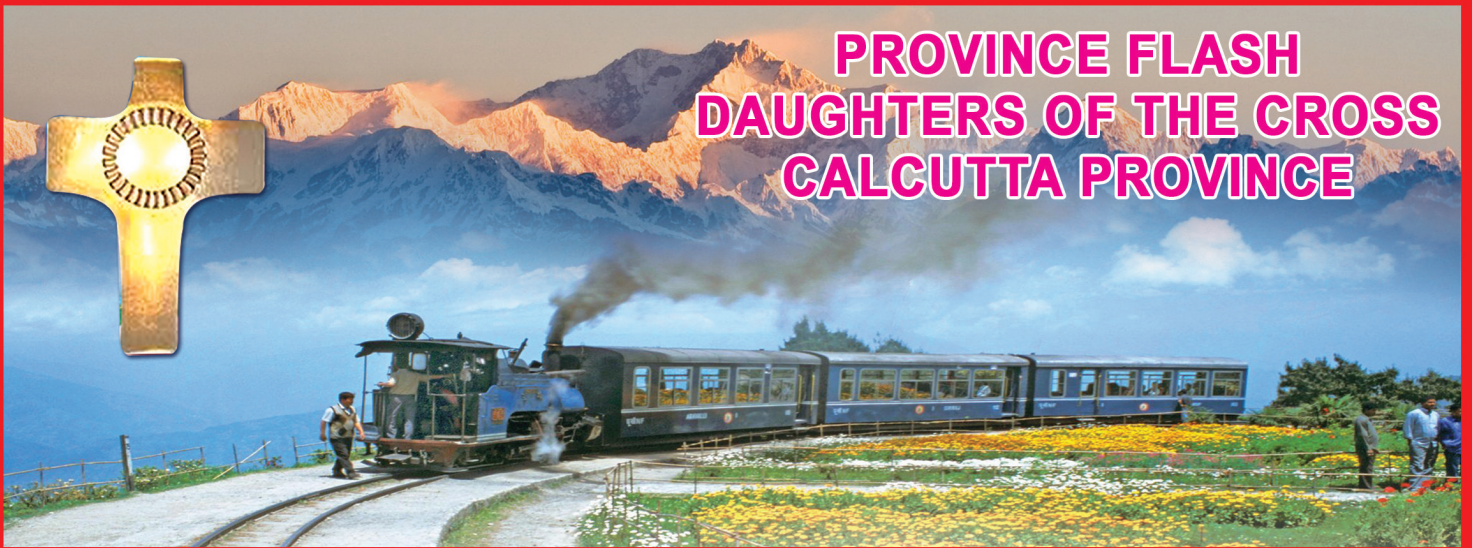


PROVINCE FLASH DAUGHTERS OF THE CROSS CALCUTTA PROVINCE



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NEWS BULLETIN

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My dear Sisters, Associates, Friends and well-wishers,

Advent is a time of joyful waiting, it is a time to let go of the worldly distractions that take us away from God, and focus on growing closer to him through prayer and concern for others.

The birth of Jesus is an event that echoes and ripples through the centuries right down to us today. It is about God fulfilling his promises, saving his people, coming to us — as one of us — in Jesus. Through the birth of Christ, God enters our time and history, and more importantly each of our own personal lives. Christ is Emmanuel, God-is-with-us, and God is with each of us today in a very personal and intimate way.

Christmas is an everyday event that involves Jesus knocking on the door of our hearts, seeking admission. The God-dimension never changes, the offer is always there, and the good news is delivered with greater consistency than the morning newspaper. What happens after that is totally dependent on whether we accept the offer, open the door, and make our hearts available as a manger.



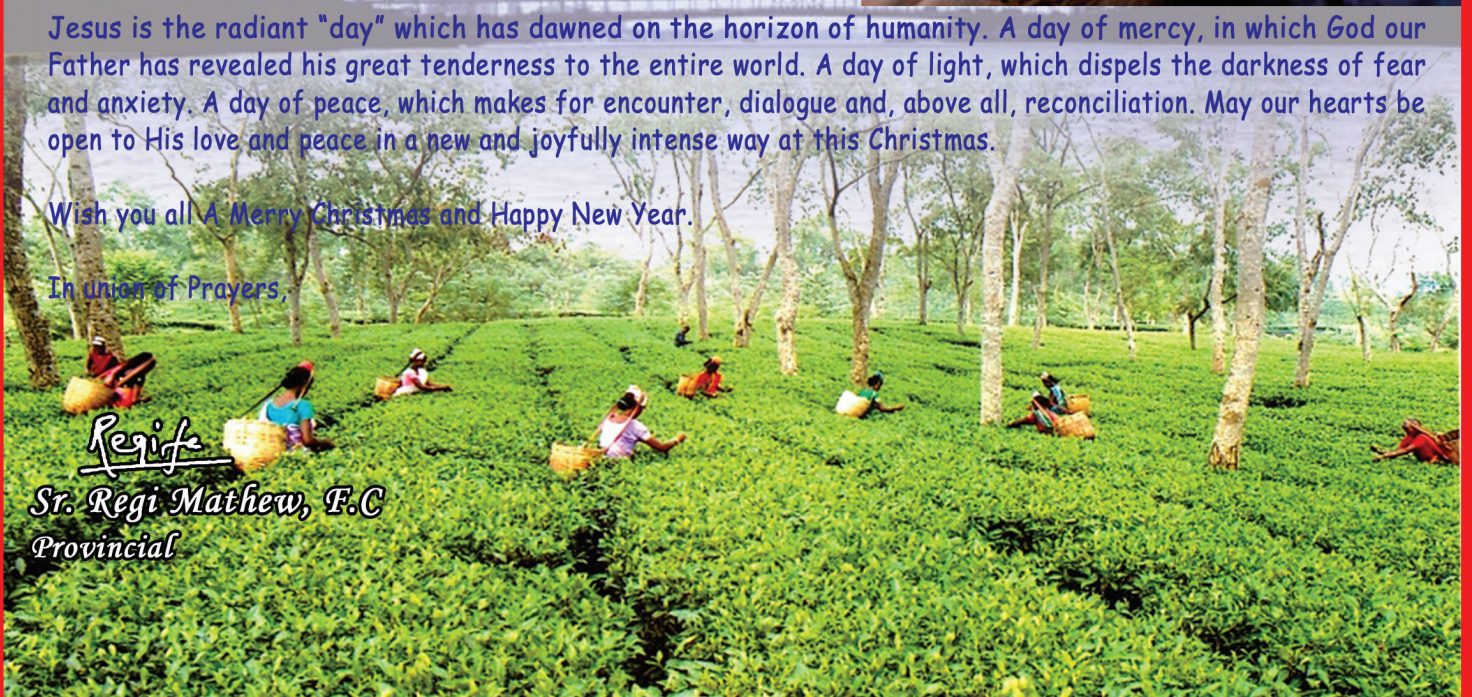
Jesus is the radiant "day" which has dawned on the horizon of humanity. A day of mercy, in which God our Father has revealed his great tenderness to the entire world. A day of light, which dispels the darkness of fear and anxiety. A day of peace, which makes for encounter, dialogue and, above all, reconciliation. May our hearts be open to His love and peace in a new and joyfully intense way at this Christmas.

Wish you all A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

In union of Prayers,

Regife

Sr. Regi Mathew, F.C
Provincial



ST. TERESA'S CONVENT, KIDDERPORE

The Interact Club of St. Teresa's chartered on the 5th of November 2015 is a social service club for students in the age group of 12 – 18 years. They participate in meaningful service projects while developing leadership skills and personal integrity, demonstrating helpfulness and respect for others. Our Interactors have

- organized awareness programmes on 'Global Warming' and 'Disaster Management'; Health Check-up Camps for the poor at Howrah Station; for the ladies of St. Catherine's Old age Home and for our students at the school.; Sit & Draw contest; Fancy Dress competition for the under-privileged children; Inter-School Quiz and Inter-School Fest
- installed a Sanitary Napkin vending machine and a Wash Basin within the school premises.
- constructed 8 toilets in a girls' school in Bawria Village in collaboration with their parent club, Calcutta Presidency.
- distributed blankets every year on Christmas Eve to the footpath dwellers.
- celebrated Women's Day and Mother's Day.
- watched the Petra pole – Benapole joint Retreat Ceremony by the soldiers of India and Bangladesh.
- conducted a Medical Tour to Fortis Hospital for a closer look at the hospital activities in different departments like the Blood Bank, Physiotherapy, CT Scan, etc.
- participated in TATA Power Quiz and Meghnad Saha Science Fest.

Last year we won the Telegraph Award for Excellence in Social Service.

Sr. Margaret Subba F.C

ENTRY INTO POSTULANCY

On the 4th Nov.2018, at 3p.m., seven of our candidates, Priyansha xalxo, Roma Naru, Anupa Kerketta, Dibya kispotta and Kiran kerketta entered postulancy during a meaningful prayer service. Sisters from the neighbouring communities were present. Their prayers and presence added joy and encouragement to our formees and to all of us in the formation.



Sr. Regi Mathew our provincial was present for the entry and through her inspiring message she made them understand and reflect on the meaning and journey of life as a postulant in the fc family. Sr. Catherine the province formation coordinator also spoke about the call of the prophets like Moses and Abraham. At the end of the day they looked happy and cheerful. We wish them all God's choicest blessings in life.

Sr. Veronica Robert F.C.

NEW LIFE

The lamp of health lighted in 1937 "Navjeevan" is a name to be reckoned with the modern life and its ailments. Annually "Navjeevan" caters to 32,000 patients in OP and 25,000 patients in wards. Patients from places like Bhutan, Nepal, Sikkim, Bangladesh and distant states like Bihar, Orissa and Uttar Pradesh throng to this hospital.

They go back contended and cured of their ailments not only because of the effect of medicines but with the healing power of God!

"NIRME" Institute of Research and Medical Education trains the poor masses of this area to assist in the healing ministry. The Paramedical Courses offered are Patient care, Pharmacy, Laboratory, Physiotherapy and OT technician. Joining hands with Don Bosco Technical training, NIRME offers the courses for the drop out students. These short term (3 Months) courses are Security guard, bed side nursing and hotel management.

Students passing out from Navjeevan shine as stars in many Govt. departments. The School of Nursing mainly takes the students from the locality and work for the welfare of Adivasis. "Navjeevan" imparts life to the needy and oppressed in this backward area of West Bengal. Glory be to GOD.....

Dr. George P.U.

UPDATES:-

Navjeevan Hospital conducted free health camps for the students and the parents of Don Bosco School, Mirik in Darjeeling and another health camp in Taipoo, in Terai.

Hospital conducted Blood Donation Camp, Thalassaemia Awareness program, Screening test for the students in collaboration with North Bengal Medical College Hematology Department, a free Eye Checkup Camp in collaboration with Greater Lions Club, Siliguri .

The School of Nursing was proud to prepare and release 39 of its full pledged nurses for the needy society and gave a tearful yet happy farewell to the VIIIth batch of GNM Graduates. The new Academic Sessions for Nursing students began on 10th of September.

It was a day of immense joy when the School of Nursing welcomed 40 new enthusiastic Nursing Novices.

Navjeevan SNA (Student Nurses Association) prepared delicious food items in the campus to raise funds along with their monthly contributions.

On the occasion of Foundation day of our Congregation on 8th September, the entire employees and the students of all the departments expressed their love, appreciation and gratitude to Sisters in the form of a cultural programme.

FOUNDATION DAY CELEBRATION



To help students to grow physically and mentally NIRME organized International Yoga day at the centre.

To enable the youngsters to gain a foothold in the competitive job market, Don Bosco Tech has collaborated with NIRME Gayaganga to help the youth to acquire the required livelihood and soft skills in an environment of learning and mentoring that is responsive to the individual's emotional and developmental needs.



Sr. Marina Thapa F.C.

NOVITIATE, BARASAT

Arrival of Postulants to the Novitiate:-

On 5th September 2018 the Novitiate family had great joy in welcoming eight Postulants along with Srs. Veronica and SnehaMukta. They were received in the traditional way of washing the hands, *arti* and *chandana*. To mark this beautiful event there was a short prayer service with the theme "Enter the House of God with Hearts Filled with Gratitude."

There was an orientation session in order to initiate them to the life and culture of the Novitiate.

Novices Punit & Amiya

Entry into the Novitiate – A New Chapter of our Life:-

On 14th Sept. 2018 we were accepted as Novices in the Congregation of the Daughters of the Cross. We had a wonderful and meaningful recollection day on 13th Sept. in preparation to take a new step in our life joyously. During the prayer service Sr. Regi our Provincial asked us about our willingness to follow Jesus Crucified. We expressed our 'Yes' and we were accepted

as Novices. All the sisters present prayed for us and blessed us.

We were privileged to have Sr. Magdali, Provincial councillor from Rourkela, Sr. Veronica Postulant Directress, Sr. Catherine K the Formation coordinator and Sr. Sony with us on this joyous occasion. We acknowledge our heartfelt thanks to Sr. Pushpa Purathur our Superiour General for this important day of our life. We are confident that the Lord who called us will keep us in His loving hand. We thank each one of you dear sisters for your constant prayer and support. We do assure you of our prayers.

First year Novice Mary Samad

Blissful celebration of our Triple Feasts:-

The month of September has a special spiritual significance for us as we celebrate the three great feasts of our Congregation. For us the days of preparation for the triple feasts were filled with lots of joy, learning and reflective messages for each day of the Novena. The prayers and reflections were based on the Missionary Zeal of Blessed Marie Therese, Cannon Habets, and on the life of our saintly pioneering sisters.

Each one prepared very inspiring and enriching reflection on the Chapter theme- "Revitalize Missionary Zeal in the spirit of the Charism". The feasts on 8th, 14th and 15th were celebrated with great solemnity with meaningful Liturgy and fellowship meal. For the feast of Exaltation of the Cross our neighbouring religious communities were invited to share our joy. After the solemn Eucharistic celebration our newly erected Calvary was blessed by Rev Fr. Henry, the Director of the Minor Seminary. As Daughters of the Cross we draw our strength and inspiration from the Cross.

Novices Punit and Amiy

ST. VINCENT'S HOME, KIDDERPORE

Celebrating 50 years of God's grace and faithfulness...

On 2nd October, 2018, the jubilee bells rang joyously for us, the community of St. Vincent's Home, to celebrate the Golden Jubilee of Sr. Anne Joseph and Sr. Rita Perumaden.



The presence of our neighbouring F.C. Communities, priests, religious, friends, and parishioners of Baruipur Diocese and the family members of our Jubilarians doubled our joy. Rev. Salvador Lobo, Bishop of Baruipur Diocese celebrated the Holy Eucharist with seventeen concelebrants at 11. A. M. The entrance dance by the candidates led our Jubilarians and the celebrants to the altar. Sr. Dominica gave us a brief description of the life, mission and the zealous service of our Jubilarians. The choir was led by Sr. Pranita Lepcha and Sr. Veronica A. The formees sang melodiously. Sr. Anne Joseph thanked everyone for making the day a joyful and special one. Soon after the Mass, there was a short felicitation programme followed by fellowship meal.

We are grateful to God for the wonderful gifts of our sisters to the family of the Daughters of the Cross.

Sr. Ebha Kujur FC

Congratulations

Sr. Lucy Abraham - passed GNM



ST. CATHERINE'S HOME, KIDDERPORE

The home has 41 ladies. We are indeed happy that our home is caring and serving the patients whom we bless and take care. We thank St. Teresa's Secondary school for entertaining our residents with their beautiful programmes which they always wait for. Students of Loreto college

visit our ladies, talk to them and spend time with them.

Sr. Lalita Russel attended a two days' workshop on SCC meeting at the Bishop's house. Soon after the SCC is started in the parish.

On 29th Sept. 2018, Sr. Mousumi Mondal attended a one day workshop on "Living Well, Leading Well" at Premashraya- a Home Away from Home (A Tata Medical Centre, Kolkata). There were 60 participants in this Workshop conducted by Dr. Soumitra Shankar Dutta a consultant child/ adolescent psychiatrist, and Dr. Amit Biswas an eminent consultant child/ adolescent neuro-psychiatrist.

The main theme of the workshop was how to live more fully and happily in this frantic world and increase our deeper connection to ourselves and with one another. Practical ways were discussed to improve our positivity, resilience and wellbeing as well as to reduce stress and to increase our capacity to make wise choices in life as well as how to reduce depression, anxiety and stress and improve our focus, clarity, creativity and compassion.

The participants were taught the theory and practice of gratitude, self compassion and positive psychological techniques to develop building mental/ psychological / spiritual capital. Through meditation, discussion, movements, lectures, reflective writing, problem solving etc. the participants were taught how to make effective, balanced and conscious decision in front of adversity and complex life situations etc.

On 7th November we celebrated Diwali. We had an evening prayer service followed by lighting the lamps around the house by all those who were able to light them. We had fireworks which gave colour to the evening.

Sr. Dibya Bara F.C.

NEWS FROM HOWRAH

St. Agnes' Convent School has successfully completed the first term examination for the academic year 2018-2019. On 5th of October we had a Parents Teachers meeting. On 30th Oct.

Provident Fund Office, Howrah organized Debate for IX to XII students and a Sit and Draw competition for the students of classes V-VIII on the topic, 'Corruption Free Country'. On 1st Nov. awareness programme on 'Vigilance and Fraud' was conducted by Bank of India, Dobson Lane Branch, Howrah for the students. Precious gift of each child and their uniqueness was celebrated with much joy and enthusiasm on 14th of November. Two days of Career counselling session was taken by Dr. Sayarva Saha Biswas for class XII science students. The Annual Sports Day was held on 1st December at Howrah Municipal Corporation Stadium with vigour and enthusiasm.

Sr. Deepshika Rai F.C.

OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL CONVENT, GAYAGANGA

St. Mary's Girls' primary school & High School observed Nirmal Vidyalaya Saptaha from 24th Sept. to 29th Sept. 2018. During the week the following activities took place:-

- Food and Hand hygienic measures during Mid Day Meal: Children washed their hands with the liquid before their meal.
- Beat plastic pollution: children picked up the plastics and put them into garbage.
- Art and Aesthetics appreciation day: Children had drawing competition.

During the Morning Assembly children said the slogans and sang the sanitation song every day. Children had the free eye check-up from the Government.

Class XII had health check-up of Thalassaemia. Class X and XII wrote their selection test. They will be soon having study leave. The hostellers are back from their holidays and are putting their heart and mind in study and preparing for the final examination.

Sr. Beena went to Lucknow for the AINACS. Sr. Shanti took the 15 Associates to Bandel and then to St. Vincent's Home, Kidderpore. They enjoyed the trip. Sister also accompanied the youth to Krisnagar for the Youth convention. There after she went to Guahati for the Meeting on prison ministry. She also attended the CRI meeting in Kolkata. Sr. Anjeli went to Delhi for the meeting on Accounts.

We had Mass in the graveyard on 2nd of November, all souls day. Our sisters from different communities also came to pay homage to our deceased members.

Harvesting season has begun. But due to less rain we did not get good crop this year.

Sr. Nilima Dung Dung F.C.

HELENA CONVENT, DIPHU

Helena Convent Diphu, Assam became a canonically erected Community on 14th Sept. 2018, the day St. Helen is believed to have found the Holy cross. We had solemn Eucharist in the evening which was well prepared by the sisters and students of our hostel. We had a few guests from the neighboring religious communities and our fathers from the campus. The Mass began with a prayer dance by our girls. Sr. Leela read out the mandate of Sr. Anjali Pallithuthyil FC as the first superior of the newly erected community. The other members of the community are Srs. Therese Namattathil, Jasmine Sebastian, Helen Momin and Jyotsna Barla. Srs. Ruby, Abba and Markyenti from Mission Sisters of Ajmer are also staying with us. The choir prepared by Sr. Abba and the Hostel wardens made the Eucharist more solemn and prayerful.

We ended the day with a fellowship meal and thanksgiving prayer to the Almighty. We entrust this mission into the hands of God. Thanks for your prayers and good wishes.

Sr. Leela Mancheril F.C.

Celebrating Light (Diwali)

On 6th November 2018 we celebrated the festival of the Light Diwali with the Boarders. We had a prayer service in the evening conducted by Sr. Anjali Francis and Ms. Canada our hostel warden. A colorful Rangoli was made by the girls in front of the House. During the prayer service each girl kept a lit 'Diya' around the Rangoli. After the prayer Fr. Syriac sdb gave a short reflection on the feast of the light. Refreshments were distributed to the girls.

Sr. Jyotsna Barla F.C.

Christ the King feast

The Diocese of Diphu had the Eucharistic Procession on 11th November, 2018 in anticipation of Christ the King feast in the Diocese. The hostel girls and boys along with some other people from the diocese were volunteers for the whole programme. Sisters and the hostel girls and boys decorated the huge pandal beautifully and were much appreciated. It was a good witness for the non-Christian students of our hostel.

Helen Momin F.C.

MAMRING HEADLINES

The school Concert:

The Annual concert of Ivana Memorial Convent School was celebrated on the 7th October 2018 with great zest and enthusiasm. The honorable MLA Mrs. Tilu Gurung, Namthang Ratepani Constituency was the chief guest of the day. The programme commenced with lighting of the lamp by Mrs. Tilu Gurung, escorted by other dignitaries. Mrs. Mandira introduced the chief guest and others to the gathering followed by the cultural programme. The concert was based on the theme 'Be the light of the world'.

Many events highlighted the theme, especially group songs, prayerdance, and Hindi Skit. The Rajasthani group dance was scintillating and enjoyed by all. The Hindi skit depicted respect for the older generation in our present scenario. The chief guest felt highly honoured and she lauded the vision and relentless hard work of the students and teachers. She appreciated and thanked the Christian missionaries for their contribution to our nation.

ARCEIS Meeting -The ARCEIS heads meeting was held on 17th November 2018 at 10. A.M. in the school hall. The meeting began with a short prayer by Sr. Helen. There after President Fr. Francis discussed the agenda especially the forth coming inter school activities. This was followed by the election of the new President (Fr. Lawrence) and Secretary (Fr. George D'suoza). There were 15 Principals from different schools and after the meeting a delicious meal was served to all.

The school bid farewell to Sr. Mariana on 10th October 2018. Teachers and children acknowledged her hard work, simplicity and kindness. The community was happy to receive Sr. Jacinta Mattathinkara as well as novice Priyanka Kullu on 27th October, 2018. They were welcomed in the school as well as in the parish church. Sr. Jacinta is very helpful and supportive for the welfare of our school.

Sr. Helen Francis F.C.

DAUGHTERS OF THE CROSS CONVENT, GOROMTOLI, RAIGANJ,

On 17th October 2018 Sr. Mariana Soreng F.C. joined the community. Now she is busy learning the local language; Bengali and Santhali, going for house visiting. She is happy for her new mission. On 11th November our boarders came back after Puja Holidays. They are busy preparing for their Annual Examination to be held towards the end of November. On 25th November Christ the King procession was held in the School compound followed by Holy Mass.

Sr. Mariana Soreng F.C.

HATIGHISA

Unforgettable experience...

We see more and more patients far and wide are interested in our mission here. Patients are with stroke, fracture, accident and cancer. Ten beds are always occupied by the patients.

One of our orphan women who was brought up by Sr. Ivana and Bro. Bob in Jeshu Ashram aged 92 years was bedridden. Her daughter brought her here. Sisters took care of her. But gradually she grew weaker, but she was able to understand us and give a sweet smile when we visited her. One night we realized she was at her last breath. Sr. Insamma was there with the staff on duty and they recited Mercy Rosary. Sr. Insamma asked me to baptize her and gave me the holy water. Suddenly I remembered her love for Sr. Ivana and Bro. Bob sj. So I baptized her and named her Caroline. Her face was radiant with joy. I whispered, ***'My good Holy Sr. Ivana and Bro. Bob are waiting for you in heaven. They are calling you...go...go to the best place'***. Suddenly she closed her eyes and breathed her last peacefully saying 'Thank You sister'. Yes! She is in heaven with all the angels and saints.

She was with us for six months. I thank God for giving me an opportunity to serve these people in my old age. Patients are unable to walk by themselves so we take them in the wheel chairs and they are very happy and grateful to us.

Sr. Shalini Kullu F.C.

ANNUAL JUNIORATE PROGRAMME



Annual Juniorate Programme is eagerly awaited by for all the juniors of the province. All were filled with excitement and joy because it would be held in Assam, an unknown land, for many. Rangjuli was waiting for us on 15th October and was saddened to see us leave the place on 24th October, 2018. We had a beautiful and relevant theme for our programme – 'The person of Jesus'. The resource person was Fr. Maxim, a Dominion priest from Diphu Diocese. Indeed, it was an incredible experience for each one of us.

Besides the sessions we had a wonderful opportunity to visit families in five villages. We learned many things and enjoyed to the full, the goodness of God. At the end of our programme, we were privileged to visit one of our missions, Hatigopa. There after we went to a place called Malang, where we spent our time enjoying the waterfall and the games.

We are grateful to Sr. Regi and her team and our Directress, Sr. Catherine for arranging this programme and especially for choosing this particular place. We thank the sisters of the community, Sr. Sumita, Sr. Juliet and Sr. Angelina who worked very hard to look after us, during our stay there.

**Sr. Helen Momin, Sr. Alka Lakra,
Sr. Prabha Lakra, Sr. Dipika Rai**

ST. TERESA'S GIRLS' HIGHS CHOOOL
(H.S.) BASANTI

Teaching and Learning Beyond Class Rooms:

Being away from class room studies is the most exciting time for any student. The Geography department of H.S. section and a few class IX and X students of our school were taken to Bolpur Shantiniketan, Bakreswar and Hazar Duary Murshidabad for three days study tour under the guidance of Rose Basanti Lakra along with Sr. Maxima, Sr. Sanju and two other teachers. It was a joyful learning and enriching experience for all of us.

The second group of lower classes was taken to Eco Park, Kolkata for a day's Picnic under the guidance of our senior most teacher Jayoti Saha Kundu and other teachers. They were stunned and amazed. All were thrilled with new experiences.

Retreat for Catholic Students: There was a two days' Retreat for our Catholic/Christian students conducted by our Parish Priest Rev. Fr. Arup Bor and Regent Bro. Anup during the Diwali holidays. Children were nourished with spiritual food. We are grateful to Fr. Arup and Bro. Anup.

Jesus the Light of the world: Dipavali was celebrated with prayers, lighting of the lamps, rangoli, and fire works and a fellowship meal. It was an exciting moment for all in the compound.
Sr. Maxima Bara F.C.

MARIE THERESE CONVENT, GOSABA

Sr. Elizabeth was with us for a month from 9th September to 16th October, helping the community and the school as well as the Parish. She went to Alipurduar for her new Mission on 18th October. We wish her well for her new apostolate.

On 16th October Sr. Mukti Madhuri joined the community.

On 26th October Sr. Rashmilata came back from the Juniorate programme.

On 14th November 2018 we celebrated the Children's Day together with the Coaching class children and our school children. We had a small prayer service for the children followed by a

short programme for the children by the sisters and teachers.



On 27th November the foundation of our new school building was blessed by our Parish priest Fr. Ujjwal Mondal. Now the work is in full swing. Novice Muktilata Kerketta was with us for a month from 26th October to 26th November for Community Experience.

Sr. Rashmilata Beck F.C.

JORDIGHI MISSION

I arrived my new mission in Jordighi on the 4th September 2018. Srs. Flora and Shanti received me with great joy. We began this Mission in 2011. We have a hostel for Santhali children from far away villages and they attend the nearby Government schools. We are also involved in the Pastoral care. There are about one thousand Catholics spread far and wide – with 33 sub-stations to reach out. We accompany the priest to a few of the substations for Mass. Superstition is one of the evils we have to battle with. As many of them have received baptism lately their faith is very shallow. Children have very little opportunity for education. Poverty is a big problem here. As there are no hospitals close by health too is neglected. I am very happy to have the opportunity to visit them and at least be with them in their struggle.

Hoping and praying that we will be able to reach out to them in a more effective way.

Sr. Leela Mancheril F.C.

DUNDAJHAR

Community exposure programme:

It was a source of pride for us to have 3rd year GNM students of Navajeevan school of Nursing for their Community exposure programme. It

was an enriching experience as they visited the village called Singhibitta. The students were very much enthusiastic and full of life in rendering their nursing service to the people in the community. Besides their nursing service they also engaged themselves in imparting awareness to the community on various diseases. People appreciated the presence and contribution of the students to the community.

We thank our nursing students for making real the motto of Navajeevan i.e. 'Love, Care and Share'.

Sr. Lucy Abraham F.C.

RINCHENPONG

Daughters of the Cross Convent School had the Annual Sports Day on 16th November 2018. Mr. K.S Lepcha Honourable MLA of Rinchenpong Constituency was our Chief Guest. He was very happy for the school's achievements. There were also many guests of honour. Students participated in all the events with great enthusiasm. It was indeed a great success. Thanks to all our teachers and sisters who worked very hard to make the day a memorable one.

Sr. Oliva Bilung F.C.

HATIGOPA NEWS

In the Month of October dedicated to Mother Mary, we the faithful of Hatigopa centre came together and recited the Rosary daily. The statue of Mother Mary was carried to each family in a procession; Sr. Anjalina and Village catechist spoke about Mary to the people which helped them to increase their faith.

On 14th November, Children's Day, we had sports for the Children. Our Chief Guest was Acchu Heavenson Sangma. The programme began with a small prayer service by class IV, followed by various cultural dances of Assam by Class V followed by prize distribution. Each student received sweets and cake.

Sr. Anu James F.C

ST. HELEN'S CONVENT, KURSEONG

St. Helen's School took up the responsibility of hosting the inter school athletic meet of all Anglo Indian schools of the three hills-Darjeeling, Kalimpong and Kurseong at

Goethals Memorial School Grounds, 4 kms. away from the school on 4th Nov. We accommodated 83 students and the staff in our school premises. The inaugural function was at 8 am. Bro. Beddoe was the chief guest. Goethals school helped us in catering. Everything went smoothly and the meet was over by 2.15 P.M.

Sr. Rose Namattathil F.C.

On 10th November 2018, Darjeeling Diocese held annual CRI meeting at Goethals Memorial School Kurseong. Almost 25 sisters, brothers and fathers were present. We were enriched by the short inputs session conducted by Fr. Mathew Pulingathil sdb on 'PRAYER IS LISTENING'. Relationship which brings changes is the peak experience. This experience in prayer will bring changes in our life. God converses with us in and through mind, will, emotion, imagination and memory etc. At the end of session the group shared their experience of prayer. We thanked the outgoing president Fr. James Chacko sdb and elected Fr. Varghese sdb as the new president. He spoke on the need to co-operate with one another in the diocese for the welfare of the people we serve, and for the greater glory of God.

Sr. Rojinta Kujur fc.

SACRED HEART CONVENT,

BAIDYAPUR

Students of Class III and IV have learnt to make paper bags and presented to M.C. sisters when they came to distribute medicines in our mission.

They have learnt to make use of old cards, dolls with rags etc. They take in turn to clean wash rooms and surrounding along with their teachers. The use of junk food has lessened. Parents too have become aware of the hazards of junk food. The school conducted recitation, dance competitions, football and other tournaments for boys and girls. On 8th September we conducted a sit and draw competition and the staff gave a programme. Games were conducted for each class.

Four students received certificates and prizes for Oxford talent hunt. Kaveri Manhattan, our class IV student is selected for regional level yoga competition.

Our sisters respond to sick calls and many have thanked us for their healing. Our pastoral visits are regular and effective. We take part in SCC and CLC and teach Catechism in the parish.

The OC of Kulpi Police station had organized Sarbo Dharma Sammelan. Many spiritual leaders were present on the occasion. It was well appreciated by all.

Sr. Nirmala Dewan F.C.

CLOSING CEREMONY OF THE SESQUICENTENNIAL JUBILEE OF THE PROVINCE



The solemn closing ceremony of the Sesquicentennial year 2017-2018 was flagged off on 21st Nov. 2018 by a thanksgiving Holy Eucharistic celebration, which was officiated by Rt. Rev. Arch Bishop Thomas D'Souza, in

the presence of present and former provincials, sisters from each community, Associates, friends and students.

The mass was at St. Paul's Boarding and Day School hall. The entrance dance by our postulants and candidates, beautiful hall decorations by Sr. Basanti and team, angelic choir by Sr. Pranita and team added colour and meaning to the celebration. Through an introduction Sr. Catherine gave a short account of the province.

After the Eucharistic celebration, we had a short culture programme prepared by our students from three schools which was enjoyed by all. To mark the occasion, a hymnal 'REJOICE AND SING' was prepared by Sr. Flora Lakra and released by Sr. Regina the former provincial. Thereafter Sr. Regi Mathew the present provincial read out the activities undertaken during the jubilee year. A documentary on the history of the province since its foundation was presented by Sr. Jessy Anthony.

At the end of the programme a delicious meal was served for all. We thank all the sisters and

the supportive staff who worked tirelessly to make this day a successful and memorable one.

Sr. Sony Thomas F.C.

THE SUPERIORS' MEETING



The superiors' meeting was held at St. Vincent's Home, from 22- 24th Nov. Sr. Regi Mathew the provincial conducted the sessions on leadership on 22nd Nov. Sr. Catherine spoke on formation. Sr. Molly Eyyalil, Sr. Anjali Francis and Sr. Sini Kurian updated us on TDS, GST, budget and other financial matters which were further elucidated by Mr. Rajiv Panja, our auditor. On 23rd and 24th Nov. Fr. Shajumon sj from Darjeeling conducted sessions on Spiritual animation and conflict management. He stressed on the need for spiritual conversation which could be an effective tool for community building especially in times of conflicts.

Sr. Catherine F.C.

Gone to Heavenly Abode....



- Sr. Beena Verghese's uncle - 19th Sept. 2018*
- Sr. Dominica Kijndo's niece - 30th Sept, 2018*
- Sr. Mary George's brother - 23rd Oct. 2018*
- Sr. Sujata Kujur's father - 26th Oct. 2018*
- Sr. Regina's sister-in-law - 28th Oct. 2018*
- Sr. Lucy Thaikattil's uncle - 13th Nov. 2018*
- Sr. Jayshri Kijndo's Aunt - 9th Nov. 2018*
- Sr. Leela Mancheril's cousin - 13th Nov. 2018*

Closure of Sesquicentennial Jubilee Celebration...

