



# PROVINCE FLASH DAUGHTERS OF THE CROSS CALCUTTA PROVINCE

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My Dear Sisters, Associates, Friends and Well-wishers,  
As we prepare to lay down our leadership offices after six years, I would like to state what is in my mind through the prayer by Arch Bishop Oscar Romero.....

*It helps now and then to step back and take the long view.  
The kingdom is not only beyond our efforts, it is even beyond our vision.*

*We accomplish in our lifetime only a tiny fraction of the magnificent  
enterprise that is God's work. Nothing we do is complete,  
which is another way of saying that the kingdom always lies beyond us.*

*No statement says all that could be said. No prayer fully expresses our faith. No confession brings perfection, no pastoral visit brings wholeness. No programme accomplishes the Church's mission. No set of goals and objectives includes everything.*

*This is what we are about: We plant seeds that one day will grow.  
We water seeds already planted, knowing that they hold future promise.  
We lay foundations that will need further development.  
We provide yeast that produces effects far beyond our capability.*

*We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that.*

*This enables us to do something, and do it very well.  
It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning, a step along the way  
an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest.*

*We may never see the end results,  
but that is the difference between the master builder and the worker.  
We are workers, not master builders; ministers, not messiahs.  
We are prophets of a future not our own.  
Amen.*

Having said this we lay down our offices in all humility and gratitude to one and all and we request you to pray for us as we pray for you...

In union of Prayers,

Sr. Regina Kottackal, F.C.  
Provincial



*We Thank Our God For You  
Dear Sr. Regina and the Team  
Sr. Margaret Subba.  
Sr. Cecilia Surin.  
Sr. Leela Mancheril  
& Sr. Philomena Kundukulam*

**“ A leader is one  
who knows the  
way, goes the way,  
and shows the  
way. ”**

John C. Maxwell



*“Best Wishes and  
Blessings to Our  
Provincial and the  
Delegates to the  
General Chapter.”*

Sr. Regina Kottackal,  
Sr. Regi Matthew,  
Sr. Margaret Subba,  
Sr. Catherine K.  
&  
Sr. Cecilia Surin



### **Rangjuli, Assam:**

An Orientation programme was organized for the teachers of St. Francis of Assisi School, Rangjuli by one of the Don Bosco fathers from Tura. Our teachers had the opportunity to learn classroom management, technique of teaching-learning, as well as the importance of building rapport with the students and be mentors in their whole stage of learning. We also had an orientation for the youth of the parish. They were encouraged the young minds to be innovative and active, use social media and communication positively and live with dignity and respect. Sr. Prabha Lakra and Sr. Helen Momin went for vocation promotion to different parishes of Guwahati Diocese. They met many girls and their families. There is hope for some vocations from these areas in the near future. Sr. Prabha Lakra is transferred to Jorethang community. The parishioners thanked her for her service.



### **Sr. Anjali Francis FC**



**Investiture Ceremony**

### **St. Josephs Convent Hatigopa, Assam:**

Our new academic year started on 24<sup>th</sup> January. The strength of our school this year is 575. We have 15 teachers. On 10<sup>th</sup> February we had Investiture ceremony for the first time. "Achu" Havenson Sangma was our chief guest. On 24<sup>th</sup> February we had orientation programme for the teachers. In March we had many competitions like spelling contest, drawing competition, solo dance, hand writing, singing etc. conducted in the school. All the winners were given certificates of merit.

### **Sr. Anu James FC**

#### **First Easter in the land of Karbi Anglong... Diphu :**

During Lent we had the Stations of the Cross every Friday prepared by Sisters in which all the girls participated devotedly. On Palm Sunday at 7 am all the hostel girls and boys began the procession from our entrance; singing 'hosanna to our king', to the lobby for the Holy Eucharist. Easter Triduum was well organized and celebrated meaningfully. On Maundy Thursday we had the Holy Eucharist at 6pm offered by Fr. Cyriac the director who washed and kissed the feet of twelve disciples during the service. It was a touching moment for most of our non-Christian hostellers many of whom asked its meaning and we took the chance to evangelize them.



On Good Friday we had Stations of the Cross at 2.30.pm outside Helena hostel, students carried a the Cross in turn as we went round the hill followed by the Communion and the Veneration of the Cross Service. Sr. Regina our Provincial was with us for Easter vigil. In the evening along with her we went and wished our bishop Rt. Rev. Paul Mattekatt who was glad to see her. It was a wonderful and meaningful Easter in this land. *“Christ has truly risen Alleluia...”*

*Sr. Julita Kujur FC*

### **Mamring Community**

Ivana Memorial Convent School, Mamring began the new academic year with fresh zeal and enthusiasm on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2018 hoping and desiring to bring out the best in each child. 375 students and 16 teachers are there for this year. Rev. Fr. Lawrence SJ gave an orientation programme for the teachers on 3<sup>rd</sup> March.



On 6<sup>th</sup> March we had Investiture Ceremony in our school. We had another orientation for the teacher of our three Daughters of the Cross School : Rinchengpong, Gurubathan and Mamring by Mrs. JasonPote an Associate of the Daughters of the Cross, Kolkata. She also addressed our students and parents on 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> March. Our students took part in ARCEIS inter school volley ball tournament at Reanokh on 24<sup>th</sup> March.

*Sr. Deepshikha Rai FC*

**Daughters of the Cross Convent, Jorethang:** We had a blissful Easter celebration. The Almighty has done great things. On 19th April we had a special prayer service for Sr. Jyotsna Barla as she was on a transfer to Diphu for studies. On 26th April we were waiting for the arrival of Srs. Meena Barwa and Prabha Lakra from Kidderpore. In the evening we welcomed Sr. Prabha with prayer. She is on a transfer to Jorethang. This year we are pleased with the number of students - 42 in nursery, 35 in music school, 2 candidates and 5 boarders. Sr. Francisca is preparing three girls for first Holy Communion.

*FCs at Jorethang*

### **Rinchengpong**

**Loveable People give joy :** On 4. 3 2018 Sr. Margaret Subba F. C and Sr. Rosalia F.C visited Daughters of the Cross Convent Renchinpong, West Sikkim, Situated on the mountain top. The altitude of Sikkim is 5600 ft. Their visit gave immense joy to our community. Sr. Margaret in her short visit studied the matters of the school and helped us in many ways.



We are grateful to Sr. Margaret Subba for her help and support. Another reason or joy is that two novitiate companions Sr. Rosalia and Sr. Margaret Rose met each other after a long time. It was nice to see them walking together and sharing their experiences with us in the community. Sr. Rosalia was longing to see the mountain cap. Her desire was fulfilled as Kanchenjunga showed its bright smiling face in the morning.

### **Daughters of the Cross Convent School:**

This year we have 18 students in LKG and 7 students in UKG. Recently we have put up swings for the little children. They enjoy playing in the swing and patiently wait for their turn. They joined with various schools students, for leadership training course in Don Bosco Malabasi school.



***Sr. Oliva Bilung F.C.***

### **Hatighisa News**

**Palliative Care:** Working in the Palliative care is both joyful and painful experience. In our locality people bring the patients in their last stage. Some breathe their last peacefully at the centre. Some have painful death. Many die after taking the last drop of water from our hands. We prepare them for peaceful death. In two years, of the 76 Patients who came to our palliative care, 46 died. Due to the care of the staff and the sisters many patients come to us in their last stage and they are grateful to us. We have witnessed some patients taking the name of Jesus and dying in His presence though they are Hindus and Muslims. We feel happy that we are fulfilling our charism by serving these patients. A cancer patient who was a Buddhist in our centre was heard saying **“Jesus is coming to take me”** and the very next day he died repeating the name of Jesus. Another patient who was in coma was healed miraculously. People know our hospital is for palliative care and so from Siliguri and the hills we get many patients along with the locals. We are happy our hospital is serving the patients whom we bless and send to heaven!

***FCs at Hatighisa***

**Alipurduar Mission:** Lulled by a river, Alipurduar borders forest and tea gardens and the convent is in the middle of a paddy field as if situated in a green carpet. But the people inhabiting in this mission are backward, socially, economically and morally. We teach the children of the tea garden workers in the evening school so that they improve their educational standards. On 17<sup>th</sup> January 2018 we had organized a medical camp in Jeevan Jyoti Social Centre. Sr. Virginia F.C. Sr. Dibya F.C., Doctors and nurses from Navjeevan Hospital, Gayaganga gave free medical checkup and distributed medicines. Sr. Veronica Chungath had trained six girls in cutting and tailoring. One of them got married on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2018; her wedding expense was borne by the convent as part of our Sesquicentennial Jubilee gift. Four students are learning computer in our centre especially the programme ‘Tally’. On 11<sup>th</sup> March 2018 we arranged for a day of prayer in our convent for the people of three villages around our house. Mr. David and Mr. Binay, Associates of the Daughters of the Cross from Pradhan Nagar conducted the prayer services. Fr. Suranjan Mundu the Assistant Parish priest also helped in this great event of healing and reconciliation. Around 100 people had gathered for this prayer. The day ended with Eucharistic celebration by 4 o'clock. Praise the Lord!

***Sr. Alexia Tete F.C.***

### **Navjyoti Convent, Dundajhar**

**Healing ministry :** Sr. Sanjita Bara is back in the community after her GNM at Navjeevan Hospital and is busy engaged in helping the community, in the healing ministry and in all other works. During winter people keep good health. Hence flow of patients is less. So we have channelled ourselves out to different places, far away. Every alternate week we go in our mobile clinic and the people respond well. Our health workers do family visits daily. We have adopted a *busty* called Dudhajot. We have surveyed 39 families and encouraged 35 children to go to school. Every week we visit and supervise them to see if they attend school. We aim to educate this *busty* children for their better future.

### ***Sr. Julieta Kindo FC***

### **Navjeevan Convent, Gayaganga**

**"One day Restaurant"** the name itself tells a tale of itself; a tale of existence, a story of its being. The concept was visualized by the hospitality trainer Miss Neelam Rana for the real feel of the hotel industry with the theme: **"Everything just at Rs. 10"**. Students were allotted for marketing and the Kitchen held the sway, headed by Mr. GB Gurung. All the staff of Navjeevan hospital, sisters, GNM students, students of NIRMET and the DBTech were invited. To evaluate the day, Mr. Rajen Roy hospitality trainer of DBTech Siliguri was invited. The price was minimum; purpose was not to earn but to learn. The chief guest along with the Sr. In-charge, HR of Navjeevan hospital and other sisters also were present to enjoy the hospitality of the students. Guests flocked from all the departments of Navjeevan Campus to the restaurant. It was truly exciting!

All the guests praised the students for their hospitality and the tasty dishes. On the success of the restaurant Sister in-charge and the center coordinator congratulated all of them. Everyone praised the hard work and initiative taken to teach the students.

**Women's Day Celebration:** To mark the occasion of Women's Day, a programme was organized in a nearby village. Madam Clara Tirkey explained the significance of Women's Day. A skit performed by GNM students depicted the girls no less than boys, they also can make their parents proud. The students performed dances. GP Pradhan and Mr. Limbu gave awareness on gender equality. ASHA member highlighted the need for BCG, importance of breast feeding etc. Gynecologist of NHRHCC touched on all the female health issues, their occurrences and preventive methods. Health talks on menstrual cycle and nutrition were presented by DBTech.

### ***Sr. Lidwin Mary FC***

### **Shanti Bhavan Convent, Siliguri**

Pradhan Nagar Parish celebrated Workers' Day on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2018, especially for all the fathers who are supposed to be the guides and models of the families. Sr. Stephy Albin left on 26.4.2018 for attending an intensive course on Consecrated Life at Sanyasa, Bangalore from 29<sup>th</sup> April to 30<sup>th</sup> May 2018. Sr. Ani Kindo is replacing Sr. Stephy in St. Mary's English Medium School. This year there are ten girls in our hostel.

### ***Sr. Lalita Tigga FC***

## Our Lady of Good Counsel/ St. Mary's Girls' High School Gayaganga

St. Mary's Girls' High School represented Siliguri Educational district in Kolkata in the Youth Science Exhibition at Siliguri, after receiving first prize in the exhibition at Siliguri. The students and the teachers had a very enriching and learning experience. This was the first time they represented the district. We look forward to future opportunities for our students. Our school participated in Siliguri Zonal sports and won overall championship and many prizes.

**Vocation Camp:** OLCG under the leadership of Srs. Shanti Picardo and Basanti Lakra with other members of the vocation team conducted avocation camp for the girls of class X and XII. There were 43 girls from all over Terai. Sr. Jessy Anthony, the vocation coordinator was present and gave input sessions with other sisters of Terai communities. The girls shared that they felt inspired and expressed the desire to join us. We are hopeful of getting some vocations this year!



Science Exhibition



Vocation Camp

**Sr. Beena Varghees FC**

**Jordighi, Raiganj:** The Diocese of Raiganj had organised a Youth Camp on 29th April 2018. Around a hundred youth both boys and girls from different Parishes took part in this camp. Seven Religious Congregations and other priests were present and spoke about their Congregation and the Charisms. Srs. Shanti Picardo and Sampa Dhara represented our Congregation. It was indeed a great success in the Diocese. We hope and pray that the Lord inspires many young women in this land to join us.



Sr. Sampa Dhara addressing the Youth gathering

**Sr. Sampa Dhara FC**

## Deonia(Nepal)

In December 2017 we helped a poor old couple (they live in a dilapidated hut) with a box to keep their clothes and two moras(stools)to sit. The couple were very happy to receive our gifts. We provided two sets of salwar Kurtis (dress) to a blind girl. Sr. Salomi took the initiative to inform the Parish priest about the problems of the families. Accordingly the parish priest conducted a reconciliation service for ten families of the village on 16th December 2017. It

was attended by members from all the families. Fr. Graffny Foot Ball match was conducted on 23.12.2017. St. Xavier's school was the winner. We have started BCC prayer in the village. On the 3rd February 2018 prayer was conducted in our house. It will be conducted in all the ten Catholic families on rotation.

### ***Sr. Jyoti Kujur FC***

#### **Baidyapur:**

Rosary was recited for 40 days as preparation for Easter. CLC mothers presented a one act play titled "Mayne Kora Maa" on Easter Sunday. It was very educative. Family visits and remedial classes go on daily. We have started conducting assembly in English in the school. There was Holy Mass for the students on 10<sup>th</sup> February. We welcomed Fr. Surajit Mitra. On the same day we had blessing of the School and the house. Teachers prepared the students for the Holy childhood day. All the children participated in a play, "The Children are peace makers". The 1<sup>st</sup> terminal examination of the school started from 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2018. Sr. Emrencia attended the classes for D.El.Ed and completed her assignment for 1<sup>st</sup> year and examination will be held from 31<sup>st</sup> May to 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2018.

### ***FCs at Baidyapur***

#### **St. Joseph's Convent Matigara:**

The students of Class XII were given ADIOS from the school and wished them God's blessings for their future. St. Joseph's school, Matigara organised Kids Fest for students upto class V . Twelve schools in and around Siliguri participated in variou events. The Fest consisted of six different events.



### ***Sr. Juliet Rappai FC***

#### **St. Joseph's Convent, Kurseong**



**Singing Competition**



**8<sup>th</sup> March dance competition**

On 8<sup>th</sup> March we had Singing and Dance competition for classes V to XII in our School. On 14th March we conducted an awareness programme for the parents on health and hygiene.

### ***Sr. Gladys Tom FC***

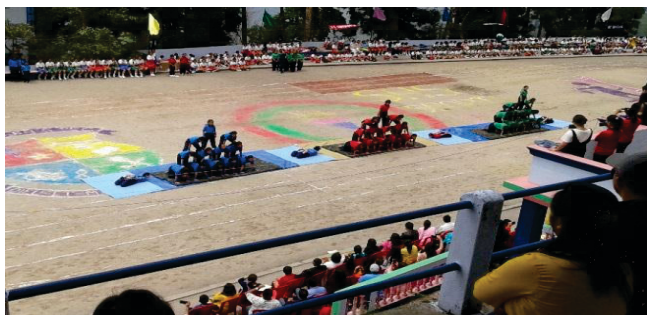


## St. Helen's Convent, Kurseong

**ANNUAL SPORTS 2018:** The most awaited event of 2018 was the Annual Sports held on the 28th of April. Mr. Debashish Chatterjee, the Sub Divisional Magistrate was our Chief Guest. The sports commenced with the spectacular performance of the school band which played to welcome the Chief Guest. After the march past and the oath taking ceremony the Chief Guest declared the Sports meet open. Thereafter the band once again thrilled the audience as they played wonderfully to the tunes of the songs, "We shall overcome" and "Amazing Grace."

The drills were the highlights of the day. The Babies drill comprising of students was entitled "Joyous Feet Take Over Rhythmic Beat". Through the Junior drill entitled "Heal the World" the students imparted strong messages like "Save a drop today and reap an ocean tomorrow, Save plants, reduce, recycle and re-use waste and the children formed a water droplet, a pine tree and a dustbin to depict these messages. The Senior drill of students from class VI-X was entitled "**Hooping Harmony**". The drills were beautiful as the students performed in unison with their team coloured red, green and blue glittering Hoola Hoops. The formation of the emblem of "**The Daughters of the Cross**" kept the audience spell bound. The children formed a cross with a circular crown.

The first time attempt and a grand success was the formation of the Human Pyramid by the selected students of classes VI, VII, IX and X. The various asanas and poses performed by the students and their balancing skills undoubtedly made the audience skip a beat.



## Sr. Pranita Lepcha FC

### ANAND BHWAN, DELHI

The rate of criminality is rising daily in the capital city, the jails are overcrowded yet the prison ministry India is making its presence felt in teaching, counselling, releasing and rehabilitating the inmates. During Christmas and Easter celebrations the moving messages of Incarnation, salvation and reconciliation were given by Arch bishops, provincials and priests. During Easter 2018, the Eucharistic celebration was in four jails and the washing of feet by the Provincial of OCD was a very touching experience. Many inmates had the opportunity for the sacrament of reconciliation and healing. The children from CWC at Ashalayam need care and motivation to study and value education. The under privileged children from the slums look forward to the evening coaching class. We are involved in family visits, prayer service and Parish activities. It is a privilege to be a part of teaching staff in Loreto Convent in Delhi Cantonment where more importance is given to Christian values, social values and human values through assembly programmes and integration. Last month the school organized a silent march in solidarity with the Khatua rape and murder victim Asifa. "***Fraternity, with all its possible diversity, is an experience of love which goes beyond conflicts.***"

## Sr. Rajni Prisca Kerketta FC

## **Little Flower Convent, Basanti**

**Easter Celebration:** We started our Easter preparation with Triduum. Fr. Rajesh Bag, the assistant parish priest of Basanti, accompanied us with reflection and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. On Holy Thursday we had Agape prayer and meal in the community. All the sisters and candidates went to different sub-stations the Holy week services and Easter fo rcelebration The faithful appreciated and were happy for being with them.

### ***Sr. Sanju Toppo FC***

#### ***Basanti St. Teresa's Girls' High School (HS):***

On 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> April 2018 were held Orientation for the teachers of our School . Rev. Fr. Pradeep Roy the Director of the Parivar Jyoti, Baruipur Diocese was the resource person with his team. It was mainly group work and they were happy to share their resources in their teams. At the end they all were refreshed and were grateful to Fr. Pradeep and the team. The Catholic students and the teachers of our school attended



Charismatic Retreat on 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2018 in the Parish Church given by Rev. Fr. George Varghese VC the director of Jalalkhali Retreat Centre, Krishnanagar.

### ***Sr. Maxima Bara FC***

**Come and See Programme:** From 4<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> March 2018 Sr. Sampa Dhara, sisters of Basanti and Gosaba Communities as per their availability went to different parishes of Baruipur Diocese in search of prospective candidates. The Come and See programme was held from 20<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 2018 in our Community. 37 young girls participated in this programme. Sr. Jessy Anthony and the Vocation Promoters' team conducted the camp and the sessions were appreciated by the girls who attended it. Fr. Indrajit Sardar the Parish Priest and Fr. Rajesh Bag the Asst. Parish Priest were also invited to speak to them. Fr. Soumen Mallik the director of Dishari Pastoral Centre, Baruipur celebrated the Holy Eucharist on the last day of the programme. Among the participants of this camp 13 girls have gone to Kidderpore for further programmes to be conducted for them. All of them seemed happy and contented. Let us now pray to the Holy Spirit and Mother Marie Therese that these girls be gripped by the power of the Holy Spirit and propelled by the FC charism to join the happy bond of the Daughters of the Cross.



### ***Sr. Mary Emelia Dias FC***

## **Gosaba**

### **Scenes from Annual sports held on 22 February 2018 at Gosaba**



***Sr. Mariam Tete fc***

## **Training Centre Barasat, Novitiate**

**Visit of Superior General:** Sr. Kathleen O'Reilly FC, Superior General visited the Novitiate on 18th February 2018 along with Sr. Regina, Provincial and Sr. Regi Matthew.. Sr. Kathleen spent the day interacting with the novices and sisters, giving a feel of all-encompassing nature of the whole Congregation. Novices presented a small programme depicting their learning in the Novitiate using their creativity and God given skills.



**The Holy relics of St. Anthony of Padua:** Calcutta Arch Diocese had the blessing of the pilgrimage of the Holy Relics of St. Anthony of Padua on 16-17 March 2018 at four selected places for the public veneration and prayers. Our Novitiate at Barasat had the rarest opportunity for being one of the four venues in Kolkata to receive the Holy Relics of St. Anthony on 17th March from 8.30 am to 11.30 am. The consideration of such choice was to enable a big number of Formees from around Barasat to have an opportunity to venerate St. Anthony of Padua. There were around five hundred and more people along with the Formees in our small hall in the Novitiate.

***Sr. Flora Lakra FC***

## **St. Agnes' Convent, Howrah**

St. Agnes' Convent, Howrah has a new look with the renovation of the school compound. The ground is raised and new drainage system is made in order to solve the water logging problem in the compound. The school playground is getting ready with a basketball court and a place for long jump and high jump. The new primary school building with lift is ready and is being used from this academic year.

On 20<sup>th</sup> April the students of class XII arranged a welcome programme for the new teachers and class XI students and celebrated as Freshers' Day. On the same day class XI had an orientation. On 4<sup>th</sup> May 2018 we had Holy Spirit Mass for the School. Once a week classes XI & XII are given sessions on personality development. During summer vacation there will be a camp for the students of classes VIII- X.

***Sr. Daisy Joseph FC***



## Jesu Ashram , Matigara



★ This is what the poor and the destitute tell us... to love, care, and give limitless service and go beyond from our small circle.

*Sr. Anthonia Arulandu FC*

## St. Joseph's School, Tulachan ( Korobari, Nepal )

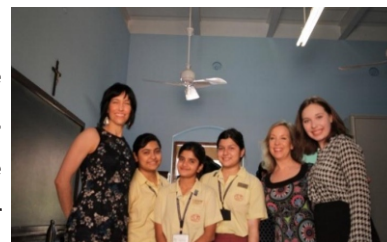
12<sup>th</sup> February 2018 was an exciting day for all of us as we conducted the sports day in our school for the first time. The students were instructed to come to school neat and clean. To our surprise they did so! The sports began with the march past. The leader of the school held the national flag of Nepal and the students did march past. After March past, events were conducted according to the age group such as flat race, hopping race, frog race, bunny race, balancing, running with partners, passing the ball through the tunnel and biscuit race etc. for the little ones. Children were given prizes which added to their happiness. It was a successful and memorable day for them.

On 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2018 we planted 20 Malasian teak trees. Children were excited to plant the trees. We have already planted 20 Kadam trees, 8 Mango trees and some other fruit trees. Students of UKG and class I have individually been given charge to look after the trees and they are told to go and talk to their trees, touch them and care for them.

*Srs. Lucia Kujur FC and Pratima Hembrom FC*

## St. Teresa's Convent , Kidderpore

**A Musical Concert in St. Teresa's by International Artists of Fame:** On the 11th April 2018 St. Teresa's Sec. School hosted Jennifer Heemstra, Kathryn Brown and Julia Schlitz, all renowned in the field of music - piano and violin to be precise, in the school hall for a short musical performance. This programme was organized by the Interact Club to give out the Certificates of Appreciation to the students who had volunteered for Kolkata Classics, the brain child of Jennifer Heemstra who provides free health services for the trafficked women and educates children from the slums. She does this by organizing musical concerts.



**Former St. Teresa's Student being awarded the Hall of Fame:** An Indian American, Sumita Mitra has been inducted into the US Patent Office's National Inventors Hall of Fame" this year. Having completed her schooling from St. Teresa's Secondary School, Kidderpore, she persuaded her career with Chemistry and did her Graduation and Masters from Presidency College and Calcutta University respectively. Further she pursued her Ph.D. from the University of Michigan, America. Thereafter she joined as corporate scientist at SM Company. Now at the age of 68 she is being honored for inventing the first dental filling material to include nano particles. Being a resident of St. Paul city in America and after retiring in 2010 along with her husband Sarajit Mitra, she tries to impart knowledge and respect to the science stream and also gives out lectures to the students at the University of Minnesota.

*Sr. Juliet George FC*

### St. Catherine's Home, Kidderpore

On 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2018 we celebrated the Golden Jubilee of Sr. Lalita Russel FC. Celebration began with the thanksgiving Mass. Fr. Valerian Nazareth the parish priest was the main celebrant. Many sisters were present on the occasion as also priests, brothers, friends and well-wishers. Sr. Lalita's sister also joined the celebration. The Parish choir sang melodiously under the leadership of Mrs. Patsy. There was a fellowship meal after the Mass.

The sisters of St. Catherine's Home have started the domiciliary care for the sick and the aged by visiting their homes regularly. A few more senior ladies have joined St. Catherine's Home. We are happy to have them. Every Saturday students of St. Teresa's School, Kidderpore visit the ladies in St. Catherine's Home and present a short programme. They enjoy it and look forward to the interaction with the children. We are grateful to the children for bringing joy to the ladies.

### *Sr. Philomena Kundukulam FC*

### St. Vincent's Home, Kidderpore

**International/ Inter Congregational Meetings:** This year our province was privileged to host three important meetings in the Province viz. Seminar on the management and preservation of Archives, Meeting of Delegates for General Chapter 2018 and Conference on Canon Law. We were also blessed to have Sr. Kathleen, our Superior General in our midst during these meetings. We regret that our Pakistani Sisters were not present as Indian Visa was not granted to them.

**From the Archives:** On 20<sup>th</sup> February 2018, fifty seven sisters from two provinces of Rourkela and Calcutta gathered at St. Vincent's Home for a two days' seminar on Archives. Sr. Arlinda F.C, a great archivist of the congregation, stirred, moved and filled us with living hope and enthusiasm into a new chapter of archives and to be archivists. She shared the priceless value of the past preserved in the archives of our congregation. The past became alive when Sister spoke and shared about it. Sr. Marina rightly said in her speech "...Sharing of the archives of the Congregation was indeed eye opening, ear opening, mind opening, heart opening as well as Spirit opening." We were touched by the sisters who have gone before us leaving behind their enriching, inspiring past for us. Question today is *'what are we leaving behind for the future FCs?'*

### *Sr. Pranita Lepcha F.C*

**Delegates' Meeting:** From 23<sup>rd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> February there was meeting of Afro-Asian delegates of the General Chapter 2018 at St. Vincent's Home in preparation for the Chapter to be held in May in Rome. Sr. Kathleen O'Railly presided over the meeting. Dr. Myriam Wijlens briefed the sisters on the scenario of the European provinces. The Afro Asian provinces also shared their concerns and challenges.



**Conference on Canon Law:** A conference on Canon Law was held on 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> February 2018. We were blessed with three Resource persons, Professor Dr. Myriam Wijlens, Sr. Arlinda Azaredo and Sr. Regi Mathew.

We were fortunate to have renowned Canonist Professor Dr. Myriam Wijlens who is a Professor in the University of Erfurt, Germany. She dealt on the introduction to the law on Consecrated Life. Her session was very meaningful and enriching as she has wide experience of working with over 25 religious orders all over the world. Sr. Arlinda Azaredo, our previous Superior general and Canonist took classes on spiritual and temporal patrimony of religious life. Sr. Regi Mathew the Formation Coordinator and Canonist spoke on the admission and formation of the members and the process of Departure from Religious Congregation. All the sessions were very interesting, informative and spiritually awakening and enabled us to introspect our life as religious in this 21<sup>st</sup> Century and ask ourselves are we relevant today?

*Sr. Rosli Kerketta FC*

### **NEWS FROM ST.PAUL'S BOARDING AND DAY SCHOOL KIDDERPORE**

3rd April 2018 marked the advent of a new academic year in St. Paul's Boarding and Day School. The year was flagged off by a series of multifarious activities beginning most aptly by a Holy Spirit Mass held on the 19th April which was celebrated by Rev. Fr. Rodney Borneo. He presented a befitting and inspiring homily which touched a deep chord and set the right tone to begin a new year.

He related a story of a young boy who while walking along the beach saw hundreds of starfish lying in the morning sun rays due to high tide. When the tide receded the boy picked one starfish at a time and threw it into the water. He did it repeatedly. Another person observing it pointed out that there are thousands of starfish and how many could he help. To this, boy answered that I help one at a time and make a great difference in the life of few. It made us realize that our endeavours should be to make a difference, big or small does not matter. Our little acts can end up making a big difference, so let us do small things in a big way.

**Career Guidance Course:** Aakash Institute Organized a Career guidance course on 4th May, 2018 for the students of Class X. The session began with the identification and handling of the various difficulties that are common in students' life. Topics like Time & Stress Management, Focus and Discipline were given special attention. It was also highlighted with various motivational real life stories that had genuinely inspired them.

Another commendable factor of this session was that it was an interactive one, and not merely one-sided. Each of them could voice their opinions, perceive and share their future plans. Towards the end of the session, the counselor answered various questions that the students had to ask regarding various job requirements. The session was very helpful. The students gained a lot of insight for their future. They expressed their gratitude to the Aakash Institute.

**Workshop for the Teachers:** The Council for the Indian School Certificate Examinations, New Delhi had organized a workshop on the 4th and 5th of May, 2018, for English and Mathematics teachers to discuss the need, context and scope of the present CISCE Curriculum. The first day of the workshop was devoted to state the importance and need for a change in the curriculum, keeping in mind the emerging challenges that children may face in a rapidly changing world. The workshop also highlighted the difference between curriculum and syllabus. The aims and purpose of education from the perspective of a child, who would later be a part of the global world, was also listed.

The centric theme on the second day was to make teachers aware of the paradigm shift in the teaching approach. A move from teaching objectives to learning outcomes. It was stated that children are no longer passive recipients of information but active participants in the learning process. Children should be actively involved in exploring, observing, experimenting and helping in the process of constructing their knowledge along with development of values and life skills. New ways of teaching i.e., learning by doing is the primary importance of teaching.

Teachers were interest to know how to provide moral values in mathematics and to make them self-dependent for solving their own problems. It was said that the learning outcome should be clearly stated and should have scope for development of all skills (speaking, learning, reading and writing) of the child.

**Bosco Criz:** Bosco Chriz 2018, the biggest Christian School fest in Kolkata was held on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2018 at Don Bosco School, Park Circus. All together 13 reputed schools from Kolkata participated in various events organized by the host school. It was an enlightening and pleasurable experience for the students to be a part of various events. Out of 13 schools, five schools were awarded the Best School Award. Our school also was awarded being one of the best school performers. We secured the first position in three events, namely; Bible Quiz, Singing and Dance Competitions.

It was an excellent platform for exposing and showcasing the talented students from various schools. It was a commendable and dedicated effort by all the teachers who had been a part of this event and contributed immensely towards its success.



**Investiture Ceremony:** Another major event in the agenda of an educational institute is the Investiture ceremony which was held in 8<sup>th</sup> May in the School auditorium. Responsibility was entrusted on the Captains, Vice Captains, monitresses and disciplinarians to ensure harmonious and unhindered functioning of the institute. The event was marked by an opening address, followed by a brief summing up of the sterling virtues and values that ought to be imbibed by effective and worthy leaders. Then there was presentation of the lamp symbolizing the school motto "Be a Light" was lit by the Principal and the four house mistresses followed by the presentation of badges. The song sung by the choir reverberated providing a musical backdrop to the solemn occasion. The programme drew to a close rightfully by invoking the Almighty our unshaken fortress of strength to provide unceasing help and guidance.



**Prize Distribution:** Success is the result of perfection, hard work, learning from failure, loyalty, and persistence. On 10<sup>th</sup> May, 2018 our students were appreciated for their hard work and success for the academic year 2017-18. Students from classes KG to XII including the students of NIOS were awarded for their excellent performance in each subject. Students were also appreciated for their good conduct and full attendance, performance in value education and S.U.P.W. classes. They were given certificates and prizes for their consistency and hard work they had put throughout the year. It was a programme to encourage the students to strive for their best and be loyal to the values taught by the school.

## **ISC /ICSE RESULTS - 2018: ALL PASSED**

**ISC Highest - Sangamitra Chatterjee- 96.75% ● ICSE Highest - Anjalina Das - 96.4%**  
**Sr. Lucy Thaikattil FC**

**Inclusive Society:** We had an LGBT workshop on 7<sup>th</sup> April 2018 at St. Paul's Boarding and Day School hall, Kidderpore. Around 80 members of the LGBT Community attended this workshop graced by many eminent speakers. Prof. Gangotri Chakraborty as legal expert spoke on the rights and issues of the LGBT community in India. She urged them to break the stereotype and come out of the social stigma linked to their community as the Supreme Court has recognized them as the 'third gender'. Ms. Sanjana Ram, the Founder of "Koshish" encouraged them to make use of the opportunities given to them. The main purpose of this workshop was to give orientation on various self-employment programmes like; tailoring and beautician course where they could learn to earn their livelihood, to live with dignity and respect. Mr. Sajid Hassan and Ms. Baby Shaw spoke about the above courses. The participants were asked to give their names as per their interest. A few were interested in spoken English class. We are taking steps, though small. We have a long way ahead, but we hope for an inclusive Society that treats transgender people like any one of us. We have started Spoken English classes for them from 7<sup>th</sup> May 2018.



## **Laying New Foundation**

We Daughters of the Cross have taken up another mission of setting up of a Hospital in Narayanpur. The foundation stone of Karuna Hospital & Holistic Centre has been laid by Fr. Shantappen on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2018. The ceremony started at 3 p.m. with Sister Regina Kottackal, our



provincial addressing the audience and briefing them about the purpose of setting up this health care center. She recollected how late Bishop Alphonse D' Souza wanted a hospital in the region and strongly urged her to set it up. The ceremony proceeded with an inaugural dance by local school children followed by a prayer led by Rev. Fr. S.

Santhappan, the administrator of Raiganj Diocese. On 30<sup>th</sup> April 2018 the Diocese celebrated the 1<sup>st</sup> death anniversary of late Bishop Alphonse D' Souza and a brick was blessed by the Arch Bishop Rt. Rev. Thomas D'souza, the same brick was laid on this land by Fr. Santhappan. Fr. Sunny, M. C. Brothers and many distinguished persons also joined the ceremony while Sr. Regina Kottackal our provincial, Sr. Leela, Sr. Dominica and other sisters represented entire province.



As we have taken a decision in our Province Chapter 2017 to make Eco Consciousness a reality, we planted 150 trees as part of the Foundation Laying Ceremony of Karuna Campus. The ceremony ended with tea and refreshments. We look forward to taking forward this mission in coming years.

*Sr. Dominica Kindo FC*

**Showers of Blessings on the Provincial and the Delegates to the General Chapter:** A prayer service was organized for all our sisters going for the General Chapter. All our sisters from neighboring communities were present at St. Vincent's Home on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2018 at 6pm. Sr. Regina, Sr. Regi, Sr. Margaret Subba, Sr. Cecilia and Sr. Catherine K. offered a lit lamp each to the Lord asking Him to our out on them the Spirit of Wisdom and Knowledge to be able to transfer our vision in to reality. Sr. Dominica thanked Sr. Regina and the Council for their selfless service to the province for the past six years. After the prayer service we had meal together. All the sisters wished well to Sr. Regina and the Delegates.

*Sr. Veronica Robert FC*

### *Gone to Heaven...*

1.	Sr. Sarita Sarki's	Mother	2 <sup>nd</sup> December	2017
2.	Sr. Julita Kujur's	Brother-in-law	9 <sup>th</sup> Decembrate	2017
3.	Sr. Julietta Kindo's	Mother	4 <sup>th</sup> Februalate	2018
4.	Sr. Jessy Anthony's	Uncle	20 <sup>th</sup> February	2018
5.	Sr. Mukti Madhuri's	Uncle	27 <sup>th</sup> February	2018
6.	Sr. Josephine Lepcha's	Sister-in-law	28 <sup>th</sup> February	2018
7.	Sr. Alexia Tete's	Uncle	4 <sup>th</sup> March	2018
8.	Sr. Lucy Thaikkattil's	Aunt	6 <sup>th</sup> March	2018
9.	Sr. Marina Thapa's	Aunt	16 <sup>th</sup> March	2018
10.	Sr. Jessy Anthony's	Mother	31 <sup>st</sup> March	2018
11.	Sr. Anjugam Chellapan's	Grandmother	31 <sup>st</sup> March	2018
12.	Sr. Rita Perumadan's	Sister-in-law	10 <sup>th</sup> April	2018
13.	Srs. Rose & Therese Namattathi's	Brother-in-law	20 <sup>th</sup> April	2018
14.	Sr. Philomena Kundukulam's	Uncle	25 <sup>th</sup> April	2018

**May their Souls Rest in Peace**

**Congratulations!**



On 5th May 2018, was indeed a day of great joy for all of us as three of our novices

**Agatha Lepcha, Rashmi Lata Beck and Ebha Anjali Kujur** made their first Profession.

**Final Profession of**  
Sisters Jyotsna Lakra,  
Hema Kujur, Jayshree Kindo  
and Manasi Naskar  
on 21st April 2018, at  
St. Ignatius Church, Ekbalpore,  
was solemnized by

**Rt. Rev. Arch Bishop Thomas D'souza**

