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Dear Confreres and Readers,

I wish you all the Blessings of the Season of Easter.

Every year, the Easter Season reminds us of our New Life we have benefitted from our Risen Lord. The blessed Season also confirms our Eternal Life because of the Risen Christ. Let us be renewed and remain revived in our Faith in the Living God.

As I went through the many Articles and News Items of this Issue of the WAVES, it is beautiful to note that waves of activities are being organized /animated/held/conducted at various units of our Province for the exclusive benefit of the people whom we minister to every day. I extend my admiration to each of you, dear Confreres.

These days, we relentlessly honour our Founder through various Province level activities. As we have pretty seriously taken up the celebration of the 150th Anniversary Year of our Founder's Entry into Eternal Life, I pray that we, as sons of Fr. Basil Moreau, may always have in our minds and hearts the zeal, spirit, vision and Charism of our Founder.

Let us keep in our intense prayer, our brothers and sisters in Manipur, that the New Heaven and New Earth, promised in the Book of Revelation, may soon become a reality over there. We live in a society where political instability, religious intolerance, communal riots and the like easily creep in, creating havoc among the people. May the Divine Peace, left by the Prince of peace in this world, envelop everyone in our country with a sense of peace to promote a Culture of Life.

Wishing you a pleasant reading of our Province Newsletter ... WAVES-May'23 Issue.

Fraternally yours in Holy Cross,

**Fr. Simon Fernandis CSC,
Provincial Superior**

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EDITORIAL



We are in the season of Easter, and it invites us to reflect on 'New Life'. "New Life" is a phrase that can mean different things to different people. For some, it might mean starting over after a difficult period in their lives. For others, it might mean taking on new challenges or pursuing new opportunities. Whatever your interpretation of "New Life" might be, there's no denying that it's a powerful and inspiring concept.

At its core, "New Life" is about embracing change and moving forward with hope and optimism. It's about recognizing that the past is behind us and that

we can shape our futures. Whether we are starting a new ministry, changing our

old habits, or simply trying something new in our lives as an individual or community, "New Life" is all about taking risks and stepping outside of your comfort zone.

Of course, embracing change can be challenging. It can be scary to leave behind what's familiar and venture into the unknown. But it's important to remember that every new beginning comes from another beginning's end. By letting go of the past and embracing the future, we open ourselves to new possibilities and experiences.

So, if you're feeling stuck or stagnant in life, remember that "New Life" is always just around the corner. Whether looking for a fresh start or simply trying to shake things up, there's no time like the present to



embrace change and start living your best life.

 George Jacob, CSC

HOLY CROSS PARISH, CHAMPHAI



Easter Celebrations

Easter, the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, was celebrated in the Parish with Most Rev. Stephen Rotluanga, CSC, DD, being the main celebrant. On this occasion, 57 children received the First Holy Communion, and 27 children received the Sacrament of Confirmation. The Holy Week program were organised in different villages, which helped the faithful to spiritually walk with the Lord in his passion and death. Our beloved Bishop spent the entire Holy Week in Holy Trinity Church, Hnahlan, one of the sub-centres of the Parish. We are immensely grateful to the Bishop for the time he spent with us leading the Holy Week Liturgy.





Renewal Program for the Youth



St. Joseph Branch of Youth and YCS (Young Christian Students) had their renewal program on 14 & 15 April '23, on the Theme: *"Seek first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you"* (Mt. 6:33). The two-day program included Reflective Talks, singing and outdoor games. Fr. Jerome Chorei CSC, Parish Priest, spoke to the children on faith and values. The campfire, with singing and dancing, organised on the last night, was very memorable to the participants.

 Andria Thangronghaka.

HOLY CROSS - MAWKYNREW



Shoulder Responsibilities, as Leaders

The Investiture Ceremony of our School for the Academic Year 2023 was held on 3rd Mar.'23, with a spirit of eagerness and passion. The Principal presided over the event, and the Day's Chief Guest was Dr. Mawlong, Asst. in charge of PHC Mawkynrew.

The profile of the newly elected leaders was read out, and they were honoured



with their respective badges and sashes by the Chief Guest and Principal. The elected leaders pledged to work earnestly and uphold the honour and glory of the Institution. It was a momentous occasion when the school entrusted the leaders with roles and responsibilities. Chief Guest spoke about the importance of a student's life and shared his personal experiences as a student.



Most Loved Event of the Year

A two-day Annual Sports Day of the school was organised on 20, 21 April '23. Students had been looking forward to it

with great enthusiasm. The first day was dedicated to the students of LP & UP sections, and the last day was for



Secondary and Higher Secondary students. On both days, students enthusiastically participated in various games and athletic events; prizes and medals were distributed to winners in multiple categories.

 Sr. Reena SJC

HOLY CROSS HR. SEC. SCHOOL, KATHALCHERRA





First YCS / YSM Northeast Regional Convention

Representing the Diocese of Agartala, fifteen students, along with their Animator Ms. Tessy Darlong, from Holy Cross Higher Secondary School,



Kathalcherra, participated in the First ever YCS / YSM Northeast Regional Convention, held between 17-20 Mar. '23, in St. Laurence School, Ramthar Veng, Aizawl, Mizoram. Input Sessions, putting up traditional stalls, Holy Eucharist, group meetings, cell meetings, exposure visits to tourist places and Parishes in the City, group presentations, individual and group sharing, and the like, brought out the creative and innovative talents from the students. At the end of the convention, all the participants were awarded with certificates. Travelling by flight for the first time was an exhilarating experience for all the participants. Students expressed their gratitude to the Diocese of Agartala and Holy Cross Higher Secondary School Kathalcherra for the opportunity they were offered and the financial support they received. It was an eye-opening for the students who otherwise are confined to their local area.



Staff Orientation Programme

Fr. Davis Konuran, CSC, conducted a day-long Orientation Program for the teaching staff of the school, on 12 April, '23. The program started with the invocation of God - through a song: *Every person is a gift of God*. After a brainstorming session, he went ahead with the modules of the day proper. The sessions were conducted based



on the action-reflection-action mode. Modules such as Classroom Management, Lesson-Plan, SWOT analysis, and Discipline were dealt with through interactive and engaging sessions. Group dynamics, games, and individual sharing were the day's highlights. At the end of the session, some business matters were discussed and decided for the efficient running of the institution. The staff found it beneficial and practical.

Inauguration of Kindergarten classes

KG-I and II toddlers commenced their school-life on 24 April '23, with a session on 'parenting-skills'. Parents and Guardians, along with their tiny tots, participated in the session as it marked the child's first day in the school. Besides this, a general introduction was given to the parents / guardians on the service of Holy Cross Fathers in the domain of Education. Parents and guardians expressed their expectations from the school. The parents-teachers-management meeting went on very well, and they appreciated our efforts in education.





Investiture Ceremony

On 29 April '23, our Holy Cross Higher Secondary School was in a festive mood to welcome Shri. Paul Dangsou, Hon'ble MLA, 48-Karamcherra constituency, the Chief Guest of the Investiture Ceremony held in the school. As a past student at the school, studied 21 years ago, he was very emotional when he addressed the student-community. All the leaders and captains of various Houses took oath during the ceremony. It was indeed a memorable day for the school.



Davis Konuran, CSC

HOLY CROSS PARISH - KOLORIANG



Provincial Visit

Fr. Simon Fernandis, CSC, Provincial, and his team, comprising Fr. Roy, Director of Holy Cross Family Ministry, and Fr. Alfred D'Souza, CSC, Administrator of the



Province, paid a formal visit to our community on 3rd Mar. '23. The community warmly welcomed them with traditional attires in the presence of the faithful. Fr. Roy had an interaction with the families on HCFM.

Holy Week Celebration

Amidst inclement weather, Palm Sunday was celebrated on 2nd April '23 with many people in attendance. On Good Friday, the parishioners acted out the passion scenes and walked through the town of Koloriang, meditating on the final journey of Jesus to Calvary.



New Jersey:

The new Parish Youth Jersey was unveiled on 16th April '23. Mr. Nangram Pamko & Family sponsored the Jersey, and the Parish is ever grateful to him for his generosity.



Gabriel Darlong, CSC



ASSOCIATION FOR SOCIAL AND HUMAN
ADVANCEMENT - ASHA

SHG Activities at Koloriang Parish



Women empowerment is one of the focused fields of ASHA, and it is implemented through SHG activities at various locations.

One location falls under Holy Cross Parish



Koloriang, Kurung Kumey District, Arunachal Pradesh. The women empowerment activities under the project 'Gender Equality and Gender Justice of Self-Help Groups in Koloriang Parish' focus on sustainable development, social justice, accountability, and right-based training. Over the years, the project has enlightened and enhanced indigenous women, engaged in various capacity-building and income-generating activities. It has been meticulously implemented and monitored in the past 8 years with a clear perspective by focusing on the welfare of women and empowerment.



After three long days of journey, Fr. Thomas John, CSC, Director: ASHA, and myself reached Koloriang and went around a few villages where SHGs work profoundly. While monitoring the project, we spent quality time with SHG members of each group by resolving their issues about SHG documentation and book-keeping. We conducted several trainings on accounting, documentation, book-keeping, income-generating activities, women-leadership and so on,

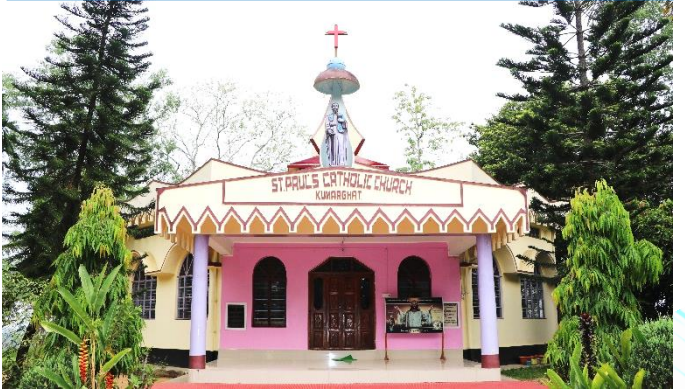
in the most interior villages. Though the journey on the hilly terrain was arduous and tiresome, we were energised while animating the SHG



members. We were contented with our reaching out to about 450 SHG members spread across twenty-two villages.

Papy Valan, CSC

ST. PAUL'S PARISH, KUMARGHAT



Twin Deanery SCC Convention

The combined Convention of Ambassa - Kumarghat deaneries, under Agartala Diocese, was held from 24 to 26 Mar. '23 in Kumarghat. The presence of Most Rev. Stephen Rotluanga, CSC, DD, Bishop: Aizawl Diocese, and Regional Chairman: SCC - Northeast and Most Rev. Lumen Monteiro, CSC, DD, Bishop: Diocese of Agartala, added joy to the convention. There were also special delegates from Mizoram and Silchar.

The Resource Persons, Fr. Lancy D'Souza, CSC, Parish Priest and Diocesan Secretary of SCC, Fr. Ivan D'Silva, SVD, Parish Priest of Holy Spirit Parish, Ambassa, spoke on Small Christian Community and



invited the participants to engage themselves more actively in the SCC related activities. The convention saw the participants preparing the parish-level action plans to become Basic Ecclesial Communities.



The well-attended and organized event ended with Fr. Lancy thanking everyone who made the convention a grand success.

International Women's Day Celebration

International Women's Day was celebrated fittingly at St. Paul's Parish Kumarghat on 16th April '23. Eighty women from fifteen villages actively participated in the day's program, which included sessions, games, and spiritual activities. The resource persons, Dr. Margaret, Sr. Jolly, Coordinator, Women's Commission, Agartala and Sr. Bastian, Coordinator, Maria Sangha of the Parish, interacted with the women on the importance of health and hygiene, intake of food, caring for their children, the importance of prayer, blessings of praying the Rosary daily in the family, Christian way of parenting, leadership and good parenting. During the Holy Eucharist, Fr. Sahaya Lourdu, CSC, encouraged the women to be active in the family, village and church. Prizes were distributed to the winners of various games, and everyone enjoyed the day.



Sr. Bastian D'Silva, FS

ST. ANDRE MINOR SEMINARY (SAMS), BODHJUNGNAGAR

Dear WAVers, we would like to update you on the happenings at SAMS.



Examinations

Students were busy with their studies and final exams for the last two months. After the exams, all of them went for a well-deserved home holiday, and the Second Years are now back in the seminary to continue their studies.



Visitors

The past two months saw many visitors coming to the seminary and interacting with our seminarians. Their presence encouraged our candidates and brought new enthusiasm to their vocation. We gladly welcomed our confreres from near and far, Fr. Simon D'Souza CSC, Fr. Jerome CSC, and the parents of Fr. Stephen Munga, CSC. We were privileged to welcome Fr. Fred Jenga, CSC, President, Holy Cross Family Ministry, International. He shared about his ministry and





inspired our candidates with his vocation story. We were



also happy to welcome our Scholastics who visited SAMS, shared their experiences in Holy Cross, and inspired our candidates.

Farewell

We bid farewell to the outgoing Class of XII candidates on 13th Mar.'23. A special Eucharist was organised to thank and praise God for them. In the afternoon, there was a football match, a short cultural program and dinner, in honour of them.



Other Activities

Easter was celebrated meaningfully, and we went for an outing as a community to the park at Khumlung. As part of the 150th Death Anniversary of our Founder, Basile Moreau, the community organised a week-long adoration with much



devotion and solemnity reflecting on the life and legacy of our founder.



John PKC, CSC

HOLY CROSS SCHOOL, PANISAGAR



Orientation for the Teaching Staff

"You can't rely on how you look to sustain you, what sustains us, what is fundamentally beautiful is compassion; for yourself and those around you," says Lipita Nyongo. So, it was the compassionate



spirit of Dr. Rebha Chakrabarty, who had worked in Holy Cross School and College for 32 long years, who gave a touching and spirit-moving talk on "Heart and Mind of a good teacher". All the teachers and staff attended this Seminar organised on 10th April '23 and benefited much from her presence and her inspirational talk.

Farewell to Regent Antony

Training and fieldwork are crucial for any specialisation. Rgnt. Antony Thamwar came to our school for his practical experience and had to leave for his higher formation in Pune. Hence, on 13th



April '23, we bid farewell to and thanked him for his presence the community, service in the school and hostel. He mingled with the students and teachers so well, and they all missed him. His ability to be joyful and helpful has touched many hearts.

Nursery Inauguration

“The greatest gifts you can give to your children are the roots of responsibility and the wings of



independence,” says Denis Waitley. To this end, parents of the kindergarten kids took the bold step of giving the wing of independence to their kids of 4+ by enrolling them as students in our school. An Inaugural function was held on 26th April '23 to welcome the kids with their parents in the presence of Shri. Sanjoy Das, Chairman, Panchayath Samiti, RD Block, and Shri. Dhananjay Das, Mandal member. This program was organised by the students and teachers of Classes UKG to V. It was a colourful and memorable event for everyone.

Investiture Ceremony

Leaders are not born, so the school creates an opportunity for training and forming a leader. Mother Teresa says, ‘Everyone can rise above their circumstances and achieve success, if they are dedicated to and passionate about what they do’. The Investiture Ceremony for the newly elected leaders was held on 29th April '23, and Shri. Mourya

Krishna, IPS, SDPO Kanchanpur, graced the occasion and administered the oath of office to the SPL, ASPL, house leaders and all the class leaders. He



encouraged the students with his words of wisdom to be good leaders. Different dances and mass drills performed by the students added colour to the entire program.

Kanikkai Jeyaraj, CSC

GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH, KATHALCHERRA

The KCYM (Kathalcherra Catholic Youth Movement) of Good Shepherd Parish organised a Games-Meet and a Eucharistic Procession to rejuvenate the youth physically and spiritually. On 22 April '23, the youth gathered for football, volleyball and throw-ball matches, with many teams



participating in it. Opening prayer, lighting the Olympic Torch, and Taking pledges were part of the inaugural ceremony. On 23rd April '23, everyone, including the parishioners, gathered devotedly for the Eucharistic Procession, gloriously singing hymns in praise and adoration of Jesus. This has helped the participants to recognise the Eucharist as the Source and Summit of Christian Worship. The final of the Football Match was conducted after the Eucharistic Procession.

Abraham C., CSC



HOLY CROSS SCHOOL, AGARTALA



Grandparents@pandemic.adventures

“Nobody can do for little children what grandparents do,” says Alex Haley. Holy Cross School, Agartala, celebrated



Grandparents' Day on 1st April '23, after a 4-year long gap, with great enthusiasm. We chose the theme 'Grandparents@pandemic.adventures' to highlight the significant role of grandparents in our daily life, particularly during the pandemic.

Grandparents gathered in large numbers, and there was a nostalgic vibe in the air as over a thousand kids came to the stage with their mesmerising performances. Justice Shri. Swapan Chandra Das, Honourable Chairperson, Human Rights Commission - Tripura, inspired the gathering with his presence as Chief Guest and a meaningful message. The presence of Most Rev. Lumen Monteiro, CSC, Bishop: Diocese of Agartala, and Fr. George Jacob, CSC, Secretary: Holy Cross



Educational Foundation, added joy to the celebration. Welcoming the dignitaries and the gathering, Fr. Jilson Tom CSC, the Principal, underlined the importance of celebrating Grandparents' Day, emphasising gratitude to all the grandparents for their



important role in positive attachment and family life. At the end of the formal function, Fr. Agi Paul, CSC, the Vice Principal, proposed the vote of thanks, followed by energetic foot-tapping performances. Students from Nursery to class IV entertained the gathering with their power-packed multi-lingual dance-drama performances to show their appreciation for all the love and tenderness they received from their grandparents.

 Tani Darlong

ST. ANDRE SCHOOL, BODHJUNG NAGAR



New Academic Year

The new Academic Year 2023 began on 24th April '23. This year, the school has chosen the theme: *Together towards Excellence*. The students came to school with enthusiasm and curiosity. The new



teachers were welcomed by the management and introduced to the students in the assembly.



Teachers' Seminar

A Teachers' Orientation Seminar was conducted in the school, and Fr. Shaji ML, CSC, was the Resource Person.

Investiture Ceremony

The investiture ceremony for the leaders was organized on 4th May '23. Mr. Runiel Debbarma, the MDC of Bodhjunnagar-Wakhinagar, was the Chief



Guest of the function. In his speech, he encouraged the students to develop leadership qualities along with their academic studies. He conferred the title badges to the school SPL, ASPL and all other

leaders. The colourful cultural program that followed enthralled the students.

Art and Culture

Art is an integral part of our culture. Art expresses many emotions and actions other than words. Art-integrated education is a requirement of the hour. As part of the curriculum, the school organised art-integrated competitions in the school.

School Toppers

The school also honoured the toppers of the last Academic Year 2022-23, with badges for their academic-excellence. Seventy-five students, who were the best three in all classes, were honoured with prizes for their hard work.



Iswar Happa, CSC

HOLY CROSS PINE VIEW STUDY HOUSE SUMER



Community Day Celebrations

Doing your best is more important than being the best. The months of March and April were packed with many intellectual-learning and adventurous-experiences. The *Sumerians* spent a week, fully engaged in different competitions and community day celebrations. The theme of the Community Day Celebration 2023 was 'No Rest till the Best' True to the theme, the boys were thrilled to display their God-given gifts and talents in many ways, from literary to games. The active participation of each community member brought about a resounding success to the Community Day Celebrations.

Bible Quiz Competition

After having completed the Course on *General Introduction to the Bible*, a Bible quiz was held in Holy Cross Pine View Study House, Sumer. The



program was witnessed by some of the youth from Sumer Village.



Bible Convention

As part of the spiritual renewal, the Sumerians spent a day at Holy Redeemer Retreat Centre reflecting and meditating upon the Word of God. Our candidates were asked to serve at the Altar during the Holy Eucharistic Celebration and Benediction.



Holy Week & Easter

In preparation for the meaningful celebration of Easter, the community organised special Instructional Sessions during the Holy Week. The sessions were taken by Fr. Jowelson Khongtani, CSC, Director, HCPVSH-Sumer.



Annual Retreat



A three-day Retreat on the theme: *Growing Deeper in Jesus*, was organized

for our candidates. We were blessed with the presence of Fr. Eric FSX - the Preacher. It was indeed a moment of God-Experience for the participants as this was their first retreat.

Annual Examinations and Evaluation

The community witnessed great calm and seriousness for at least two weeks as the candidates were busy with their intellectual activities and self-evaluation. One of the seminarians commented, "I am grateful to God for having brought me here. I have learned the most important lesson in my life: to discover to a great extent about myself and the purpose of my life. Had I been elsewhere, would I not have come to this self-realisation. Thank you, Fathers."



- Jowelson Khongtani, CSC

UPDATES AND SEMINARS

Seminar on Finances, Bookkeeping and Accounts

A two-day Seminar and an update program on recent changes in compliance on finance, book-keeping and accounts was held at Moreau Institute of Integral Training, Shillong, on 7th & 8th Mar.'23. The Seminar was conducted in view of updating our Unit-Administrators and Unit-Accountants to bring forth greater awareness and efficiency in accounting and book-keeping. Mrs. Dipsha D'Souza, CA, and Mr. Sebin Emmanuel, CA, our Auditors, were the Resource Persons.





The Seminar began with an introductory and welcome address by Fr. Simon Fernandis, CSC, the Provincial Superior.

He welcomed everyone and thanked them for taking the trouble of attending the Seminar. He highlighted the importance of book-keeping, accounting and its compliances. The resource persons spoke on the various aspects of fast-changing Society regulations and the extent to comply on time. They reviewed the entire accounting system and ways to improve it and stressed the need for efficient dealings on finances and administration in line with the objectives of the Societies.

19 unit-administrators and 13 unit-accountants took part in the Seminar, and it was indeed a time of learning, acquiring knowledge and refreshing to be together.



Alfred D'Souza, CSC

Refresher Course for the Scholastics

The Province of Northeast India organised a two-week summer program for eight scholastics from



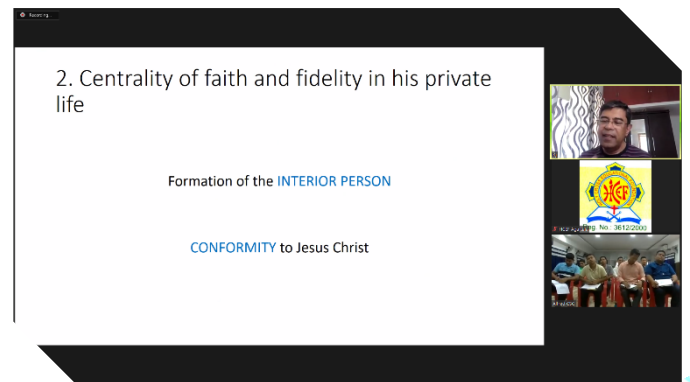
Pune from 17th to 30th April '23. It was a much-awaited program for the scholastics to spend time together, to know the Province & its

members, and to know each other themselves better. The eight Scholastics who attended this program were Henry and Pintu in their final year

Philosophy; Akhsi, Eldho, and Tharsish in their second-year Theology; and Newton, Anupam, and Shanborlang in their third-year Theology. The program was coordinated by the Formation Coordinator, Fr. Mariaraj I csc.

In the first week, the Scholastics were divided into two groups of four each and sent to different mission centres in Tripura. It was a great experience to have been to the mission centres, meet our confreres, and know more about each centre's activities.

During the Second week, the sessions were given by different resource personnel. The first session was taken by Fr. Mariaraj, CSC, who discussed the Holy Cross Formation worldwide. In the next session, Fr.



K. J. Abraham, CSC, discussed Re-discovering a saint and his legacy. It was about the inspiring life and personality of our Founder Basil Moreau. In his session, Fr. George Jacob, CSC, talked about "The Core of a Catholic Education in Holy Cross Tradition", that is to transform minds and hearts with zeal in communities of hope. Fr. Simon took an interactive session in which he inspired us to take an extra step to be accountable, responsible, and value our time.

The main resource person for the Psycho-Spiritual development was Fr. Gratian Carlo, SJ. He inspired and made us reflect on



our Religious Life to be integrated and look for



excellence in our life and mission. The learnings from Fr. Gratian Carlo challenged and invited us to look into our behaviour, needs, emotion, and relationship with one another and to grow in living a life like Jesus, always keeping in mind the purpose of our life.



Fr. Roy Thalackan, CSC, took a session on "Holy Cross Family Ministry", in which we learned about the mission of HCFM - "A family of Catholic ministries that promotes and fosters the prayer life and spiritual well-being of families throughout the world."

We also learned about the life of Fr. Payton and the present activity of HCFM. Fr. Roy also took a session on "Internationality of Holy Cross", which helped us understand our Congregation's Global context. Fr. Mariaraj took a session on "The Superiors General of our Congregation", which enlightened our mind with the knowledge of our great leaders. Madam Dipsha took a session on accountancy and book-keeping for the charitable trust. This helped us understand that we must be responsible and accountable and support one another to be transparent in our ministry.

After having gone through this 2-week long Refresher-Course, we found ourselves having grown in our love for Holy Cross. We also find ourselves in the spirit of Holy Cross, to move ahead with enthusiasm in our Professional Formation in Pune. The sessions have motivated us to take up in good spirit the challenges and demands of missionary life. We are indeed thankful to the Province for this great opportunity, comfortable stay, and inspirational interactions with our Confreres.



 Preet Anupam Beck csc

SEMINAR FOR TEACHERS

As the new academic year has begun, A Seminar for Teachers was

organised by the Holy Cross Educational Foundation at different places. On 6th May '23, sixty-four science teachers



from all the Holy Cross Schools in Tripura, gathered at Andre Home, Agartala, for an Experiential Learning. Mr. Jyoti Parruck from 'BiGyanology Kolkata was the Resource Person. His sessions were on 'Making Science Fun and Engaging'. The day was filled with hands-on activities, practical sessions and training the teachers to make low-cost Teaching Learning Materials.

On 27th and 29th April '23, Fr. George Jacob, CSC, Secretary: Holy Cross Educational Foundation, animated the



training sessions to the teachers at Notre Dame Holy Cross School, Moarpara and Holy Cross School, Chailengta. His sessions were on 'Re-imagining the 21st Century Education' and the skills needed for the 21st century.

 Alex Movi



MOREAU'S COLUMN



Confidence in the Cross, Our Only Hope: Ave Crux, Spes Unica

Right from the beginning of the Congregation, through the name that it gets from the place it was founded, and the patronage emerged from the church that already existed, the Cross of Christ had a significant place and impact in the life of Basil Moreau, as a Founder. This is also seen in the names of the first four sisters: Leocadie Gascoin - known as Sr. Mary of Seven Dolours, Marie Robineaux - known as Sr. Mary of Calvary, Rene Boutelier - known as Sr. Mary of the Compassion, and Leonie Chapin - known as Sr. Mary of Holy Cross; who professed their Religious Profession, confirming that the Cross of Christ or His Suffering had a place in the heart of our Founder, Basil Moreau. Today, we may think that we got the name of Holy Cross and Our Lady of Seven Sorrows, because it was already there, and also, Moreau named the Sisters with these names as a mere coincidence. Not so, and as Educators in the Faith, we can't conclude thus, for "All things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to his purpose" (Rom 8:28). And this can be seen as our Founder discovered a true meaning of the Cross while enduring numerous difficulties and problems throughout his life. At times, when he found it extremely difficult to bear the hardships, he could solely trust in the Divine Providence. Thus, he always believed and hailed the Cross as the Only Hope.

As Men of Holy Cross, in this 150th year of his entry into Eternal Life, and in this fast-changing world, where men and women search for comfort and easy-going life, we are called by our Founder to pause and reflect upon our Consecrated Religious Life ... a life that embraces the Cross and finds meaning in doing so. Therefore, the Cross of Christ, to every member of Holy Cross symbolises hope and the courage to move forward amidst life's challenges. The Cross acts as a Guiding-Light to all of us, leading us from darkness to light, from despair to hope. Again, our Founder, Basil Moreau, calls upon every member of the Congregation to draw inspiration and strength from the Cross as he says: "It is necessary to know the Mystery of the Cross and draw from it the apostolic strength of those generous imitators of Jesus Christ whose life here below was a continuous martyrdom", (CL 11) to be people who are ready to die for Christ and his message.

Our Constitution reminds us "not to grieve as men without hope, for Christ the Lord has risen to die no more" (Constitution 118). May the Holy Cross enable us to imitate Jesus, who has conquered death once and for all and brought hope to people around us. When we go through various trials, bitterness, and shadows of life, let us not allow ourselves to be discouraged by them, but take all of them as part of disciplining our way of life, according to the Will and Plan of God. Thus, it is only in this way people will know that we, the Members of the Congregation, bear the Cross as the symbol of Only Hope and who strive to bring hope to people, living in despair and darkness.



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