



# Waves

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## Provincial Speaks



*Dear Confreres and friends,*

I wish you all the Joy of the Season: *Lent*.

The season is full of mortifications, penance, almsgiving, fasting, praying, the way of the cross, minimum music, less singing, simple food, etc. Alleluia has taken an extended holiday, and gloria seldom visits in Lent. At this juncture, one may be tempted to ask: "Is there any joy at all in the season of lent?"

We believe this season is the season of '*metanoia*' (referring to God's invitation: *Return to me with all your heart*). Only a fundamental change of mind and a spiritual conversion can help us return to the Lord. Wholehearted returning to the Lord is a cause of our inner joy, making this season a season of joy. The season of lent may demand an experience of Good Friday from us, but we know it is only to have an Easter experience soon. That is the meaning of *life after death*. That is what it means when the Book of Revelation promises a *new heaven and new earth*.

Recently, we have been quite busy in equipping ourselves with religious essentials, giving ourselves an *Asian colour*: Asian Educators' Meeting (Agartala), Asian Pastors' Meeting (Trichy), Asian Formators' Meeting (Bhadun, Bangladesh), Administrators' cum Accountants' Meeting (Shillong), etc. We sincerely hope all these gatherings, seminars, meetings, sharing, and acquaintances make us more Holy Cross, becoming true to our religious vocation.

I appreciate what you have done and will be doing for the Faithful in this Season of Lent.

Wishing you a pleasant reading of our Province Newsletter ... *WAVES-March 2023 Issue*.

I remain fraternally yours in Holy Cross.

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

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## EDITORIAL



“We yield up, we fall apart, we die, so that we can bloom anew”  
- **Gertrud Mueller Nelson.**

Most of us look at falls as mistakes and failures, and this attitude indeed brings pain and sorrow to us. It is a human tendency to look for and chase perfection, knowing nothing is perfect. Life has its own ups and downs. Life will undoubtedly have some falls, some mistakes, and some failures. But do we welcome them? I think most of us would give a big no as an answer. It is because of our inability to understand the importance of falls.

People like Winston Churchill, Thomas Edison, Henry Ford, Michael Jordan and many other illustrious people have repeatedly given examples of their falling in their pursuit of excellence. The difference between them and most of us is that they dared to get up and walk again. Their falls were the first step towards blooming anew.



We are in the Season of Lent, awaiting and preparing for the Easter. These seasons invite us to change the way we look at the falls. Falls are there to teach, mould and guide us. Fall is the way to success. It is the process of achievement. It is the



definition of our struggles. It is the value of our character. Every Good Friday has an Easter Sunday to follow.

On the 20<sup>th</sup> of January, 2023, the Congregation of Holy Cross marked the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the entry of our Founder, Blessed Basile Moreau, into Eternal Life. His life has been marked with difficulties, problems and sorrows. He had to deal with disappointments in ministries, lost opportunities, financial setbacks, or even unexpected deaths among the members. Yet he trusted in the Providence of God and rose again with a firm belief “...that the heaviest crosses contribute most to the general good of our work and to the welfare of each one of us” (*Circular Letter 23*).



We fall so we can rise again. And most importantly, we fall so we can rise again to be an instrument in the hands of God, bringing the best out in each of us and others.



## ASSOCIATION FOR SOCIAL HUMAN ADVANCEMENT-ASHA

### Governing Board Meeting

The Governing Board Meeting of ASHA was held on the 11<sup>th</sup> of February. Four newly inducted board members were given a warm welcome during the session. The GB members had an in-depth discussion on the Strategic Plan Documents of 2007 and 2015 and on the Chapter Document. In response to the mandate given to ASHA by these documents, it was decided to provide an impetus to the activities of ASHA by taking the social apostolate of the Province to various villages under Holy Cross-ministered Parishes.



### Formation of SHGs in Moharpara Parish

To strengthen the people's movements with a focus on women empowerment, ASHA began organising SHGs in the interior villages of IC Parish, Moharpara, in November 2022. With the help of two animators, nine SHGs have been organised who have begun savings and are beginning their bank accounts. Other groups are eager to join in this movement. The Director of ASHA visited these groups on the 25<sup>th</sup> and the 26<sup>th</sup> of February and witnessed their extraordinary work.



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Thomas John, CSC

### MEETING OF ASIAN HOLY CROSS FORMATORS

The Asian Holy Cross Formators' Meeting was held at Holy Cross Retreat and Pastoral Centre, Bhadun, Bangladesh, starting on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of February and ending on the 26<sup>th</sup> of February.

Seventeen Formators from India began their journey through the Akhaura Border Post, Agartala, on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and reached the meeting place after six hours of travel through the dusty and bumpy road.



We were warmly received by our Bangladesh Confreres and Sisters to the beautiful and serene campus at Bhadun.

Fifty-two Holy Cross Sisters, Brothers and Priests participated in the programme. Fr. Emmanuel Kallarackal, CSC, First Assistant and Vicar General, and the Chair of Mission and Ministries Commission; and Bro. Bertrand Nee Wayoe, the Fourth General Assistant, and the Chair of Vocations and Formation Commission, represented the General Administration.



The theme of the Conference was: "Holy Cross Formation and Transformation in the Asian Context." The resource persons from India, Bangladesh and Rome spoke on various sub-themes of the conference like Vocation - A dialogue of grace and human effort, Assessment, Intercultural formation, Formation - past, present and future, Characteristics of Holy Cross Formation, Challenges - national and international, and Formation from an International perspective.





After the conference, it was time to visit different places of interest in Bangladesh and the ministry



places of the Holy Cross. It allowed us to witness the religious commitments of our confreres from Bangladesh and understand our neighbouring country's history and culture.

The hospitality of our confreres (brothers and priests) and the sisters were tremendous! For most



of us, this was our maiden visit to Bangladesh - the root of the Holy Cross in Asia since 1853; and the journey was truly inspiring all along. The interaction among the three societies, during and after the sessions, helped us feel connected to that great spirit of internationality. There is so much we can learn and profit from one another and serve the people better when we collaborate.



The immigration office left an imprint on our passport pages with an entry and exit seals. Likewise, the seven days of personal interaction

with our brothers, sisters and priests in Bangladesh have left in our hearts an undeletable mark of gratitude and family bonding to cherish for years to come!



*Theophilus Sohtun, CSC*

## ST. PAUL'S PARISH, KUMARGHAT

### Parish Sabha cum Golden Jubilee Celebration of Ratacherra Mondoli

Parish Shaba, along with the Golden Jubilee celebration of Ratacherra Mondoli, took place from the 13<sup>th</sup> to the 15<sup>th</sup> of January at Ratacherra village. It began with the hoisting of the flag on the first day, followed by a talk on Sacraments by Mr. Lala Darlong. On the second day, Fr. Leenus, VC from Shantir Rani Parish, Mariamnagar, spoke on the Eucharist in the context of our diocese celebrating this year as the Year of the Eucharist. He also conducted a praise and worship session for the delegates. Various 'Mondolis' and Associations presented their annual reports in the afternoon. A Marian Procession was taken out in the evening through the streets of Ratacherra village, with



people reciting the Rosary and singing Marian hymns.

On the last day, the financial report of the Parish was presented by Fr. Lancy D'Souza. Most Rev. Lumen Monteiro, CSC, Bishop of Agartala, interacted with the delegates and spoke on the importance of faith and the Eucharist. Bishop



unveiled the Jubilee plaque and offered Holy Eucharist. The three days of the programme ended with a renewed commitment to being faithful to the Gospel values.

### Medical Camp

In association with Comprehensive Blood & Cancer Centre (CBCC), USA and St. Joseph Hospital, Agartala, a medical camp was organised at the Holy Cross school campus on the 11<sup>th</sup> of February. Fr. Lancy D'Souza, the Parish Priest, warmly welcomed



a medical-team of eight doctors and nurses. An awareness talk on cancer was given by Mr. Raman, which was followed by a physical examination, and testing for blood sugar and blood pressure. Medicines were distributed to the people as part of the camp. We thank Sr. Prasanti, SJA and Sr. Swathi, SJA, for their availability and assistance during the camp.

### Training for SCC Animators

A Training Programme for twenty-five SCC animators of the North Zone was held on the 25<sup>th</sup> of February at St. Paul's Parish, Kumarghat. This training was organised in view of the SCC north-zone convention from the 24<sup>th</sup> to the 26<sup>th</sup> of March. The



north zone comprises parishes from Ambassa and Kumarghat deaneries. The session began with an enthronement of Bible, followed by the introduction to the session given by Fr. Lancy D'souza, CSC. The trainers of the programme were Mr. Lala Darlong, Mr. Piangluma Darlong and Mr. Paul Sangma. The participants were divided into groups and were trained to conduct SCC animation programme. The meeting came to an end with a short prayer.

*Lancy D'Souza, CSC & Jojappa*

### HOLY CROSS SCHOOL, KUMARGHAT

#### Sports and Cultural Week

Sports and Cultural Week was organised in the school from the 7<sup>th</sup> to the 13<sup>th</sup> of January to develop



team spirit and unity among children. Mr. Subhrata Sharma, Principal of BR Ambedkar College, was the Chief Guest for the Inaugural Ceremony. He hoisted the school flag and lighted the torch to mark the beginning of the programme. It was followed by the much-awaited march-past by the Houses. Students competed against each other in various disciplines, cheered by their companions. The highlight of the competitions was the tug-of-war between teachers and students.

The purpose of the cultural day was to nurture different talents among the students. Students competed in fancy dress, dance, song, group dance, group song, quiz, debate and extempore speech. In



all these, the students showcased their talents much to the appreciation of teachers and students.

The whole week was a time to enjoy with enthusiasm and helped the students to believe in themselves. Prizes, certificates, and medals were distributed to winners. The entire week of activities was a success because of the hard work of the organising committee and the support given by the principal, Fr. Sahaya Lourdu, CSC.

 *Ms. Kavita Reang*

### Celebration of National Voters' Day

National Voters' Day is celebrated annually across the country on the 25<sup>th</sup> of January. This year the theme for the celebration was 'Nothing like Voting, I Vote for Sure.' The purpose of this celebration is to encourage, facilitate and maximise enrollment, spread awareness among voters, and promote informed-participation in the electoral process.

This day was celebrated in our school through various



competitions and cultural events. Sr. Bernadette, the Headmistress, addressed the students about the importance and significance of the day. The celebration included a painting competition for classes' three to five; a quiz competition for classes eight and nine; songs, dance and a pledge taken by the teaching and non-teaching staff.

 *Litan Biswas*

### Republic Day Celebration

Republic Day was celebrated with the hoisting of the National Flag by Fr. Lancy D'Souza, CSC and the singing of the National Anthem. Our students from class four, Meghna Das and Riya Deb, performed a beautiful patriotic dance. Mr. Tapan, the PRO of our school, spoke a few words explaining the day's importance and inviting everyone to hold fast to the values inscribed in our Constitution.

 *Lalnunpeki Darlong*

### Farewell for Class X

Our school organized a grand farewell for our outgoing Class X students on the 6<sup>th</sup> of February. The entertaining cultural programmes, positive thoughts shared by Fr. Lancy, CSC, thoughtful gifts, and great refreshments made the day very special to the outgoing students. They expressed their gratitude and appreciation to the school through their touching and heartwarming words. All of them are ready to move forward with the confidence and enthusiasm they gained from the school. We wish them all the very best in their future endeavour.

 *Jeneth Lalawmpui Siakeng*

### HOLY CROSS SCHOOL, PANISAGAR

### Annual Sports Week

The School's Annual Sports Meet began with vigour, zeal and enthusiasm on the 16<sup>th</sup> of January and its finale was organized on the 21<sup>st</sup> of the same month. During the week, forty teachers of our school conducted various competitions for over nine hundred students. Though many had participated, nearly forty won the Sports Cups, and four hundred and fifty won the medals and certificates. On the



concluding day, Shri. S.K. Shukla, the officiating DIG, BSF, SHQ, Panisagar was the Chief Guest and he



distributed medals and certificates to the winners. The concluding program began with colourful Dances, Mass Drills and March-Past. The week-long program ended with the DIG's encouraging words and the singing of the National Anthem.

### Picnic for the Hostellers

Students from the boys' and girls' hostels went for a



picnic on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of January to Unakoti. Unakoti means one less than a crore and it is believed that the same number of rock-cut carvings are there in this place which dates to 7 AD. All students enjoyed the day with fun filled activities, dance and great lunch together.

### Farewell for Class X

"The two hardest things to say in life are hello for the first time and goodbye for the last," says **Moira Rogers**. The day came for the eighty-one students of the 15<sup>th</sup> batch of Class X to say goodbye to their 'alma mater'. The students of Class IX organised a meaningful farewell program with songs and

dances. With a note of gratitude, all the outgoing students presented to the school a bookshelf. The



principal thanked them and reminded the outgoing students to be a blessing to the family and society. They were all given a memento and snack packet each.

### Visit of HCEF Secretary

It was our joy to welcome the secretary of HCEF, Fr. George Jacob CSC, on his maiden visit, and he was warmly welcomed in the assembly. He visited all the classes and interacted with teachers and students. In his meeting with teachers, he encouraged them to be effective in classroom practices. The staff and students were happy with his visit.



**Kanikkai Jeyaraj, CSC**

### HOLY CROSS SEMINARY, PUNE

#### Drama Performance

On the 10<sup>th</sup> of February, the scholastics of Holy Cross Seminary, Pune, put up a play titled: "Yes, We Can" to celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> death anniversary of our founder Bl. Basil Moreau. The event was attended by



Fr. Roque D'Costa, the Provincial Superior of the Province of



South India, other Holy Cross confreres, friends and well-wishers of Holy Cross. The play's original script



was written by Fr. Arun, CSC, in 2021; later, it was modified by Fr. Shiju to make it more appealing to the present context. The cast included all the scholastics, who played their roles to their best. The staging of the play caused the scholastics to transform their skills in acting to a standard fit for professional performance. Thanks to Fr. Joby, Fr. K.O Joseph, and Fr. Bilingshar for the role played in assisting the scholastics in bringing out their excellent dramatic performance.

**ST. ANDRE MINOR SEMINARY,  
BODHJUNGNAGAR**

Once again, I am happy to jot down the happenings at St. Andre Minor Seminary which help our



seminarians to focus on their call to religious life. Living in a community, spending time in spiritual activities and engaging in academic programmes help the seminarians prepare themselves for their future life as Holy Cross religious.

A one-day recollection was organised in January, allowing the formees to spend time praying and reflecting. Final exams for the candidates began on the 24<sup>th</sup> of February, and a prayer service was organised, seeking God's wisdom and blessing.

After a short Christmas vacation, the school was reopened on the 4<sup>th</sup> of January, and all were back to school. Fr. John PKC, CSC, the Director of the seminary, was back at Bodhjungle after spending a month at Anugraha, Dindigal attending counselling and psychotherapy classes.



*John PKC, CSC*

**Birth Anniversary of Bl. Moreau**

On the 11<sup>th</sup> of February, the Seminary celebrated the 224<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary of Bl. Basil Moreau with a solemn celebration of the Holy Eucharist, presided



over by Fr. Roque D'costa. Thus, the seminary had a memorable and meaningful celebration appreciating the rich legacy of our founder Bl. Basil Moreau.

*Eldho Augustine, CSC*





## HOLY CROSS PINE VIEW STUDY HOUSE, SUMER

2019EK

First and foremost, I thank the Almighty God for accompanying us in each moment of our community life and commitments. This year has reached its shore at a lightning speed, with each of us safe and sound. We have finished most of the syllabus and significant academic classes. There were memorable moments of joy as well as challenges. But when the heart and mind are together, community life and religious commitments become worthwhile ventures and we can live as our best selves.

### Community Experience at Good Shepherd Parish, Jongksha

It was yet another great learning for our candidates to have been part of the preparations for the Golden Jubilee celebration of Good Shepherd Parish Jongksha. They were in Jongksha for more than 25 days as part of their mission experience, helping the parish community prepare for the Golden Jubilee celebration.

### Pre-Christmas Celebrations

We had an anticipated Christmas celebration on the 21<sup>st</sup> of December with great pomp and joy. The entire house and campus was beautifully decorated with colourful lights. The celebration began with a short cultural program, carol singing and blessing of the Christmas crib, followed by a fellowship meal. Indeed, the presence of our well-wishers and friends added more relevance to our celebrations. In his Christmas message, Fr. Jowelson, the Director of the Study House, invited everyone to celebrate the presence of God in the ordinary events and experiences of life.



*Jowelson Khongtani, CSC*

## HOLY CROSS SCHOOL, KOLORIANG

### Farewell

“Life is a journey, not a destination” was the message given to our outgoing students of class V. On the 1<sup>st</sup> of February, the school bid a lively and



joyful farewell to our 2022-23 batch of students. The ceremony commenced with an address by the Principal, Fr. Stephen, CSC to the gathering, followed by a welcome song beautifully sung by our students. The program comprised various dances and songs, including the farewell song, sung by our students, which gave nostalgic images of the merry times experienced in the school. Fr. Gabriel, CSC, the Parish Priest, wished them happiness and success. Finally, the outgoing students relived their



bitter-sweet memories at the school and expressed their heartfelt gratitude to this great institution and the teachers, for being instrumental in shaping their personalities and providing them with apt opportunities. The program was concluded with a fellowship meal.



*Stephen Malneu, CSC*



**ST. ANDRE PARISH, NYAPIN**

**Holy Cross Altar Servers Association**

Holy Cross Altar Servers Association was officially inaugurated on the 27<sup>th</sup> of November. The students



pledged to abide by the association's requirements and render services in the Parish. They also promised to attend the Holy Eucharist every day whenever possible.

**Annual Retreat**

The yearly Parish Retreat was held from the 3<sup>rd</sup> to the 5<sup>th</sup> December. Mr. John Jacques and Mrs. Dolley Jacques, from Kolkata, preached at the Retreat attended by many faithful including people from other Christian Denominations. All the three days were spent listening to the Word of God, receiving the Sacrament of reconciliation, adoring the Blessed Sacrament and participating in the Holy Eucharist. All experienced the love of God and shared their faith and healing experiences while renewing their deep faith in the Lord.



**Parish Day**

Parish day was celebrated with many activities on the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> of December. On the 20<sup>th</sup>, we welcomed our Bishop Most Rev. John Thomas, of



Itanagar Diocese and Most Rev. Gabriel Kujur SJ, Bishop Emeritus of Daltanganj. They were accompanied by Sr. Philomina (Provincial) and Sr. Surasa (Councillor) of Sisters of Charity from Delhi.



During the Eucharistic celebration, sixteen faithful received the Sacrament of Confirmation.

**'Parents' Day' at St. Jude's School**

Parents' Day at St. Jude's School, Nyapin, was celebrated on the 21<sup>st</sup> of November with pomp and pride, with students displaying their talents through song, dances, and other cultural items. The occasion was graced by Shri Ringu Takap,





the BRC of Nyapin Block, as the chief guest. In his speech, the Chief Guest lauded the school's contribution to the children in and around Nyapin village. He presented playing materials to the school as well. The function was well appreciated by all who were present for the same.



 **Stephen Lohrii**

*Kids Day & Science Exhibition*

Kids Day was organised in the school on the 27<sup>th</sup> of February. The occasion gave an ideal platform for



our kids to showcase their talents and skills on the stage. A variety of programmes were organised to mark the day. Nearly 150 parents witnessed the young talent and their beautiful smiles. Fr. Diago Pereira, the brother of Fr. Thomas Pereira, CSC, was the Chief Guest of the Day. The day also witnessed a science exhibition designed and implemented by the students of IV

to IX. It was an occasion to believe in our student's strengths and creativities. Thanks to the teachers who guided them, and it was indeed a team-work. Kudos to all of them!



**HOLY CROSS SCHOOL, TUIKARMAW**

*Republic Day*

The school celebrated the Republic Day of our



nation meaningfully in the presence of staff and students. Sr. Elaize, SABS, addressed the gathering inviting each to stand for constitutional values. The day was marked with cultural programmes such as patriotic songs and dance. Our NCC students won trophies in the Sub Divisional Level Republic Day Celebration for outstanding performance. On the same day the birthday of Fr. Thomas was also celebrated.

*Farewell & Welcome*

A grant farewell programme was organised on the 30<sup>th</sup> of January for our outgoing students of classes X and XII. This year 92 students will appear in their Madhyamik examination, and 67 students will appear for Higher Secondary exam. We wish them all the best for their exam preparations and for eventual success. After her three years of selfless service, the school also bid farewell to Sr. Reena,






SABS. We remain grateful to her for all her contributions to the development of the school. We



also welcomed our new Headmistress, Sr. Elaize SABS, on the same very day. Sister joins us with her vast experience serving at St. Andre School, Budhjungnagar. We wish her our support and God's blessings!

 **Renju George, CSC**

## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH, MOHARPARA

### Marriage Preparation Course

Immaculate Conception Parish, Moharpara conducted a marriage preparation course for three days from the 7<sup>th</sup> to the 9<sup>th</sup> of February. Six couples from different places took part in the training led by Rev. Fr. Amalraj, Secretary, Diocesan Family Commission, Dr. Aroino Jamatia, MBBS and Catechist Thomas Hrangkhawl.



Topics such as the sacredness of marriage, marriage as a sacrament, the sinfulness of abortion and marital commitment were dealt at length by the resource persons. After the sessions, the couples were

allowed to clarify their doubts. Many expressed their joy and happiness about the program.

### Formation of St. Joseph 'Bodol'

Men-folk of Moharpara Parish gathered at the parish centre for a seminar on the 19<sup>th</sup> of February. The seminar focused mainly on the role of men in the family and the Church. The Parish Priest exhorted the fathers to spend quality time with children as the Bible says in Deut. 6:6-9. After a short session, the committee for St. Joseph 'bodol' for the parish level was formed and office bearers were elected. The seminar concluded with the Holy Eucharist and a common meal shared by all.

### Spiritual Renewal Retreat for Families

The families of the parish gathered for a one-day renewal Retreat at the parish centre on the 26<sup>th</sup> of



February. The event commenced with a welcome note from the Parish Priest, followed by Holy Rosary. Fr. P.J. Joseph, SDB, the resource person, spent time with the families reflecting on conversion and repentance in the family. Each family was asked to choose any Bible verse that can serve as the theme for the families to follow, especially during the Lent. The program impacted the participants as they promised to live by the Word of God, which they had chosen for their own families.



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 **Arbok Lyngdoh, CSC**



# HOLY CROSS SCHOOL, AGARTALA

## A Joyous Beginning

There was a sense of excitement on the 28<sup>th</sup> of January as Holy Cross School Agartala joyously welcomed the fresh Nursery



Students. The stage and surrounding were decorated brightly with colourful balloons and flags.

Shri Krishnendu Chakraborty IPS, Superintendent of Police, Special Branch & Vigilance, State of Tripura, graced the occasion with his presence as the Chief Guest and Fr. George Jacob, CSC, Secretary, Holy Cross Educational



Foundation as the guest of honour. The program began with a prayer followed by lighting of the lamp, an array of talent showcased by the students of classes I to IV and inspiring messages by the guests. The speakers emphasised the importance of early childhood education and the roles of teachers and parents in shaping children's future.

 Puspita Debbarma

## Investiture

“Leadership is the capacity to translate vision into reality,” says Warren G. Bennis. Students of today are the visionaries and torch-bearers of tomorrow. Nurturing students to be future leaders is a crucial task taken up by our school to bestow deserving students with leadership responsibilities.



The most awaited event for our students each year is the election of leaders which takes place through a secret ballot. This unique event culminates with the grant investiture ceremony. Fr. Simon Fernandis, CSC, President of Holy Cross Educational Foundation, graced the occasion as Chief Guest. The school also felicitated the parents of the student



cabinet members who came to witness their children taking oaths as student leaders of the school.

This day was also made significant, with teacher representatives of the morning and noon shifts of the year 2022 receiving a certificate and memento in appreciation for their work. The newly elected teacher representatives were introduced and welcomed on the same platform. We also appreciated and awarded three of our staff members retiring this year.

 Reshmi Paul

## Farewell

Every End has a new beginning. On the 11<sup>th</sup> of February, all the teachers and students at Holy Cross School prepared well to bid farewell to the ICSE and ISC classes, though with a heavy heart. We were



graciously welcomed for the programme and were invited to work hard to shine in our future. The



programs chosen for the day had cultural and moral values and nostalgic sentiments. We are grateful to our principal for his inspiring speech on the five qualities of a student, basically an interpretation of a Sanskrit verse:

*Kaak Cheshta, Bako Dhyanam,  
Swan Nindra Tathaiwa Cha /  
Alpahari, Grihtyaagi,  
Vidyarthi Panch Lakshnam //*

We were very emotional as we had a chance to come on the stage for the 'last time.' As I conclude this little note, I want to promise that we will hold high the life lessons learned from our *Alma mater*.



**Shatakshi Basu**

### SPORTS WEEK - The Week Champions Were Made



"A trophy carries dust. Memories last forever," says Mary Lou Retton. Indeed, the Annual Sports 2023



was memorable for all the 'Crossians' as the 20<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> of February were bright, sunny, red-lettered days at the Holy Cross campus. On the final day, the school grounds were resplendent with the eight colours of our eight Houses: Blue, Brown, Green, Orange, Pink, Red, Violet, and Yellow! Fr. Simon Fernandis, CSC, the President of Holy Cross Educational Foundation, was the Chief Guest at the closing ceremony. There were races and events aplenty and prizes galore. Members from every corner of the campus were brought onto the field. Most of all, our dear students showed their mettle by taking advantage of the great outdoors. Even the office staff, *kakus* and *mashis* were not left out. The Holy Cross faculty worked en masse under the leadership of our Principal, Vice Principal and Headmistresses to make the week successful. Their



endeavours have left an indelible mark on the

participants. Yellow House has acclaimed as the champion while the runners-up trophy went to Pink House. Overall, it was a week our students will not forget in a hurry.



**Poonam Rathor**



ST. ANDRE SCHOOL, BODHJUNG NAGAR

Sweet Adieu

Farewell is an integral part of life in an educational institution. St. Andre School is no exception to this.



As the academic year is coming to an end, the school felicitated and bid farewell to our outgoing

students of classes X and XII on the 4<sup>th</sup> of February. A total of 275 students will finish their Secondary and Higher Secondary level studies and appear for the board exams. It was a day of mixed feelings. The students and teachers expressed their emotions and feelings through the songs, dance, prayers, and exchanges of greetings and wishes, along with gifts and prizes. We wish them all the best for their exams and bright future.

Annual Parents' Meeting

The yearly Parents Meeting was held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of February. The interaction between parents and



teachers was of great help to both parties in understanding their wards. The parents were given information about the exam, discipline, and the importance of education. The parents and guardians shared their joy and satisfaction in the quality education provided to their children. The meeting was concluded with tea and tiffin.

Annual Sports

Sports and games play an essential role in the overall formation of a child. To this end, the school



sports committee organised the Annual Sports from the 20<sup>th</sup> to the 22<sup>nd</sup> of February. It was inaugurated by Fr. Jayaseelan, CSC, the Parish Priest. He invoked God's blessings and hoisted the flag. The students participated in the events and made their team proud by winning them. On the concluding day, we had the presence of Fr. Roque D'Costa, CSC, the Provincial Superior of the South Indian Province, as Chief Guest. We are grateful to him for his valuable presence and support.

 Iswar Happa, CSC

ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL, ZOWKATHAR

St. Joseph School, Zowkathar, is strategically located bordering Myanmar and India and provides quality education to about 525 students from both countries. Since its inception, it has grown in infrastructural and academic





facilities provided to the students. Various activities and developmental works are taking place in the

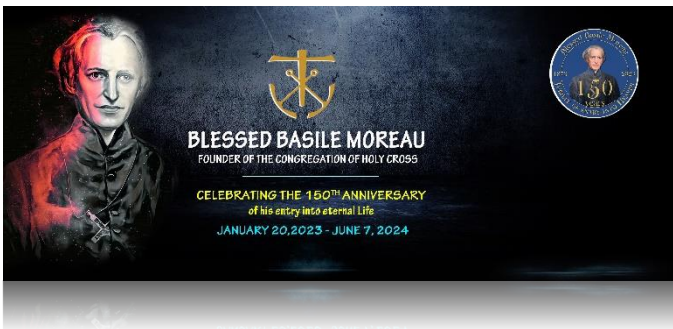


school which will help educate the children's hearts and minds. The school organised a farewell programme for the outgoing students of class VIII to wish them well in their studies as they move to another school. Fr. Paul Choorackal, CSC, the Principal, encouraged the students to study well and do well in their lives. Lower-class students performed programmes in honour of the outgoing students.



*Paul Choorackal, CSC*

## MOREAU'S CORNER



On the 20th of January, 2023, the Congregation of Holy Cross marked the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Founder, Blessed Basile Moreau's Entry into Eternal Life. To commemorate this important Anniversary, the 2022 Chapter declared "a celebration to honour our Founder, Blessed Basile Moreau, beginning on the 20<sup>th</sup> of January, 2023, and ending on the 7<sup>th</sup> of June, 2024, the Feast of the Sacred Heart". From

this issue of WAVES, we will publish articles / reflections on our founder and his spirituality. We begin with his biography.



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## BIOGRAPHY OF BLESSED BASILE MOREAU

Blessed Basile Moreau, the Founder of the Congregation of Holy Cross, was born in Laigné-en-Belin, in the Diocese of Le Mans, France, on the 11<sup>th</sup> of February, 1799. In 1821, he was ordained a Priest for the Diocese of Le Mans. He later became a seminary professor, teaching philosophy and theology while enthusiastically continuing to engage in pastoral work. He was known not only as an inspiring professor but also as a man of God who faithfully sought to grow in the image of Christ through prayer, personal asceticism, and service.



Basil Moreau grew up amidst the turmoil of the French Revolution, and as a young priest, he felt compelled to revitalise a Church devastated by years of civil war. With nearly two-thirds of France's clergy and religious exiled or killed, Moreau organised a group of Auxiliary Priests to preach, teach and bring the message of Christ to those in neglected towns and villages.

In 1835, his bishop also asked him to oversee the Brothers of St Joseph, founded by Rev. Jacques Dujarié, to work as educators in rural parishes. He merged the priests and the brothers on the 1<sup>st</sup> of March, 1837. This association took its name from the town where it was based, Sainte-Croix or Holy Cross.



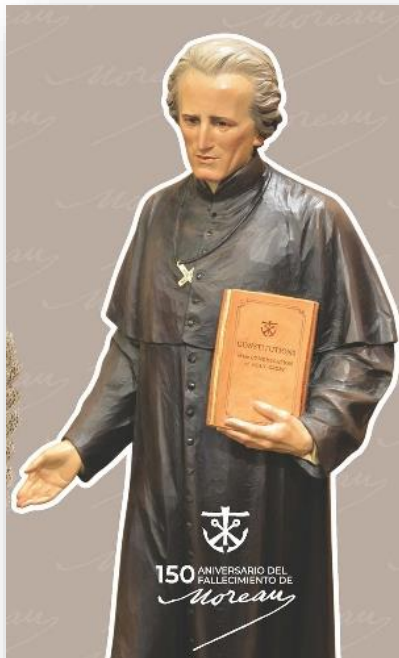


Moreau's vision was to maximise the spiritual vigour of this association by modelling it after the Holy Family. He completed the Holy Cross family by founding a group of Sisters known as the Marianites, who were also involved in education and evangelisation.

Moreau gave to each of the three groups a patron. He consecrated the Priests to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, the Brothers to the pure heart of St. Joseph, and the Sisters to the Immaculate and Sorrowful Heart of Mary. He also established Mary, under her title of Our Lady of Sorrows, as patroness for all Holy Cross.

Soon the Church outside of France began seeking the assistance of Moreau's fledgling Congregation. He sent Priests, Brothers and Sisters to other countries, including Algeria, the United States, Canada, and Bangladesh.

The Holy See officially declared Moreau's group a Religious Congregation - the Congregation of Holy Cross - in 1857 by approving the Association's Constitutions. The Holy See required that the sisters be separate from this congregation of priests and brothers. The sisters later were approved as three independent congregations.

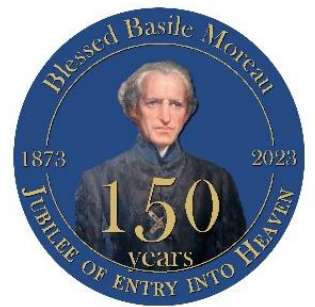


Moreau had composed the Constitutions that had been approved by the Holy See and the set of Rules that accompanied them. He also wrote Meditations, Spiritual Exercises, and a treatise on pedagogy

entitled Christian Education to aid in the spiritual and ministerial formation of his religious. In this way, Moreau, the Founder, always remained Moreau, the educator and teacher. He sought to teach his Congregation a particular spirituality and charism to serve the Church and the world.

Later, amid crises and controversies in the Congregation, including financial issues in France, Moreau resigned as Superior General. He lived his last days estranged from his community but remained active in preaching missions until his health failed. The Marianites cared for him until his final days, when Moreau died in Le Mans on the 20<sup>th</sup> of January, 1873.

Moreau was beatified, by order of Pope Benedict XVI, on the 15<sup>th</sup> of September, 2007, the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows, in Le Mans, France. Blessed Basile Moreau inspires men and women who live his vision of bringing hope to others. Work continues today on his cause for canonisation.



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