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As we enter the New Year 2026, we do so with big dreams, renewed hopes, and hearts full of gratitude. A new year is more than just a change of date; for many, it signifies a fresh start born from self-acceptance and the wisdom gained from the past. We carry with us the lessons learnt, the growth achieved, and the character shaped through our experiences.

We remain deeply grateful for the countless blessings that have shaped our journey—meaningful connections, life-giving relationships, sacrifices made in silence, guidance received, companionship shared, generous hearts encountered, and selfless services rendered. The list is long, and each remembrance invites us to thanksgiving. Strengthened by the past and enriched by grace, we begin anew.

In the life of our Province, the Annual Assembly was a significant moment of grace, bringing all the confreres together to engage with one another, reconnect with our charism, and grow together in Christ. It was a time of reflection and discernment, as we evaluated the impact of our services in the Church and in society, and renewed our commitment to mission.

Equally enriching was the first spiritual retreat of the year, where the retreat director reminded us of two simple yet profound invitations of Jesus to His disciples: to spend an hour with Him and to do this in memory of Him. We were reminded that prayer is the engine and the breath of our mission—without which our service loses its depth and direction.

As we enter this New Year, wherever we are and whatever our responsibilities may be, may we remain rooted in our calling—as priests, religious, and Christians. When we stay connected to our vocation, our conduct naturally becomes zealous, joyful, and life-giving.

The New Year offers us new opportunities, fresh hopes, and renewed resolve—an invitation to let our lives reflect the calling we have received.

Wishing you all a blessed, grace-filled, and fruitful New Year ahead.

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K. J. Abraham, CSC
Provincial Superior

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EDITORIAL

Stepping into the New Year with Hope and Courage

A new year always arrives quietly, almost unnoticed, yet it carries within it a profound invitation. January does not demand grand resolutions or dramatic promises; instead, it gently asks us to pause, to look back with honesty, and to step forward with hope. For us, as members of the Holy Cross family in Northeast India, the New Year is not merely a change of date but a renewed call to live our mission with deeper faith and courage.

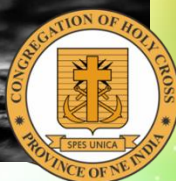
The past year has been rich in experiences—classrooms filled with learning, parishes alive with prayer, formation houses shaping young hearts, and missions touching lives often unseen. Each story in this newsletter is a reminder that God’s work continues quietly and faithfully through ordinary people who choose to serve. These moments, though simple, become sacred when lived with love and commitment.

The New Year invites us to rediscover the heart of our vocation. Blessed Basil Moreau often reminded his religious to be people of hope, even in uncertain times. In a world marked by anxiety, division, and rapid change, our presence as educators, pastors, and formators becomes a sign of stability and reassurance. Hope is not optimism born of comfort; it is a conviction rooted in faith—that God is at work even when the road ahead is unclear.

January also challenges us to renew our sense of purpose. The mission entrusted to us in the Northeast is diverse and demanding, yet deeply grace-filled. Each classroom, parish, and outreach becomes a place where the Gospel is proclaimed not only in words but through patience, listening, and accompaniment. The New Year calls us to recommit ourselves to this quiet but transformative mission.

As we begin this year, may we not be burdened by the weight of expectations, but strengthened by the promise of God’s abiding presence. Let this New Year be marked by sincerity in our service, and solidarity with those entrusted to our care. With hope as our compass and the Cross as our strength, we step forward together, trusting that God will continue to write His story through our lives.

George Jacob, CSC



HOLY CROSS SCHOOL, AGARTALA

CHILDREN'S DAY: Holy Cross School, Agartala celebrated Children's Day on 14 November to mark the birth anniversary of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru. The programme was organised in a joyful and meaningful manner, keeping children at the centre of the celebration.

Teachers presented a lively cultural programme, creating a cheerful and vibrant atmosphere on campus. Students came dressed in colourful attire, adding to the festive spirit. Members of the School Council were specially welcomed with flowers and chocolates as a gesture of appreciation for their leadership and service.

The celebration served as a reminder of the innocence, dignity, and potential of every child. It concluded with a collective pledge by the school community to continue fostering a nurturing, safe, and child-friendly environment. The day was marked by joy, laughter, and a spirit of togetherness.

- *Supriya Chakraborty*



PRE-CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION: Holy Cross School, Agartala, observed its Pre-Christmas celebration on 13 December with prayerful reflection and festive reverence. The programme highlighted the true meaning of Advent and Christmas, fostering an atmosphere of peace, gratitude, and unity among students, teachers, and staff.

Key elements of the celebration included prayers, reflections, carol singing, skits, and symbolic presentations. The lighting of the Advent candles—representing hope, peace, joy, and love—invited the school community to prepare spiritually for the celebration of Christmas.



Students actively participated through carols and short presentations that emphasised values such as kindness, generosity, and service. The programme concluded with a reminder that Christmas is not merely a celebration, but a call to spread love, build peace, and serve humanity. The celebration reaffirmed the school's commitment to nurturing both academic excellence and strong moral values.

- *Elizabeth Darlong*



HOLY CROSS SCHOOL, BAGBASA

CHILDREN'S DAY: Children's Day was joyfully celebrated at Holy Cross School, Bagbasa, on 14 November 2026. The programme featured a variety of student-centred activities that highlighted creativity, enthusiasm, and the importance of holistic growth. Teachers and students participated actively, making the occasion a meaningful celebration of childhood.



WINTER WONDERLAND CARNIVAL: Holy Cross School, Bagbasa, successfully organised a two-day Winter Wonderland Carnival, which drew an overwhelming public response, with over 2,000 visitors attending each day. Around 40 stalls offering games, food, and fancy items added to the festive spirit.

A major attraction of the carnival was the cultural programme, with performances by 56 student groups. A variety magic show by Fr. Lancy also received warm appreciation. The lucky draw featured attractive prizes, including a high-speed auto, an electric scooter, a Samsung S23 mobile phone, and 100 consolation prizes. The Mr. Wonderland and Miss Wonderland 2026 competition, with around 40 participants, added further excitement.



The event was well supported by the Border Security Force (BSF) for external arrangements. The success of the carnival was made possible by the dedicated efforts of the teachers and staff, providing students with valuable organisational experience and strengthening community ties.



ROYAL VISIT HIGHLIGHTS TRING FESTIVAL CELEBRATION: On 21 December 2025, Holy Cross School, Bagbasa, was honoured by the visit of Maharaja Pradyot Bikram Manikya Debbarma on the occasion of the Tring festival. He was warmly received at the priests' residence before visiting the school campus.

Interacting with students, staff, parents, and the public, the Maharaja appreciated the school's contribution to education. An estimated crowd of 3,500 people attended the programme. He also assured infrastructure development support through MDC funds, which was gratefully acknowledged.



CHRISTMAS OUTREACH FOR TRUCK DRIVERS: As part of its Christmas outreach, Holy Cross School, Bagbasa, organised a charitable initiative on 24 and 25 December, distributing 5 kg rice packets to about 400 truck drivers along National Highway 8.



The initiative was appreciated by the beneficiaries and received positive attention on social media, reflecting the school's commitment to social responsibility and compassionate service.

- *Ajith Philip, CSC*

ST. ANDRE PARISH, BODHJUNG NAGAR

LOCAL CSC CHRISTMAS GATHERING: The final day of 2025 was marked by a local CSC Christmas gathering at St. André Mission, Bodhjungnagar, bringing together CSC members serving in and around Bodhjungnagar.

The Parish Fathers organised a simple yet meaningful celebration for confreres and candidates from SAMS, Sacred Heart Seminary, Holy Cross Scholasticate (Brothers), and St. André Mission. Nearly sixty participants attended the gathering, which was held from 4.30 p.m. to 8.00 p.m. and animated by Deacon Akhsi, CSC.



The programme included carol singing, games, action songs, dances, cultural activities, a prayer service, a Christmas message, and gift exchange. A common meal further strengthened fraternity and fellowship among the members. The presence of candidates added special significance, inspiring hope and prayer for future vocations. The gathering stood as a joyful expression of Holy Cross family spirit.



ANNUAL CHILDREN'S DAY: The Annual Children's Day of the parish was celebrated on January 1, at the parish centre, coinciding with the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. A total of 539 children, along with their parents and family members, participated in the programme.

The celebration began with a prayer service followed by the Holy Eucharist, presided over by Fr. Robert Mathias, CSC, who also served as the resource person. In his homily,

he reflected on healthy parent-child relationships, presenting Mary as a model for Christian families.

The day included a Bible quiz, stage performances, and other activities that actively engaged the children. Prizes were distributed to encourage participation. Members of the co-pastoral team and religious from five congregations serving in the parish were present. The programme was held from 9.30 a.m. to 4.00 p.m., with lunch and transportation arranged for the children.

The celebration was a joyful and enriching experience for the children and parents alike, strengthening family bonds and fostering a sense of community within the parish.

- **Mariaraj, CSC**

ST. ANDRE SCHOOL, BODHJUNG NAGAR



VACCINATION DRIVE: A vaccination drive was successfully conducted at St. André School, Bodhjungnagar on 3 November 2025 for students of Classes V and X. Organised by the school health team, the initiative aimed at safeguarding students from preventable diseases. The drive was well coordinated and contributed significantly to promoting student health and well-being.



EXPOSURE PROGRAMME: Class XII students participated in an exposure programme at Tuikarmaw on 8 November 2025. The visit helped students gain practical knowledge, develop leadership skills, and deepen their sense of social responsibility. The students were accompanied by Sr. Teslin, HM, Sir Ankush, Sir Amos, Miss Rosy, and Miss Chanchala, who ensured the safety and active engagement of the students throughout the visit.



CHANGE IN SCHOOL LEADERSHIP: On 13 November 2025, the school bid farewell to Fr. Iswar Happa, CSC, thanking him for his dedicated service and leadership during his tenure as Principal. On the same day, Fr. Aneesh Mathew, CSC, was warmly welcomed as the new Principal. The school community expressed gratitude and support to both priests during this transition.



CBSE SEMINAR FOR TEACHERS: A CBSE seminar on Basic Life Skills was held on 15 November 2025 for the teaching staff. The session was conducted by resource persons Ms. Manju Debbarma and Ms. Mary Debbarma. The seminar proved enriching, equipping teachers with practical inputs to support students' personal and academic development.



AI AWARENESS SESSIONS: Special input sessions on Artificial Intelligence were organised for Classes X and XII. Fr. Jowelson served as the resource person, with additional inputs from ICFAI University. The sessions aimed to familiarise students with emerging technologies and current trends in AI, helping them remain academically and professionally relevant.



PARENT-TEACHER MEETING: A Parent-Teacher Meeting for Classes IX and XI was held on 6 December 2025. Principal Fr. Aneesh Mathew, CSC, interacted with parents, focusing on





improving academic performance, discipline, and regularity. The meeting fostered constructive dialogue and collaboration between parents and teachers.

SCHOOL SPORTS: The School Sports Meet was inaugurated on 27 November 2025 with Fr. George Jacob, CSC, as the Chief Guest. Fr. Mariaraj, the School Manager, delivered the welcome address, highlighting the role of sports in promoting holistic education and overall development of students. Sr. Teslin, SABS, the Headmistress, proposed the vote of thanks, appreciating the efforts of the sports committee in organising the event.

The Sports Meet concluded on 29 November 2025 with the BDO of Mohanpur as the Chief Guest for the closing ceremony. Fr. Aneesh Mathew, CSC, the Principal, welcomed the gathering and congratulated the students for their active participation and achievements. Sir Amos Hrangkhawl, Coordinator of the Sports Committee, proposed the vote of thanks, acknowledging the collective efforts of the management, staff, and students in making the event a success.



MOTIVATIONAL SESSION: On 9 December 2025, Sr. Theresa, SABS, conducted a motivational session for Classes X and XII. She emphasised the importance of setting priorities, effective time management, and mental well-being. Using the Jar of Life demonstration and tools such as Binary Comparison and the Eisenhower Matrix, she offered practical strategies suited to the needs of Gen Z students.



ACHIEVEMENT IN STATE-LEVEL BAND COMPETITION: The school secured third prize in the State-Level Interschool Band Competition organised by Samagra Shiksha Tripura on 10 December 2025. The achievement brought pride to the school, reflecting the dedication and talent of the student band team.



HOSTEL TEAMS SHINE IN INTER-HOSTEL FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT: Hostel boys and girls took part in the inter-hostel football tournament beginning on 26 December 2025. The girls' team emerged as champions at the sub-divisional level and went on to represent the Mohanpur subdivision at the district level, earning appreciation for their performance and teamwork.

- *Aneesh Mathew, CSC*



HOLY CROSS SCHOOL, CHALENGTA

ANNUAL SPORTS DAY: The Annual Sports Day was held from 11 to 14 November 2025 with great enthusiasm. The inaugural ceremony was graced by Shri Sona Charan Jamatia, SDPO of Dhalai, who encouraged students to balance academics with sports for overall development.

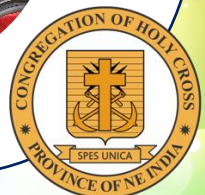
Students from Nursery to Class X actively participated in various age-appropriate events, displaying energy, discipline, teamwork, and sportsmanship. The colourful march past and cultural performances added to the festive spirit of the event.



CHILDREN'S DAY: Children's Day was celebrated on 14 November 2025 in honour of Jawaharlal Nehru. Teachers presented special cultural performances as a gesture of love and appreciation for the students. The programme highlighted the importance of nurturing childhood and fostering joyful learning experiences.

PARENTS' DAY STRENGTHENS HOME-SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP: Parents' Day, celebrated on 29 November 2025, marked a significant milestone in the life of the school. The programme was honoured by the presence of Shri Amarjit Debbarma, TSR, Fr. George Jacob, CSC, Secretary HCEF along with clergy, religious and other distinguished guests.

The event featured cultural performances, science and art exhibitions, and the felicitation of academic rank holders. The



celebration strengthened the bond between parents and the institution, reaffirming shared responsibility in the education of children.



PRE-CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION: The campus was filled with the spirit of Christmas during the Pre-Christmas Celebration held on 19 December 2025. Meaningful skits, decorations, and presentations conveyed the true message of Christ's birth—love, simplicity, and inclusiveness—helping students reflect on the deeper meaning of the season.

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE IN JUNIOR MATHEMATICAL OLYMPIAD:

Adding to the school's achievements, students performed commendably in the Junior Mathematical Olympiad 2025. Eight students secured ranks and were honoured on National Mathematics Day. The school acknowledged the dedicated guidance and support of Sir Suman Chhetri in nurturing mathematical aptitude among students.



- **Sr. Reena Ekka, SRA**

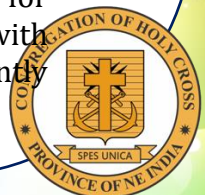
HOLY CROSS SCHOOL, KATHALCHERRA

ANNUAL SPORTS DAY: The Annual Sports Day of Holy Cross Hr. Sec. School, Kathalcherra was celebrated on 12 and 13 November 2025 at the school playground. The programme began with the hoisting of the school flag, followed by the lighting and passing of the sports lamp by the house captains.



enthusiasm and healthy competitive spirit, while teachers and volunteers efficiently

Fr. Sharon, CSC, the Principal, formally declared the Sports Day open and encouraged students to participate actively in sporting activities. Various track and field events, including races, high jump, long jump, and fun games, were organised for different age groups. Students participated with



coordinated the events. The event promoted discipline, teamwork, and physical fitness among students.

CHILDREN'S DAY: Children's Day was celebrated on 14 November 2025 in the school premises to commemorate the birth anniversary of Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru. The celebration began with a special prayer, followed by a cultural programme presented by the teachers.

Songs, dances, and fun-filled activities created a joyful atmosphere, much to the delight of the students. Fr. Sharon, CSC, addressed the gathering, highlighting the significance of Children's Day and Pandit Nehru's love for children. He encouraged students to be disciplined, study sincerely, and grow into responsible citizens. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks, leaving the children with lasting memories.



PRE-CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION: A Pre-Christmas Celebration was held on 19 December 2025 at 11:30 a.m. Teachers prepared a meaningful cultural programme to mark the occasion. Fr. C. V. Jose, CSC, the Administrator, Fr. C. Abraham, CSC, the School Manager, and Sr. Isabella, BS, from Bethany Convent, were present for the celebration.

Fr. C. V. Jose delivered the Christmas message, reflecting on the significance of Christmas and contemporary challenges. The programme included cultural performances and Christmas carol singing by the teachers. On this occasion, a member of the teaching staff who was leaving to join government service was felicitated and honoured by Fr. Sharon, CSC, the Principal.





TOBACCO-FREE RALLY: As part of its commitment to health awareness, the school organised a Tobacco-Free Rally on 15 November 2025. During the morning assembly, students took a pledge against tobacco use.

Students of Classes X, XI, and XII actively participated in the rally, which proceeded to Nepaltilla market with banners, placards, and slogans promoting tobacco prevention.

Teachers accompanied and animated the rally. The programme successfully spread awareness among students and villagers, empowering students to resist tobacco use.

- *Sharon Piuse, CSC*

ST. PAUL'S PARISH, KUMARGHAT

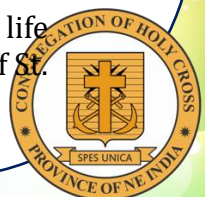
CONFIRMATION AND SENIOR CITIZENS' DAY: St. Paul's Parish, Kumarghat celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation and Senior Citizens' Day on 21 December in a spirit of faith, gratitude, and community fellowship. During a solemn Eucharistic celebration, Most Rev. Lumen Monteiro, CSC, Bishop of Agartala, administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to 76 candidates.

On the same occasion, the parish honoured its senior members for their lifelong contribution to the Church and society. A total of 101 senior citizens were felicitated as a mark of respect and appreciation. Following the Holy Eucharist, games and recreational activities were organised, creating moments of joy and togetherness.

Fr. Lancy D'Souza, the Parish Priest, welcomed the gathering and coordinated the felicitation programme. Mr. Lala Darlong, a committed parish leader, was specially honoured on the completion of his 75th birthday in recognition of his dedicated service to the parish community.



INAUGURATION OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER'S CHAPEL: A significant milestone in the faith life of the local Christian community was marked on New Year's Day with the inauguration of St.



Francis Xavier's Chapel at Garo III Village. The new chapel was solemnly inaugurated and blessed by Most Rev. Lumen Monteiro, CSC, Bishop of Agartala.

Faithful from the village and surrounding areas gathered in large numbers to participate in the celebration,

expressing gratitude to God for the gift of a new place of worship.

In his address, the bishop encouraged the community to make the chapel a centre of prayer, fellowship, and Christian witness, strengthening unity and faith among the people.



- *Lancy Dsouza, CSC*

HOLY CROSS SCHOOL, KUMARGHAT

PARENTS' DAY: Holy Cross School, Kumarghat celebrated Parents' Day on 4 November 2025 with enthusiasm and a strong sense of gratitude towards parents for their indispensable role in the formation of their children.

The programme was graced by Shri Bhagaban Das, MLA of Pabiacherra Constituency, as the Chief Guest. Fr. George Jacob, CSC, Secretary of HCEF and Shri Francis Lalthuama Darlong, Director of Sports and Youth Affairs, Government of Tripura, were the Guests of Honour.



Students presented a well-prepared cultural programme comprising dances, songs, and skits that expressed appreciation and respect for parents. The dignitaries commended the students' performances and emphasised the importance of parental involvement and value-based education in shaping young minds.

- *Francis Xavier, CSC*



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH, MOHARPARA

ANNUAL YOUTH GATHERING: A three-day Annual Youth Gathering was held at Moharpara Parish from 26 to 28 December 2025, with the participation of 56 parish youth. The programme focused on faith formation, responsible use of social media, and community life.



The gathering opened with a welcome by Fr. Arbok, CSC, followed by an introduction to the theme by Fr. Newton. Prayer, games, and a campfire with Christmas

carols marked the first day. On the second day, Holy Mass was celebrated by Fr. Paul C. R. Fr. Newton led a session on the positive and responsible use of social media, followed by group discussions and presentations. Sports activities and cultural and Bible skit competitions animated the evening.

The final day began with adoration and catechesis, concluding with Holy Mass and a fellowship meal. The programme proved to be spiritually enriching and engaging for the youth.



MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE: Moharpara Parish organised a three-day Marriage Preparation Course from 6 to 8 November 2025 for couples preparing for the Sacrament of Matrimony.

Fr. Ivan, SVD spoke on marriage as a sacrament of love and commitment, while Fr. Arbok, CSC, highlighted the purpose and responsibilities of Christian marriage. Madam Chinarung conducted a session on health awareness and family well-being. Participants expressed appreciation for the practical and faith-oriented guidance provided.



RUBY JUBILEE OF THE PARISH: Moharpara Parish celebrated its Ruby Jubilee on 6 and 7 December 2025, marking forty years of faith and service. The celebrations began with cultural programmes by various tribal communities, followed by a parish report and a jubilee message by Most Rev. Lumen Monteiro, CSC, Bishop of Agartala.



On 7 December, Bishop Lumen Monteiro presided over the solemn Holy Eucharist and administered the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation. The homily was delivered by K. J. Abraham, CSC, Provincial Superior.



About 40 religious and nearly 900 faithful participated in the celebrations. The jubilee concluded with praise and worship, felicitation of guests, and a fellowship meal, marking a moment of gratitude and renewal for the parish.

- *Arbok Lyngdoh, CSC*

NOTRE DAME HOLY CROSS SCHOOL, MOHARPARA

OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE IN ALL-INDIA NATIONAL SCHOOL BAND COMPETITION:

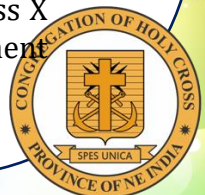
Students of Notre Dame Holy Cross Higher Secondary School, Moharpara brought laurels to the state by their remarkable performance in the All-India National School Band Competition 2025. The State-Level Inter-School Band Competition, organised by Samagra Shiksha, Tripura, was held on 10 December 2025 at Umakanta Academy English Medium Playground, Agartala.



In the Boys' Brass Band category, Notre Dame Holy Cross HSS, Moharpara secured First Position at the state level and qualified to represent Tripura at the Regional-

Level Competition held on 15 December 2025 at Birsa Munda Athletics Stadium, Ranchi. At the regional level, the team achieved an impressive Second Position, bringing pride to the institution and the state.

FAREWELL CEREMONY FOR CLASS X STUDENTS: A farewell programme for the Class X students was held on 10 December 2025 in the school assembly square, marking a moment



of gratitude, reflection, and encouragement. The programme began with prayer and the lighting of the lamp in the presence of the school leadership.

Emotional and meaningful speeches were delivered by teachers and students, recalling cherished memories and expressing appreciation for the guidance received. Fr. Newton Basumatary, CSC, Vice Principal, addressed the students with words of motivation, reminding them that the school would always remain their second home. The programme concluded with the presentation of farewell mementoes, a vote of thanks, and the National Anthem.



ANNUAL SPORTS AND CULTURAL EVENTS: The Annual Sports and Cultural Events were conducted from 7 to 14 November 2025, involving students from Kindergarten to senior classes. The events were held at the playground and the main school ground, under the guidance of the school management and staff.

Sports events for kindergarten and primary students focused on motor skills, confidence, and joyful participation through age-appropriate competitions. Junior and senior categories participated in track and field events, indoor games, football, volleyball, and throwball, promoting teamwork and sportsmanship.



Cultural competitions held on 13 November included dance, speech, and rangoli competitions. The speech competition on the theme "Vikshit Bharat (India 2047)" encouraged students to reflect on the nation's future. Traditional dances representing different cultures added colour and vibrancy to the programme.

ANNUAL SPORTS CONCLUDE WITH CHILDREN'S DAY: The Annual Sports 2025 concluded on 14 November with a Marathon Race for students of Classes VIII to XI, organised on the theme of Drug Awareness. This was followed by a rally through the local area, led by the Principal and Vice Principal, raising awareness against drug abuse.

The closing ceremony, held in the school assembly square, was graced by Smt. Kalyani Saha Roy, Chief Whip of the Tripura Legislative Assembly and MLA of Teliamura, as the Chief Guest. Shri Jayanta Kumar Dey, Officer-in-Charge, Teliamura Police Station, and Fr. George Jacob, CSC, Secretary, HCEF, were the Guests of Honour.



Prizes were distributed to winners of various sports events, and Yellow House was declared the Overall Champion of Annual Sports 2025. Cultural performances and addresses by the dignitaries marked the conclusion of the celebrations, which coincided with Children's Day.

- *Lourdu Sahayaraj, CSC*

HOLY CROSS SCHOOL, PANISAGAR

VISIT OF HCEF SECRETARY: The Secretary of Holy Cross Educational Foundation, Fr. George Jacob, CSC, made his annual visit to Holy Cross School, Panisagar on 7 November. He was formally welcomed during the school assembly.

As part of the regular academic monitoring process, Fr. George Jacob conducted a comprehensive inspection of the school's academic and administrative functioning. The visit included classroom observations across different grade levels, verification of academic and administrative records, and interactive sessions with the teaching staff. The interaction focused on professional motivation, encouragement, and strengthening the quality of the teaching-learning process.



FAREWELL TO FR. ANEESH MATHEW: A farewell programme was organised on 8 November during the school assembly to honour Fr. Aneesh Mathew, CSC. The school community expressed its gratitude for his dedicated service to the institution and the boys' hostel.

The programme, though simple, was heartfelt. Teachers and students acknowledged his commitment, enthusiasm, and positive influence on campus life. The occasion served as a fitting tribute to his valuable contribution during his tenure at Panisagar.



IN-SERVICE TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR TEACHERS: An in-service training programme for the teaching faculty was conducted on 13 November, with Mrs. Jesna Kuruvila from Bangalore as the resource person. The session aimed at enhancing professional competencies and improving classroom practices in response to current educational needs.



The training included presentations, group discussions, and demonstration lessons, making it highly interactive and practical. The programme helped teachers gain a clearer understanding of effective pedagogy and renewed their commitment to quality education.



CHILDREN'S DAY: Children's Day was celebrated on 14 November with great joy and creativity. The school assembly area became a lively space as students gathered to celebrate childhood in honour of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru.

The highlight of the celebration was the teachers' stage performance, featuring dances, skits, and songs that blended humour and creativity. In his address, the principal emphasised the importance of joy, learning, and holistic development in a child's life. The celebration strengthened the bond between teachers and students and created lasting memories.



28TH PARENTS' DAY: The 28th Parents' Day was celebrated on 5 December, turning the school campus into a vibrant centre of colour, music, and celebration. The programme was attended by distinguished guests, including the local MLA, ADM, SDPO, DEO, along with hundreds of parents and well-wishers.

The principal welcomed the gathering and highlighted the school's academic progress and the vital role of parental support. Over 900 students participated in the cultural programme, presenting modern and traditional dances in colourful costumes. Parents expressed pride and joy in witnessing their children's talents. The celebration strengthened community ties and reaffirmed the school's commitment to nurturing future leaders.



PRE-CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION: A Pre-Christmas Celebration was held on 19 December after the completion of class tests, marking the joyful conclusion of the academic term before the winter holidays. Students and staff participated in a festive programme that included carol singing, a nativity play, and dance performances.

A surprise appearance by Santa Claus, who distributed sweets to the children, added cheer to the occasion. The celebration reminded everyone of the true spirit of Christmas—joy, sharing, and togetherness. Students left for the holidays with festive hearts and a sense of gratitude.



- *Kanikkai Jeyraj, CSC*



HOLY CROSS SCHOOL, TUIKARMAW

CHILDREN'S DAY: Holy Cross (South) English Medium Hr. Sec. School, Tuikarmaw celebrated Children's Day on 13 and 14 November 2025 with great enthusiasm. Teachers presented lively cultural performances, with special participation from the Principal and Headmistress, much to the delight of the students. A cake-cutting ceremony with class representatives and a friendly interaction with the Principal added warmth to the celebration. Prizes were also distributed for the Children's Day Bulletin Board Competition, in which Team Bl. Fr. Moreau emerged as the winner.



STUDENT SECURES SECOND PLACE IN DISTRICT-LEVEL STORY WRITING COMPETITION: A District-Level Story Writing Competition was held on 18 November 2025 at Belonia, South Tripura. Students from various schools participated enthusiastically. Elina Reang of Class X represented the school and secured second place, bringing credit to the institution. The school congratulated her for her commendable achievement.

STRESS RELIEF WORKSHOP: A Stress Relief Workshop was organised on 18 November 2025 for students of Classes X and XII. The session was conducted by Dr. Joydeep Roy Chowdhury, Assistant Professor of Psychology, ICFAI University, Tripura. The workshop focused on understanding academic stress and introduced practical techniques such as time management, relaxation, positive thinking, and breathing exercises. The interactive session helped students gain confidence in managing exam-related stress.



PEACE AWARENESS PROGRAMME: A one-day Peace Awareness Programme was held on 20 November 2025, organised by NEDSS in collaboration with JUST. Fifty-five students participated in the programme, which was facilitated by Mr. Roma Halam, District Consultant. The session emphasised the role of students in promoting peace, resolving conflicts through dialogue, and serving as "Peace Ambassadors" in society.



CAREER COUNSELLING SEMINAR: A Career Counselling Seminar for Classes X and XII was organised on 20 November 2025 by Dhamma Dipa International Buddhist University (DDIBU). The session was conducted by Dr. Ananda Dayel Jamatia, who guided students on career options after secondary and higher secondary education. He stressed the importance of self-awareness, goal setting, and disciplined preparation. The seminar was informative and interactive, helping students gain clarity about their future plans.



NCC DAY: NCC Day was celebrated on 22 November 2025 with a special morning assembly and the hoisting of the NCC flag by the principal and Second Officer. A programme in the school hall followed, featuring speeches and cultural items highlighting discipline, leadership, and service. The celebration concluded with a pledge, cake-cutting ceremony, and distribution of sweets.

VISIT OF FR. JINTO MATHEW, CSC: Fr. Jinto Mathew, CSC, A Holy Cross priest working in Canada, visited the school on 1 December 2025. He interacted warmly with students, especially those of Classes X and XII, motivating them in their academic and personal growth. Fr. Vicky Gayang, CSC, the Principal, welcomed him and expressed gratitude for his encouraging presence.



PARENTS' DAY: Parents' Day was celebrated on 6 December 2025 on the school ground with the theme "Roots of Love, Wings of Hope." Shri Sanjib Chakma, SDM, Santirbazar, was the Chief Guest. Students presented vibrant cultural performances, showcasing their talents. The occasion also paid tribute to Late Fr. Jose Sarpathil, CSC, and Late Mr. Chittor Reang for their valuable contributions. Fr. Jerome Chorei, CSC, the School Manager, proposed the vote of thanks.



PRE-CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION AND PROFICIENCY AWARD CEREMONY:

The Pre-Christmas Celebration, combined with the Proficiency Award Ceremony for the academic session 2024–25, was held on 20 December 2025. The programme was graced by K. J. Abraham, CSC. It included prayer, Christmas carols, cultural performances, and a Christmas skit. Proficiency Awards were presented to meritorious students in recognition of academic excellence. Fr. Abraham's message on faith, unity, and service added depth to the celebration, which concluded with Christmas greetings.



- *Vicky Gayang, CSC*

ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL, ZOKHAWTHAR

EDUCATIONAL TOUR: St. Joseph's School, Zokhawthar organised a week-long educational tour to Guwahati in December, following the completion of the second terminal examinations. The excursion offered students a meaningful blend of learning and recreation and served as a fitting conclusion to the year.

During the tour, students visited important educational and recreational centres in Guwahati, including the Science Museum, the Zoo, historical sites, and Accoland. These visits helped students relate classroom learning to real-life experiences and encouraged observation, curiosity, and active participation.



The exposure to a wider social and cultural environment enabled students to develop essential life skills such as teamwork, confidence, adaptability, and social awareness. The experiential learning approach enhanced understanding beyond textbooks and left the students motivated and enriched.

The educational tour proved to be a safe, joyful, and memorable experience for all participants. The school community concluded the academic year with gratitude and satisfaction, thankful to the Almighty for a fruitful year and a successful educational excursion.

- *Sr. Arsida*



ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE PARISH, KHAWZAWL



ALL SOULS' DAY: St. John's the Apostle Parish, Khawzawl observed All Souls' Day with deep reverence at the parish level. The year 2025 was marked by the loss of ten members from the Catholic community. A special prayer service and Requiem Mass were offered for the departed, followed by cemetery blessings conducted in all the villages of the parish.

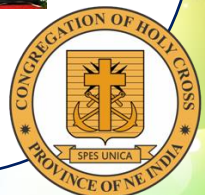
GOLDEN JUBILEE OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH: The Catholic community of Chhawrtui village celebrated the Golden Jubilee (1975–2025) of the establishment of the Catholic Church on 13 November 2025. The jubilee memorial stone was blessed by Fr. John PKC, CSC, followed by a Solemn Thanksgiving Mass in the village chapel.



Five priests, several religious sisters, catechists, and about 300 lay faithful participated in the celebration. A fellowship programme was organised to felicitate the pioneers of the faith as a gesture of gratitude. Special appreciation was expressed to the Holy Cross missionaries who first brought the Catholic faith to this part of Mizo land. The celebration concluded with a community meal.

CLOSING CEREMONY OF THE CENTENARY OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN MIZORAM:

The closing ceremony of the Centenary Celebration of the Catholic Church in Mizoram was held from 28 to 30 November 2025 at the Bishop's House, Aizawl. The event highlighted the pioneering role of the Congregation of Holy Cross, the first missionaries to establish the Catholic Church in Mizoram.



At present, the Congregation of Holy Cross serves two parishes, four sub-centres, and five schools in the Diocese of Aizawl, with one Bishop, three priests, four brothers, and one sister from Mizoram. Bishop Lumen Monteiro previously served as Apostolic Administrator of Aizawl, while Stephen Rotluanga, CSC, has been the Bishop of Aizawl since 2002.

The Thanksgiving Eucharist was presided over by the Apostolic Nuncio to India and Nepal. The presence of the Governor and the Chief Minister of Mizoram added significance to the occasion. Fr. Emmanuel Kallarackal, CSC, Assistant Superior General from Rome, and K. J. Abraham, CSC, Provincial Superior, represented the Congregation of Holy Cross.

ANNUAL ALTAR SERVERS' MEET: The Annual Altar Servers' Meet was organised at St. Joseph's School, Muallungthu, with the participation of about 25 altar servers. The programme focused on training in the names and use of sacred vessels and vestments, as well as appropriate conduct during the Holy Eucharist.



The day also included indoor and outdoor games, fostering fellowship among the children. The gathering concluded with a common meal.



FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION: The Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary was celebrated solemnly in the parish. On this occasion, five sisters of the Salesian Missionaries of Mary Immaculate (SMMI) renewed their religious vows. The sisters collaborate in pastoral ministry with the Holy Cross Fathers in Khawzawl and manage their own school at Kawlkuh.

CHRISTMAS PREPARATIONS AND VILLAGE CELEBRATIONS: Christmas preparations began with the Novena from 16 December 2025 in all the villages of the parish. During this period, priests visited the villages to hear confessions and prepare the faithful spiritually for Christmas.

Each village celebrated Christmas with great joy, marked by prayer, fellowship, and a community meal known locally as Ruaitheh. The celebrations strengthened faith and unity among the people, allowing all to share in the joy of the Christmas season.



- *John PKC, CSC*

HOLY CROSS PARISH, KOLORIANG

COUPLES' RETREAT: Holy Cross Parish, Koloriang, organised a Parish Couples' Retreat on 15 and 16 November 2025. Fr. Avinash D'Mello served as the resource person. Being familiar with the local culture and traditions, he effectively engaged the participants through meaningful sessions on the sacraments and Christian family life. The retreat provided couples with an opportunity for reflection, renewal, and strengthening of marital bonds, and was well appreciated by all who participated.

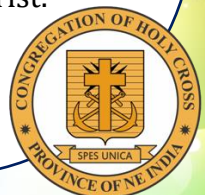


DEANERY-LEVEL RECOLLECTION: The parish also hosted a Deanery-level Recollection and meeting during this period. Fr. Prasanta Basumatary, CSC, led the recollection with the theme "Press and Be Refreshed." Using the symbolism of the computer 'F5' refresh key, he reflected on the five essential dimensions of Christian life and mission: Faith, Fraternity, Family, Food, and Forgiveness. The session offered practical spiritual insights and encouraged participants to renew themselves in their pastoral mission.

CHRISTMAS PREPARATIONS: Christmas preparations at the parish began from the second week of December. Carol singing commenced on 7 December, followed by Christmas sports events, including futsal, and cultural evenings that brought together parishioners in a spirit of joy and fellowship. Parish priests and leaders visited villages to attend to the spiritual needs of the faithful, and a notable increase in participation was observed during the Christmas novenas.



BAPTISMS CELEBRATED: On 24 December, the parish rejoiced in welcoming new members into the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism. A whole family, a young adult, and several infants received baptism, bringing the total number of baptisms to nine. The celebration highlighted the growth of the Christian community and the gift of new life in Christ.



CHURCH LEADERS HONOURED: As part of the Christmas celebrations, church leaders were honoured during the Midnight Mass in recognition of their service and commitment to the parish. The gesture expressed gratitude for their leadership and contribution to the life of the community.

- *Prasanto Basumatary, CSC*

HOLY CROSS PARISH, MAWKYNREW

BLESSING AND INAUGURATION OF NEW CHURCH AT SYNTUNG:

A significant milestone in the parish's history was marked on 14 December 2025 with the blessing and inauguration of the newly constructed church at Syntung Village. The ceremony was solemnly conducted by Fr. Roy, CSC.

Faithful from across the parish gathered in large numbers to witness the historic occasion. The inauguration formally welcomed the Syntung village community into the wider Catholic family of the parish, reflecting the growth and vitality of the local Church.

KBB DAY WITH BIBLE EXHIBITION

On 28 December 2025, the parish celebrated KBB Day for the first time, highlighting the role of Small Christian Communities in parish life. Members from all village communities participated actively in the programme.

The main attraction was a Bible Exhibition, where KBB groups presented more than 50 creative models illustrating biblical scenes and themes. The exhibition reflected deep engagement with Scripture and showcased the creativity and faith of the communities. The celebration reaffirmed the importance of Small Christian Communities as the foundation of parish life.

HOLY CROSS ALTAR SERVERS' GATHERING

Holy Cross Parish, Mawkynew hosted the Holy Cross Altar Servers' Gathering for the Meghalaya Region from 4 to 6 December 2025. The gathering provided a valuable opportunity for young altar servers to come together for prayer, reflection, and formation.

The programme included input sessions focused on deepening their spiritual life and strengthening their commitment to serving at the altar. The serene setting of the parish offered an ideal atmosphere for reflection, helping participants grow closer to Christ and to one another.



HOLY CROSS SCHOOL, MAWKYNREW

ANNUAL DAY AND CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION: Holy Cross School, Mawkynrew celebrated its Annual Day on 8 December 2025 in an atmosphere of joy and festivity. The programme combined the annual celebrations with the spirit of Christmas.

A result declaration and prize distribution ceremony was held to recognise students who excelled in academics and co-curricular activities. Mr. Kulandai Francis graced the occasion as the Chief Guest, accompanied by Br. Susai.

In a gesture of generosity, blankets were distributed to all students and teachers, along with Christmas cakes for the entire school community. The act highlighted the values of compassion, sharing, and community, making the Christmas message tangible for the children.

- *Preet Anupam Beck, CSC*

HOLY CROSS PARISH, UMKIANG

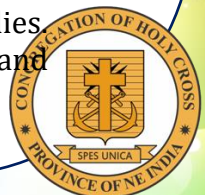
PARISH RETREATS FOSTER FAITH AND HOPE: Holy Cross Parish, Umkiang organised parish retreats on 7 and 21 December 2025 for its faithful, centred on the theme "Pilgrims of Hope." The first retreat, held at Umkiang for the Umkiang sub-district, was preached by Sr. Suzane, SH. The second retreat was conducted at Huroi for the Huroi sub-district and was animated by Fr. Roy, CSC .

Around 350 parishioners participated in the retreats, which provided an opportunity for spiritual renewal, prayer, and reflection. The sessions were widely appreciated and proved to be a faith-awakening experience for the parish community.



CHILDREN'S RETREAT: A children's retreat was organised from 12 to 14 December 2025, with the participation of 144 children from different villages of the parish. The retreat was animated by Sr. Roselin, SABS, along with other SABS sisters.

The focus of the retreat was to help children understand their role as carriers of faith and hope within their families. Through interactive sessions, prayer, and



creative activities, the sisters made the programme lively and engaging, resulting in meaningful learning and spiritual growth for the children.

FREE MEDICAL CAMP: Holy Cross Parish, Umkiang, in collaboration with the Sacred Heart Sisters, Delhi Province, organised a two-day free medical camp for the local population. The camp was held at Huroi on 5 December 2025 for the vill ages of Huroi, Lahalain, Lejri, and Baskuna, and at Umkiang on 6 December 2025 for the local community.

Three professional doctors—a dentist, a paediatrician, and a



gynaecologist, all from the Sacred Heart Congregation—offered medical services. The initiative, originally envisioned by Fr. Francis Sebastian, CSC, then Parish Priest, benefited about 177 people at Huroi and 156 people at Umkiang. Medicines were provided free of cost. The parish expressed deep gratitude to the Sacred Heart Sisters for their generous support and coordination.



CHRISTMAS OUTING: In the spirit of Christmas and community living, the Holy Cross Hostel organised a one-day outing and cooking picnic for both boys and girls at Sindura, near Kalain. The programme brought together hostellers, sisters, and fathers in an atmosphere of joy and fellowship.

The natural beauty and serene surroundings added to the significance of the gathering. The parish acknowledged the support of the BSF, Umkiang, for providing transportation and contributing to the success of the outing.



- Roby Menacherry, CSC



HOLY CROSS PINE VIEW STUDY HOUSE, SUMER



JUBILEE BIRTHDAY OF FR. JOSEPH: The Sumer Formation House joyfully celebrated the 79th birthday of Fr. Joseph on 23 November 2025. The occasion held special significance as it coincided with the Jubilee year of his priestly ordination. The day began with a solemn Eucharistic celebration offered for his intentions, expressing gratitude for his life and ministry.

In the evening, confreres from the region gathered for a prayer service followed by a fellowship meal. The presence of Fr. Alfred, CSC, Provincial Administrator, added to the joy of the celebration. After dinner, the candidates organised a short cultural programme as a gesture of appreciation for their spiritual guide, making the day both prayerful and festive.

A YEAR OF RICH AGRICULTURAL HARVEST: The month of November marked a season of gratitude at Sumer Formation House as the community harvested paddy and vegetables in abundance. The fruits of the labour benefited not only the formation community but also others beyond it.

The agricultural activities form an integral part of formation, helping candidates develop respect for farmers, appreciation for food, and a strong work culture. Farming continues to play a meaningful role in the holistic formation of the candidates.



ONE-DAY OUTING: After six months of intensive formation, the candidates were taken for a one-day outing to Laitlum under the guidance of Fr. John, the Director. The outing provided a refreshing break and an opportunity for relaxation amid nature.

The experience strengthened bonds of friendship among the candidates through shared moments of singing, games, and fellowship. Reflections shared by the candidates highlighted that true joy lies not merely in places visited, but in companionship and community life.

GRATITUDE DAY AND CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION WITH PARENTS: On 20 December 2025, the Sumer community hosted a Gratitude Day combined with Christmas celebrations, bringing together the parents of the seminarians. The programme aimed at thanking parents



for their generous support and helping them understand their vital role in nurturing priestly vocations.

Fr. Roy, CSC, was present on the occasion and addressed the parents, emphasizing the importance of family prayer, faith formation, and responsible parenting in fostering vocations. The programme included the distribution of Christmas gifts, a short felicitation, and a common agape meal, creating an atmosphere of joy and appreciation.



FAMILY VISITS: From 26 to 29 December 2025, Fr. John undertook family visits to the homes of candidates in Meghalaya. These visits were intended not merely as a formational requirement but as a means of strengthening relationships, shared responsibility, and collaboration with families.

- *John Dessing, CSC*

ST. ANDRE MINOR SEMINARY, BODHJUNG NAGAR

PRAYER AND LITURGICAL LIFE ANCHOR THE COMMUNITY: The month of November began with the Solemnity of All Saints, marked by the presence of Fr. Hormis John, CSC, who celebrated 52 years of priestly ministry. His witness of fidelity and simplicity offered a strong example to the candidates. On the same day, new Leadership Committees were installed, reminding the community that leadership is a form of service.

All Souls' Day was observed with reverence, remembering departed loved ones. Throughout both months, regular community Eucharists—often presided over by visiting confreres—continued to nourish the spiritual life of the seminary.



ONGOING FORMATION AND VOCATION AWARENESS: Formation activities remained central to seminary life. Weekly conferences and group-sharing sessions supported personal



and spiritual growth. Fr. Stephen, CSC, animated sessions on liturgical music and choir, enriching the community's worship life.

Vocation-sharing sessions by Fr. Francis Gayang, CSC, and Deacon Akshi Kumar Wary, CSC, offered realistic and encouraging insights into religious life. A Group Renewal programme held in Agartala from 6 to 8 November provided candidates with a refreshing experience of prayer and fraternity. In December, the renewal of vows by four Holy Cross Brothers from Bangladesh became a meaningful Advent witness for the community.



PASTORAL EXPOSURE: Pastoral involvement added depth to the formation process. Junior candidates participated in the Annual Eucharistic Procession at Khumlum, experiencing popular devotion and communal faith expression. Other activities included Bhajan classes led by Sr. Emita, F SM, catechism sessions, Children's Day celebrations, and school-based group therapy programmes.



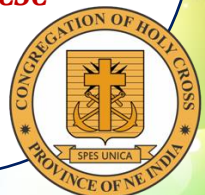
A health-awareness session became particularly impactful through the personal sharing of Candidate Micheal Kevin Lawai, whose openness and courage deeply touched the participants.

CHRISTMAS EXPERIENCE AND YEAR-END THANKSGIVING: Candidates were sent to various parishes for Christmas pastoral exposure and later returned with enriching experiences. Their return was marked by an Inter-Seminary Christmas Get-Together, celebrating fraternity within the Holy Cross family.



The year concluded with a Community Thanksgiving Eucharist and New Year celebration shared with the Brothers of the Scholastics. The closing moments of the year reflected gratitude, unity, and trust in God's guidance.

- *Jowelson Khongtani, CSC*



SACRED HEART STUDY HOUSE, LEMBUCHERRA

THANKSGIVING MASS FOR ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS:

On 8 November 2025, the Sacred Heart community celebrated a Thanksgiving Mass for candidates who achieved commendable results in their university examinations. The Holy Eucharist, held at 6:00 p.m., was presided over by Fr. Anupam Beck, CSC, and concelebrated by Fr. Jilson, junior priests, and confreres from nearby communities. A felicitation programme followed the Mass, honouring the graduates for their academic accomplishments and perseverance.



DIRECTOR'S DAY CELEBRATED: Director's Day was celebrated on 14 November 2025 in honour of Fr. Bilingshar Syiemlieh, CSC. The celebration began with the Holy Eucharist at 5:30 p.m., presided over by the Director himself, in the presence of confreres, neighbouring religious, and candidates. A short cultural programme followed, expressing appreciation for his leadership, guidance, and dedicated service to the formation community.



VISITS BY HC CONFRERES: The Sacred Heart Study House was enriched by two visits during December 2025. On 1 December, Jinto Mathew, CSC, visited the community and interacted with the candidates, sharing his vocation journey and pastoral experiences in an inspiring session. He later presided over the Holy Eucharist, offering prayers for the staff and candidates.



Later, on 23 December, the community welcomed Bobby John, CSC, who celebrated the Holy Eucharist and encouraged the candidates to remain faithful to their vocation and committed to their formation. Both visits proved motivating and strengthened the candidates in their vocational discernment.



PRE-CHRISTMAS COMMUNITY CELEBRATION: As part of the spiritual preparation for Christmas, a Pre-Christmas celebration was held on 21 December 2025. The programme included special prayers before the crib, carol singing, music, exchange of gifts, and a fellowship meal. The celebration fostered gratitude, joy, and a deep sense of community bonding.



Thanksgiving Mass And New Year's Eve Celebration: The year concluded with a Thanksgiving celebration on 31 December 2025. The programme began with an hour of Eucharistic Adoration at 6:00 p.m., followed by the Holy Eucharist in thanksgiving for the blessings of the year.

Later in the evening, a bonfire was lit in front of the house, during which members shared significant moments from the year. The symbolic burning of the old year, along with singing, dancing, and fellowship, marked a joyful and reflective welcome to the New Year.



- *Bilingshar Syiemlieh, CSC*

REGENTS' MEETING

The Regents' Meeting was held from 15 to 19 December 2025 at Moreau Community House, Durjoynagar, with the objective of reflecting on, deepening, and renewing the missionary call. The programme began with a day dedicated to sharing regency experiences, followed by an interactive session with the Provincial.

The meeting featured enriching input sessions by four Holy Cross confreres, offering practical guidance and encouragement for missionary life. These sessions helped participants reflect on their vocation and strengthened their commitment to mission.



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REGENTS MEET 2025

The programme concluded with a recollection and a day of outing to Tuikarmaw Mission, providing space for prayer, relaxation, and fraternity. The regents found the meeting meaningful and expressed gratitude to the administration for organising a programme that fostered spiritual growth and renewed purpose.

- *John Suansianthanga, CSC*



VOCATION CAMPS FOR MEGHALAYA REGION



The Holy Cross Fathers of the Northeast India Province organised vocation camps for the Meghalaya region to help young boys discern their call to religious life. Two camps were conducted—one at Holy Cross Parish, Mawpat for students of the Nongstoin Diocese, and the other at Holy Cross Parish, Mawkynrew for boys from the Shillong and Jowai Dioceses. Altogether, 63 boys participated in the camps.

The programme included sessions on God's call, the history and spirituality of the Congregation of Holy Cross, sharing of vocation journeys, and an introduction to the Congregation's ministries.



Prayer, reflection, and fraternity formed the core of the experience, creating a supportive environment for discernment. Fr. Shanbor, CSC, coordinated the camps, with several confreres accompanying and animating the participants. The camps proved to be enriching and meaningful, encouraging the boys to reflect seriously on vocation and missionary life.

- *Shaiju Antony, CSC*

MY ASHRAM EXPERIENCE AT AMAITHIAHAM

Twenty-nine students of the Institute for Consecrated Life (2025–26 batch), comprising priests, brothers, and sisters, participated in a six-day formative experience at Amaithiaham Ashram, set in the quiet rural surroundings of Kanyakumari. The programme offered participants a sacred pause from routine ministry, inviting them to slow down, listen deeply, and reconnect with the inner rhythm of consecrated life.



PILGRIMAGE AND SPIRITUAL ORIENTATION: The programme began with a pilgrimage to Devasayam Mount and the shores of Kanyakumari. These sacred sites provided a reflective backdrop, reminding participants of steadfast faith, courageous witness, and the vastness of God's presence. The pilgrimage set the spiritual tone for the days that followed, grounding the experience in gratitude, fidelity, and hope.

PRAYER, SILENCE, AND ASHRAM RHYTHM: Daily life at the Ashram followed a gentle and disciplined rhythm centred on silence, prayer, and the celebration of the Holy Eucharist. Guided meditation sessions helped participants cultivate interior awareness and attentiveness, allowing silence to become a space of encounter rather than emptiness. Afternoons were dedicated to Ashram Seva, where simple acts of service were carried out mindfully, reinforcing the link between contemplation and action.

COMMUNAL DISCERNMENT AND SIMPLICITY OF LIFE: Evenings were marked by meditation and Satsang, offering a space for shared reflection and communal discernment. Participants shared their experiences, naming consolations and challenges, and supporting one another through attentive listening. The simplicity of Ashram life—sitting on the floor for prayer and meals, receiving food with gratitude, and living with minimal comforts—fostered humility, equality, and reverence for life.

RENEWAL AND MISSION GOING FORWARD: As the programme concluded, participants carried with them a renewed awareness of God's abiding presence, strengthened bonds of communion, and a deeper appreciation for silence, service, prayer, and daily discernment. The Ashram experience proved to be a formative journey inward, equipping participants to integrate its fruits into their ordinary lives and ministries.



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