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Remembering with Gratitude, Walking Forward with Hope



Dear Confreres, and Friends in Mission,

The month of November always invites us into a season of remembrance and gratitude. With the solemn celebrations of All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day, the Church reminds us that we journey not alone, but as part of a great communion—those who walk with us today and those who have completed their earthly pilgrimage.

All Saints' Day lifts our gaze to the countless holy men and women—known and unknown—who allowed God's grace to shape their lives. Their stories are diverse, their paths unique, yet each reflects the truth that holiness is possible wherever love, sacrifice, and fidelity to God take root. It is a quiet reminder that sanctity is not reserved for the extraordinary, but grows in the ordinary acts of faithfulness lived each day.

All Souls' Day, in turn, brings us to prayerful remembrance of all who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith. For us in Holy Cross, it is a sacred moment to remember with affection and gratitude our confreres who laboured in the Northeast, sowing seeds of faith, education, and hope—often in small ways, always with great dedication. Their names live in our hearts, but more importantly, their legacy lives in the institutions they built, the communities they served, and the hearts they touched.

We recall their simplicity, their perseverance, their love for the people, and the quiet heroism with which they endured challenges. Their lives remind us that our mission today stands on strong shoulders and on deep foundations. We are beneficiaries of their courage; custodians of their vision.

As we look at the rich life of our Province in these recent months—youth gatherings, parish celebrations, formation programmes, new educational initiatives, and the steady work of our communities—we can see that we too are called to continue drawing the maps of hope that they began. Whether in the classroom, in parish ministry, in administrative roles, or in formation houses, we are invited to live our vocation with the same spirit of generosity and trust.

As we honour them this season, may we also renew our own commitment to holiness in daily life—simple, steady, and sincere. May we carry forward the mission they once carried in their hearts. And may we, one day, be found faithful enough to join them in that company where hope is fulfilled and love is eternal.

Fr. K. J. Abraham, CSC
Provincial Superior

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EDITORIAL



Drawing New Maps of Hope

In his recent apostolic letter *Drawing New Maps of Hope*, Pope Leo XIV invites the Church to look ahead with renewed courage.

He encourages us to become a people who actively shape hopeful pathways—paths that heal divisions, restore trust, and open possibilities for a future rooted in faith. In the Holy Father’s vision, hope is not a feeling we wait for; it is something we build through the choices we make and the responsibilities we embrace each day.

This message harmonizes deeply with our Holy Cross identity. Our Constitutions remind us that the ministry of education calls us not only to teach but to form whole persons, guiding minds and hearts toward a life shaped by truth, compassion, and faith. Education, in the Holy Cross tradition, becomes a work of hope—helping young people discover their gifts, find purpose, and grow into responsible, faith-filled individuals.

Across the past months, the life of our Province has offered many signs of such hope taking form. In our schools, renewed dedication from teachers, vibrant student participation, and the strengthening of academic and co-curricular programs all reveal a community committed to nurturing new dreams. Parents, educators, and staff continue to walk together, investing in the holistic development of every learner.

In our formation communities, prayer, study, community living, and pastoral exposure are shaping future religious who will carry the Holy Cross mission forward with integrity and zeal. Their growth reminds us that vocations are nurtured gradually—through daily fidelity, encouragement, and accompaniment.

Through all these expressions of faith and service, our Province is quietly tracing new “maps of hope”—not through dramatic gestures but through steady commitments, shared efforts, and small acts of love. These everyday moments—learning, mentoring, celebrating, praying—become markers that point toward a future filled with promise.



As we reflect on the life and mission of Holy Cross in the Northeast today, we recognize that hope is being cultivated in classrooms, in staff rooms, in community gatherings, in the formation houses, and in the hearts of the young and old alike.

May we continue to shape these maps of hope with the simplicity, courage, and faith that have always defined our Holy Cross heritage—trusting that each step we take contributes to a future bright with God’s grace.

- *George Jacob, CSC*

HOLY CROSS PARISH, KOLORIANG

Parish Youth Conference

Holy Cross Parish, Koloriang, hosted a vibrant three-day Parish Youth Conference from October 17–19, 2025, bringing together enthusiastic young people from the parish community. Fr.



Roshan Bamin Peter, Youth Director of the Diocese of Itanagar, served as the resource person and guided the sessions with his characteristic zeal and insight.

Centred on the theme “Youth on a Mission: Pilgrims of Hope,” the conference sought to nurture the spiritual and personal growth of the participants through reflective sessions, interactive discussions, and group activities. Alongside the spiritual inputs, the youth enjoyed cultural performances, songs, dances, and outdoor sports, fostering a spirit of unity and joy.

The parish expressed heartfelt gratitude to Fr. Roshan for his inspiring animation and to the parents whose constant encouragement strengthened the youth apostolate. The program left a lasting impression on the participants, motivating them to live their faith with renewed conviction and purpose.

Provincial Visit >

The mission joyfully welcomed Fr. K. J. Abraham, CSC, Provincial Superior, and Fr. Alfred, CSC, Provincial Administrator, on October 23–24.



Their visit provided a time of fraternal sharing with the parish and school communities, much appreciated by all.

Marian Devotion and Feasts >

The parish observed the Marian month with deep devotion, culminating in a solemn Marian Procession on October 31. Throughout the month, five groups organized daily family Rosary

prayers, and on October 22, the faithful joined the worldwide Rosary organized by the Holy Cross



Family Ministries. The celebrations of All Saints’ Day and All Souls’ Day were marked with reverence; on All Souls’ Day, the parish priest visited homes to bless family tombs.

- *Prasanta Basumatary, CSC*

ST. ANDRE PARISH, NYAPIN

Children’s Seminar >

St. André Parish, Nyapin, organized a two-day Children’s Seminar on October 18–19, 2025, led



by Fr. Stephen Munga, CSC. The program gathered young parishioners to deepen their faith and understanding of Christian living through interactive sessions and prayer.

The seminar explored several key themes — environmental responsibility, the importance of the Sacraments and Liturgy, and responsible use of social media. Fr. Stephen also encouraged the children to



cultivate a personal relationship with God through daily prayer. The program concluded with the celebration of the Holy Eucharist, during which the children participated actively and joyfully. The seminar left a lasting impression, inspiring the young participants to grow in faith, wisdom, and compassion.

Decennial Celebration

St. André Parish joyfully celebrated its 10th anniversary on October 26, 2025, marking a decade of faith and community life. Most Rev. Benny Varghese Edathattel, DD, Bishop of Itanagar, presided over the celebration and blessed the foundation stones for the new Priests' Residence and the newly built Parish Hall.



The occasion was graced by Fr. K. J. Abraham, CSC, Provincial Superior, Fr. Alfred, CSC, Provincial Administrator, and distinguished guests including Shri Tadar Tadey, ZPM of Nyapin, and Shri Tarh Miri Stephen, former ACF President. In gratitude, past and present village leaders and catechists were honoured for their dedicated service.

Special appreciation was expressed to the pioneering Holy Cross missionaries—Fr. Francis Sebastian, and others —whose missionary zeal sowed the first seeds of faith in Nyapin. The event was a moving reminder of God's faithfulness and the vibrant growth of the parish community.



Marian Procession

On November 2, 2025, St. André Parish celebrated the Marian Procession, coinciding with All Souls' Day. Despite early rain, the faithful gathered in great numbers to honour Our Lady.



Carrying the statue of Mother Mary, the congregation processed through Nyapin Town, praying the Rosary and singing hymns in her honour. The atmosphere was filled with devotion, unity, and gratitude. The day concluded with the celebration of the Holy Eucharist and a fellowship meal shared by all.

- Stephen Malneu, CSC

HOLY CROSS PARISH, MAWKYNREW

Honouring Our Mentors

The school celebrated Teachers' Day on September 4 with a vibrant assembly and cultural program, where students expressed their appreciation through performances, gifts, and words of gratitude. The celebration concluded



with a shared lunch, highlighting the strong bond between teachers and students.



Feast of the Holy Cross

On September 15, the community came together to celebrate its patronal feast—the Feast of the Holy Cross and Our Lady of Sorrows. A solemn Eucharist led by Fr. Arul was followed by a cultural program and a fellowship meal, honouring the Fathers and reinforcing the spirit of unity.



Farewell to Sr. Supriya

A heartfelt farewell was organized on October 1 for Sr. Supriya, who completed two years of dedicated service. In her message, she expressed deep gratitude and encouraged all to continue working in faith and unity. The event concluded with the school anthem, marking an emotional goodbye.



A Visit of Gratitude

On October 20, the school warmly welcomed benefactor Mr. Kulandai Francis and his family. During his visit, he inaugurated the new library and an interactive digital board, and visited the science and computer labs. The event featured cultural performances and heartfelt words of appreciation, expressing gratitude for his generous support.



- *Preet Anupam Beck, CSC*

GOOD SHEPHERDSCHOOL, JONGKSHA

Parents' Day

Parents' Day, celebrated on October 8, 2025, was one of the most remarkable events of the year at Good Shepherd School, Jongksha. The celebration brought together over 700 parents, staff, and students in a spirit of joy and gratitude.



The event was graced by the presence of Shri Banteidor Lyngdoh, local MLA, Shri Seiborlang Warbah, MDC of Mawkyntse constituency, and Most Rev. Victor Lyngdoh, DD, Archbishop of Shillong, along with other dignitaries.



With the meaningful theme "Roots of Love and Wings to Fly," the celebration beautifully highlighted the deep love and sacrifice of parents who nurture their children with care and faith, enabling them to soar toward a bright future. The school community took the opportunity to express heartfelt appreciation for the parents, recognizing them as true partners in the mission of education and formation.



Alumni Sports Meet 2025

The Good Shepherd School Alumni Association organized a vibrant Alumni Sports Meet 2025, celebrating unity and camaraderie among former students and the school community.

Led by Mr. Donbok Lynshiang (President), Mr. Biangki Mukhim (Secretary), and Mr. Division Wankhar (Sports Secretary), the event featured a colorful march-past, followed by spirited competitions in football, basketball, tug of war, and athletics.



The enthusiastic participation and commitment of the alumni reflected their continued love for their alma mater. Their involvement serves as an inspiring example for current students, reinforcing the values of teamwork, loyalty, and unity that define the Holy Cross educational tradition.

- **Antony Maria Jose, CSC**

HOLY CROSS PARISH, UMKIANG

Dorbar Pyllun

The Diocesan Women's Association (SKKJD) held its annual gathering, known as Dorbar Pyllun, at Holy Cross Parish, Umkiang, from October 18-19,



2025. Delegates from 18 parishes of the diocese and the Shillong unit participated in this vibrant assembly of faith and fellowship.



The opening ceremony was graced by Shri Lahkmen Rymbui, Minister of Education, Meghalaya, as Chief Guest, and attended by nearly 600 delegates representing the diocesan units. In the evening, Smt. Devipaya Tongper, MDC and a proud alumna of Holy Cross School, Umkiang, addressed the gathering during the thematic presentations and competitions.

On Sunday, Most Rev. Bishop Ferdinand Dkhar, DD, Bishop of Jowai, presided over the Holy Eucharist, while Fr. Simoen Sungoh, Spiritual Director of the Women's Association, encouraged members in their mission of spiritual growth and social outreach. The closing ceremony was graced by Smt. Santa Mary Shylla, MLA, who commended the women for their commitment and unity.



Farewell and Installation

The Holy Cross community at Umkiang bid an emotional farewell to Fr. Francis Sebastian, CSC, the founding Parish Priest of Holy Cross Parish and the school's first Principal, in two touching ceremonies—on October 26 (parish community) and October 31 (school community).

Faithful from all parish villages gathered to express their gratitude for Fr. Francis's



pioneering spirit, dedication, and leadership in building both the mission and the school. The farewell was marked by prayers, heartfelt messages, and blessings for his new assignment in Jongksha parish.

On the same day, Fr. Roby V. Menacherry, CSC, was formally installed as the new Parish Priest by Fr. Martin Shylla, Vicar General of the Diocese of Jowai.



At the school farewell on October 31, teachers and former students—many now educators themselves—expressed deep appreciation for Fr. Francis's mentorship and vision. The Holy Cross family of Umkiang united in wishing him good health and every blessing in his new mission.

- **Roby Menacherry, CSC**

HOLY CROSS PARISH, MAWPAT

Parish Day

The parish community of Holy Cross, Mawpat, joyfully celebrated Parish Day on September 7, 2025, under the theme "Ka Jingtrei Lang Rynkat-

Rynkat" (Working Together in Unity). The day began with a solemn Eucharistic celebration presided over by Fr. Desing John Nongphud, CSC.



A moment of special joy was the First Holy Communion of 287 children, marking a milestone of grace for many families. The celebration continued with a lively cultural program presented by the parish youth. To commemorate the occasion, Parish Priest Fr. Valerian Serrao released a new Khasi prayer book, enriching the spiritual life of the community.

Seng Longkmie Retreat

The Seng Longkmie (Women's Association) held its annual two-day retreat at Holy Cross Parish, Mawpat, from October 25–26, 2025. The sessions were animated by Fr. Silvester and Fr. Phrangsngi Lyngkhoi, offering spiritual nourishment and reflection. The retreat concluded with Confession and Holy Mass, leaving participants renewed in spirit and strengthened in their faith journey.



Youth Pilgrimage and Retreat

On October 30, 2025, the Seng Samla (Youth) of the parish embarked on a pilgrimage to St. Peter's Cathedral, preparing spiritually for their annual retreat held from October 31 to November 1,



2025. Guided by the theme "Do All Things for the Glory of God" (1 Cor 10:30), the retreat was led by Sr. Bioinda Jyrwa and Sr. Dora Mary Lyngdoh, VSDB Sisters from Mawkawah, Nongstoin.

A total of 110 youth participated in this grace-filled experience, which included Marian Procession, Chain Adoration, and faith-sharing sessions. The retreat deepened their commitment to living faith with joy and conviction.

ST. JOHN BOSCO SCHOOL, MAWPAT

Teachers' Day

The school community celebrated Teachers' Day on September 5, 2025, with heartfelt appreciation for the teachers' dedication and selfless



service. Students expressed their gratitude through a meaningful cultural program, and each teacher received a token of appreciation. Shri Bester Diengdoh, Sub-Inspector of Police, graced the occasion as Chief Guest and commended the teachers for shaping the lives of young minds.

Feast Day Celebration

On September 15, 2025, the school celebrated the Feast Day of the Holy Cross Fathers with a solemn Holy Mass followed by a colourful cultural



program. Students showcased their talents through music, dance, and drama, while learning more about the history, charism, and mission of the Congregation of Holy Cross.

Parents' Day

St. John Bosco Higher Secondary School, Mawpat, celebrated Parents' Day on October 27, 2025, with the theme "Parents' Love, the Greatest Blessing." The occasion was graced by Shri Renikton Lyngdoh Tongkhar, MLA of Mawkyrwat Constituency, as Chief Guest, and Shri Commander Sangpliang, President of the Hill Farmers Union and member of the Meghalaya Film Maker Association, as Guest of Honour.

The inspiring addresses of both guests uplifted parents and students alike. The event featured outstanding cultural performances, meticulously coordinated by Fr. Valerian Serrao (Secretary), Fr. Friny Peter (Principal), Sr. Moncy K. Dominic

(Headmistress), Br. Tushar Jamatia, and the staff and students.



A highlight of the day was the felicitation of Mr. Cornelius Marshra and Mrs. Elnestina Marwein, who celebrated 25 years of dedicated service in the school. A festive meal followed, bringing together parents, students, and staff in a spirit of gratitude and unity.

- Friny Peter, CSC

ST. DOMINIC SAVIO PARISH, NONGRAH

Silver Jubilee of Basic Ecclesial Communities

The parish community of St. Dominic Savio Church, Nongrah, joyfully celebrated the Silver Jubilee of the Basic Ecclesial Communities (BECs) on October 12, 2025. The solemn Eucharist was presided over by Most Rev. Victor Lyngdoh, DD,



Archbishop of Shillong, marking the culmination of a yearlong journey of faith renewal.

The BEC movement, introduced in Northeast India during the YKJ 2000 celebrations, took firm root in Nongrah under the leadership of Mr. Bandonbok Pyngrope (1999–2007). His dedicated guidance helped the community grow into a fully functional parish based on the BEC model—locally known as Kynhun Balang Barit (“small Christian community”).

Today, 66 BEC units form the spiritual core of Nongrah, serving 920 Catholic families, while the entire parish—including Mawlynrei substation—comprises more than 1,800 families. Nongrah remains the only parish in the Archdiocese of Shillong functioning entirely through this model.



Over 2,000 faithful joined the jubilee celebration, sharing a traditional jasang meal lovingly prepared and packed in leaves by each BEC unit. Though the area was surrounded by rain clouds, the day remained miraculously clear—a sign, the faithful believe, of divine favour.

October was a grace-filled month for the parish, featuring the first Youth Convention and Diaconate Ordination of three Holy Cross deacons on October 5, and the first Women’s Association gathering on October 19.

With the BEC Silver Jubilee concluded, Nongrah now looks forward to two upcoming jubilees—the Catholic Men’s Association (November 30, 2025) and the BEC Jubilee at Mawlynrei (February 15, 2026)—continuing its mission of faith, unity, and community.

- Theo Sohtun, CSC & Shanborlang Mawrie, CSC

ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE PARISH, KHAWZAWL

Sunday School Children's Meet

A Parish-level Sunday School Meet was held from September 13–14, 2025, bringing together about 150 children from six villages. The gathering



included spiritual reflections, Bible-based competitions, and entertainment activities. The children, accompanied by their animators, expressed great joy and gained valuable spiritual and moral lessons.

Feast of the Annunciation

St. John the Apostle Church, Khawzawl, celebrated the Feast of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary on October 8, 2025, with a solemn Eucharist. The celebration highlighted the dignity of women and the importance of caring



for the girl child within families and society. Special prayers were offered for all girl children.

YCS Eastern Zone Meet

The Young Catholic Students (YCS) Eastern Zone Meet was hosted at St. John the Apostle Parish from September 27–28, 2025, with 140 participants from Khawzawl and Champhai parishes. Fr. James Lalruattluanga and Ms. Rebecca Khiangte animated the sessions, focusing on the role of teenagers in the Church and society, along with interactive workshops and cultural activities.



Feast of the Holy Cross

The Feast of the Holy Cross was celebrated with devotion on September 14, 2025, together with the Sunday School children. The Parish Priest explained the history and mission of the Congregation of Holy Cross, inviting the young to consider vocations in the Holy Cross family. The celebration concluded with a fellowship meal shared by parishioners and local leaders.



Diocesan Youth Day and Cultural Day

On October 5, 2025, the parish youth celebrated Diocesan Youth Day, which also served as the



parish Cultural Day. The day began with a solemn Eucharist followed by fellowship, cultural dances, and other performances that showcased the rich traditions and talents of the youth.

Pilgrimage to the Cathedral

Around 200 faithful from the parish joined a pilgrimage to the Cathedral in Aizawl to receive the Plenary Indulgence. The pilgrims experienced



deep joy and spiritual renewal after passing through the Holy Door. The parish extended heartfelt thanks to the Cathedral clergy and faithful for their warm hospitality.

Marian Devotion and Global Rosary

To conclude the Month of the Rosary, the parish organized a Marian Procession on October 31, 2025. The faithful, who had prayed the Rosary

daily throughout the month, also joined the Global Rosary organised by the Holy Cross Family Ministries on October 22, deepening their devotion to Our Lady.

ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL, KHAWZAWL

Teachers' Day Celebration

On September 4, 2025, the students of St. Joseph School, Khawzawl, expressed gratitude to their teachers through songs, dances, and speeches. The school management presented gifts as tokens of appreciation for their dedication and service.



Parents-Teachers Meeting

A Parents-Teachers Meeting was held on September 27, 2025, to discuss school development and student progress. Parents expressed satisfaction with the school's discipline and academic standards. The Principal urged continued cooperation for the holistic growth of students.



Annual Sports Day

The school's Annual Sports Day, held from September 18–19, 2025, provided students with a platform to showcase their athletic skills and



teamwork. The event encouraged physical fitness and sportsmanship among students.

Parents' Day Celebration

Parents' Day was celebrated on October 17, 2025, as a gesture of gratitude for the love and support of parents. Students expressed appreciation through



songs, dances, and drama. Parents shared their feedback and experiences, and the event concluded with refreshments and joyful fellowship.

- *John PKC, CSC*

HOLY CROSS SCHOOL, BAGBASA

Inauguration of the New Science Lab

A major milestone was reached at Holy Cross School, Bagbasa, with the blessing and inauguration of a new science laboratory on October 29, 2025. The ceremony was graced by Fr. K.J. Abraham, CSC, Provincial Superior, who blessed the facility, and Fr. Alfred D'Souza, Administrator, who officially inaugurated it.



The state-of-the-art lab, generously funded by REDRI USA, will enable students to engage in hands-on experiments, deepening their understanding of scientific concepts. The occasion marked the school's continued commitment to providing quality education and fostering scientific curiosity among students.



On the same day, Fr. K.J. Abraham also blessed the foundation stone of the new Holy Cross Boys' Hostel, a significant step toward providing students with a supportive environment for learning and growth.

Empowering Students through SALT+

In collaboration with Altivon Trainers and Consultants, the school has introduced SALT+ (Skills and Attitude for Life Transformation)—a dynamic life skills and leadership program designed to build confidence, empathy, and 21st-century competencies. The program uses experiential learning to help students develop as responsible and purpose-driven young leaders.



Clean Hands Champion

On October 15, the kindergarten students celebrated Global Handwashing Day through the "Clean Hands Champion" initiative. With songs, stories, and creative activities, the young learners pledged to promote good hygiene and spread the message that clean hands build a healthy community.



Operation Superpowers

As part of the SALT+ special assembly, the Grade 3 students presented an inspiring anti-bullying campaign titled "Operation Superpowers."



Through a short skit and a collective pledge, they emphasized kindness, courage, and friendship—encouraging everyone to use their "inner superpowers" to stand up for others and nurture a caring school culture.

HOLY CROSS PARISH, BAGBASA

Eucharistic and Marian Processions

Faith and devotion were powerfully expressed at Holy Cross Parish, Bagbasa, during the Eucharistic Procession on October 26, 2025, which drew over 350 faithful. The prayerful event reflected the



community's deep reverence for the Blessed Sacrament.



The Marian Procession, held on October 30, brought together parishioners in a beautiful act of devotion. With prayers, hymns, and the recitation of the Rosary, the faithful honoured the Blessed Virgin Mary, strengthening unity and spiritual growth within the community.

- **Ajith Philip, CSC**

HOLY CROSS SCHOOL, PANISAGAR

Feast of the Congregation

The Feast of the Congregation of Holy Cross was celebrated with great enthusiasm on September 13 at Holy Cross School, Panisagar. The celebration began with a prayer service and lamp-lighting ceremony, followed by songs and dances presented by students and teachers. All students, dressed in colourful attire, participated with excitement, and the celebration concluded with the distribution of donuts to everyone—a simple yet delightful gesture that added sweetness to the



day. The feast fostered a spirit of joy, unity, and gratitude among the school community.

North District Selection

October 15 brought in sporting pride, as 14 students from Holy Cross School were selected for the North District Under-17 sports and athletic team, with Zanun Fela earning the honour of representing the district at the state level. The achievement was celebrated as a testament to the students' hard work and determination.



Foundation for New Primary Block

A significant milestone was marked on October 21 with the foundation stone-laying ceremony for a new Primary Block. The ceremony was blessed by Fr. K.J. Abraham, CSC, Provincial Superior, and attended by Fr. Alfred, CSC, Administrator, along with Fr. Kanikkai, CSC, Principal, hostel students, sisters, and staff members. In his welcome address, Fr. Kanikkai emphasized the importance of expanding infrastructure to create a better learning environment for young learners. The



new classrooms will provide a nurturing and stimulating space for the holistic development of primary students.

Inauguration of the New Computer Lab

On October 31, Holy Cross School, Panisagar, proudly inaugurated and blessed its new Computer Laboratory, marking



another step forward in educational advancement. The ceremony was graced by Fr. Simon Fernandez, CSC, former provincial, who inaugurated the facility and addressed the students on the importance of digital literacy in today's world.



Equipped with 50 high-speed computers and modern multimedia tools, the lab will enhance practical learning and equip students with vital skills in coding, programming, and digital creativity.

- **Kanikkai Jeyraj, CSC**

ST. PAUL'S PARISH, KUMARGHAT

First Holy Communion

On October 5, 2025, St. Paul Parish, Kumarghat, celebrated the First Holy Communion of 43 candidates from various villages. The children were prepared under the guidance of Sr. Gerald

MC, Sr. Dominic Savio MC, Sr. Margret FS, and Mr. Subia Debbarma. After receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation, they gathered the next morning, dressed in white, to receive Jesus for the first time. The ceremony, presided over by Fr. Lancy D'Souza, CSC, was a deeply moving occasion for the children and their families. Gratitude was expressed to all who contributed to the preparation and organization of this special day.

Maria Sango Sabha

From October 3–5, 2025, the Maria Sango Sabha was held at Twinaisa Village under the theme "Advocacy of Family Values." The event saw the participation of 189 mothers from 16 villages, who gathered for prayer, reflection, and fellowship.



Sessions were led by Sr. Gerald MC, Fr. Lancy D'Souza, CSC, and Mr. Roitua Darlong, focusing on topics such as the Seven Sacraments, Mothers of Hope, and Christian parenting. The program also included a rosary procession, adoration, confessions, and a cultural evening. The gathering concluded with the Holy Eucharist celebrated by the Parish Priest, followed by the election of new office bearers. Participants expressed deep satisfaction and spiritual renewal at the close of the three-day event.

Bible Camp

From September 28–30, 2025, St. Paul's Parish, Kumarghat, hosted a vibrant Bible Camp for 216 children under the theme "Love and Share the Good News." The camp was animated by a team of Holy Cross seminarians, Fatima Sisters, MC

Sisters, and parish leaders Mr. Roitua Darlong and Mr. Subiah Debbarma.



Activities included Bible-based sessions, rosary processions, movies, quizzes, and skits, offering a mix of learning and joy. A highlight of the camp was the Holy Eucharist celebrated by Most Rev. Lumen Monteiro, CSC, Bishop of Agartala, who encouraged the children to live out the Gospel with courage and joy. The camp concluded with the Eucharistic celebration by Fr. Kanikkai, CSC, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation, leaving the young participants spiritually strengthened and inspired to be messengers of faith.

- *Lancy Dsouza, CSC*

HOLY CROSS SCHOOL, KUMARGHAT

Teachers' Day

Holy Cross School, Kumarghat, celebrated Teachers' Day on September 5 with heartfelt enthusiasm. The students organized a lively program featuring songs, dances, and speeches to



express their gratitude and love for their teachers. The event highlighted the deep bond between students and teachers, making the day both memorable and meaningful for the entire school community.

Feast of Holy Cross

The school joyfully celebrated the Feast of the Holy Cross on September 13 with prayer,



gratitude, and community spirit. The Fathers were felicitated for their dedicated service and guidance. Students presented a colourful cultural program and participated in a drawing competition that reflected their creativity and devotion.

- *Francis Xavier, CSC*

HOLY CROSS SCHOOL, KATHALCHERRA

Parents-Teachers Meeting

The Parents-Teachers Meetings for Classes I-VIII, X, and XII were held from October 21-30, 2025, at Holy Cross Higher Secondary School, Kathalcherra. Parents, teachers, and administrators came together to review students' academic progress, attendance, and overall discipline. Parents also had the opportunity to clarify concerns and discuss ways to support their children's learning. The meetings concluded with



parents collecting report cards and meeting the principal for further guidance regarding students needing special attention.

Feast of Holy Cross

The Feast of the Holy Cross was celebrated with devotion and joy on September 15, 2025. The celebration began with a speech competition on “The Holy Cross Way of Education,” followed by a colourful cultural program, highlighted by songs, dances, and an inspiring message from Fr. Abraham, CSC. A volleyball match (boys) and



throwball match (girls) between students and teachers added excitement to the day. The event concluded with a fellowship meal, marking a beautiful celebration of faith, unity, and the true spirit of the Cross.

Foundation Stone

A new milestone was marked on October 29, 2025, with the laying of the foundation stone for

a new toilet block. The blessing ceremony was led by Fr. C.V. Jose, CSC, Administrator, who emphasized the importance of sanitation and hygiene for students’ well-being. Present at the event were



Fr. Sharon, CSC, Principal, Fr. Abraham, CSC, Manager, Sr. Cicilia, BS, Headmistress, along with teachers and students. The new facility will further enhance the school’s commitment to a clean and healthy learning environment.

- Sharon Piuse, CSC

HOLY CROSS SCHOOL, CHALENGTA

First Diwali Celebration

On October 18, the school celebrated Diwali for the first time, filling the campus with light, colour, and festivity. The celebration began with a Rangoli competition among the four school houses, followed by a lively cultural program featuring dances, songs, and skits. A highlight was the Ramayana performance by Class VIII, beautifully depicting the triumph of good over evil. In his message, Principal Fr. M.P. Jayaseelan,



CSC, reminded all that Diwali is not just about lighting lamps, but about hearts shining with kindness, unity, and compassion.

Science and Art Exhibition

On October 11, the school hosted its first Science and Art Exhibition, inaugurated by Shri Deepak



Sharma, TCS, with Fr. C.V. Jose, CSC, as Guest of Honour. Students showcased innovative models on renewable energy, sustainability, and environmental awareness, while the Art Gallery displayed tribal attire, jewellery, and traditional artefacts, reflecting both creativity and cultural pride.

Visit of HCEF Secretary

On November 3, the school warmly welcomed Fr. George Jacob, CSC, Secretary of the Holy Cross Educational Foundation, and Sir Paul Ranglong. A

colourful program by students celebrated unity in diversity. Fr. George commended the students' achievements and encouraged them to grow with discipline, dedication, and determination,



leaving a lasting impression on all.

- *Naina Chakma*

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH, MOHARPARA

Parish Pilgrimage

On September 14, 2025, around 290 faithful from different villages gathered at Moharpara Parish Centre for a spiritual pilgrimage focused on prayer, healing, and renewal. The day began with healing adoration and the Sacrament of Reconciliation, providing the faithful an opportunity to encounter God's mercy.



The celebration reached its peak with a Solemn Eucharist presided over by Fr. Arbok, CSC, and a powerful homily by Fr. Linus, who reminded the faithful that true fulfillment lies in spiritual union with Christ rather than material satisfaction. The day concluded with a felicitation program and a fellowship meal, strengthening the sense of unity within the parish community.



Youth Gathering

On October 19, 2025, around 60 youth from various villages came together at Nelsi Mandoli for a special youth meeting. The day began with Holy Mass celebrated by Fr. Newton, CSC, who encouraged the youth to keep Christ alive through exemplary living. Village youth leaders shared reports and



plans for upcoming zonal Rosary activities. The program ended with a joyful fellowship meal, reinforcing friendship and shared mission among the youth.

Marian Procession

A beautiful Marian Procession was held on October 26, 2025, at Twithampui Village, drawing about 300 faithful from neighbouring villages. The event began with Holy Mass celebrated by Fr. Arbok, CSC, followed by a solemn procession with the statue of Mother Mary, accompanied by hymns and prayers. The celebration concluded with healing adoration and a communal meal, leaving the participants spiritually renewed and united in devotion to Our Lady.



- *Arbok Lyngdoh, CSC*

NOTRE DAME HOLY CROSS SCHOOL, MOHARPARA

Motivational Seminar for Support Staff

A motivational seminar for non-teaching staff was held on November 1, 2025, led by Sr. Juliana Vas, SSsP. She emphasized the dignity and value of every staff member's contribution to the school's mission. The session inspired participants with a



renewed sense of purpose and pride in their work. The event concluded with words of gratitude from Fr. Newton, CSC, who thanked Sr. Juliana for her encouraging insights.

Teachers' Training Seminar

An in-house training program for teachers was conducted on October 25, 2025, on the theme "Rights of Teachers and Rights of Students." Teachers from Holy Cross School, Twichakma also joined in the session. The session, led by Fr. Joe Paul, CSC, Vice Principal of Holy Cross College, Agartala, explored effective classroom management, professional ethics, and the importance of balancing educational rights within the framework of the RTE Act and NEP 2020.

Fr. Joe Paul introduced practical methods like the SOAR approach (Stop, Observe, Assess, React)



and emphasized building trust-based teacher-student relationships. The session concluded with a vote of thanks from Mr. Surendra Debbarma, and a token of appreciation was presented to Fr. Joe Paul by Mr. Martin Kaipeng, Head Teacher.

- Sahaya Lourdu Raj, CSC

HOLY CROSS SCHOOL, TWICHAKMA

Foundation Blessing

On October 30, 2025, Holy Cross School, Twichakma, marked a joyful milestone with the Foundation Blessing for additional classrooms, led by Fr. K.J. Abraham, CSC, Provincial Superior. The ceremony began with a prayer and the symbolic turning of the soil. In his address, Fr. Arbok, CSC, Principal, expressed gratitude to the Provincial for his continued support, noting that the new facilities will further strengthen the



school's commitment to holistic and quality education.

Teachers' Day Celebration



The school celebrated Teachers' Day on September 6, 2025, with a vibrant cultural program organized by students to express gratitude to their mentors. The event featured songs, dances, and games, creating a joyful atmosphere of appreciation and togetherness. The celebration concluded with a fellowship meal, reflecting the strong bond between teachers and students in the Holy Cross family.

- Binita Soreng, SAC

ST. ANDRE PARISH, BODHJUNGNAGAR

The 'Suari-Bodol'

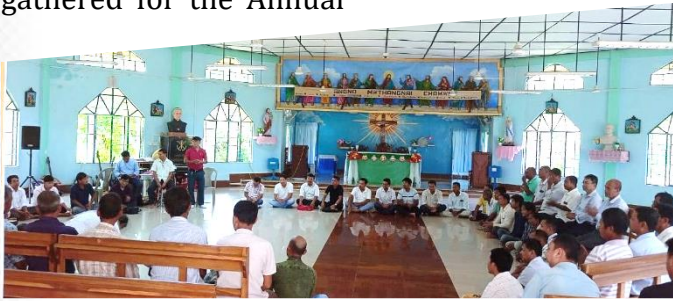
At St. André Parish, Bodhjunnagar, a new initiative called the 'Suari-Bodol' (Angel Group) has brought together a group of women—widowed or unmarried—who support one another through faith and fellowship. Comprising 15 members, the group meets monthly on the market day at Barkathal. Guided by their



Animator, Catechist Adviser, and Parish Fathers, they pray, share, and save together. Once hesitant, the women now find joy, strength, and a renewed sense of belonging in their community gatherings.

Revival of the Joseph Sango

After a period of inactivity, the Joseph Sango—the parish association of married men—was successfully revived following a decision of the Parish Pastoral Council in August 2025. On October 12, 2025, over 75 registered members gathered for the Annual



Meeting following the Sunday Eucharist at the parish centre. The Catechists led input sessions on leadership and service, and new office-bearers were elected. An Evangelization Team was also formed to strengthen the parish’s pastoral outreach. The group decided to hold its annual gathering each year on the Feast of St. Joseph (March 19).

- *Mariaraj, CSC*

ST. ANDRE SCHOOL,
BODHJUNG NAGAR

Teachers’ Day Celebration

Holy Cross School, Bodhjunnagar, began September with the joyful celebration of Teachers’ Day, held separately for the primary and secondary sections. The day’s chief guest was Bro. Alex Martin Pereira, CSC, Superior of the International Formation House at Boys’ Town.



Teachers were honoured for their dedication and service, and students expressed their gratitude through a colourful cultural program. The celebration concluded with a fellowship meal, fostering a spirit of joy and togetherness.

Parental Support

A Parents’ and Guardians’ Meeting for Classes X and XII was held on October 25, attended by over 90 parents. The principal shared plans to enhance student performance, while parents discussed ways to support their children’s learning. The meeting ended with a call for collaboration between home and school in preparing for the upcoming board exams.



Health and Well-being Initiatives

On October 13, a Health Awareness Program for students of Classes IX–XII was conducted by Ms. Linda Thangkul, an Ayurvedic health specialist



from Nagaland, focusing on adolescent growth and hygiene. Later in the month, students received deworming tablets and health vaccinations, supported by the Lefunga Health Department.

Foundation Blessing

A significant moment came on October 29, when Fr. Mariaraj, CSC, Parish Priest and Manager, blessed and laid the foundation stone for a new school gate pillar. Joined by the Principal, Headmistress, teachers, and students, the ceremony marked another step forward in enhancing the safety and beauty of the school campus.



- *Iswar Happa, CSC*

HOLY CROSS SCHOOL, TUIKARMAW

Teachers' Day

Holy Cross (South) English Medium Higher Secondary School, Tuikarmaw, celebrated Teachers' Day with joy and gratitude on September 4 and 6, 2025. The two-day program featured classroom celebrations, cultural performances, and a fellowship meal. Fr. Jerome



Chorei, CSC, the school manager and Fr. Agi Paul, CSC, joined in honouring the teachers for their dedication and service.

Feast of Holy Cross Fathers

The Feast of Holy Cross Fathers was celebrated on September 15 with a meaningful assembly program. Students, guided by their teachers, offered greetings to the Holy Cross Fathers and Brothers. Fr. Agi, CSC, shared an inspiring reflection on Blessed Basile Moreau and Our Lady of Sorrows, while Fr. Vicky L. Gayang, CSC, Principal, expressed gratitude to the school community for their love and support, extending warm feast day wishes to all.



Visit of the Vice Provincial and HCEF Secretary



The school was blessed with the visit of Fr. Clement Amo, CSC, Vice Provincial, and Fr. George Jacob, CSC, Secretary of the Holy Cross Educational Foundation, on October 16-17, 2025. Their presence brought joy and encouragement to staff and students. Fr. George also interacted with students and teachers, offering valuable insights and guidance.



Parents–Teachers Meeting

A Parents–Teachers Meeting for Classes VII–XII was held on October 18, with 330 parents participating.



The meeting provided an opportunity to discuss students' academic progress and strengthen

cooperation between home and school.

Medical Camp for Students

From October 27–30, 2025, a Medical Camp organized by the National Health Mission screened students for general health, dental, vision, and hearing issues. Conducted by doctors



and nurses from Santirbazar District Hospital, the initiative promoted health awareness and provided referrals for further care. The school expressed gratitude to the NHM team for their dedicated service.

- *Vicky Gayang, CSC*

HOLY CROSS SCHOOL, AGARTALA

Celebrating Excellence in Scientific Inquiry

The spirit of curiosity and innovation shone brightly at Holy Cross School, Agartala, as

students excelled in the District-Level Science Seminar organized by SCERT on September 6, 2025, under the theme “Quantum Age Begins.”

Among participants from 50 schools, Sourish Debnath and Sangskar Das

impressed the judges with their clarity, creativity, and confident presentation, securing First Prize at the district level—a proud achievement for the school.



Sourish Debnath went on to represent the district at the State-Level Seminar on September 23, 2025, where he earned Third Position, showcasing remarkable understanding and composure.

The event celebrated the power of young minds to engage deeply with emerging scientific ideas. Their success reflects the dedication of students, the guidance of their teachers, and the school's continued commitment to nurturing scientific curiosity and excellence.

- *Subhrajit Paul*

HOLY CROSS PINE VIEW STUDY HOUSE, SUMER

Teachers' Day and Visit of Bishop John Thomas

On September 5, 2025, the Sumer Formation community celebrated Teachers' Day with a thanksgiving Eucharist and a cultural program organized by the candidates to honour their teachers. The same day, the community joyfully welcomed Most Rev. John Thomas, Bishop



Emeritus of Itanagar, whose short visit was both inspiring and enriching. He interacted with the students, assessing their academic progress and encouraging them to grow in knowledge and discipline.

Congregational Feast

The community solemnly celebrated the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows on September 15, 2025. The Holy Eucharist was presided over by Most Rev. Victor Lyngdoh, Archbishop of Shillong with 12 concelebrating priests and many invited guests. In his homily, the archbishop reflected on the



theme “Behold your Mother, a Model of Hope,” and commended the Holy Cross Fathers for their dedicated service in the archdiocese. The celebration concluded with a felicitation program and a fellowship meal.

Mission Exposure Visit

On September 28, 2025, Fr. John led the candidates on a visit to Holy Cross mission centers at Brookedene, Jongksha, and Mawkynew. They joined the Parish Day

celebration at Mawkynew, presided over by Auxiliary Bishop Bernard Laloo, and were deeply inspired by the hospitality of the confreres and the vibrancy of the faithful communities.



Marian Procession and Foundation Blessing

On October 26, the community joined the Marian Procession at Sumer village, contributing to the choir during the Eucharist celebrated by Fr. Pius Shadap, Parish Priest. Later, on October 28, Fr. K.J. Abraham, CSC, Provincial Superior, blessed the foundation stone of the new chapel in the



presence of Frs. Alfred, Roy Thalackan, and Clement. The new chapel will serve as a spiritual heart for the formation community.

- *John Dessing, CSC*

ST. ANDRE MINOR SEMINARY, BODHJUNGNAGAR

Congregational Feast

The SAMS community celebrated the Congregational Feast Day with profound devotion and vibrant fraternity. The Holy Eucharist, presided over by Fr. Jowelson, CSC, Director, rekindled the spirit of vocation and brotherhood among the candidates. Bro. Akash offered a meaningful reflection on the significance of the day, while Bro. Borshan led the Prayer of the Faithful with reverence. Bro. Alex, Superior of the Scholasticate, Agartala, enriched the celebration with an inspiring message on the origins of Holy Cross brotherhood. The day concluded with friendly sports, joyful camaraderie, and a fellowship meal enjoyed by the entire community.

Puja Vacation & Community Day Celebrations

The Puja break was marked not by rest alone but by fruitful learning and community bonding. Sr. Bantilin Ranee, FS, conducted a valuable session on “Integration of Discipline with Spirituality,” helping the candidates reflect on the harmony between prayer, responsibility, and personal formation. Fr. Francis Gayang Lamin, CSC, introduced the community to the basics of computer literacy, offering both theory and practical sessions.



An enriching session on CSC International was conducted by Bro. Alex Sequeira, CSC, broadening the candidates’ understanding of the global mission of the Congregation. Community outings to Tuikarmaw Parish and Agartala town added joy and relaxation to the busy schedule.



The highlight of the season was the three-day Community Day celebration, featuring literary competitions, sports, and shared activities that strengthened fellowship and unity—reminding everyone that community life flourishes through shared effort and joy.

Sharing by Fr. Newton Basumari, CSC

The community was privileged to hear Fr. Newton Basumari, CSC, share his rich experiences from his recent visit to France. His presentation, filled with personal insights and gentle humour, brought alive the legacy of Blessed Basile Moreau. His reflections offered the candidates a deeper sense of belonging to a Congregation with a mission that spans continents and generations.



Marian Devotion

October, the Month of the Rosary, was observed with deep devotion as the SAMS community gathered each evening to pray for peace, perseverance in vocation, and the intentions of the Church. The month culminated in a solemn Marian Procession from the formation house to the parish church, joined by many faithful. Candlelight, hymns, and prayer created a powerful atmosphere of devotion, giving thanks to Our Blessed Mother for her unflinching protection and guidance.

- *Jowelson Khongtani, CSC*

SACRED HEART STUDY HOUSE, LEMBUCHERRA

Visit of Fr. Nitto Ekka, CSC

On 6 September, Sacred Heart Study House joyfully welcomed Rev. Fr. Nitto Ekka, CSC, from the Sacred Heart Province, Bangladesh. His visit was a moment of inspiration for the candidates, who



appreciated his sharing on vocation, mission, and the larger Holy Cross family. A former student of Brookdene (2009–2012), Fr. Nitto also completed his Philosophy at Christ the King College and graduated from St. Anthony's College.

Apostolic Experience

Following their semester examinations, the first- and second-year batches began a two-week

apostolic experience from 27 September to 11 October. The candidates assisted in parish ministry and engaged in service among the poor,



deepening their faith and broadening their pastoral outlook. The exposure renewed their enthusiasm as they returned to the seminary with fresh zeal for their formation.

Outstanding University Results

The community rejoiced on 26 September as the final-year candidates achieved excellent results in the university examinations.

- Jacob Vannehsangnga
Gold Medal, Sociology



- Tushar Jamatia –
3rd Rank, Political Science



This milestone marks the first time the Study House has produced rank holders, a proud achievement attributed to the dedicated efforts of the students, faculty, and formators.

Conclusion of the Month of the Rosary

On 31 October, the community solemnly concluded the Month of the Rosary with a Marian procession. The evening of



prayer ended with the symbolic burning of written intentions, expressing trust in the intercession of Our Blessed Mother and strengthening devotion within the community.

- *Bilingshar, CSC*

SPES UNICA 2025 MEGHALAYA REGION

Holy Cross Higher Secondary School, Umkiang, in collaboration with the Holy Cross Educational Foundation, joyfully hosted Spes Unica 2025 from October 9–11, 2025, under the uplifting theme “Crossing Borders, Carrying Hope.”



A total of 178 participants and 16 animators from eight Holy Cross schools in Meghalaya—Mawpat, Nongrah, Mawlynrei, Jatah, Mawkynrew, Jongksha, Thynroit, and Umkiang—together with the candidates from Sumer Formation House, took part in three days of prayer, learning, fellowship, and creative expression.



The program was inaugurated by Fr. Roy Thalackan, CSC, Director of Holy Cross Family Ministries, who encouraged the students to

become authentic “bearers of hope.” The following day, the community gathered for the Holy Eucharist presided over by Most Rev. Bishop Ferdinand Dkhar, DD, Bishop of Jowai.

The event featured enriching sessions led by Frs. Roy, K.J.



Abraham, Shaiju, John Valan, and John Nongpud, along with thematic performances, songs, and collages presented by each participating school.

The closing ceremony was honoured by Smt.



Santa Mary Shylla, MLA, as Chief Guest, joined by Fr. K.J. Abraham, CSC, Provincial Superior, Fr. George Jacob, CSC, Secretary of HCEF, local leaders, and Holy Cross Fathers.

Heartfelt appreciation was extended to Frs. George, Antony, Friny Peter, and Anupam, the coordinators, and to the staff and parish

community of Holy Cross, Umkiang, whose dedicated collaboration ensured the success of Spes Unica 2025.



- *Roby Menacherry, CSC*

PASTORS' AND SUPERIORS' CONFERENCE 2025

The Province of Northeast India held its Pastors' and Superiors' Conference from 18–20 September 2025 at the Provincial House, Agartala. Over the three days, 23 participants



came together in prayer, reflection, dialogue, and planning, renewing their commitment to pastoral leadership and service of God's people.

The conference featured a thought-provoking session by Fr. K.D. Joy, Professor of Canon Law at the Oriens Theological College, Shillong, who spoke on Canon Law related to marriage and liturgical practices. His insights opened new perspectives for pastoral application and underlined the importance of fidelity to the Church's teaching in service to parish communities.



The gathering was especially enriched by Most Rev. Lumen Monteiro, CSC, Bishop of Agartala,

who offered an address on the theme "Walking with Our People on a Pilgrimage to the Great Jubilee 2033." Further reflections were shared by the Provincial Superior, Fr. K. J. Abraham, CSC providing updates and direction on mission priorities.

One day of the conference was devoted to parish-wise sharing, enabling pastors and superiors to reflect on their experiences of ministry. These exchanges created a space for mutual encouragement, weaving together the diverse realities of parish life in Northeast India and reinforcing the bonds of fraternity and collaboration.



A significant moment of the gathering was the launch of 'CSC Parish Net', a parish management software developed to support administration and pastoral effectiveness in Holy Cross parishes.

The conference concluded with a deep sense of gratitude and renewed zeal. These days of reflection and dialogue strengthened not only the participants' leadership but also their unity as brothers in Holy Cross.



PERPETUAL PROFESSION AND DIACONATE ORDINATION

The Congregation of Holy Cross in a moment of great blessing and hope as three of our young men from the Northeast India Province — Akhsi Kumar Wary, CSC, Eldho Augustine, CSC, and Tarshish Marak, CSC — made their Perpetual Profession and were subsequently ordained to the Sacred Order of the Diaconate in Shillong.



On 4 October 2025, at the conclusion of the Province's Annual Retreat in Shillong, the three scholastics professed their final vows during a solemn Eucharistic celebration presided over by Fr. K. J. Abraham, CSC, Provincial Superior of Northeast India, who received their vows in the name of the Congregation. The event was graced by a large assembly



of Holy Cross confreres, family members, and friends, who gathered to celebrate their definitive commitment to religious life.

The following day, 5 October 2025, the Province witnessed another day of joy at St. Dominic Savio Parish, Nongrah, a parish entrusted to the Congregation. The three newly professed were

ordained as deacons by Most Rev. Bernard Laloo, Auxiliary Bishop of Shillong, with Most Rev. Salvadore Lobo, Bishop Emeritus of Baruaipur, concelebrating along with Fr. Abraham and many priests and religious. Parishioners, family members, and well-wishers joined in the celebration, making it a true ecclesial and communal event.



The new deacons, hailing from diverse regions of India — Akhsi Kumar Wary from Assam, Eldho Augustine from Kerala, and Tarshish Marak from Tripura — carried forward the theme of their commitment:



“Called, Blessed, and Sent.” They have now been assigned to various parishes in the Province for their diaconate ministry, where they will serve God's people through preaching, charity, and pastoral service in the spirit of Blessed Basile Moreau.

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to Deacons Akhsi, Eldho, and Tarshish, and we assure them of our prayers as they journey forward in their vocation, preparing for priestly ordination and for lives of service to the Church and the world in the Congregation of Holy Cross.





CARING FOR GOD'S CREATION A SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

In a world facing rapid environmental change, caring for God's creation is no longer optional—it is a spiritual, moral, and communal calling. Creation is God's first gift, entrusted to humanity with the expectation that we guard its beauty and ensure its fruitfulness for generations to come. As Holy Cross religious and collaborators, this stewardship touches every level of our life and ministry.

A Spiritual Duty Rooted in Simplicity and Respect

Care for the environment begins in the heart of each person. When individuals embrace a simple lifestyle, avoid waste, choose sustainable products, and use resources responsibly, they affirm that creation is a sacred trust. Small daily actions—reducing plastic, conserving water and energy, walking or cycling, tending home gardens, and linking prayer with time spent in nature—help cultivate a spirit of gratitude and respect.

Formation and Community: Schools of Ecological Living

Our formation houses and communities play a vital role in shaping ecological sensitivity. Eco-spirituality sessions, clean-up drives, nature-based retreats, community gardens, composting, and modest use of resources help candidates and members internalize an ethic of care. When communities install sustainable technologies, celebrate ecological days, or engage in local environmental initiatives, they offer a living witness to responsible stewardship.

Parishes and Institutions as Seeds of Transformation

Parishes, through preaching, catechesis, liturgical celebrations, and youth programs, can inspire families to see creation care as an expression of faith. Parish ecology groups, interreligious collaboration, and acts of sharing with the poor further extend this mission of solidarity and justice.

Our educational institutions also have a unique role. Through eco-clubs, campus biodiversity initiatives, "Go Green" policies, thoughtful waste management, research projects, and awareness programs, schools become energetic hubs of environmental learning. Simple initiatives like Kindness Walls or sustainability workshops nurture compassionate and eco-conscious young citizens.

A Collective Journey Toward a Greener Future

Across individual, formation, community, parish, and institutional life, the call remains the same: to live simply, respect creation, and promote practices that renew the Earth. When these commitments are woven together, they form a powerful culture of ecological responsibility.

Caring for creation is ultimately an act of love—love for God, for one another, and for the generations who will inherit the home we shape today. As Holy Cross, may we continue to walk this path together, strengthening our shared mission to safeguard the gift entrusted to us.

- *Harry Dsilva, CSC*

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