

PROVINCE FLASH DAUGHTERS OF THE CROSS CALCUTTA PROVINCE

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Dear Sisters and Associates,

As we approach this blessed season marked by the Triple Feasts—our 192nd Foundation Day on 8th September, the Exaltation of the Holy Cross on 14th September, and the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows on 15th September—my heart is filled with gratitude, reverence, and a renewed call to reflect on the meaning of our consecrated life in today's world.

Each of these feasts reminds us of the essence of our identity as Daughters of the Cross—a vocation shaped by fidelity to the Cross, compassion in suffering and unwavering faith in God's providence.



In the present scenario, where the world grapples with uncertainty, conflict, environmental crises and moral confusion, the call to religious life is more vital than ever. We are invited to be visible signs of hope, peace and healing, through our simple, faithful, and joyful witness. In a world that often seeks comfort without sacrifice, we are called to embrace the Cross with love, just as our Foundress did nearly two centuries ago.

The Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross urges us to lift high the Cross not only in our chapels but in our daily choices—to stand by the marginalized, to listen deeply, to forgive generously and to persevere in our mission with courage.

The Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows teaches us to remain at the foot of the Cross, in silent solidarity with all who suffer—especially women, children and the poor. Mary's quiet strength is a model for us to respond with compassion and spiritual resilience.

Our Foundation Day is a sacred reminder that our charism was born out of deep faith and self-giving love. As we celebrate 193 years of grace, let us recommit ourselves to live authentically, to foster community rooted in prayer and mission and to form young hearts with truth and tenderness.

Let this season be a time of deep renewal—in spirit, in purpose, and in love. May the Cross remain our anchor, Mary our companion and Christ our joy!

With prayerful wishes and fraternal affection,

Happy Feast

Silvia
**Sr. Catherine FC
Provincial**



KURSEONG

St. Joseph's Convent

Annual Sports Day: St. Joseph's Girls' Primary School joyfully had the Annual Sports Day on 10th May. The campus came alive with the presence of students, staff, parents, managing committee members, and distinguished guests. The Chief Guest, Mr. Shyam Sherpa, Sabhasath of Kurseong, Darjeeling GTA, was warmly escorted by the St. Joseph's High School Band and welcomed by Mrs. Chusang Lama.

The day began with a spirited March Past and Drill displays, followed by exciting events where children showcased their energy and enthusiasm. Parents and ex-students also participated in fun games, adding delight to the celebration. In his inspiring address, the Chief Guest encouraged students to stay active in sports for good mental health and urged parents to limit mobile usage for children. The program concluded with a heartfelt vote of thanks by Sr. Sangeeta Tigga.



Crusveer Programme: On 21st May, the St. Paul Parish Crusveer Animators organized a solo singing competition for children in three age groups. Parents joyfully witnessed their children's vibrant performances, making the event lively and memorable. At the end, marks were announced, and prizes were awarded to the winners. The programme concluded with encouraging words and a prayer by the animators, leaving the children motivated and filled with joy.

Provincial's Visit: The Provincial Visit to St. Joseph's Girls' Higher Secondary School, Kurseong, was held on 12th July with great reverence and joy. The school band extended a grand welcome, followed by a prayer service and a graceful prayer dance by students.

A comprehensive report of the school's achievements for the academic year 2024–2025 was presented, highlighting academic, cultural, and spiritual milestones. Sister Catherine, in her inspiring message, appreciated the efforts of the school community and encouraged them to continue their mission of holistic education with faith and dedication.

The day concluded with a "Tea Talk" session with the teaching staff, fostering dialogue, encouragement, and a shared vision for the future. The visit was truly a memorable and enriching experience for all.

-Sr. Sujata Kujur

St. Helen's Convent

Our school had the privilege of hosting the Anglo-Indian Schools Table Tennis Tournament and Debate Competition. Both events were filled with enthusiasm, talents and healthy competition. Our students performed exceptionally well in the T.T. Tournament, showcasing great skill and sportsmanship. In the Debate Competition our school bagged the overall Championship Trophy.

Our students also participated in the AISK Singing Competition and won the Runner- Up Trophy. Our students proudly took part in the March Past held on 15th August, organized by the Kurseong Municipality. After a gap of several years, our students secured the 3rd Position Trophy.

The school organized several inter-team competitions, giving students a great opportunity to showcase their talents and teamwork.

Sr. Lucy and I, along with several principals from ICSE Schools of Sikkim, the Northeast, and Siliguri Branch, had the privilege of attending an interactive session with Dr. Joseph Emmanuel, The Chief Executive and secretary of CISCE, in Siliguri. The theme of the meeting was "Vision and Roadmap of CISCE," where Dr. Emmanuel shared valuable insights on the council's future plans, goals, and expectations from affiliated schools. It was an inspiring session to align our efforts with the evolving educational landscape.

– Sr. Juliet Rappai

SIKKIM

Mamring

Ivana Memorial School observed World Earth Day in a very meaningful way. The day began with a morning assembly on the theme 'Save Earth.' This was followed by a drawing competition on various topics. To put the message into action, students of Classes VII and VIII cleaned the school campus and planted saplings. Banners were also displayed both inside the campus and outside the school gate to raise awareness among students and the local community.

Throughout the year, the school organized various competitions to help students discover their hidden talents and develop their abilities. Activities included drawing, storytelling, fancy dress competitions, and elocution in Hindi, Nepali, and English.

A highlight for the school community was the grand celebration of the 79th Independence Day and the 50th Year of Sikkim's Statehood, held at Rongpo Ground. Nineteen schools participated in the March Past and dance performances. Our joy was doubled when Ivana Memorial Convent, Mamring proudly secured the 1st position in the March Past competition.

– Sr. Rojinta Kujur



Jorethang

The new academic policy has brought some changes in our community lifestyle. From this year (2025), the Nursery section has been taken back by the Diocese. Sr. Mamta Bara now serves as a member of the teaching staff in the school. Yet, in God's providence, new opportunities have opened. The empty rooms are now being used for evening tuition, and four hostellers have joined us.

We are blessed with the presence of three teachers. Two young ladies have also come for six months: one is serving as a teacher at St. Francis' School and the other is working as a lab technician at the government hospital in Jorethang.

On 26th July, Sr. Wilfrida attended the South/West Nari Sangh Programme at St. Peter the Apostle Church, Namchi. It was a Parish Leaders' Training Programme, focusing on the important role of women in the family first and then in the parish. Topics included leadership, the See–Judge–Act method, and team building.

Eight parishes took part, with resource persons from the Diocese of Darjeeling–Sikkim South/West: Fr. Robin (Dean and Principal of St. Francis' School), Sr. Barbara Rudum IBVM, Fr. Stany Sequeira, and Fr. Marcus Lepcha. It was truly an enriching and empowering experience. During group sharing, participants discussed current issues faced by families and the Church today. Many problems were raised, and possible solutions were also suggested.

On 10th August, 102 youth gathered at Malbasey to celebrate National Youth Sunday. Rt. Rev. Bishop Stephen Lepcha, Bishop of the Diocese of Darjeeling, was the resource person for the day. Sr. Mamta Bara and two hostellers also took part. The youth of South/West Sikkim experienced a joyful and spiritually enriching day, celebrating in unity and gratitude to God.

–Sr. Wilfrida Dungdung

Siliguri

**St. Joseph's Convent,
Matigara**

The month of May kept our sisters joyfully engaged in parish activities, preparing children for their First Holy Communion and Confirmation. The parish also had the privilege of welcoming Rev. Bishop Paul Simick on his first pastoral visit on 18th May. After Mass, Bishop Simick was warmly felicitated with songs, khadas, and bouquets.

The month of May 2025 witnessed another milestone—the Silver Jubilee of the Associates of the Daughters of the Cross, Calcutta. After months of online and offline planning, the much-awaited day finally arrived on 25th May which was celebrated in a grand way. Around 130 Associates from 11 units, along with our sisters from the hills, Terai, Nepal, and Raiganj, participated.

Day was well planned and animated by Sr. Shanti Picardo and her team. We were blessed to have Sr. Catherine, our Provincial, with her councilors. Rev. Bishop Paul Simick—Bishop of Bagdogra, solemnized the Holy Eucharist. This day highlighted the invaluable contribution of our Associates in carrying forward the mission and charism of our Congregation.

The following months brought moments of transition. On 7th July, we bade farewell to Sr. Sheela Kullu, who left for her new mission in Ekpare, Asansol and on 5th August, Sr. Shila Louis joined our community.

The season concluded with the celebration of National Youth Sunday on 10th August at St. Peter's Church, Gayaganga, where many of our FC sisters joyfully gathered to witness the vibrant diocesan event.

–Sr. Prisca Rajni

School events at a glance!!!

Investiture ceremony 2025



"A legacy of dedication! Honouring Sir Pal (52 years) & Ms. Chaar (51 years) of service!"



Independence day Celebration



Guides' training



Debate Competition



Free eye checkup for students



Awareness Program on

Less sugar, more strength!"



VAN MAHOTSAV



Farewell of Sr. Sheela Kullu



15 Trophies from Bosco Fest 2025



Hatighisa

On 3rd May we were blessed with the joyful occasion of celebrating the jubilees of our beloved sisters. With gratitude and joy, we joined our Golden Jubilarians, **Sisters Florentina Ekka, Winifred Rai and Dominica Kindo**, as well as our Silver Jubilarians, **Sisters Maria Goretti, Anjela, Anita, Jyoti, and Sheena**. We also rejoiced in the recognition of **Dr. Sr. Regina Kottackal**, who was felicitated for receiving the Sr. Mary Glowry Award, Servant of God. The jubilarians and Sr. Regina were solemnly escorted to the Church with decorated umbrellas carried by young girls. The Holy Eucharist was celebrated by Fr. Suman Ekka, brother of Sr. Florentina, while the melodious singing, led by Sr. Anusha, lifted our hearts to God. The presence of our sisters from the neighbouring communities made the day both special and memorable.

On 19th July, we had the blessing of our convent, hostel, and health center by Fr. Shaji and Deacon John.



Pradhan Nagar

Hospitality continues to be the central apostolate of our community, and in recent months we have welcomed many visitors.

Two batches of B.Sc. Nursing students, along with two of our sisters, two tutors, one domestic staff and a driver, were hosted during their posting at the Civil Hospital. The first group was of 24 students, while the second group had 27.

A youth gathering of around 80 participants was organized in the community.

Sr. Lalita accompanied the Maria Mahila Sangh to Bagdogra for the election of the Mahila President, Secretary, and Treasurer of the Diocese. She also participated in the Zone Level Mahila Leadership programme held in the parish.

Sr. Lalita and Sr. Priya took part in the Youth Programme organized by the National Executive Committee of the Youth (NEXCO) at our parish. This was an enriching opportunity to learn more about the history of the Indian Catholic Youth Movement (ICYM), equipping them with greater knowledge and experience to serve the youth more effectively in the future.



In palliative care, the number of patients has been fluctuating, yet the presence of more sisters and visitors from different communities has brought much joy and comfort to them.

At the health centre, International Nurses Day was meaningfully celebrated with the Holy Eucharist, followed by a festive meal. We also celebrated the feast days of Sisters Mary Anita and Mary Alphonsa, offering Holy Eucharist for their intentions, cutting cakes, and sharing joyful fellowship. Sr. Jyoti gave an awareness talk on general health and hygiene to the hostel students.

—Sr. Anastacia Billung

Our Lady of Good Counsel Convent, Gayaganga

During the summer break, a retreat was organized for the young sisters of our province. 25 sisters from different communities took part in it. Guided by Fr. John Kennedy, S.J. the participants were deeply enriched.

The sisters continue visiting different villages and families for vocation promotion.

We had the canonical visitation by our provincial on 22nd and 23rd July. It was indeed a grace-filled and enriching time.

St. Mary's Girls' High School & Primary: We had good results this year in the Madhyamik and Higher Secondary Examinations. 204 new students have taken admissions in class XI.

As part of the Environment Week celebrations, the students planted 40 saplings, reaffirming their commitment to a greener future.

The school also observed a Plastic-Free Campus Month from 15th July to 15th August, spreading awareness on sustainability.

St. Mary's Girls' Hostel: Hostel students came back after the summer holidays. The total number of hostel students is 202. They have various competitions and other activities. We pay attention to their faith formation and character building. The parents too come to visit their wards.

The parish had confirmation and communion in the month of May. The youth convention of Bagdogra Diocese was held this year in our Parish. The Parish celebrated the Feast of St. Ignatius in a grand manner.

Sr. Beena Varghese FC

Navjeevan Convent

Campus Day & Fundraising Events:

Navjeevan Campus Day was celebrated in a grand manner on 1st May. The day began with a solemn Holy Eucharist, followed by a cultural programme and fellowship meal.

The celebration extended till Nurses' Day on 12th May, with outdoor games and a variety of entertaining activities. Winners were awarded prizes for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd places.

As part of the festivities, Navjeevan Hospital organized a lottery on 31st May to raise funds for a new dialysis machine. The prizes included a laptop (1st prize), fridge (2nd prize), and washing machine (3rd prize), along with 10 consolation prizes. Awards were also given to the best ticket sellers.

It was indeed an exciting and memorable event for all staff and students. A special note of joy—Navjeevan itself was blessed to win the 1st Prize!

Congratulations! to Navjeevan Hospital.

-Sr. Teresita

Provincial's visit



**International Day against
Drug Abuse and Trafficking**

Various events...



Mental Health, Guidance and Counselling

Rakshabandhan



Sports day



World Breastfeeding week



International Yoga day



World Environment Day



Motivational session by Fr. Niraj Toppo

Navjyoti Convent Dundajhar

On World Health Day, our students, guided by teachers, conducted health awareness programs in nearby villages, along with a physical fitness session on campus.

For World Environment Day, students joined hands with the Government High School to spread awareness on protecting our Mother Earth. They also cleaned the campus and planted trees, an effort that was warmly appreciated.

International Yoga Day was celebrated with a special half-day yoga session led by a resource person, which students enjoyed and found enriching.

On 24th June, we bid farewell to 65 outgoing students and welcomed the new batch with an inspiring oath-taking ceremony.

World Youth Skills Day was observed with the theme "Youth Empowerment through AI and Digital Skills." Students showcased their talents in digital abilities and creative skills, highlighting the importance of being future-ready in today's digital world.



-Sr. Molly Eyayill

Silver Jubilee Celebration – Prerna Niwas Convent, Deonia

On 31st May, the Daughters of the Cross at Prerna Niwas Convent, Deonia, Calcutta Province, were blessed with the joy and privilege of celebrating the Silver Jubilee of our convent and of Sr. M. Goretti Kullu, F.C.

Prerna Niwas holds a special place in our Province as the first mission in Nepal, established on 30th July 1999 by our pioneer sisters—Sr. Mary Regina, Sr. Helen Francis, and the late Sr. Teresa Yonjon. Their dedication in pastoral work and education laid the foundation for our presence here. In 2010, the health mission was shifted to Maheshpur and the spirit of service continues to flourish. Over these 25 years, 26 sisters have faithfully served in this mission. We gratefully remember and thank our pioneers whose sacrifice has borne abundant fruit. Our community joyfully celebrated the Jubilee with around 90 participants, including sisters, neighbours, families, associates, and staff.



The solemn Mass was offered by Fr. Victor S.J., one of the pioneer Jesuits, along with three other priests. The liturgy and choir, guided by Sr. Urmila and local youth, made the celebration truly prayerful. After a short felicitation programme, all shared a festive meal together.

Our joy was doubled on 13th July when Sr. Virginia joined us as the third member of our community. She serves in the school as a nurse and also teaches health education in Class VI. Her presence is a blessing to our mission and community life.

-Sr. Maria Goretti Kullu

Maheshpur

A Day Out to the Happy Land: Happy Land is a beautiful picnic spot. It invites both children and adults to escape from the stress of everyday life and rediscover the simple, pure pleasures of play, creativity, and hope. We too had a lovely, enjoyable day.

Silver Lines in the Lives and Services of Associates, Daughters of the Cross: The Associates of the Daughters of the Cross have touched the silver lines of service in Calcutta Province. Here in Nepal, we are just beginning to walk. In spite of learning to walk, out of 16 associates, 8 of them were fortunate to participate in the Silver Jubilee celebration of the Associates of the Daughters of the Cross at Matigara. Our parish priest, Fr. Dilip Toppo, SJ, and Sr. Bindu accompanied them.

Visits of Sr. Catherine, our Provincial, to the Mobile Clinics: Fifteen years of our mobile clinic service in the interior villages of Jhapa and Illam districts of Nepal—Sr. Catherine visited all the clinic centers with us. It was a great surprise, her down-to-earth approach, walking with us in our difficulties and in the joy of reaching out to the poorest of the poor, sick and suffering people who have no access to basic medical facilities. In the most interior villages, we see the patients under the tree, in schools, or on the verandas of generous people's houses. Sister's visit has made a great impact in our life and in the lives of the people around us.

-Sr. Rita Murmu.

Korobari

- St. Joseph's School and community expressed heartfelt gratitude to Sr. Shanti for her dedicated service in the school and parish. We wished her God's abundant blessings as she embarks on her new mission.
- Our school had organized an awareness program on the use and abuse of drugs. The resource person was an army officer. The input sessions were given by teachers as well.
- To encourage creativity and talent, we organized quiz, drawing, poem recitation, and fruit decoration competitions class-wise.
- On 5th June, World Environment Day was observed. Students led the assembly, brought saplings, and planted them in the school premises to promote care for creation.
- Teachers' Day was celebrated. Students put up a variety of programme to show their gratitude towards teachers.
- On 25th May, our Associates participated in the Silver Jubilee celebration of the Associates of the Daughters of the Cross at Matigarah. They were enriched by the sharing and testimonies from different units.
- Our community joyfully welcomed Sr. Catherine, our Provincial, for the canonical visitation. Her presence was a grace-filled time of encouragement, support, and renewal for each one of us and for our mission.

- Sr. Sanjucta Kujur



Assam

Rangjuli

In a spirited effort to foster leadership, self-confidence, and social responsibility among young people, the Youth Empowerment Program was successfully conducted on 8th June at Simlitola village. The initiative brought together around 40 boys and girls. In the beginning, they were a bit hesitant, but later they became eager to unlock their potential and make a positive impact on their community and in their lives. The talks and activities emphasized the importance of resilience, self-belief, and continuous learning in today's fast-changing world. They expressed that such programs should be conducted from time to time.

Sr. Gladys and Sr. Julita accompanied 70 members for a pilgrimage to Choygaon Parish near Guwahati on 9th May. They prayed and participated well during the Mass.

There was a three-day intensive program for the preparation of First Holy Communion and Confirmation from 14th–16th July 2025. The Sisters took active participation in guiding and accompanying the children. On 18th and 20th July, they went to another village where children could not come for the same purpose. First, they visited the houses, prepared the families, and guided the children.

On 10th August, all the children joyfully received the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

-Sr. Julita Kujur

Hatigopa



“Leadership and learning are indispensable to each other.” Our school held its Investiture Ceremony on 26th April, fostering leadership among students. In memory of Pope Francis, a prayer service was organized.

On World Environment Day, students and staff joined a rally with slogans to save trees, reduce plastic, and care for the earth. Saplings were planted around the campus, and a poster-making competition was held. On 14th June, Holy Mass was celebrated, and singer Jithupan Bora visited the school.

As part of the Jubilee Year, our parish joined the diocesan pilgrimage to Bongaigaon Cathedral on 2nd May with about 500 faithful, accompanied by priests, sisters, Sr. Ani, and Sr. Helen. In July, the parish hosted a three-day Youth Camp with 500 participants. I was privileged to speak on “The Role of Youth in the Church.”

The Canonical Visitation of our Provincial, Sr. Catherine, was a moment of grace, bringing blessings to the community, mission, and each sister.

-Sr. Helen Momin FC

Diphu

Welcome ceremony of class XI students was organized by the Degree students on 22nd May. It was a moment of excitement and joy to see 93 students walking on the stage with their cultural costumes. The new students introduced themselves to the audience. Fatima Sangma a physically challenged of class XI, was honoured as Miss Helena for the year 2025-26.

Provincial's visitation was a great blessing for all of us at Helena. It brought us encouragement and inspired us to be creative in our apostolate.

The community participated in a seminar in Jirsong Asong Pastoral Centre of Diphu Diocese organized by the CRI on 22nd July.



Raiganj

Buniadpur

-Sr. Manju Dung Dung

With great joy and pride, we celebrate Sr. Regina's achievement as she received the prestigious Sr. Mary Glory Award at St. John's Medical College, Bangalore and later was felicitated at our hospital.

International Nurses Day was celebrated by honoring our nurses with mementos. Mrs. Surya Krishnan, wife of the DM, Balurghat, graced the occasion, and our nurses also joined an online WBCCHA program. Sr. Rani and Sr. Rajni Prava attended a CNE program at Navjeevan.

The mission is steadily growing. Sr. Catherine and Sr. Sini laid the foundation stone for staff quarters. We welcomed visits from Sr. Flora Lakra and her team, Sr. Sheela Kullu, Sr. Rajni Prisca, and Fr. Roshan Soares. A lunch was hosted with new and senior doctors to strengthen collaboration.

May ended with a rosary procession and World Environment Day celebrations, including an awareness program and tree planting. Doctors' Day was observed by felicitating our doctors. On 16th July, the second batch of students took their oath, a joyful milestone.

- Sr. Marina Thapa



Goromtoli

On 3rd May, Bishop Fulgence Alexiuse Tigga administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to 65 young soldiers of Christ. He was warmly welcomed by parishioners with a traditional dance at the gate, and the entire village joyfully took part in the celebration.

In May, our Associates joined the jubilee celebration at Matigara, accompanied by Sr. Celine. On 29th May, we held a prayerful procession in Baniyapukur. We went to each family and prayed and the parish priest blessed the houses. The month concluded with the Feast of Our Lady on 31st May. All of us went in a procession from the convent to the church in honour of our Lady, followed by the Eucharistic celebration.



On 8th June, an awareness programme for youth was organized at our convent with 22 participants. The sisters guided them on various topics, which the youth deeply appreciated. They expressed their gratitude, sharing that the day was both enjoyable and enriching for their lives.

Jordighi

Sr. Celine Lakra

As the new academic session began, we were blessed with an increase in the number of children in our hostel. It has been a great joy for us to welcome them and to share in their growth. Within just a few months, the children have adjusted well to the hostel environment. Along with their regular academic studies, they are also learning a variety of extracurricular activities such as speech, value education, catechism, singing, drawing, and eco-friendly practices. These activities not only help them discover their talents but also build their confidence and character.

The parents, too, are happy to see the overall development of their children. They feel proud when their children make progress, not only in studies but also in personality and skills. A touching moment for us is when the children go home for long holidays. During these times, they honor their parents with small programs prepared by themselves. Parents are overjoyed to watch their children perform on stage, as it reflects their growth, creativity, and the values they are learning in the hostel.

-Sr. Jayshree Kindo

Gosaba

Sundarbans

We are grateful to God for the gift of a newly professed Sr. Samita Bada, who joined Marie Therese Convent on 18th June. As we journey together, we are confident that through collaboration in the Gosaba Mission and mutual learning, we can bring positive change to society. We joyfully look forward to fruitful years ahead.

On 4th July, we expressed our heartfelt gratitude to Sr. Sampa Dhara for her joyfulness, support, and dedicated service during the last four years at St. Joseph's Primary School, Gosaba. Teachers, students, parents, parishioners, and the local community will always cherish her tireless commitment, especially to the poor and needy.

Our school celebrated Van Mahotsav for a week to remind us of the importance of trees in human life. Students brought varieties of saplings, which adorned the verandas, corridors, and porch with greenery. Creative drawings on the theme "Save Trees" attracted much attention. Each class presented skits, poems, songs, and dances based on the theme, making the celebration both meaningful and joyous.

–Sr. Basanti Lakra



Basanti

The Sisters at Little Flower Convent continue to enrich parish life through family visits and engagement with youth and students, guiding them to grow in faith amidst today's challenges.

Sr. Sanju, along with the parishioners, prepared the children for their First Holy Communion and Confirmation. The sacraments were administered during a solemn Holy Eucharist celebrated by Rev. Bishop Syamal Bose, Bishop of Baruipur. A large number of adults also received Holy Communion and Confirmation on the same day, making it a spiritually enriching occasion for the parish community.

St. Teresa's Girls' High School, Basanti—Growing in Knowledge & Talent

- **9th June:** The school hosted an impactful half-day session on Human Trafficking and Child Protection, led by experts from the World Vision NGO. Students learned how to recognize threats, safeguard themselves, and be advocates for safety in their communities.
- **17th & 18th June:** At the Zonal/District Level Athletic Meet, our young athletes proudly brought home prizes in javelin throw and shot put, showcasing determination and sportsmanship.
- **28th June:** Teachers gathered for an orientation session conducted by Sr. Kakoli, who shared valuable insights and strategies to inspire and equip them for a fruitful academic year.
- **8th July:** The school excelled at the Block-level Kanyashree Competition:
 - 1 1st Prize – Drawing Competition
 - 3 3rd Prize – Quiz and Slogan Writing Competition



St. Teresa English Medium School – Celebrating Nature

On 11th July, St. Teresa's English Medium School observed Van Mahotsav with a vibrant special assembly dedicated to spreading environmental awareness. The program featured inspiring speeches, lively dance performances, and the heartwarming gesture of students bringing saplings to school. The event not only brightened the campus with greenery but also strengthened the community's commitment to caring for Mother Earth.

-Sr. Reeta Kujur



On 18th June, our community joyfully welcomed Sr. Manisha Tirkey. Her arrival brings fresh energy and renewed commitment to our mission, while we also accompany Sr. Priya with our prayers as she has gone for her higher studies.

We celebrated the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in our school. The day began with a solemn Holy Mass. To mark the occasion, our teachers organized competitions in drawing, singing, and dancing. It was heartening to see 30 participants, including our former students, showcasing their skills with creativity, confidence, and dedication.

At present, our parish community is joyfully engaged in the Novena in honor of the nativity of Our Lady. The Novena has become a time of grace, uniting parishioners in faith, deepening devotion, and inspiring us to live with greater trust in God's providence.

Sr. Meera Kujur

Barasat ✨

Beginning of a new life with a new commitment...

The day of First Profession is an auspicious one for us, the Daughters of the Cross. The long-awaited day finally dawned on 24th May, at our Novitiate in Barasat, filled with peace, serenity, and joy. The celebration began with the solemn Holy Eucharist at 10:30 am, presided over by Rev. Fr. Augustus Kujur CMF along with other priests. With a lighted lamp in their hands, Sr. Manisha and Sr. Samita were led with a graceful entrance dance by the novices. The Mass was deeply prayerful, uplifted by our melodious singing, which made us feel heaven had touched earth. When our sisters pronounced their vows, we too felt renewed and strengthened in our vocation, joyfully embracing Jesus as our only companion. The next day, we bid a heartfelt farewell to our newly professed sisters as they left for home leave with their parents.

Another significant event was the arrival of ten postulants to the novitiate on 29th May. We welcomed them with a song, hand-washing ritual, and arati.

On 1st June, immense joy filled the novitiate as we postulants took our first step in offering our lives to God. At 10 am, a prayer service on the theme "I am always with you" was conducted. Sr. Catherine inspired us with her words of wisdom. After the meaningful ceremony, we were greeted in the hall with songs and dance. Truly, it was a memorable day for all.

-Snehal Peter & Asha Minz (Novices)

St. Catherine's Home **Kolkata**

May, the month of our Blessed Mother, was observed with devotion at St. Catherine's Home through daily Rosary and creative reflections. We were especially blessed to join the Rosary conducted by the Daughters of St. Paul.

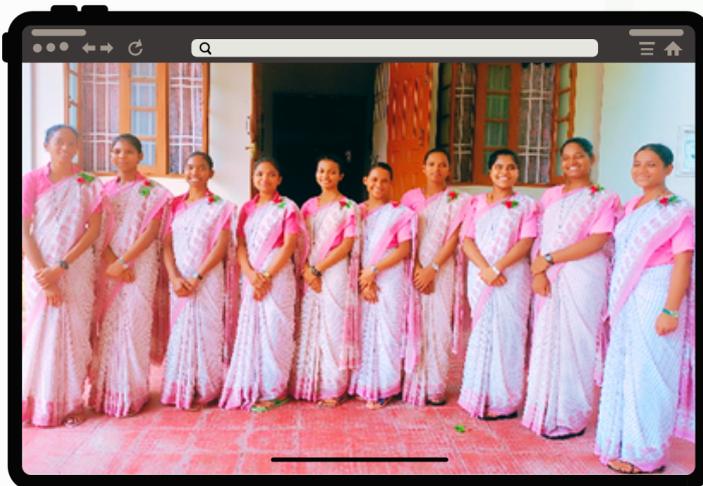
We had the blessing of the newly equipped Physiotherapy Unit. Our Provincial, Sister Catherine, graced the occasion and expressed gratitude to Mr. Rahul for donating the instruments. The instruments are used by the inmates thoroughly; some even dream of getting their youthful energy back.

Students from the College of Fort William initiated the importance of Yoga by demonstrating various mind-relaxing postures. We appreciate the contributions and short programme conducted by Ashok Hall Girl's Higher Secondary School and we also thank Rama Krishna Mission College of Nursing for sending the BSc Nursing students to interact with our ladies. It was an enriching experience for the students as well as for our ladies. Looking at our aunties, they were inspired to take care of their grandparents happily. This one-day experience has boosted them and revived their zeal for the old.

In June, Sr. Veronica extended her helping hand to the new mission at Ekpere. After the arrival of Sr. Sheela Kullu, she returned to our community.

On 16th July, we celebrated the 85th birthday of Sr. Sophie. The cheerful atmosphere and the love of the sisters made her feel young once again. Her motivating speech at the close of the celebration uplifted everyone present. Adding to our moments of joy, we organized a Hot Dosa Evening, which brought great delight to all and stirred fond memories of youthful days.

-Sr. Agatha Lepcha FC



St. Teresa's Convent

- On 16th July, the Interact Club held its BOD Installation, attended by members of the Rotary Club and neighboring schools. Badges were presented to students, affirming their commitment to "Service above Self" and inspiring them as young leaders.
- On 25th July, the school hosted a vibrant exhibition themed "Experience the Creativity, Innovation, and Talent of Our Young Learners." Projects across all subjects showcased the dedication of students and teachers, attracting parents, Sisters, and visitors from other schools.
- On 5th July, students joined St. Agnes' Convent School for Van Mahotsav, followed by our own celebration on 12th July with participants from Loyola School. Activities included tree planting, cultural performances, and sharing eco-friendly gifts, reinforcing unity and environmental responsibility.
- In the month of July, our parish celebrated the Holy Communion and Confirmation of several students, marking significant milestones in their spiritual journey. Sr. Jasmin participated in both events, which took place on two separate days.
- The Parish Feast on 3rd August brought parishioners together in prayer, fellowship, and joy, with Sr. Jasmin and Sr. Shampa joining the Novena in preparation.
- On 5th August, the Interact Club donated toys to Sr. Jasmin for children of the evening school.
- Classes VIII and IX wrote heartfelt letters to their parents, later mailed through the Kidderpore Post Office, creating a memorable surprise in collaboration with the Postal Department.
- This year's Raksha Bandhan saw rakhis tied to trees, symbolizing care for nature. Led by Sr. Jasmin and Sr. Shampa, the event blended tradition with an eco-message of conservation.
- The 15th August celebration began with flag hoisting and march past, followed by cultural programs on 14th and 15th August. Chief Guest Mrs. Pikkey Mehta, widow of late IPS officer Vinod Kumar Mehta, inspired the gathering with her presence.
- On the morning of 13th August, our Provincial Superior, Sr. Catherine, arrived at St. Teresa's Convent at 8:45 AM. Her arrival was met with warm enthusiasm as she was welcomed by the Sisters, teachers, and students. To commemorate her visit, a short cultural program was organized by the students and teachers, showcasing the talents and creativity of the St. Teresa's community. The program served not only as a form of entertainment but also as a demonstration of the vibrant spirit and unity within the school.

Throughout the day, Sr. Catherine met with various members of the community. She met with students, teachers, associates of the Daughters of the Cross and Sisters, as well as the Group D staff. These interactions provided an opportunity for open dialogue, allowing Sr. Catherine to gain insights into the experiences and challenges faced by the community. The visitation concluded in the evening, marking the end of a significant day filled with connection, reflection, and communal spirit. Sr. Catherine's visit reinforced the bonds within the community and provided encouragement for future endeavors at St. Teresa's.





The Toy Store



Gratitude Letter Writing



Raksha Bandhan



Canonical Visitation



Van Mahotsav



Independence Day

St. Vincent's Home

Village Experience

"The village experience offers a refreshing escape to nature, characterized by fresh air, open fields, and a strong sense of community where villagers live in harmony and help each other in a peaceful atmosphere".

In June, we joyfully revived our Pandua Mission, which had been discontinued a few months earlier. Every Saturday, we visit different villages, staying with one family and reaching out to every household of that village through small prayer services. On Sundays, we attend the Holy Mass in the Parish Church return to our community.

The majority of the villagers are farmers, working diligently to cultivate the land and provide for their families. Agriculture forms the backbone of their economy, with rice, sugarcane, and various vegetables being the primary crops. The people are simple, generous, hospitable, and caring, which makes us feel at home among them. Many families have witnessed miraculous healings from their illnesses, and their strong faith deeply inspires us to live as authentic disciples of Christ, setting good examples in our daily lives.

Youth Camp at Pandua Jisu Ashram

On 24th August, a Youth Camp was conducted at Pandua Jisu Ashram, by the Kolkata Jesuits. It brought together 57 enthusiastic and vibrant youth. Seven of us—**Sr. Anjali Rita, Sr. Mukti Madhuri, Sr. Manasi, Sr. Dibya, Sr. Muktilata, Sr. Anita, and Sr. Lalita Lucy**—had the joy of being part of the event.

The program began with a short prayer and the lighting of the lamp, setting a prayerful tone for the day. Four of our sisters shared talks on career guidance, covering topics such as vocational training, nursing, vocation and charism, and opportunities in art and education.

Fr. Rakesh Mondal SJ and Fr. Arun SJ led a powerful session on "Goals in Life," highlighting the importance of direction, motivation, and accountability. He emphasized how clear goals act as a roadmap, enhance motivation, and foster responsibility, ultimately leading to personal growth and fulfillment.

Other sessions were also conducted by various resource persons, each inspiring, motivating, and empowering the young participants. By the grace of God, the camp concluded successfully, leaving the youth energized and strengthened in their vision for life.



—Sr. Muktilata Kerketta

Monthly Juniorate for the TPs



"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams."

–Eleanor Roosevelt

The Monthly Juniorate Class for the Juniors of both the Tarai/Hills and Calcutta Regions was held on 19–20 July at St. Vincent's Home Community. Out of 16 juniors, 11 were present.

The first session was led by Ms. Madhulika Goswami, Psychologist, who spoke on Cyber Safety and digital awareness. She highlighted the risks of online activity and offered practical tips for navigating the digital world safely. This was followed by a lively afternoon debate on "Use of Mobile Phones," where the sisters explored both the benefits and drawbacks, touching on distraction, addiction, and its effects on relationships and spiritual life.

On the second day, Sr. Martina Beng reflected on the importance of the Holy Eucharist, emphasizing its role as the source and summit of faith. Sr. Rosli Kerketta, Formation Coordinator, encouraged us to seize every opportunity to grow in mission and responsibility.

The sessions proved to be a rich opportunity for learning, reflection, and fellowship. We expressed heartfelt gratitude to Sr. Sujata Kujur and Sr. Jasmine Sebastian, for their guidance and for organizing such meaningful classes to foster the growth and development of the junior sisters.

New Beginning at Roshni

– Junior Sisters

June 15, 2025, marked a memorable day in the History of Asansol Diocese and for the Daughters of the Cross, Calcutta, as we were formally welcomed to our new mission at Roshni. The welcome ceremony on the feast of the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity began with the Holy Eucharist at St. Thomas Church, Ekpere, presided over by Bishop Elias Frank and concelebrated by Fathers Henry Rodrigues, Robert D' Souza, Rahul Sequera and Martin Rodrigues. It was a great day for each one of us. After the Mass, Rev. Bishop Elias extended a warm welcome to our Provincial Sr. Catherine along with Sisters Veronica, Artima and Gloria.

A new milestone was marked on 4th July, with the inauguration of the Roshni Shelter Home for Boys. The event was graced by the Honourable Chief Guest, Smt. Ayesha Rani A., IAS, District Magistrate and Collector of Purba Bardhaman.

On 9th July, our Ekpere Mission was blessed with the arrival of Sr. Sheela Kullu, who was accompanied by Sr. Catherine and five more sisters.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Sr. Veronica for her generosity and dedication in accompanying and supporting us during the initial stage at Roshni until Sr. Sheela's arrival.

At present, the Roshni Shelter Home for Boys houses fourteen children—thirteen rescued from child labour and one under the missing child category. We provide them with basic education, guidance, and outdoor activities, enabling them to grow in a safe, nurturing environment. The children are eager to learn new things each day and take great joy in their daily experiences.

-Sr. Gloria Dung Dung



Gone for Heavenly Reward

In loving memory of



Sr. Mary Fulgentia FC

27th April 2025

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| 5 th May | - | Sr. Rosalia's sister |
| 17 th May | - | Sr. Mariana Soreng's sister |
| 5 th June | - | Sr. Mariam Lakra's sister |
| 5 th August | - | Sr. Jacinta's brother |
| 8 th August | - | Sr. Pratima Dung Dung's brother |
| 9 th August | - | Sr. Daisy Joseph's father |
| 12 th August | - | Sr. Jaya's sister |
| 21 st August | - | Sr. Reeta Perumaden's sister |
| 25 th August | - | Sr. Jyoti Ekka's mother |
| 30 th August | - | Sr. Gloria Dung Dung's father |

Congratulations

PF/02/2025



Sr. Mary Alphonsa received Award for the best Nurse of the Year from WBCHA



Sr. Regina Kottackal received Sr. Mary Glory Award from St. John's Medical College, Bangalore.

*Silver Jubilee,
Golden Jubilee
& Felicitation*



Final Profession



First Profession