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SHEPHERD SPEAKS INSTRUMENTUM LABORIS

और मरिया का सहगामी जीवन



इस तीसरे सहस्राब्दी में कलीसिया को “For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission” अर्थात एक सहगामी कलीसिया के लिए: एकता, सहभागिता और प्रेरित कार्य के मार्ग पर आने की चुनौती देकर संत पिता फ्रांसिस ने कॅथोलिक कलीसिया के लिए एकसाथ कार्य करने का एक परियोजना प्रस्तावित किया है। इस परियोजना को 9 से 10 अक्टोबर 2021 को रोम में और 17 अक्टोबर 2021 हर एक स्थानिय कलीसिया में उद्घाटन किया गया। प्रादेशिक स्तर पर अनेक महिनो के विचारविनिमय के बाद अक्टोबर 2024 को रोम में धर्माध्यक्षीय धर्मसभा का 16 वे सामान्य सर्वसाधारण सभा के रूप में परिणत होगा। इसी बीच संत पिता फ्रान्सिस ने अखंड वैश्विक कलीसीया कि राय लेने के बाद Instrumentum Laboris नामक एक प्रारंभिक दस्तावेज को प्रकाशित किया है और इसे 3 भागो में बांटा गया है।

1. एकता को प्रसारित करो
2. प्रेरित कार्य में सहजिम्मेदार बनो
3. सहभागिता, शासन और अधिकार



यह दस्तावेज धर्मसभा के प्रथम सत्र का कार्यसूत्र है जो अक्टोबर 2023 को शुरू होगा। पवित्र मरियम सहगामी कलीसिया की आदर्श माता है और इसीलिए इस दस्तावेज का विश्लेषण मरियम के जीवन को मद्देनजर रखते हुए हमें करना चाहिए। Instrumentum Laboris का पहला भाग हमें एकता को प्रसारित करने की चुनौती देती है। यह एकता न्याय, सत्य, विस्थापितों का कल्याण, साझा कल्याण, आंतरपंथीय एवं आंतरधर्मीय संवाद और स्थानिय कलीसिया के सहकार्य पर आधारित होना चाहिए (Instrumentum Laboris B 1)। मरियम स्वयं मिस्र देश में विस्थापित थी और इसी संदर्भ में मरियम हम सबको विस्थापितों के आँसू के साथ एकरूप होकर हर एक विस्थापित के साथ सहगमन करने का न्योता देती है। मरियम सत्य और न्याय की दीपस्तंभ है और मरियम का स्तुतीगान इस तथ्य को अधिक बल देता है।

Instrumentum Laboris का द्वितीय भाग मिशन अथवा प्रेरित कार्य में सहजिम्मेदार बनने का न्योता देती है। लोकधर्मियों का और विशेष रूप से महिलाओ का कृपाउपहार कलीसिया में योग्य रिती से उपयोग करने के लिए और उसी तरह याजक वर्ग एवं लोकधर्मियों की साझा बाप्टिसमाई बुलाहट का उल्लेख करता है। सबसे महत्वपूर्ण बात यह है की विविध स्थानीय कलीसिया में सहजिम्मेदारी और साझा जिम्मेदारी उत्पन्न करने की प्रेरणा यह दस्तावेज हमें देती है (Instrumentum Laboris B 2)। सहजिम्मेदारी के नजरिये से यदि हम मरियम के जीवन का विश्लेषण करेंगे तो हमें समझ में आएगा की मरियम ने अपने प्रेरित कार्य को येशु के प्रेरित कार्य के साथ एकरूप किया और उसे पूर्णत्व की ओर ले गई और इसीलिए येशु हमारे मुक्तिदाता है और मरियम हमारी सहमुक्तिदायिनी है।

Instrumentum Laboris का तृतीय भाग सहभागिता, शासन और अधिकार के संदर्भ को सुस्पष्ट करता है। पवित्र आत्मा के मदद से प्रभेद करके एक सेवक नेता के रूप में कार्य करने का न्योता दस्तावेज देती है। इसी प्रकार से सहगामीत्व और मंडलीय व्यवस्था का योग्य उपयोग कलीसिया की संरचना को मजबूत करने का न्योता देती है (Instrumentum Laboris B 3)। जब मरियम को ईश्वर की माता बनने की बुलाहट मिली तब मरियम ने पवित्र आत्मा की मदद से योग्य प्रभेद किया और प्रभु की ईच्छा को महत्व देकर वे एक सेवक नेता बन गईं। काना के विवाह समारोह में हम इस तथ्य को स्पष्ट रूप से देख सकते हैं। मरियम उस परिवार की पीडा को पहचानती है और इसीलिए नविन हव्वा के नाते वह नविन आदम येशु के समक्ष मध्यस्थी करती है और येशु उन्हें नया दाखरस (नया जीवन) प्रदान करते हैं। मरियम योसेफ के साथ कठिन परिस्थिती में भी सहगमन करती है और हमें मंडलीय व्यवस्था का महत्व समझाती है।

प्रेरित कार्य और मरियम

येसू के वंशवृक्ष में मरियम का उल्लेख है क्योंकि ख्रिस्त के प्रेरित कार्य में सहभागी होकर उन्होंने मुक्ती के इतिहास में महत्वपूर्ण स्थान प्राप्त किया है। मरियम ईशमाता बनने के लिए सहमत होती है और येसू के साथ सहगमन करती है, ख्रिस्त के दुःखभोग और क्रूसमरण में एकरूप होकर सभी मिशनरी अथवा धर्मप्रचारको का आदर्श बनती है और इसलिए उनके प्रेरित कार्य की चरम सीमा थी उनका पवित्र उदग्रहण।

तीर्थयात्री कलीसिया अपने स्वभावधर्म के अनुसार मिशनरी है (Ad Gentes 2)। प्रेरित कार्य गतिशील क्षितिज में संस्थापित है जहाँ से हम सहगामी कलीसिया के बारे में विचार करते हैं और जो हमें परमानंद का प्रचोदन प्रदान करता है। इसके द्वारा हमें मुक्त होकर जीवन का भी त्याग करके दुसरो के कल्याण के बारे में सोचने की प्रेरणा मिलती है।

(Instrumentum Laboris B 2, 51)

इस धर्मसभाई वर्ष में मरियम हम सबको उत्तम मिशनरी बनने की बुलाहट दे रही हैं। माता मरियम से प्रेरणा लेकर अपने बपतिस्मा की बुलाहट के अनुसार ख्रिस्त के प्रेरित कार्य में सहभागी होने की कृपा माँगे।



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Archbishop of Nagpur

EDITOR'S MESSAGE



We are happy to place in your hands the latest issue of the Messenger. In this issue we're delighted to share stories and insights that we hope will inspire and empower you in your important work of education.

After a refreshing summer Break, I Welcome back the Management, Principals, Staff and students of our institutions to yet another Year of striving for excellence in the pursuit of knowledge. My salutations and congratulations to all the stakeholders for their active participation in the Teaching – Learning Process and for posting excellent results at the Summer 2023 Board Examinations. Some schools have even taken the initiative to upgrade their facilities to enhance the holistic formation of students, creating environments that foster growth and development. Last month we remembered the great educationist and former President of India Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan and it is worthwhile to note that his philosophy of Education which is based on the upliftment of spirit in coordination with material world to find the ultimate truth is still relevant today and hence our educational institutions should always go beyond materiality and explore the potentials of our students to the maximum. Our Parliament recently passed the women's reservation bill which is considered to be a great milestone in the history our Nation and hence let this gigantic step inspire our educational institutions to celebrate the potential, strength, and resilience of every girl child and advocate for their rights and equal opportunities at the family, community and ecclesial levels.

We're pleased to express our gratitude to the Parishes for sending us reports of their parish activities during this time. We welcome the Initiative taken by our Archbishop, Elias Gonsalves to visit the Seven Deaneries to oversee the implementation of the Archdiocesan Pastoral Plan in the Archdiocese.

A word of thanks to the Editorial Team consisting of Fr. Linto Peter, Fr. Anthony Xaviour, Fr. Jomise Joy & Mrs. Zurica Pinto for their cooperation and collaborative efforts in publishing this issue.

Happy Reading!

Rev. Fr. Anthony D'souza
Chief Editor
Messenger



SCHOOL RESULTS

2022 - 23

		Total No Of Students Of The School	Total No Of Xth Students	Percentage Of Result Of The School In 10th	Total No. Of Std XII Students	Percentage Of The School In Std. XII
1.	St. Anthony's High School, Ajni, Nagpur	472	84	96.33	-	-
2.	St. Gianelli Convent School (CBSE), Kamptee	1393	85	94%	-	-
3.	Infant Jesus English Medium School, Wadi	-	-	-	-	-
4.	Mount Carmel Girls' High School	1105	189	98.94	-	-
5.	Sacred Heart Academy, Pipla	2024	121	100%	-	-
6.	S.F.S School, Narkhed	-	-	-	-	-
7.	S.F.S School Of Excellence	-	-	-	-	-
8.	St. Francis Of Assisi School St. Francis Of Assisi Sr. Sec. School, (M.P.)	-	-	-	-	-
9.	St. Peter's Pre-Primary School, Jawaharnagar	98	-	-	-	-
10.	St. Joseph's Convent Girls' High School & Jr. College, Kingsway, Nagpur	1748	278	100%	72	95.83%
11.	St. Theresa's English Medium Convent School, Betul	720	31	100%	-	-

12.	St. Peter's School, Bhandara	2224	151	100%	.	.
13.	St. Mary's English Medium School, Balaghat	1251	87	100%	.	.
14.	Jeevoday Special School For The Intellectually Challenged	.	.	.	.	.
15.	St. Rossello's (CBSE) School, Mouda	.	49	100%	.	.
16.	Nirmala English Medium School, Chhindwara	.	.	100%	.	100%
17.	St. Francis Sr. Sec. School, Sarni	900	60	100%	.	.
18.	Montfort School, Nagpur	3288	305	100%	32	100%
19.	St. Johns Public School (CBSE), Nagpur	.	73	.	.	.
20.	Providence High School And Junior College, Mansar	1059	107	100%	33	98%
21.	St. Vincent Pallotti School, Kamptee	.	.	.	.	.
22.	Christ The King English Medium School, Amla	244	22	91%	.	.
23.	Little Flower School, Pandurna	.	.	.	.	.
24.	St. Michael's High School	332	48	100%	.	.



ST. ANTHONY'S HIGH SCHOOL, AJNI, NAGPUR

Before the school reopened on June 29th, the principal and 35 members of the staff met to prepare for the new academic year and the inaugural programme for the school. The feast day began with a Mass by Fr. Dominic Simon, during which special prayers were offered for the retiring primary teacher and culminated with a tree plantation drive and rally with posters by the children in the presence of the local corporator. The year that followed the investiture ceremony was filled with activities such as Amrit Mahotsav, Teacher's Day, Samvidhan Diwas, Children's Day Celebration, School Annual Gathering, Christmas Celebration, Republic Day, and Shaheed Diwas.

Students participated in a variety of cocurricular events, including the Annual NCC Camp competition, a visit to the police headquarters and a visit to the Raman Science Museum. They won the divisional level football event for girls and boys under the age of 14. This, however, had no effect on the children's academic performance because particular attention was given throughout the year, with special sessions for 10th grade kids in the month of May. The daily distribution of mid-day meals, Holy Mass every first Friday of the month, and teenage health seminars ensured that the youngsters were nourished in body, mind and soul.

This academic year marked the retirement of Regina Xavier and Magdalein Samuel, as well as the school's principal. We appreciate them for their many years of service to the Institution.



ST. GIANELLI CONVENT SCHOOL (CBSE), KAMPTEE

Throughout the year, the school grounds hosted a variety of academic activities that provided students with opportunities to enhance their knowledge and confidence, such as the Investiture Ceremony, Environment Day, Yoga Day, Plantation Day, Annual Day, and Seminars. Competitions between schools, as well as national and religious festivals.

The Inter and Intra Sports Competitions, picnic, Swachha Bharat awareness initiative in the Village, Medical Checkup Camp and Exposure of Students to Self Defence were among the extracurricular activities that broadened the students' horizons.

The Gianelli Fiesta Exhibitions (Gianellian Expo) organized by the Students and Teachers, as well as the publication of the school magazine, were the highlights of the year.





INFANT JESUS ENGLISH MEDIUM SCHOOL, WADI

During this academic session, we concentrated on improving the students' mental and physical health by celebrating International Yoga Day, sports day, a Hindi speech competition, an elocution competition, chess, and a quiz competition. Various activities were held to help students appreciate different cultures and create a sense of global citizenship, such as Kargil Vijay Divas, Raksha Bandhan, Independence & Republic Day, Hindi Divas, Diwali & Christmas Celebrations, and Dandiya Competition. Handwriting Competition, Solo Singing Competition, Rakhi Making Competition, Flag Making Competition, Patriotic Song Competition, Rangoli Making Competition, Diya & Lantern Making Competition, Dance Competition, Greeting Card Making Competition and Poster Making Competition were held to develop creativity, teamwork, time management, and problem-solving skills.



MOUNT CARMEL GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL, AJNI

For the many festivals hosted this year, such as the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Patriotic Song Presentation, Children's Day, Hindi Divas, Teachers Day Celebration, Christmas Celebration and Investiture Ceremony, our Carmel Vidhya Jyoti Hall was packed with over a thousand kids. A seminar for children with special needs and their parents was held in order to identify children with unique needs and assist them in their academics and a Scholarship Exam was also held to help pupils prepare for competitive exams.

The Road Safety Week, Cleanliness Drive, and Outreach programme all contributed to raising awareness about road safety, social and personal hygiene, and sharing God's love, joy, and peace with the less fortunate. Mrs Seema Topno, Senior Scientist CSIR-CIMFR, advised children to increase their curiosity and inquisitiveness during the Science Exhibition. Our students then attended the Taluka level scientific show, which was organised by the Education department at VDM Paranjpe High School.

This year marked the bi-centennial birth anniversary of Venerable Mother Veronica of the Passion, so to commemorate, honour, and learn about her life, as well as to instill Carmelite values and imbibe virtues of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, we held the Initiation of Carmel Blossoms, Carmel Treasures Retreat, Spiritual Gathering, Life Sketch on Mother Veronica, Adoration for Catechism Children, Holy Mass & Interfaith Services.





SACRED HEART ACADEMY, PIPLA D.B, NAGPUR

On November 5, 2022, **Sacred Heart Academy** had an exhibition of Flash of Arunachal Pradesh. The chief guest was Mr. Pratap Waghmare - Nayab Tehsildar, Saoner, Guest of Honor Mr. Vijay Bhakre - The Block Education Officer and Special Guest Fr. Linto Peter, the Parish Priest of Sacred Heart Church, Silewara. The cultural show opened at 9.00 a.m. for parents and kids at the school. An exciting cultural programme on the state of Arunachal Pradesh was presented by the kids prior to the exhibition's inauguration. The show displayed all of Arunachal Pradesh's facts, such as geographical conditions, industries, factories, manufacturing, flora and fauna, food, dress, art and craft, state culture, music, dance, festivals, tribes and so on. In addition to the display, the students organised a visual presentation to let everyone understand Arunachal Pradesh. Visitors complimented the kids' and teachers' originality and hard work because the presentation was both instructive and entertaining. Visitors were captivated by the variety of clothes and accessories. The programme was a great success.

During the academic year 2022-23, the school's focus was a thorough study of Indian states. To ensure the improvement of the quality of education and the development of children for the purpose of collaborative growth and promoting self-improvement, various activities based on different states of India were conducted, which helped students develop creative thinking skills, improve teamwork skills, learn key information, and understand the culture and traditions of states through fun learning. The states of Gujarat, Kerala, Odisha, Arunachal Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, and Assam were covered throughout the year.



S.F.S SCHOOL, NARKHED

The Annual Report of 2022-2023 showcases the glorious journey of our school, highlighting the school's achievements. The report highlights the school's commitment to creating an environment that helps young minds blossom and provides a platform for individual thinking and holistic development of the child's personality. The school has faced challenges in building the gap in learning due to the COVID-19 pandemic but has been able to overcome these challenges through creative teaching methods.

Co-curricular activities have been conducted regularly, promoting harmony across all communities and incorporating regional festivals to educate children about India's rich cultural and religious heritage. The school has upgraded its infrastructure facilities, including a computer lab, science lab and library, to ensure well-rounded personalities.

Inter-school competitions have been successful, with students achieving first positions in drawing, dance, and math competitions. The school has also celebrated the Green Day on February 25th, with the Chief Guest, Fr. Philip Topno, highlighting the importance of colours in nature.

The school has successfully obtained permission from the state board and is applying for CBSE affiliation. The school has formed various committees to enhance the efficiency of learning and teaching, including disciplinary art, education, culture, school management, student safety and security and PTA committees.

As a community of persons working together, the school has taken more collective steps towards its vision and many more steps are to go. Let me conclude with an inspiring quote from William Shakespeare, "Time is very slow for those who wait, very fast for those who are scared, very long for those who lament, and very short for those who celebrate but for those who love, time is eternal."

Sr. Prashanthi
Headmistress



S.F.S SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE, NAGPUR

SFS School of Excellence embarked on a journey of achievement and growth during the academic year 2022-23, guided by the theme "The Treasure of Relationships." The school embraced challenges and triumphs, carving a path of enlightenment and unity. The theme "Champions of Change" resonated with the institution's commitment to progressive learning and global education standards. Rev. Fr. Vivian Lobo assumed the mantle of Manager, accompanied by Sr. Sagaya Mary CSA as Headmistress. The institution's evolving ethos mirrors the essence of transformational education. A faculty of 20 teachers, supported by 8 Non-Teaching staff, embraced e-learning and smart teaching methodologies, fostering an environment of collective growth.

The student cabinet, led by Mayank Badge of class VIII, represented unity and vision. Students participated in various sports, such as Mental Maths, Abacus, Olympiads, and inter-school competitions. The establishment of the Parents-Teachers Association (PTA) and Executive Parents Teachers Association (EPTA) reinforced the partnership between the school and parents, fostering constructive dialogues and a shared commitment to education's holistic voyage.

The school's training programmes were designed to nurture life skills and moral values while emphasizing overall health, encompassing both physical and mental well-being. The 1st FFF Interschool Mini Football Tournament, dedicated to St. Francis De Sales, marked a significant milestone, fostering unity and healthy competition among top schools of Nagpur. The unwavering support of the school community remains the cornerstone of this odyssey.





ST. JOSEPH'S CONVENT GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL & JR. COLLEGE, KINGSWAY, NAGPUR

The academic session was marked by a variety of activities at the institution. The school was blessed with heavenly guidance and protection for the new term on July 1st, 2022. Mrs. Sonia Biden served as the Resource Person for the Teacher's Orientation, which was held on 5 July. On July 9, the School Cabinet was inaugurated, and Ministers, Parents, Captains, and Meritorious Students were honoured. Writing competitions were held for students in grades V through VIII, showcasing artistic expertise, creativity and teamwork in classrooms. Approximately 500 students from Std. 5-7 took part in the Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav (75 Years of Indian Independence) celebrations.

The school administered examinations to students to assess their comprehension and learning ability. In addition, an open day was held to update parents about their child's progress. Parents were urged to engage in their children's academic advancement and on 14 November 2023, a prayer service and cultural programmes were held to commemorate Children's Day. A prayer service and cultural programmes were held on Teacher's Day to show appreciation and gratitude to teachers. English elocutions were held for pupils in grades V through XI to prepare them for public speaking. A 9-day Novena was held to celebrate the virtues of St. Joseph. On 18 March 2023, a prayer service, Eucharist celebration, and Agape supper were held for students.

To encourage patriotism and cultural awareness among its students, the school has organised a variety of extracurricular events. On 6 August, 350 children competed in a dance competition, while 80 students competed in a Rakhi making competition. On the same day, a patriotic tableau was staged to commemorate historical events and the sacrifices of freedom warriors. Gender equality, the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan and Diwali festivities are among the other events. From December 13 to 17, activities included vegetable carving, card making, riches from trash and flower arrangement. On 21 December, an outreach programme was organised to support less fortunate and impoverished children, and on the next day, a Christmas programme was staged to promote the message of peace, love and joy. On February 14, a fete was held to provide students a break from their academic pursuits. Mrs. Rowena Philips for the Middle School and Dr. Nisreen Maimoon for the High School were the main guests for the annual concert for Standard 5-9 on 17 February at the M.P. Hall. These activities are designed to develop pupils' artistic abilities and increase their confidence on stage.

Students at the school have excelled in sports, with students competing in cricket competitions, ball badminton, football, throwball, boxing, archery, fencing, athletics, and carrom. In addition, the school has won state championships in boxing, archery, fencing, and other sports. Furthermore, the school has won The Science Poster and Model Making contests, Carol Singers' First Prize in several interschool competitions, and short film competitions. The school has also competed in a number of interschool elocution competitions, including the Annual Times School Parliament, which is hosted in the Mahal Town Hall. These extracurricular activities assist children with a complete education and growth.





ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI SR. SEC. SCHOOL SEONI (M.P.)

REPORT ON SCHOOL ELECTION DAY

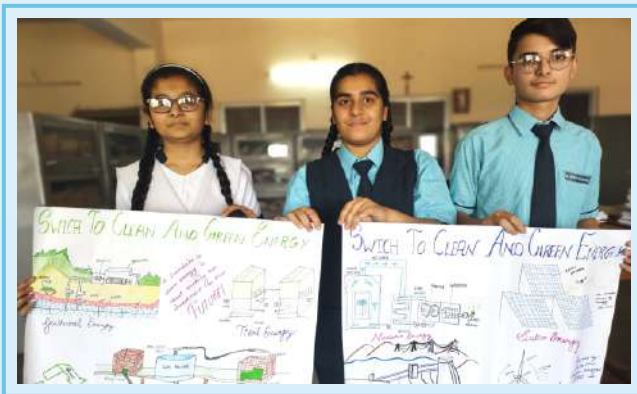
The School Election Day, organised by St. Francis of Assisi School, Seoni, took place on 30 June 2023. The event involved thorough preparations, including voter registration, opening nominations, and communicating the election schedule to the entire school community. On the day, the school was buzzing with enthusiasm as students eagerly cast their votes. The Election Committee set up five polling stations in the Gallery, assisted voters throughout the voting process, and ensured the security and integrity of ballots and voting booths. The overall voter turnout was impressive, with the maximum percentage of the student body participating.

The vote counting process began after the polls closed and the results were announced in the morning assembly. Positive aspects of the election process

included active participation from students, respectful campaigning from candidates and the dedication of the Election Committee and volunteers. To enhance future school election days, recommendations include implementing a voter education programme and expanding the Election Committee to include representatives from various grade levels.

In conclusion, the School Election Day was a success, reflecting the school's commitment to fostering a democratic and participatory environment. With continued improvements and active engagement, the election process can become even more inclusive and meaningful in the years to come.

Sincerely,
Pratima Behera, Pgt Commerce





ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI SR. SEC. SCHOOL SEONI (M.P.)

REPORT OF INVESTITURE CEREMONY 2023-24

On July 15th, the St. Francis of Assisi Sr. Sec. School in Seoni held an investiture ceremony to form a new student council for the 2023-24 session. The newly elected student representatives were honoured with badges and pledged their duties towards the school's promises. The event began with students welcoming the Chief Guest, Vicar General Rev. Fr. Anthony D' Souza (Archdiocese of Nagpur), in a parade. The programme officially began with hosts of the day Rajnandini Singh Baghel and Gautam Sevlani introducing the event and giving a brief description of Rev. Fr. Anthony Joseph D'souza.

Students from classes VI, VII, IX, and XI showcased a Bharatanatyam performance as a form of prayer for the morning. Adarsh Shrivatri and Annanya Nahar Jain welcomed the guest with a wonderful speech, while saplings were offered to the distinguished guest.

Dignitaries were invited to the stage to light the lamp while Students read from different holy scriptures, (Gurugranth Sahib, Bhagwat Gita, Quran, Bible and Agam Sutra), deeply impacting the students and promoting secularism within the school premises. Girls from Standard X and XI performed on various Bollywood songs, making the atmosphere energetic.

The first panel of Class Prefects, along with the Head Boy & Head Girl, took their pledge and were honoured with badges by the Chief Guest and dignitaries. The second panel of School Captain also pledged their loyalty to the school houses and were honoured with their respective badges and sashes. The final performance was done by the boys of various classes, who danced to multiple entertaining songs, lighting up the mood and cheering everyone along.



ST. PETER'S PRE-PRIMARY SCHOOL, JAWAHARNAGAR

The academic year commenced with a staff meeting on June 24, 2022, addressing crucial issues and setting the stage for a smooth year ahead. After an extended break, students eagerly returned on July 1, 2022. Throughout the year, staff meetings were held to ensure ongoing updates and programme planning. Notable celebrations marked the year, including Teacher's Day, where we honoured our educators and paid tribute to the great Dr. S. Radhakrishnan. Drawing competitions were organised to help students hone their artistic skills and gain valuable experience. Handwriting tournaments aimed to enhance students' penmanship. Diwali celebrations fostered a sense of togetherness, making students feel like they truly belong to our school community. On November 22, we dedicated a day to express love and care for children, honouring Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru's special fondness for them. To add some outdoor fun, St. Peter School Bela hosted a memorable school picnic on January 23rd.



ST. THERESA'S ENGLISH MEDIUM CONVENT SCHOOL BETUL

Our school makes every effort to involve students in all spheres of their academic lives. Mrs. Umme Kulsum correctly stated that teachers and parents must collaborate and work together to provide the best learning experience for our pupils. Our school's first objective is to help children learn new skills, improve their physical health, establish social skills, increase their self-esteem, and form positive habits.



ST. PETER'S SCHOOL, BHANDARA

It was an eventful academic session at our school. The Cobra Battalion organised a welcoming programme for 'Women Bikers' who were riding motorcycles from Delhi to the remote district of Jagdalpur with the aim of encouraging tribal women to join the defence forces. When they made a stop in 'Bhandara,' we had a special welcome programme in store. Mr. Ranjit Mandal, our Cobra Battalion Officer, extended a warm welcome to the students for this event.

During the programme, students had the unique opportunity to meet and engage with these fearless female bikers, asking them questions and gaining insights into their journeys. Additionally, there was a weapons exhibition that students attended, adding an educational aspect to the event.

This experience was not only memorable but also highly beneficial for both students and teachers, as it provided valuable learning opportunities. Nagpur's Bhavan School conducted a scientific exhibition with the theme "Eco-friendly materials." Students from our school took part in it and created great models, which were given recognition at the exhibition by awarding first place to our students. Delhi School had a science competition as well in which our pupils competed, and they were the winners of the science competition. They then headed to the National Level Competition, where our pupils received a lot of praise.

We thank all the guests who took the time to inspire and educate the staff and students on different occasions. Ranjit Mandal, Deputy Commander Sir, Cobra battalion was the guest speaker at our career guidance event, where he discussed several career alternatives with pupils, as well as how to apply for them and prepare for them. Mr. Mahesh Hemtani of Mumbai conducted a fascinating class on "English Speaking Skills." He discussed proper English pronunciation. And how to teach youngsters proper pronunciation in a simple manner. Mrs. Apurva Pande of COE, Pune gave a talk about child psychology and how to deal with it. This conference was really interesting and beneficial to all the participating teachers.



Teachers' Seminar



Apurva



Seminar Apurva



Carrier Guidance



Carrier Guidance



English Seminar



Old Age Home



Old Age Home



Cobra



ST. MARY'S ENGLISH MEDIUM SCHOOL, BALAGHAT

Throughout the academic year, a variety of extracurricular and co-curricular activities were held. The students observed Hindi Diwas, and Dr. Lanjewar provided them with a brief overview of its significance. Programmes on cyber safety and the safety of women were intended to increase public awareness of issues such as student safety, trafficking and cybercrime. We appreciate Mr. Azif Abdulla, District Judge and DSP Balaghat for gracing our events with their presence. The District Hospital Balaghat hosted a medical camp where the students underwent checkups. The school also organised a study visit to Hyderabad for Class 9 and 10 students from January 18 to 23, 2023.

On January 26, 2023, the school commemorated Republic Day with Mr. Ajay Soni, PTA President. On June 2, 2023, the school conducted teacher training to understand the NEP (National Education Policy). The staff tour in Manali on February 23, 2023, was a fantastic experience. On March 18, 2023, the graduation ceremony for foundational stage students was meticulously planned. Fr. Jayaprakash, Secretary ABE, and District Judge Mr. Azif Abdulla were present for this historic event.

On May 12, 2023, the CBSE results for St. Mary's School confirmed a 100% success rate for Class 10th. We are exceedingly proud of Vanshika Agrawal, who secured first place in the district with 98%, and Nitisha Deshmukh, who achieved second place with 97%.





JEEVODAY SPECIAL SCHOOL FOR THE INTELLECTUALLY CHALLENGED SADAR, NAGPUR

ANNUAL REPORT

The conclusion of the pandemic era was a joyous occasion for the Jeevoday family, as our exceptional children arrived after a two-year wait. The start of the new academic year was met with excitement and gladness by all of our inmates. Early intervention, group instruction, academic skills, communication skills, life skills, environmental skills, occupational therapy, physiotherapy, speech therapy, psychotherapy and music therapy are all services provided by Jeevoday. Prathiksha provides an environment for persons with intellectual disabilities to learn skills, explore, improve and direct their talents into meaningful work while also supporting a livelihood opportunity.

Paper Bag Making: We have a paper bag manufacturing unit for youngsters. We have a unit for youngsters to make paper bags. Adults with intellectual disabilities over the age of 18 are taught how to produce paper bags, and some of them can do it efficiently under the guidance of experienced vocational teachers.

Aman Kawale, a student of ours, won a gold medal in swimming in Pune. Anup Butoliya, one of our students, received the Gold Medal for National Level Table Tennis and we are pleased to report that he has been picked for International Level. The pupils

explored numerous dances and activities on various occasions. We held a drawing and Rangoli competition, and the winners received a prize.

Our students competed in an international dance competition at Alpana Sambhav 2022 in New Delhi. Drawing and dance competitions were held at Shri Ramdeobaba College of Engineering and Management. Anamika and Shantanu Kawase, two of our students, won first place in the drawing competition as well as first place in the group dance competition.

Jeevoday Through numerous seminars, educators, parents, and siblings of unique children are encouraged to promote, teach and learn. The school organises monthly medical and dental checkups. Jeevoday College provides a two-year Diploma in Special Education with an emphasis on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities. The Rehabilitation Council of India has approved the programme. Jeevoday has been working tirelessly to train exceptional children to bring about. The entire development of children and their integration into society.

**Thank you
Sr. Tessily Mary**



NIRMALA ENGLISH MEDIUM SCHOOL VIP ROAD CHHINDWARA (M.P.)

SCHOOL REPORT

Excerpts from the School Report presented by Sr. Lilly Paul, the principal of Nirmala English Medium School.

The school aims to provide an excellent learning environment for students to prosper as individuals. Due to COVID restrictions, the annual days were unable to be held, but the dedication and hard work of teachers were recognised. Students in the tenth and twelfth grades have routinely achieved excellent outcomes, with 100% in both classes.

On June 20, 2023, the school reopened with a prayer ceremony. Important programmes during the year included a teachers' orientation programmes on POCSO, a teacher's training programme on Life Skills, and the most solemn investiture ceremony, attended by Superintendent of Police, Chhindwara, Mr. Vinayak Varma. Fee concessions were extended to students from financially disadvantaged families as well as staff members

Several students received honours for their outstanding achievements in the field of arts and sports, including Taekwondo Arts, Karate, Basketball, and Skating. In addition, **Prime Minister Narendra Modi presented kids with certificates of participation in CBSE's 'Pariksha Pe Charcha' programme.**

Sr. Lilly Paul thanked first of all the Almighty for all his blessings and expressed her desire to surpass prior records in this academic year with His guidance and love. She also thanked the manager, Sr. Annie John, the Vice Principal, Sr. Perna, Head Teachers, Staff members, students, parents, and well-wishers for their assistance and support.



Life Skills Training - 2023



Investiture Ceremony - 2023



Skating - 2023



Band - 2023



POCSO Seminar - 2023



ST. FRANCIS SR. SEC. SCHOOL, SARNI

Result 2022 – 23

Academic Activities

The school organised various academic activities, including poetry recitation, storytelling, speech competitions, debates, project presentations, poster making, quiz competitions and a guidance and counselling workshop for students. The various programmes aimed to enhance students' knowledge and promote innovative ideas, critical thinking and problem-solving skills. The purpose was to promote peace, academic excellence, and overall personality development. The workshop also provided guidance on choosing the right career for a successful future. We are grateful to all the special guests who took the time to inspire our students namely the Mayor of Sarni, Mr. Kishor Barde, Thana In-Charge of Sarni, Mr. Ratnakar Hingve, Rev. Srs. Shanti and Ansa, Personal And Family Counselors, President of FCC Bhopal, Rev. Sr. Prabha and Counselor for Education, FCC Bhopal Rev. Sr. Prashanti.

Extra-Curricular Activities

The goal of extracurricular events is to raise awareness about various holidays, teach pupils new skills, and create opportunities for stage expression. An Investiture Ceremony, Internal Yoga Day, Alphonsa Day Celebration, Van Mahotsav Celebration, Rangotsav Celebration, Independence Day Celebration, Teachers' Day Celebration, Children's Day Celebration, Three-Days Sports Meet, Christmas Celebration, and Republic Day Celebration are among the extracurricular activities held during the year.

Co-Curricular Activities

To teach students about the various places in our country and their significance in relation to their curriculum, as well as to make them self-sufficient, independent, and to train them to be accommodating to all, while developing their creative thinking and boosting their imagination power many co-curricular activities were organised as well like, Educational Tour To Amritsar And Manali for Higher And Senior Secondary, One-Day Educational Trip To Sachi And Bhopal Science City For Middle School Children and a One-Day Visit To Balajipuram Temple, Betul For Primary And Pre-Primary students.





MONTFORT SCHOOL, NAGPUR

Montfort School, Nagpur has been a hub of activity and achievement throughout the academic session 2022-23. The school organized a two-day/10-hour CPD training programme for teachers on June 17th and 18th, covering topics such as Post-COVID Schooling, Communication with Parents/Communication Skills, Child Sexual Abuse, and Peer Pressure. A symposium on Jolly Phonics and unique teaching approaches for Pre-primary Teachers was conducted on these two days.

On June 21st, Montfort School celebrated International Yoga Day with the theme of "Yoga for Humanity." The event involved students from classes 6 to 12 and teaching and non-teaching staff. The event highlighted the importance of yoga in increasing concentration, agility, and wellbeing.

On July 16th, Montfort School held its grand High School Investiture Ceremony, which was graced by distinguished guests like Chief Guest Gp. Capt. Samir S. Gangakhedkar, Regional PRO and Spokesperson, Ministry of Defence, Prayagraj Region, Col. Amod Chandna, CO 20 Maharashtra Bn NCC, Nagpur, and Dr. Prasad Kadasne, MS (Orthopaedic), COVID OPD In-Charge in IGGMC, Nagpur. The event was attended by parents, well-wishers, and representatives from parents.

The school also participated in the ENVISAGE 2022 organized by Montfort School, Delhi, where Montfortians achieved success in various competitions. The school also hosted an Art Integrated Projects Exhibition and Live Performances for the PTM for TERM I Examination 2022, showcasing the culmination of ideas, design thinking, innovation, and execution.

In November 2022, Montfort School organized its Annual Day Programme, "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsava," to commemorate the Platinum Jubilee of

Independence. The event featured performances by students, parents, and the school's social service club. Family members also participated in the annual Family Get-together, which took place on the first Sunday of each month. The School organized a farewell event for the outgoing batch of classes 10 and 12 on February 4, 2023, with Dr. Vivek Nanoti as the guest speaker. The event was attended by a large turnout of students and their parents. The school also held an Intraschool Kabaddi tournament for classes VII, VIII, and IX, fostering teamwork and sportsmanship.

On February 21, 2023, Montfort School held a guest lecture on the theme "G-20 Presidency - Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam" by Mr. Yugal J. Rayalu, Retired HOD Vocational Education at Dharampeth M.P. Deo Memorial Science College. The lecture focused on goal setting in life, self-acceptance, and personality development.

An expert talk on mental health was held for classes IX and X on April 11 and 12, 2023, focusing on the importance of mental well-being, anxiety problems, and overcoming them. A hands-on training workshop on electronic components and their applications was conducted on March 28, 2023.

Class assemblies were organized for students of classes VI to X, focusing on sustainable development, different personalities, and values. A special assembly was held on February 21, 2023, to nurture connection, empathy, and respect towards animals and the environment.

The School celebrated International Women's Day with great enthusiasm, recognizing the achievements and contributions of women to society and the world. Students participated in various literary and cultural activities, overcoming shyness and enhancing their reading, writing, speaking, and strength.





ST. JOHNS PUBLIC SCHOOL (CBSE), MOHAN NAGAR, NAGPUR

St. Johns Public School CBSE began the academic session 2022-2023 on June 28th, 2022, with a comprehensive plan prepared by the incharges. The school is known for organizing exceptional activities, such as Extempore Debate, Prepared Speech, Poetry Recitation, Tell-a-tale, Paragraph Writing, Handwriting, On the Spot Painting, Best out of Waste, Inter-house dance, Solo dance, and various quiz competitions, to develop students' LSRW skills. The school also hosted an Inter-House Group Dance Competition, where Sr. Sophie, Principal of St. Joseph's Convent School, was invited as the chief guest.

One notable milestone for the school was the Annual Parents Concert in 2022, which featured the theme "Metamorphose-The Transformation," focusing on the afterlife of COVID-19. The event was attended by students from grades 1 to 9, with Mrs. Bharti Abhijit Bijwe Ma'am, Principal of Sandipani School, praising the dedication and hard work of the students, teachers, and Principal. A week at the end of the year is dedicated to mini-sports, including inter-house football, basketball, kho-kho, track races, and field events.



PROVIDENCE HIGH SCHOOL AND JUNIOR COLLEGE, MANSAR

Result 2022 – 23

Throughout the year, our school held academic-driven activities such as essay writing, drawing, elocution, math concept test and Indian Talent Olympiad, tree planting, patriotic song competition, Raksha Bandhan and so on to help students develop self-confidence, language skills, and reasoning and calculation skills. Teachers serve as role models for our kids, so a sports competition for teachers was arranged to encourage physical and mental wellness. On Girl Child Day, we aimed to empower girls for a brighter future by raising awareness of the rights of girls and gender inequities in society.

We are very pleased as three student athletes represented the school at the Divisional Level Sports held at the Balewadi Stadium in Pune. The school picnic included fun, entertainment, and refreshments for 325 kids and staff. The School's Annual Concert emphasised the pupils' overall progress. Mrs. Sangita Tabane BEO, Ashit Kamble IPS, and Fr. Jovin Jose Parish priest were in attendance.





ST. VINCENT PALLOTTI SCHOOL, KAMPTEE

The Annual Report highlights the achievements and glories of S.V.P.S.K, a school committed to creating an environment that fosters individual thinking and holistic development of students. The school has set standards and goals in academics, sports, discipline, leadership, and more. The school celebrated the 10th class CBSE Board Examination results, honouring meritorious Grade X students who worked hard to reach their goals.

The school welcomed students back for the new academic session with a festival-like atmosphere. The Parent Teachers Association (PTA) executive body was formed to support the school's development and improvement. Honourable dignitaries visited S.V.P.S Kamptee to strengthen knowledge and review holistic development strategies.

Students participated in inter-school academic and sports competitions, bringing laurels to the school. The school believes in taking learning beyond the classroom and building bridges with the authentic and real world. A visit to an orphanage was scheduled for class X students under the SEWA project.

Effective professional development is crucial for teachers, and S.V.P.S.K offers various training programs to help teachers shape their students' lifelong learning. A fire and safety training programme was organized to raise awareness of combating fire accidents in schools. An orientation programme was organized for class IX & X parents to ensure a positive learning atmosphere and build healthy relationships between parents, teachers, and students. A routine health check-up was conducted for students to ensure

normal development, healthy growth, and protection from preventable diseases. The school held various events to promote student development and growth. Counselling sessions were conducted to address stress management, anger management, career plans, cybercrime awareness and mobile phone usage. The Institutional Ceremony was held to establish the Board of Prefects, demonstrating the importance of delegation of responsibility. Special days were organized to raise awareness of their importance, with students participating in various activities.

Festivals and celebrations were held to foster national integration, international understanding, religious and cultural awareness and tolerance. Competitions were held to develop physical, moral, social and mental skills in co-curricular areas. C.B.S.E. initiatives were conducted to enhance students' skills through various activities.

The Science & Art Exhibition showcased various models and experiments, allowing students to showcase their creativity. Scouting camps were organized for primary to class VIII students to build confidence and self-esteem. The school picnic was the most anticipated day of the year, with students visiting various locations for fun.

Annual sports days were held, allowing students to showcase their talents in sports. Teacher's appreciation day was organized to appreciate their dedication and efforts. The first edition of the school magazine, Pallotti@SELFESTA, was released, marking a proud moment for the school.





CHRIST THE KING ENGLISH MEDIUM SCHOOL, AMLA

REPORT - 2022-23

Christ the King School, Amla, reopened on 1st July 2023. The children received greetings, and the teachers led a prayer service. The Investiture ceremony was held on 30th July where children participated enthusiastically. On the occasion of Rakshabandhan, the Rakhi-making competition was held for classes I to X. On August 8, a Ghar ghar Tiranga Raily (procession) was held from the school to the Amla railway station and it was seen as a magnificent gesture by the instructors and students. On 15th August Independence Day was celebrated. The chief guests of the day were Mrs. Kashi Bai, the parshad of ward No. 10 and Mr. Ramanuj Sinha the president of PTA.

Teachers Day was observed on September 5th, and kids conducted a cultural programme. Diwali was always a joyous occasion and on October 22nd, by lighting Diyas and sharing sweets, we all celebrated the festival in a meaningful way. On November 14th, Children's Day was held and a dance and fancy dress competition was organised. The competition was judged by Miss Reshma and Mrs. Sindhu Lonare. On the occasion of Christ the King's feast day, we held a science exhibition on November 19th. The guests of the day were Mr. Nitin Gadre, President of Nagar Palika, and Mr. Kishor Mathankar, Vice President. Farewell party was given for the students of class X on 17th February.



LITTLE FLOWER SCHOOL, PANDURNA

The school began its new session on 5th April 2022, with a prayer service and welcoming ceremony for students. The school held various competitions, such as Rakhi making, Inter House Patriotic song, letter creation and storytelling. On 8th August, a ghar ghar Tiranga rally was held. On 15th August, Independence Day was celebrated with Ex-Army officer Mr. Suresh Rebade as the chief guest. On 5th September, Teachers' Day was celebrated, and a one-day seminar on constitutional law was conducted. On 1st October, the school celebrated St. Teresa of Child Jesus' Feast Day, and on the birthday of Dr. A. P. J Abdul Kalam, a science quiz was conducted. On 22nd October, Diwali festival was celebrated, and a cancer awareness programme was held on 10th November. On 14th November, Children's Day was celebrated with various competitions.



ST. MICHAEL'S HIGH SCHOOL, NAGPUR

Following the stabilisation of the situation post-pandemic, Head Master Fr. Julius Daniel organized a series of training sessions for the middle and high school teachers. These sessions were aimed at improving their effectiveness in the teaching and learning processes. The parents expressed their appreciation for the school's and management's tireless efforts.

Taking into consideration the financial condition of the parents, teachers encouraged additional classes for the students. In line with government directives and timely Government Resolutions (Grs), students were awarded scholarships, including Savitribai Phule, Hazrat Begum, NMMS, Navodaya, Minority Scholarship, Swarna Mohatsav ST, VG, OBC, SC, and more.

Various activities, such as a seminar, were conducted on the very first day, June 28, 2022, to welcome students with great excitement. The day began with a badging ceremony. In July, house-wise football matches took place with the Red House emerging as champions in the junior division and the Green House in the senior division. The annual Interact Club installation, run by Rotary, occurred in the academic year 2022-2023, with Master Samir Ansari of IX B being elected as Head Boy. The 75th "Azadi ka Amrit

Mohotsav" was celebrated joyfully, with students participating in activities like essay competitions, dance and singing contests, elocution competitions and Rangoli contests. Teachers' Day was celebrated by students, honouring them with gifts provided by Manager Rev. Fr. Sebastiraj, who was appreciated for his love and concern for teachers and their teaching methods. The annual two-day sports competition and events such as Mini Sports and Children's Day were celebrated enthusiastically. The Annual Concert, graced by Most. Rev. Elias Gonsalves, the Archbishop of Nagpur and Education Officer Ravindra Katolkar received praise under the guidance of Head Master Rev. Fr. Julius Daniel.

Religious and moral science activities included regular Moral Value and Catechism Classes to instil values in students. Holy Masses were organised for Catholic teaching and non-teaching staff on the occasion of St. Michael's Feast. Faith formation involved an orientation course for teachers, Catechism and Value Education classes, First Friday Mass, retreats and Christmas programmes. National festivals were celebrated with prayer services and cultural programmes, including the feast of the Patron of the School, St. Michael's. Regular P.T.A. meetings were held to discuss students' progress and address parental queries.





Report of the one-day seminar on GLOBAL COMPACT EDUCATION

On 16/8/2023, a seminar was held at 10 a.m. After the Bhajan bible reading and prayer cum patriotic dance, The CBCI Chairman for Education and Culture, Archbishop Elias Gonsalves discussed the importance of the Global Compact on Education (GCE) and National Education Policy (NEP). Reni Francis presented the Global Compact on Education, emphasizing its seven important facts: making human persons the centre, listening to children's voices, advancing women, empowering families, welcoming, understanding economics and politics, and safeguarding the common home. Mr. Francis Joseph emphasized the importance of policies and urged stakeholders to protect school administration and deal with stakeholders. He also highlighted the importance of self-sufficiency and income generation for the future. The Archbishop instructed everyone to prepare a whole-year program in line with the synod in all eight trust areas.

CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMISSION Annual Report 2022-2023

The Christian Life Commission (CLC) has been dedicated to enriching lives and fostering faith within the community. The commission held two training of trainers sessions for adult catechesis, focusing on Apologetics and Ecumenism. Adult catechesis at Rosary Parish saw fifty participants learn from Fr. Sunil Tirkey OP.

The CLC celebrated the priesthood and the Word by dedicating a day to celebrate the sacred commitment of priests. The CLC also strengthened faith and spearheaded catechesis education through Faith Formation Sunday, where over 250 Catechism teachers engaged in insightful discussions.

The CLC launched CLC Clubs at various schools, fostering camaraderie and spiritual growth among students. They also facilitated informative sessions for RCIA and Liturgists, engaging deacons, sisters, fathers, and lay members. Finally, the CLC extended gratitude to priests with a recollection session on Feast of St Vianney.



THE FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART



The Feast of The Sacred Heart was celebrated on June 24th, 2023, at Sacred Heart Convent, Pipla. The joy of celebration was enhanced by the presence of His Grace, Elias Gonsalves, the Archbishop of Nagpur Archdiocese who presided over the Eucharistic celebration. The priests, sisters, brothers and some collaborators were present for the same. The Archbishop began the Eucharistic celebration at 6:30 p.m. by garlanding the statue of the Sacred Heart. Sr. Swati welcomed everyone and gave the introduction, emphasising the purpose and need for devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, a Heart that is a symbol and a sensible image of Jesus Christ's infinite love, which moves us to love one another. The Archbishop's discourse on the Compassionate Love of the Sacred Heart of Jesus enlightened all present. The cake cutting ceremony was held at the end of the Eucharistic Celebration, followed by a fellowship meal. As a result, it was a wonderful day for all of us to enjoy and celebrate.



ST. PIUS X FEAST, MANKAPUR

St. Pius X feast day was commemorated on the 20th Sunday with Holy Mass followed by fellowship meal for 390 parishioners. The parish priest encouraged more parishioners to attend daily Mass, as St. Pope Pius X had done.



SFS PARISH REPORT

Fr Deepak Thomas OCD, who served the parish for four years, has been transferred to Kullurgi, Karnataka, and a farewell programme was organized by the parishioners to express their gratitude. The youth and children prepared a short programmes separately to express their love and thank Fr Deepak for being their guide. Fr Nikesh Dsouza, OCD, was welcomed on Sunday 28th May 2023 and he will be taking on the responsibility of the Teens, Children and Liturgy in the Parish during his term. The parish wishes Fr Deepak and Fr Nikesh all the best and God's choicest blessings for their new mission ahead. - Melissa Hirekan, SFS Parish Techno Ministry.

The youth are organizing a adorations every Friday at 7:30 p.m. in the Adoration Chapel, building a greater awareness of reverence and love for the presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. On Friday 16th July 2023, a special eucharistic adoration was conducted, where the youth joined by the children of the parish prayed for peace in Manipur and for a miraculous healing of the victims. A procession was held in the Church premises, conveying a strong message of solidarity and support for the suffering of the people of Manipur. National Youth Sunday was celebrated on Sunday, August 13, with a Mass at 8:00 a.m. and an afternoon of activities, music, and enlightenment through a session on Integrity by Rev. Fr Anthony Xaviour. Over 40 youth participated, encouraging unity and action. The youth express their gratitude to Fr Sebastiraj, the Rector, and Fr Anbu, the Youth Animator, for their constant guidance and surprise lunch for all. – Joylyn Lawrence, SFS Parish Techno Ministry.

The Techno Ministry, formed following guidelines given in the Archdiocesan Pastoral Plan by Most Rev. Archbishop Elias Gonsalves, aims to use Technology and Social Media as a tool for evangelization while being "Rooted in Christ."

On 23rd July 2023, the SFS Cathedral celebrated the Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, honouring all the elderly of the Church on the occasion of the '3rd World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly'. The celebration highlighted the role of grandparents and the elderly in today's modern world and their importance in families. - Rea D'Souza, SFS Parish Techno Ministry

The feast of St John Marie Vianney was celebrated with the Priests of the Archdiocese, for whom people expressed gratitude for bringing Christ into their lives and presiding at their marriages, baptisms, and funerals. On Friday, August 4, 2023, the parishioners and sister religious united in prayer for the priests of the Archdiocese of Nagpur for a special mass. Most Rev. Elias Gonsalves, the Archbishop of Nagpur, presented all the priests present with a token of appreciation. The parish has also contributed generously towards the Education Aid Scheme, providing educational aid to many students at the beginning of the new academic session. - Tobit Hirekan, SFS Parish Techno Ministry



The Sunday Catechism Classes for the 2023-2024 term began with a solemn Mass for children and teachers on 2nd July. The initiation ceremony for all children receiving their First Holy Communion or Sacrament of Confirmation was held on 9th July 2023. The parents of Confirmation candidates played a special role in the ceremony, blessing each part of their children and reminding them to use every gift given by God for the work in His kingdom. The parish thanks 14 teachers who volunteer their time every Sunday to form the children in their faith. Altar Servers' Day was celebrated on 13th August at the Children's Eucharistic celebration, Rev Fr Nikesh D'Souza OCD, Priest-in-charge, offered the Holy Mass which was animated by the altar servers. Following the mass, a small celebration was organized at the CI Club for the altar servers. - Zurica Pinto, Catechism Co-ordinator

The PPC and SFS Parish Youth initiated a "Tree Plantation Drive" in Jaripatka graveyard Nagpur on August 6th, 2023. The campaign was aimed at fostering mental and social health among youth, developing



connections with peers, elders, the community and mainly the environment. The event involved planting various saplings, including Neem and Ashok, and was attended by members of the PPC, Youth, Decons and Parish Fathers. -Rayzelle Rodrigues, SFS Techno Ministry

In July and August, Panch Samiti members held separate meetings to review the execution of the Archdiocesan Pastoral Plan for 2023. It was reported that 60% of the plan was executed, with some areas missed. Monthly reviews were conducted by Fr Sebastiraj, the Parish Priest and the Parish Pastoral Team. SCC meetings and pastoral visits have been conducted to rejuvenate the parish's SCC Units, with Fr Sebastiraj, the Rector, Fr Anbu Xavier and Fr Nikesh, the Asst. Parish Priests, visiting every home in the parish every evening. Special visits to the houses of the Panch Samiti Members, SCC Youth Representatives and Children not attending Catechism are being done by the Deacon and Brothers assigned to the Parish on Saturday and Sunday. -Kevin Pinto, Vice President PPC



SANDESH SADAN CATHOLIC CHURCH, SEONI (M.P)

EVENTS IN CHURCH 2023-24

Sandesh Sadan Catholic Church, Seoni, M.P., organized a Pilgrimage to Nagpur Buti Bori churches, with a group of 30 people participating in the way of the cross and community prayers. Easter was celebrated with a blessing of fire and candle procession, and the Sacrament of Baptism was given to Allan Joseph and Belinda Joseph's son. A member of the parish received the Sacrament of Matrimony on May 5, with Fr. Vikas, Fr. Sameer, Fr. Narendra and Fr. Navneet as the celebrants. Sandesh Sadan Church initiated its YouTube channel on July 17.

On July 2, catechism classes began, with students enrolled according to their age group. Small Christian Community meetings of the two groups resumed on July 8. Small Christian community prayers were conducted by Fr. Navneet Kajjur, focusing on uplifting and overcoming the problems of the SCC. A Mahila Mandal meeting was held on July 23, discussing various women related issues. On July 26, the Nagpur Jesus Youth conducted a Jago Yatra, an intercessory initiative in preparation for the JY Jago conference in October 2023, where the relics of St. Paul II were placed in the church for veneration.

INAUGURATION OF SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH'S CONVENT, NARKHED

The great and eagerly awaited day dawned, as on Wednesday, 5th July 2023, a formal Ceremony was held to inaugurate the new convent for the Sisters of St. Joseph, Chambery. The inauguration of the new convent commenced at 5 p.m. in the premises of St. Francis De Sales School, Narkhed. His Grace Most Rev. Elias Gonsalves, Archbishop of Nagpur, presided over the Eucharistic Celebration. Eminent members and sisters from different congregations also joined us in our delight and enjoyment. The new house was blessed in the presence of Sr. Cecile Coutinho, Provincial Superior of Sisters of St. Joseph, Chambery.

Subsequently, the sisters who serve at Narkhed School began to function at this Convent, since their primary goal was to effectively engage with the school's Parents, Staff, and kids.

Superior: Sr. Hazel D'silva CSJ





[बैतूल डीनरी स्तर पर महिला सम्मेलन]

स्थान-संत तेरेसा चर्च, बैतूल | दिनांक 30.07.23

जय यीशु

दिनांक 30.07.23 को बैतूल संत तेरेसा चर्च में डीनरी स्तर पर महिला सम्मेलन का आयोजन नागपुर कैथोलिक डायसिस के माध्यम द्वारा किया गया इस सम्मेलन में नागपुर से रे. सिस्टर दया और बहन जूलियट की अगुवाई में सम्पन्न हुआ सम्मेलन की शुरुआत फादर जोजो बैतूल के द्वारा छोटी प्रार्थना द्वारा शुरू किया गया तत्पश्चात संत तेरेसा चर्च की महिला मंडल अध्यक्ष श्रीमती मीरा अंधोनी के अगुवाई में दीप प्रज्वलित कर कार्यक्रम को आगे बढ़ाया गया।

मंच संचालन संत तेरेसा चर्च महिला मंडल की सचिव श्रीमती किरण एक्का द्वारा किया गया अतिथियों का स्वागत अभिवादन पुष्पगुच्छ के द्वारा किया गया।

कार्यक्रम की शुरुआत होने से पहले सभी महिलाओं का पंजीकरण किया गया। बैतूल से, घोड़ाडोंगरी से और आमला से महिलाएं एवं सिस्टर गण उपस्थित थे। कुल प्रतिभागी 47 उपस्थित हुए थे।

प्रथम सेशन श्रीमती जूलियट द्वारा व्यक्तिगत परिचय के द्वारा शुरू किया गया श्रीमती जूलियट ने बाइबिल में महिलाओं की प्रमुखता उनकी प्रशंसा उनके साहसी कार्य एवं प्रभु पर विश्वास करने वाले महिलाओं के बारे में बताई जैसे माता मरियम, मरियम मकदलेना, 12 वर्ष से रक्त स्राव से पीड़ित महिला, मरियम एवं मार्था इत्यादि इसके बाद उपस्थित सभी महिलाओं एवं सिस्टरों को अलग-अलग समूह में चिट के माध्यम से बांटा गया।

समूह विभाजन बहुत ही मनोरंजक था क्योंकि इसमें बंदर, मछली, हाथी, और पक्षी समूह बनाए गए थे सभी समूह को इशारे के माध्यम से ढूंढना था प्रत्येक समूह में एक सचिव और एक अध्यक्ष चुना गया प्रत्येक समूह को दो प्रश्न दिए गए थे जिसमें प्रश्नों पर विचार विमर्श करने के बाद उसका उत्तर निकाला गया प्रत्येक समूह के सचिव ने प्रश्नों का उत्तर एक के बाद एक सबके सामने प्रस्तुत किए तत्पश्चात सभी ग्रुप के प्रश्नों का उत्तर का सार के माध्यम से महिला सशक्तिकरण, महिला एकता, महिला को आगे लाने के लिए उठाए गए कदम के बारे में बताया गया।



दूसरे सेशन में सिस्टर दया ने पीपीटी के माध्यम से बहुत ही सुंदर तरीके से महिलाओं के बारे में बताएं जिसमें किस प्रकार से संत पापा ने प्रत्येक वर्ष महिलाओं के अधिकारों को प्रमुखता दी गई जिससे महिलाएं आगे बढ़ सकें जो बहुत ही प्रेरणादायक एवं जानने योग्य था।

तत्पश्चात पीपीटी के माध्यम से ही नागपुर डायसिस में बने 2024 से 2026 तक का एक्टिविटी कैलेंडर के बारे में बताया गया जिसके आधार पर सभी डीनरी के महिलाओं को कार्य करना है मनोरंजन के लिए एक्शन सहन किया गया जिसमें सभी महिलाओं एवं सिस्टरों ने बढ़ चढ़कर भाग लिया।

चुनाव -

तत्पश्चात डीनरी स्तर पर कार्य करने के लिए महिला मंडल का गठन किया गया जिसमें-

डीनरी वूमेन सेल - सिस्टर बिजी बैतूल

अध्यक्ष - श्रीमती मीनू जैकब बैतूल

उपाध्यक्ष - श्रीमती फिलोमिना मैथ्यू आमला

सचिव - श्रीमती किरण एक्का बैतूल

सह सचिव - मनीषा एक्का घोड़ाडोंगरी

कोषाध्यक्ष - श्रीमती वंदना राजमणि बैतूल

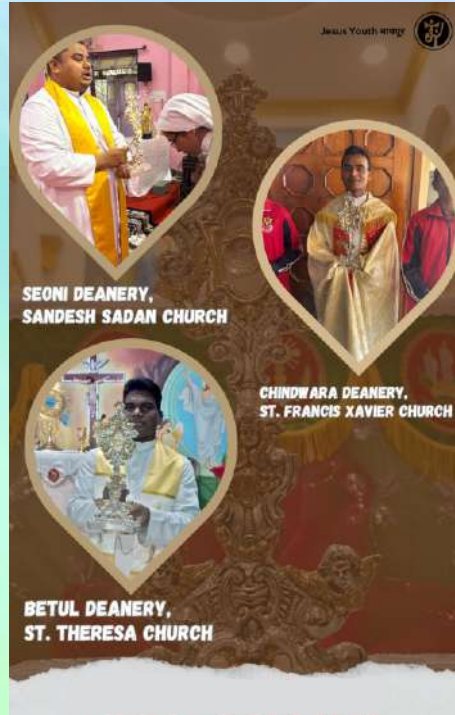
उप कोषाध्यक्ष - श्रीमती बेक घोड़ाडोंगरी चुना गया

इसके बाद रे. फादर समीर घोड़ाडोंगरी के द्वारा प्रेरणादायक विचार और उदाहरण प्रस्तुत गए जो वास्तव में सेमिनार में उपस्थित सभी महिलाओं के लिए प्रेरणा स्रोत थे निश्चित ही डीनरी स्तर पर आयोजित यह कार्यक्रम महिलाओं के लिए विश्वास, साहस, एकता और आगे बढ़ने के लिए प्रेरणादायक सम्मेलन रहा।

सम्मेलन के अंत में आभार व्यक्त श्रीमती ज्योति परमार के द्वारा दिया गया और इस प्रकार इस सम्मेलन का अंत दोपहर भोजन के बाद समाप्त हुआ और सभी अपने-अपने गंतव्य की ओर चल पड़े। धन्यवाद!



जागो YATRA





DIOCESAN YOUTH DAY CELEBRATION AT ARCHBISHOP'S HOUSE



Report

The Diocesan Youth Day Celebration took place on the 13th of August, 2023 at the Archbishop's House, marking an occasion of spiritual enrichment and community engagement for the youth of the Nagpur Archdiocese. This event provided an opportunity for the young individuals to come together, celebrate their faith, and share experiences with fellow believers. The celebration commenced at 5:00 p.m. with a warm welcome of Vicar General, Rev. Fr. Anthony D'Souza, Diocesan youth director Rev. Fr. Thomas Joseph and the office bearers. Fr. Anthony D'Souza addressed the attendees with an inspiring message centered around the importance of faith, unity, and the role of youth in the church. Rev. Fr. Anthony announced the release of the first Edition of youth magazine, "IGNITE" which proved to be a culmination of creativity, passion, and the unique voices of our young contributors. The event featured a series of engaging activities and cultural programmes designed to foster a sense of community, spiritual growth, and personal development among the participants. The Diocesan Youth Day Celebration concluded with a closing ceremony that included a heartfelt thanksgiving prayer, expressing gratitude for the gathering and the spiritual enrichment it offered. Attendees left the event with a renewed sense of purpose, a strengthened faith, and a commitment to active participation in the life of the church. The Core team members succeeded in bringing together the youth of the diocese to celebrate their faith, learn from one another, and grow both spiritually and personally. The event served as a testament to the importance of fostering a strong sense of community and engagement among the younger members of the church.



Prayer FOR PEACE & HARMONY IN MANIPUR

Indian Christian Women’s Movement (ICWM), Sisters of the Good Shepherd, Church of North India-Social Service Institute, CRI, Catholic Diocesan Women’s commission and St Pius X Parish together organized an interfaith prayer service for Manipur, on 10th of July 2023 in the campus of Anukampa Niwas, Good Shepherd provincialate.

Sr. Pushpa Louis welcomed all dignitaries who gathered to pray for Manipur. The entire programme was compered by Sr. Resi Joseph. Co-Convener, spoke on the events that occurred beginning May 3rd, 2023, including politically motivated divisive policies encouraging Hindu Majoritarianism and an upsurge in militant group activities. Almost 120 people were killed, nearly 50,000 were displaced. 1700 houses and 250 churches, as well as several temples and schools, were burned and destroyed. In this contest, the ICWM and Sisters of the Good Shepherd decided to take the lead and issued a clarion call to all likeminded groups to join in Interfaith Prayer.

Father Joseph Panakal, the Archdiocese's Interreligious Dialogue Coordinator, expressed and praised the organisers for organising this interfaith prayer, which is urgently needed. He began by declaring, "There is no problem on earth for which there is no solution in heaven." To reach out to those suffering as a result of communal violence, we must step outside of our comfort zone and push our boundaries.



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The solution to the collective dilemma is to begin the process of dialoguing with each other across the table. Change your vote: We must choose our leaders carefully. We must focus on preserving our country's secular structure by constructing an egalitarian society in which there is no gender discrimination, caste, or class.

The prayer event began with a brief introduction by Julia Robert, president of the Women's Commission. An old pilgrim song was sung by Sr. Kala asking the God of the universe to lead us from darkness to light, death to immortality and from unreal to real followed by a special inter-religious song sung by Father Joseph. Intercessory prayers were meticulously crafted for a variety of purposes, including praying for political and religious leaders, unity among denominations, and special prayers for peace in Manipur.

Readings from several sacred scriptures were read by various Interfaith members. Mrs. Florentina read from the Bible, Mrs. Ambika from the Bhagwat Gita, and Mrs. Zeba Khan from the Quran, followed by a video of savaisham shanti bhavtu. Mrs. Neerja Rajeev Prasad, Convener Local ICWM and National Secretary ICWM, presented a vote of thanks and offered information about the Indian Christian Women's Movement.

The prayer meeting was symbolically concluded by lighting a candle and singing "We Shall Overcome," sending a vibe of peace and harmony to the people of Manipur.

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CELEBRATION OF WORLD SENIOR CITIZEN'S DAY AT PREMDAN

Growing old is gold. It is a natural process and the universal truth of life. An old-age home celebration is a special event where every resident comes together to commemorate important milestones or simply enjoy each other's company. It is an opportunity for them to feel alive. The World Senior Citizen's Day was celebrated at Prem Daan, Mohan Nagar, by the sisters of St. John the Baptist on August 21, 2023, with the elderly, fathers, sisters, staff, working women and local residents. The day was celebrated to show gratitude, love, and concern for the elderly who stay in the old age home. It started with the rhythmic mood of bringing the elders to meaningful liturgy by our beloved Archbishop, Most. Rev. Elias Gonsalves, the Archbishop of Nagpur. His grace spoke encouraging words about the wisdom and experience that come with age and the importance of respecting and valuing our elderly population. He emphasized the need for society to provide proper care and support for senior citizens, ensuring their well-being and dignity.



Superior of the House, Sr. Jecinta, emphasized the role of family and community in creating a nurturing environment for the elderly, encouraging active participation and making them feel valued. The celebration continued with cultural performances by the staff and working women, showcasing their talents and the vibrant spirit within them. The event was a testament to the power of intergenerational connections, as young people interacted with the elderly, creating lasting memories. The day ended by supporting and cherishing the elderly, ensuring their well-being and happiness in the years to come.



WELCOMING THE STRANGER

1 1891
Rerum Novarum

Rights must be religiously respected wherever they exist, and it is the duty of the public authority to prevent and to punish injury, and to protect every one in the possession of his own.

Still, when there is question of defending the rights of individuals, the poor and badly off have a claim to special consideration.

2013 **2**
Evangelii Gaudium

Each individual Christian and every community is called to be an instrument of God for the liberation and promotion of the poor, and for enabling them to be fully a part of society.

3 1963
Pacem in Terris

Of its very nature, civil authority exists, not to confine its people within the boundaries of their nation, but rather to protect, above all else, the common good of the entire human family.

1971 **10**
Justice in the World

The Church has a proper and specific responsibility which is identified with her mission of giving witness before the world of the need for love and justice contained in the Gospel message, a witness to be carried out in Church institutions themselves and in the lives of Christians.

1971 **4**
Octogesima Adveniens

Right to emigrate: We are thinking of the precarious situation of a great number of emigrant workers whose condition as foreigners makes it all the more difficult for them to make any sort of social vindication, in spite of their real participation in the economic effort of the country that receives them.

9 2023
Liberi di partire,
liberi di restare

Joint efforts are needed by individual countries and the international community to ensure that all enjoy the right not to be forced to emigrate, in other words, the chance to live in peace and with dignity in one's own country.

The right to remain is older, more deeply rooted and broader than the right to migrate.

5 2015
Laudato Si

There has been a tragic rise in the number of migrants seeking to flee from the growing poverty caused by environmental degradation. They are not recognized by international conventions as refugees; they bear the loss of the lives they have left behind, without enjoying any legal protection whatsoever.

2007 **8**
Sacramentum Caritatis

Each celebration of the Eucharist makes sacramentally present the gift that the crucified Lord made of his life, for us and for the whole world.

In the Eucharist Jesus also makes us witnesses of God's compassion towards all our brothers and sisters. The Eucharistic mystery thus gives rise to a service of charity towards neighbor

7 2005
Deus Caritas Est

Charity workers need a "formation of the heart": they need to be led to that encounter with God in Christ which awakens their love and opens their spirits to others.

1987 **6**
Sollicitudo Rei Socialis

Solidarity... is not a feeling of vague compassion or shallow distress at the misfortunes of so many people, both near and far.

On the contrary, it is a firm and persevering determination to commit oneself to the common good; that is to say, to the good of all and of each individual, because we are all really responsible for all.





