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Provincial's Message

Dear Bishops, Fathers, and Brothers,

The celebration of the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel draw us into a profound moment of spiritual reflection and renewal. This annual celebration is not merely a tradition but a sacred opportunity for prayer, contemplation, and contented community experiences.

Mountains have always symbolized a sacred journey towards encounter with the Divine. Mount Carmel, with its serene heights and lush beauty, invites us to begin our own spiritual ascent. It calls us to rise above the noise of our daily lives and seek communion with God, deepening our faith and renewing our commitment to His divine plan.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel, a beacon of faith, hope, and love, exemplifies the virtues we strive to embody. Her life teaches us to commit our actions to the Lord, trusting in His guidance and grace. This feast reminds us of Proverbs 16:3, encouraging us to dedicate all our efforts to God, knowing He will establish and bless our paths.

Today, as we face significant challenges like environmental degradation, our congregation remains committed to stewardship of God's creation. Let us integrate environmental care into our celebrations, reflecting the beauty and serenity of Mount Carmel in our actions. By doing so, we honour the Creator and demonstrate our

commitment to preserving His gifts for future generations.

The spiritual ascent represented by Mount Carmel challenges us to elevate our thoughts and actions. Let us emulate

Mother Mary's virtues of transformation, contemplation, and unwavering courage. May her example inspire us to see opportunities in challenges and to say "yes" to God's will with boldness and humility.

As we commemorate this Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, may her message of faith, hope, and love resonate deeply within us. Let us strive to glorify God in all that we do, seeking His presence in every moment and endeavouring to live lives of devotion and service. In the spirit of unity and faith, let us commit our plans and actions to the Lord, trusting that He will guide us and bless our endeavours abundantly.

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Fr. Binoy Elavunkal CMI
Provincial



CANONICAL VISIT OF FR. PROVINCIAL ; GERMANY

Fr. Provincial made his canonical visitation to the members of the province, engaged in pastoral ministry in Germany. During his visit, he attended the annual European CMI gathering and renewal program held in Köln. A highlight of his visit was the solemn Eucharistic celebration on July 9th at Köln Cathedral, marking the 10th anniversary of the canonization of Saint Chavara, our founder. This significant celebration was presided over by Cardinal Woelki of the Köln Archdiocese.



MANAGER-PRINCIPAL'S MEET: EMBRACING AI IN EDUCATION

The Department of Education and Media Communication organized a meeting for the managers and principals of CMI Schools on June 17, 2024, at St. Xavier's School, Rajkot. The session featured a workshop on "Artificial Intelligence in Education" facilitated by Mr. Willibrord George, an educationist and trainer from Mumbai. Approximately 25 managers and principals participated in the workshop and attended the general meeting in the afternoon, exploring innovative ways to enhance the education mission of the province.



PROMOTING GREEN EARTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION: CLEAN CAMPUS AWARD



First Place:
Saint Paul's School, Rajkot,



Second Place:
St. Xavier's School, Jamkhambhalia

To promote awareness of "Green Earth" and the "Protection of Environment" on our campuses, the Department of Education introduced the "Clean Campus Award" for the academic year 2023-24. The schools securing the awards for this year are: First Place: Saint Paul's School, Rajkot, Second Place: St. Xavier's School, Jamkhambhalia, Third Place: St. Hilary School, Dhrangadhra, and St. Mother Teresa School, Jamjodhpur. These schools have demonstrated outstanding efforts in maintaining clean and eco-friendly campuses, setting a commendable example for others.



Third Place :
St. Hilary School, Dhrangadhra



Third Place :
St. Mother Teresa School, Jamjodhpur

SCHOLASTICS GATHERING

The annual get-together of the scholastics of our province was held at the provincial house from May 7 to 9, 2024.





Scholastics in various stages of their formation gathered to spend quality time together during their vacation. The event included a day of input sessions at the provincial house, followed by visits to some of our mission stations and picnic spots in the Kutch District. This gathering provided a valuable opportunity for learning, fellowship, and experiencing the broader mission of our province.

FR. MANU CHERUMUTTATHUPADI'S ACADEMIC TRIUMPH

Fr. Manu Cherumuttathupadi has successfully completed his Doctorate on "Culture of Encounter as an Expression of Living Martyrdom: Proposed Pastoral Imperatives for the Persecuted Christians in India" from the University of Santo Tomas in the Philippines. The St. Xavier's family extends hearty congratulations on his remarkable achievement and wishes him God's blessings for his new assignments as Parish Priest of Sacred Heart Church and Vice Principal of St. Xavier's School, Jamnagar.



NEW MEMBERS JOIN PROVINCIAL HOUSE COMMUNITY

The Provincial House community is enthused by the arrival Frs. Johnson Parayil, Davis Manjaly, and Shobin Mankudiyl. Fr. Johnson has taken on his new responsibility as the Prefect of the Provincial House, effective from May 25. Fr. Shobin has been appointed as the Rector of the second-year aspirants at the Provincial House campus and will also serve as the Secretary to Fr. Provincial. Fr. Davis Manjaly joins as a member of the Provincial House and the Spiritual Director of

We extend our best wishes to them as they begin their new roles.



PASTORAL PASSION

Fr. George Muttathottil CMI has commenced his service to the migrant Syro-Malabar community at St. Joseph Church in Venkattapuram, Secunderabad, within the Shamshabad Diocese. He began his role as Vicar on May 19, 2024, at the request of Mar Joseph Kollamparambil, Administrator of the Eparchy of Shamshabad. Best wishes to Fr. George as he embarks on his ministry at this new location.



THE PENNED REFLECTIONS

Fr. Thomas Kolamkuzhiyil has beautifully articulated his reflective thoughts in his new book, "Kanyile Kalyanakurikal." Congratulations, Fr. Thomas! We wish you immense success and hope your inspiring work makes a widespread impact.



TOWARDS NEW PASTURES:

FR. JOSEPH KATTAKAYAM'S PASTORAL JOURNEY

Fr. Joseph Kattakayam, who has served as Principal in various schools including St. Mary's Gondal, St. Xavier's Jamnagar, St. Xavier's Adipur,

and St. Xavier's Shinai, and who won the hearts of the people in Jamnagar through his short time pastoral services, has now made his voyage to the USA for new pastures. Fr. Joseph is assigned to hospital ministry in the ascension St. Thomas Health System and pastoral assistance at the Cathedral of Incarnation in the Diocese of Nashville. We wish him great success and fulfilment in his new role.



TOWARDS SEEKING HIGHER KNOWLEDGE

Fr. Jinto Indikuzha, who has dutifully served as the Prefect of Provincial House over the past three years, has relocated to Bengaluru to pursue studies in Formative Spirituality. He has enrolled in the LTh/MA program in Formative Spirituality and Counselling at Dharmaram Vidya Kshetram.



Fr. Rijin Kurialapuzha, after his tenure as the Rector of Aspirants for the past year, has moved to the northeastern region to pursue B.Ed. studies at Bosco B.Ed. College, Dimapur in Nagaland. He also aims to explore opportunities

for vocation promotion in this new environment.

Fr. Sijo Kottarathil will be commencing a renewal program at Rishivana, an institute of OCD fathers in Mangalore, by the end of this month.



The province extends heartfelt prayers and blessings to these Fathers as they begin their educational pursuits, wishing them success and fulfilment in their endeavours.

VOCATION CAMP AT ALUVA

A Vocation Camp for the year 2024-25 was held from April 10-12, 2024, at St. Xavier's Rajkot Bhavan in Aluva, under the initiatives of Fr. Mathews Vallomkunel CMI and Fr. Siju Padayattil CMI. The camp was inaugurated by Rev. Fr. Martin Mallathu CMI, General Councillor for Education and Media Communication. He delivered an inspiring address emphasizing the importance of religious and priestly life in today's world and encouraged the attendees to join the CMI congregation in the province of Rajkot.



Throughout the camp, Fr. Thomas Kolamkuzhiyil CMI and Fr. Pradeeksh Palliyan CMI, along with a group of dedicated Scholastics, provided vital support. They helped the attendees understand the life and mission of the CMI congregation in the province of Rajkot. The camp included spiritual reflections, group discussions, and interactive workshops fostering a sense of community and commitment among the participants. It also featured sessions on the history and legacy of the CMI congregation, highlighting the contributions of its members to education, social justice, and pastoral care. This allowed attendees to deepen their understanding of the Congregation's mission and values.



Overall, the Vocation Camp at Aluva was a resounding success, leaving the attendees feeling inspired and motivated to pursue their calling within the CMI congregation, with four of them deciding to join. The province extends hearty congratulations and compliments to Fr. Mathews Vallomkunel CMI, Fr. Siju Padayattil CMI, the Fathers, and the Scholastics for their dedication and efforts in organizing this camp, enlightening and enriching all who attended.

BROTHERS PURSUE COLLEGE STUDIES AT ST. XAVIER'S COLLEGE, AHMEDABAD

Bro. Jibin Manjalil



Bro. Abi Therakamnilkunnathil

Following the successful completion of their Philosophical studies, two of our scholastics Bro. Abi Therakamnilkunnathil and Bro. Jibin Manjalil, have enrolled at St. Xavier's College, Ahmedabad, to pursue their undergraduate studies. They are currently residing at Premal Jyoti, Jesuit Provincial House, with other Jesuit scholastics. Bro. Ajil Kappalumackal has already started his Regency at Prakashita Gurukul, Gondal. St. Xavier's Province extends best wishes to these brothers for fruitful and enriching learning years ahead.



Floral welcome to Br. Ajil at Prakashita Gurukul

PRAKASHITA GURUKUL WELCOMES NEW ASPIRANTS FROM ODISHA AND KERALA

Prakashita Gurukul in Gondal welcomed thirteen candidates from various dioceses in Odisha and four candidates from Kerala on June 23, 2024. This marks the beginning of their journey at the first-year aspirants' House. Special appreciation is extended to Fr. George Urulianickal, Fr. Mathews Vallomkunnel, Fr. Siju Padayattil, Fr. Johnson Parayil, Fr. Pradeeksh Palliyan, and the Scholastics for their dedication and efforts in fostering vocations within the province.

ST XAVIER'S ASPIRANTS HOUSE, RAJKOT

Aspirants with Fr. Shobin Mankudiyil, Rector

Eleven of our aspirants at St. Xavier's Aspirants House in Rajkot have enrolled in the CBSE Curriculum at Christ School, Rajkot, for their Plus1 studies. In a unique arrangement, classes are being conducted within the seminary premises, ensuring a focused and conducive learning environment tailored for our seminarians. To facilitate this exceptional learning experience, experienced external teachers have been arranged to conduct the classes. Seminarians will attend the school for exams and other required activities, enriching their educational journey. The province extends best wishes to these aspirants for their academic success and excellence in their studies.



Aspirants Ready for School

ALUVA**TRANSITIONS AT ST. XAVIER'S RAJKOT BHAVAN**

The transition of directorship took place at St. Xavier's Rajkot Bhavan, Aluva, on July 11, 2024. Fr. George Elavunkal, the newly appointed Prefect, gracefully assumed his responsibilities from Fr. Mathews Vallomkunnel. The event was graced by the presence of Fr. Tomy Ekkan, Councillor for Finance. Fr. George takes on his new role with a heart full of enthusiasm and his leadership is anticipated to bring renewed energy and vision to St. Xavier's Rajkot Bhavan, reinforcing positivity, care, and hospitality in the house.



Adding to this momentous occasion, Fr. Sunny Vettikuzhichalil, the newly designated Vocation Promoter, is poised to undertake his duties shortly. Since Fr. Sunny is appointed with a responsibility that draws serious concern of the province, he is expected to play a pivotal role in nurturing vocations and securing the future of the province.

We extend our heartfelt best wishes and prayers to these devoted Fathers as they commit themselves to their new missions. May their journey be blessed with wisdom, strength, and the unwavering support of our community, as they lead us towards a future filled with promise and hope.

ANJAR**BLESSING OF RENOVATED DISPENSARY AT CHAVARA BHAVAN**

Chavara Bhavan in Anjar witnessed a momentous occasion on June 25, 2024, with the blessing of the newly renovated old dispensary,

providing a comfortable and dignified stay for all the domestic staff on campus. The upgraded facility is expected to greatly benefit the domestic staff, ensuring they have a comfortable and supportive environment in which to live and work.



Presided over by Fr. Jose Mangalamkunnel, the Vicar Provincial, the ceremony was a fitting tribute to our concerted efforts for the wellbeing of the staff.

SHINAI**NEW DIRECTOR ASSUMES CHARGE AT ST. XAVIER'S CAMPUS**

On April 16th, Fr. Varghese assumed the role of Director at St. Xavier's Campus, Shinai, in the presence of Fr. Tomy Ekkan and Fr. Jose Mangalamkunnel. The community at Shinai fondly remembers the meritorious service of outgoing Director Fr. Binesh, who also served as Priest in charge of Bhaktidham Semi Parish. We extend best wishes to Fr. Varghese the new director of the centre.

**GANDHIDHAM****MONTHLY INITIATIVES OF ST. XAVIER'S CARE & SUPPORT CENTRE**

St. Xavier's Care & Support Centre in Gandhidham organized a Monthly Ration Distribution and notebook distribution for school-

going students of HIV-affected patients in and around Gandhidham on June 4th and July 4th, 2024.



JAMJODHPUR

MOTHER TERESA SCHOOL

Mother Teresa School, Jamjodhpur celebrates academic achievements and upgrades as the students of Mother Teresa School attained remarkable results in the recent SSC examinations for the year 2023-24, showcasing their diligent efforts and commitment to academic excellence.

FACELIFT TO THE KINDERGARTEN SECTION

The kindergarten section at Mother Teresa School has undergone significant renovations, transforming classrooms with vibrant paintings that create an enriching environment for young learners. These enhancements aim to nurture creativity and foster enthusiasm among the students.



SAFETY ON WHEELS

Responding to persistent requests from parents, Mother Teresa School has launched a school bus service to nearby villages. This initiative ensures safe and convenient transportation for students, providing peace of mind to parents regarding their children's commute.



MUNDRA

ST. XAVIER'S PUBLIC SCHOOL- A NEW EDUCATIONAL VENTURE



The province has initiated new venture at Mundra with the opening of St. Xavier's Public School. The inauguration ceremony was held on June 3rd, by welcoming its inaugural batch of students and marking a significant milestone in the educational landscape of the region. The event was graced by the esteemed presence of Rachanaben Joshi, Chairperson of the Mundra Municipality, who attended as the Chief Guest. The ceremony symbolized the beginning of the academic year for St. Xavier's Public School, a proposed CBSE institution located within the premises of St. Xavier's School, Mundra. Initially catering up to grade 6, the school aims to expand its offerings in the future.

The province immensely thank and congratulate the efforts and timely articulation of plans by Rev. Fr. James Katteth and Fr. Jino Valiyaparambil. Congratulations dear Fathers.



INSTALLATION OF NAVAL NCC WITH COSTAL AREA BENEFITS

St. Xavier's School, Mundra, has initiated its Naval NCC wing, marking a significant step towards fostering discipline and leadership among its students. Recently, the school participated in a Combined Annual Training Camp (CATC) organized by the 5 Naval Guj. NCC Unit-Bhuj. Held at Rudramata Police Training Camp from June 15 to June 24, 2024, this camp saw enthusiastic participation from 11 students accompanied by their Chief Training Officer (CTO).



During the CATC, students engaged in a variety of activities aimed at enhancing their discipline and overall personality development. They received valuable guidance from experienced officers on preparing for competitive exams such as UPSC and GPSC, further enriching their educational journey.

JAMNAGAR

ST. XAVIER'S SCHOOL

SUMMER CAMP ENHANCES STUDENTS' EXPERIENCE

St. Xavier's School, Jamnagar organised a successful summer camp for students from KG to Standard 8th, from April 20th to May 10th, 2024. Approximately 300 students enthusiastically participated in a wide range of activities and events, transforming their summer break into a memorable and enriching experience.



The camp offered students a vibrant platform to explore fun and creative activities, fostering personal growth and camaraderie among peers. It provided an invaluable opportunity for students to develop new skills, discover interests, and build lasting friendships in a supportive environment. Parents and the school community praised the summer camp for its positive impact on students, emphasizing its role in holistic education and character development outside of traditional academics.

EMPOWERING EDUCATORS

St. Xavier's School, Jamnagar conducted a two-day staff orientation programme from June 11th to 12th. The orientation was facilitated by Mrs. Anitha Noronha, a distinguished faculty member from Navrachana Higher Secondary School, Sama, Baroda. The programme aimed to prepare staff members for the upcoming academic year with enhanced skills and confidence. The programme aimed to equip staff members with the necessary skills and knowledge to tackle the new academic year with confidence. The orientation covered various topics, including curriculum updates, teaching methodologies, and student assessment strategies, effective communication skills, Stress Management, and critical and creative thinking.



ENTHUSED TO BEGIN THE NEW ACADEMIC YEAR

St. Xavier's School, Jamnagar, joyously inaugurated the new academic year 2024-25 with a grand welcome ceremony. The primary and high school sections commenced their journey on June 13th, 2024, followed by the KG section on June 18th, 2024. The school community came together to extend a warm welcome to both returning and new students, marking the beginning of an exciting educational adventure.



GRAND PRAVESH UTSAV CELEBRATES NEW BEGINNINGS

On June 28th, 2024, St. Xavier's School hosted the Grand Pravesh Utsav to welcome new students entering UKG and Standard 9th. The ceremony was honoured by the esteemed presence of Mr. Shubambhai Rupani, RTO Jamnagar, as the Chief Guest, and Mr. Mehulbhai Bhimani, CRC Coordinator, Jamnagar. The event was filled with cultural performances, inspiring speeches, and the felicitation of students, creating cherished memories for everyone involved. These celebrations not only set the tone for the new academic year but also highlighted the school's commitment to fostering a supportive and enriching learning environment for all students.



ST. FRANCIS SCHOOL EQUIPPING THE STAFF-SEMINAR ON NEP 2020

A comprehensive seminar on the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 was conducted for the staff of St. Francis School, Jamnagar on June 08, 2024. The session was led by Fr. Saji Mathew CMI, the principal of the school. This seminar aimed to enhance the staff's understanding and preparedness for the implementation of NEP 2020 at the school level.



The seminar provided the teachers with a detailed vision and comprehensive understanding of the NEP. The seminar focused on the policy's key aspects, such as curricular reforms, emphasis on holistic education, and the integration of technology in the classroom. Through this session, the teachers were equipped with the necessary knowledge and tools to effectively adapt to and implement the policy in their teaching practices. Fr. Saji Mathew highlighted how the NEP 2020 aims to transform India's education system by promoting critical thinking, creativity, and lifelong learning.



ENHANCING EDUCATORS

St. Francis School, Jamnagar organized a Faculty Development Program on the 9th and 10th of June for its staff members. The program aimed at equipping teachers with innovative skills and strategies to enhance the teaching and learning experience within the school.



The sessions were led by the esteemed Mr. Dixon Ronald Samuel, an expert in educational training and development. His engaging and insightful presentations covered a range of vital topics, including the importance of continuous training, the distinguishing practices of successful

teachers, effective teamwork, classroom management, and the necessity of professionalism in education. Mr. Samuel emphasized the significance of ongoing professional development for teachers, highlighting how it directly impacts the quality of education students receive. Mr. Samuel underscored that maintaining a high standard of professionalism not only benefits the teachers themselves but also sets a positive example for students.



KINDERGARTEN TEACHER TRAINING

An enriching half-day training session for the kindergarten teachers was held on June 15, 2024. The session, conducted by Mr. Santhosh and his expert team from Bangalore, focused on equipping teachers with innovative and multifaceted methods to engage young students in their foundational years.

The training emphasized the importance of creating an engaging and stimulating learning environment for kindergarten students. Mr. Santhosh and his team introduced a variety of techniques designed to capture the attention and interest of young learners. These included interactive activities, creative teaching aids, and strategies for fostering a love of learning from an early age.



ST. FRANCIS SCHOOL COMMENCES NEW ACADEMIC YEAR WITH PRAYER SERVICES

As we embark on a new academic year, St. Francis School sought the divine blessings of God for their teachers, students, and parents through prayer services held on various dates. The kindergarten prayer service took place on June 20th, followed by the Primary section on June 21st, and culminated with the High School prayer service on June 24th. These services were poignant reminders of the strength and unity we derive from our shared values, creating a supportive and enriching educational journey for all members of our community.



TOWARDS HEALTH AND WELL BEING.

The celebration of International Yoga Day at St. Francis School on June 21 served as a reminder of the importance of maintaining a healthy lifestyle and achieving overall well-being. This event emphasized the holistic benefits of yoga, promoting physical fitness, mental clarity, and emotional balance among students and staff.



Highlighting the event, our NCC cadets showcased their commitment to health and discipline by participating in a special yoga camp held at INS Valsura.

A total of 22 dedicated cadets from our school took part in the camp, engaging in various yoga practices and learning about the profound impact of yoga on their physical and mental health. St. Francis School's observance of International Yoga Day underscores our commitment to nurturing well-rounded individuals who value and practice a balanced and healthy lifestyle. This celebration marks another step towards promoting overall well-being within our school community.

ENGAGING PARENTS' ORIENTATION

St. Francis School recently conducted a series of Parents' Orientation sessions for various classes, aimed at reinforcing the vital partnership between parents and teachers, which is fundamental to student success. Held on different days for each class, these sessions were designed to foster cooperation and mutual understanding, ensuring a cohesive support system for our students' educational journey.



During the orientation, vibrant discussions covered a range of important topics, including effective home study practices, the critical role of parental attention, and strategies for maintaining student discipline. These interactive sessions provided valuable insights and practical advice, empowering parents to play an active and supportive role in their children's academic lives.

ANTI-DRUG AWARENESS RALLY



On June 26th, in observance of Anti-Drug Day, St. Francis School organized an impactful awareness rally to highlight the dangers of drug abuse among the younger generation. Spearheaded by the Eco Club and NCC, this rally served as a powerful reminder of the harmful effects of drug abuse, aiming to educate and empower our students.

The event saw enthusiastic participation from students, who marched through the streets, carrying banners and chanting slogans to spread the message of a drug-free life. Their efforts underscored the severe consequences of drug abuse, reinforcing the importance of making healthy, informed choices.

St. Francis School remains steadfast in its mission to educate and protect its students, ensuring they are well-informed about the dangers of drug abuse and equipped to make positive life choices. This Anti-Drug Awareness Rally marks a significant step in our ongoing efforts to foster a drug-free environment for all.

ST. FRANCIS SCHOOL EXCELS IN INDIAN TALENT OLYMPIAD 2023-24



St. Francis School has once again demonstrated its commitment to academic excellence by achieving stellar results in the prestigious Indian Talent Olympiad 2023-24. This year, an impressive 70 students were awarded Certificates of Merit, reflecting their dedication and hard work. Among the standout performers, Panchmatiya Dhanvi of Class 3 emerged as the English topper, showcasing exceptional linguistic prowess. Jerome Domnic excelled in Mathematics, while Kumari Navya not only topped her class in science but also received a distinguished Certificate of Excellence for her outstanding performance.

In Class 4, Bharadwaj Ramya was honoured with an Excellence Award in Mathematics, and Kazi Mohammadanas achieved the distinction of being the class topper in Mathematics.

The remarkable achievements of the students were matched by the exemplary contributions of the teaching staff. Rita Masani was recognized for her innovative academic initiatives, while Parul Parmar was celebrated as the Most Inspiring Teacher, inspiring students to strive for excellence. Sheena George received the coveted Best Teacher Award. Adding to these individual accolades, St. Francis School was bestowed with the prestigious Golden School at National Level 2023-24 Award, underscoring the institution's unwavering commitment to fostering academic brilliance on a national scale.

MR. RAJESH DUTTA HONOURED FOR EXCEPTIONAL PERFORMANCE CEECT



In a remarkable achievement, Mr. Rajesh Dutta has been awarded a special certificate of appreciation by the Centre for Communicative English Excellence Certification for teachers (CEECE). This prestigious recognition highlights his impressive and extraordinary performance

in Lexile growth, underscoring his profound commitment to excellence in communicative English. In receiving this accolade, Mr. Dutta has exemplified what it means to go the extra mile. His success story serves as an inspiration to others, encouraging them to strive for excellence and to recognize the value of perseverance in achieving their goals.

LEADERSHIP ACKNOWLEDGED; RESPONSIBILITIES ENDOWED

The Investiture Ceremony for the academic year 2024-25 was held on July 13th with great enthusiasm. During this significant event, prefects, vice prefects, captains, vice captains, and class monitors were vested with their badges

and responsibilities. The ceremony was graced by the presence of the chief guest, S.P Zala the Police Inspector.



In his inspiring address, he emphasized the importance of boldness and sincerity in leadership. He urged the newly appointed leaders to aspire to be assets to the nation through their dedication and hard work.



The newly vested leaders pledged to uphold their duties with integrity and to lead by example, fostering a culture of excellence and responsibility within the school community. The event concluded with a renewed sense of purpose and commitment among the student body, setting the tone for a successful and productive academic year ahead.

RAJKOT

SAINT PAUL'S SCHOOL SPAN MEET- CELEBRATING LEGACY, FORGING CONNECTIONS

Saint Paul's School, Rajkot is proud of its Alumni who are making remarkable contributions in various fields and continually giving back to the society. The school relates to the former students through its Alumni Forum- SPAN (Saint Paul's Alumni Network).



The much-anticipated SPAN MEET 2024-25 was held on 17th June, 2024 bringing together more than three hundred ex-students, teachers, and current students for a day filled with nostalgia, joy and camaraderie. The beautifully decorated venue buzzed with excitement as the alumni reconnected with their batch mates and teachers. Special message board and memory walls were created for the event.



The event commenced with a warm welcome from Rushali Sagala, a former student and professional emcee. This was followed by a soulful prayer song performed by the school choir. Rev. Fr. James, Principal, delivered an inspiring speech on the occasion highlighting the school's achievements over the years and the importance of alumni contributions to the school and society. The current students showcased their talent through a vibrant dance performance. Thereafter, the alumni shared their experiences and success stories. Each speaker expressed gratitude for the solid foundation laid by the school and reminisced about their school days. Former and current teachers shared poignant reflections on the evolution of the school and the lasting impressions left by various batches of students. The stage was then taken over by a group of musically gifted alumni who performed a medley of songs.



The formal programme was followed by interactive sessions where the alumni mingled with the current students and teachers sharing

experiences, offering suggestions and forging new connections. The SPAN MEET was a resounding success, celebrating the legacy of the school, the achievements of its alumni and the reaffirmation of lifelong bonds!

PRAYER SERVICE- PRAYING TOGETHER, GROWING TOGETHER

For an auspicious beginning to the Academic Year 2024-25, prayer services led by the students and teachers of Grades 5, 7 and 11 were held at Saint Paul's School, Rajkot in the month of June 2024. Rev. Fr. James, Principal, the students and teachers sought blessings of the Almighty in the journey ahead with grateful hearts. The school hall reverberated with the divine notes of prayer songs from the holy scriptures and devotional dances presented by the students. The SPS (Saint Paul's School) core values were reiterated on the occasion and a slideshow on the important milestones of the school was presented to commemorate the silver jubilee year of the school.



INVESTITURE CEREMONY- EMPOWERING THE FUTURE LEADERS

The Prefectorial Council of Saint Paul's School, Rajkot is a platform for young leaders to contribute to the discipline of the school and share their ideas for the progress of the school. Elections were held for the positions of Junior Prefect and Vice Prefect wherein the students of Grades 6 to 8 cast their votes to select their favourite candidates! The Senior Prefect, Vice Prefect, House Captains and Vice House Captains were selected from Grades 9 to 12 after rigorous rounds of interviews by the Selection Committee comprising of the teachers and the Principal.

Both the Senior and Junior Prefectorial Council members were officially vested with their duties



and responsibilities and conferred their badges during special Investiture Ceremonies held on 2nd and 3rd July, 2024. Ms. Kabita Agrawal, Principal Director-Mount Litera Zee School, Jamshedpur, Chartered Accountant and QCI NABET Assessor for School Accreditation, was the Chief Guest during the Investiture Ceremony held on 2nd July, 2024. She motivated the young leaders to develop qualities of collaboration and integrity and uphold the culture and traditions of the school.



Rev. Fr. James, Principal, administered the oath to the young leaders who pledged to work for the betterment of the school and take it to greater heights.

YOGA DAY-UNITING BODY AND MIND, BREATHING LIFE INTO WELLNESS



'International Yoga Day' is celebrated at Saint Paul's School, Rajkot every year to keep the students connected with the ancient Indian disciplines and inculcate healthy practices among them from an early age. On the occasion of 'International Yoga Day 2024', the students enthusiastically performed various yogasanas like vrikshasana, tadasana, padmasana followed by suryanamskar under the guidance of their sports teachers. The excitement of our young learners was evident as they demonstrated various yoga poses.

LEAD WORKSHOP- ENHANCING LEADERSHIP, ENTREPRENEURSHIP, AWARENESS AND DIPLOMACY

Saint Paul's School, Rajkot conducted a unique Public Speaking and 21st Century Skill Development Workshop for the students of Grade 5 in association with SkillSphere Education, a pan Asia organization.



The three-day workshop, which was held from 1st to 3rd July, 2024, provided opportunities to the students to hone their critical, lateral and creative thinking skills besides bringing to the fore their communication and entrepreneurship skills through activities like- My Other Living Avatar, The Sheep and the Puzzle, Entrepreneurship and Clay, Thinking Between the Gaps and Reels for a Cause. The Global Changemakers Sessions had the students role play as young delegates in engaging Junior MUN simulation scenarios. The students discussed national and global issues and developed solutions for the same using the renowned 3D Learning Model by Skill Sphere.

MISSION FINLAND- LESSONS FROM THE FINNISH EDUCATION MODEL

Ms. Ekta Vaishnav and Ms. Gayatri Moras from Saint Paul's School, Rajkot participated in an 'Innovation Camp for School Leaders and Educators' conducted by the Finnish Global Education Solutions (FGES) and TLC (Teachers Learners Confluence, Bangalore) from 2nd to 7th May 2024 at Turku and Helsinki, Finland. As part of the Learning Mission, they got the opportunity to learn about the Finnish curriculum, pedagogy, educational reforms and skill sets required for teachers from the faculty members of the Teachers' Training University at Turku.



During the camp, they also visited a Day-care Centre and Primary, Secondary and Vocational Schools in Finland, exploring the renowned 'Finnish Phenomena in Education'. The exposure visit provided the teachers a global perspective on education and an insight into the best practices of the Finnish Education Model, which they will carry forward in the school.

SEMINAR ON 'MASTERING EFFECTIVE LEARNING STRATEGIES' - UNLOCKING THE LEARNING POTENTIAL!



An interactive seminar on 'Mastering Effective Learning Strategies' was conducted at Saint Paul's School, Rajkot by eminent educationist Ms. Kabita Agrawal for the students of Middle School in the month of July 2024. Various effective learning techniques like acrostics, brainstorming, thought patterns and graphic organizers were discussed with the students during the session.

ORIENTATION PROGRAMMES FOR PARENTS- BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS



Saint Paul's School, believes in working in tandem with the parents as partners in the progress of the children. Therefore, the school organized a series of Orientation Programmes in the months of June and July 2024 for the parents of Nursery to Grade 12. The parents were briefed about the policies, rules and regulations of the school by the respective Class Teachers and Co-ordinators. They also gave an overview of the NEP, curriculum, teaching methodologies, assessment schedules, co-scholastic activities and new initiatives of the school to the parents.

OUTREACH PROGRAMME-WE CARE, WE SHARE!

The students of Saint Paul's School, Rajkot spent quality time with slum children on 3rd July, 2024 as part of their community outreach programme. The programme was specially designed with the noble intention of bringing joy, excitement and a bit of sunshine in the lives of these children!



The children were escorted via the school bus for a fun-filled schooling experience that awaited them at the school! After reaching the school, they enjoyed participating in thrilling sports and obstacle training activities conducted by the students and teachers. This was followed by a photo session capturing the bright smiles of the children and serving of refreshments to energize the young guests! The programme instilled a sense of hope and joy in the hearts of these young minds and brought feelings of happiness and gratitude to all those who participated.

FIELD TRIPS AND EDUCATIONAL VISITS- LEARNING THROUGH EXPLORATION

Field trips and educational visits were undertaken at Saint Paul's School, Rajkot in the months of April, June and July 2024 to provide hands on learning experience to the students.



The students of Grades 11 and 12 Science were taken on a Campus tour of the VVP Engineering College where they learned about the scope of various engineering courses. The students of Grade 12 Science also visited the pharmaceutical company-Remember India Health Links Pvt. Ltd. where they witnessed the manufacturing process of medicines.

The students of Grade 10 visited the Rajkot Municipal Corporation Sewage Treatment Plant and closely observed the process of treating sewage water which can be later used for irrigation purposes.



The students of Grade 9 visited Aushadhi Wellness Pvt. Ltd., a company that manufactures Ayurvedic products. As a result of this visit, the students got a better insight into the ancient Indian medicinal system of Ayurveda, its benefits and the process involved in the manufacturing of Ayurvedic products.

SAINT MARY'S SCHOOL ELEVATING EDUCATORS

Saint Mary's School continues to prioritize professional development as a cornerstone of its educational philosophy, ensuring that educators remain at the forefront of educational innovation. Justifying the same, the school launched the academic year 2024-25 with a robust two-day teacher training programme on June 11th and 12th, 2024. The programme aimed at enhancing instructional skills and pedagogical techniques among educators, emphasizing the integration of technology, innovative teaching strategies, and

the creation of an inclusive learning environment.

Led by seasoned educator Mr. Dixon Samuel, the sessions were interactive and enriching, providing valuable insights and practical knowledge to the teaching staff. This initiative not only focused on improving teaching efficacy but also aimed to uphold the school's commitment to delivering the highest quality education to its students.



ROOTED IN FAITH AND PRAYER

Saint Mary's School, Rajkot, commenced the academic year 2024-25 with a solemn prayer service held on June 13, 2024. Students, teachers, and staff congregated to seek blessings and guidance from the Almighty for a successful and enriching year ahead.



The prayer service featured readings, hymns, and reflective moments, fostering a sense of unity and purpose within the school community. It was a meaningful start, emphasizing spiritual growth and collective unity as everyone embarked on the new academic journey together. The event underscored Saint Mary's School's commitment to nurturing not only academic excellence but also spiritual and moral development among its students, creating a supportive environment conducive to holistic education.



CELEBRATING HEALTH- INTERNATIONAL YOGA DAY

St. Mary's School, Rajkot, enthusiastically joined the nation in celebrating International Yoga Day on June 21st. A significant number of staff and students participated in an early morning yoga session held at 6:30 AM. The event aimed to promote physical and mental well-being through the practice of yoga. Students showcased their dedication and enthusiasm by demonstrating various yoga postures and techniques during the session. The participation highlighted the school's commitment to fostering a healthy lifestyle and promoting the benefits of yoga among its community. The event not only encouraged physical fitness but also emphasized the importance of mindfulness and holistic well-being, reflecting St. Mary's School's holistic approach to education.



ST. MARY'S RAJKOT WELCOMES NEW VICE PRINCIPAL

In a heartwarming ceremony held on Saturday, June 29th, Fr. Binesh Thenamkuzhiyil, the newly appointed Vice Principal of St. Mary's, Rajkot, was accorded a grand welcome during the Primary Section's prayer service. Fr. Binesh, known for his dedication and compassionate approach, is seen as a beacon of hope and a promise of continued excellence for the institution.



As Fr. Binesh assumes this office, the St. Mary's family stands united in support, confident that his leadership will inspire and guide the school towards greater achievements. With collective prayers and best wishes, St. Mary's Rajkot looks forward to a future filled with blessings and success under Fr. Binesh's vice principalship.

TAILORING PARENTAL COOPERATION

St. Mary's School, Rajkot, began the academic year with a series of informative Parent Orientation Programmes tailored by experienced faculty members. These sessions were designed to familiarize both students and parents with the school's new learning environment, policies, procedures, and expectations, ensuring a smooth transition into the academic year.



Each orientation programme provided comprehensive details, including the academic calendar featuring terminal exams, unit tests, and marking systems, as well as insights into extracurricular activities, the code of conduct, disciplinary measures, examination paper styles, career guidance, and upcoming entrance exams for higher secondary education. The sessions concluded with interactive question-answer rounds, addressing parents' queries, and soliciting their support for their children's educational journey. St. Mary's School reaffirmed its commitment to fostering a collaborative partnership between parents and educators, aiming to nurture the holistic development and academic success of every student.



STUDENT'S COUNCIL INSTALLED- TOPPERS FELICITATED

The St. Mary's School community gathered with enthusiasm on Saturday, July 13th, 2024, to witness the Investiture Ceremony and honour the exceptional achievers of the Board Exams of 2023-24. The distinguished presence of Sree R.B. Zala, Dy.S.P. Vigilance, added prestige to the occasion as he presided over the ceremony. Highlighting the event were the heartfelt acknowledgments bestowed upon the Board Toppers and Class Toppers of the previous academic year. These outstanding individuals were presented with mementos in recognition of their remarkable academic accomplishments and dedication.



In a symbolic gesture of leadership and responsibility, the chief guest vested badges and entrusted responsibilities upon the House In charges, General Captains, House Captains, and Vice Captains. During his motivational address, the chief guest emphasized the core values of hard work, sincerity, and pursuing personal aspirations as pathways to success. His words resonated deeply, inspiring students to uphold these virtues in their academic pursuits and beyond. The Investiture Ceremony and felicitating the toppers exemplified our commitment to nurturing leadership and academic excellence among our students.



VINCHHIYA

NAV VIDHAN RURAL ENGLISH SCHOOL VIDYARAMBHAM IN VINCHHIYA



SERIES OF EVENTS ENRICH THE INVESTITURE CEREMONY

On July 6th, Nav Vidhan Rural English School hosted its annual Investiture Ceremony within the school premises. The ceremony was graced by the esteemed presence of Fr. James Kalapurackal CMI from Patiala, who honoured the occasion as our chief guest.



This year, we welcomed Mr. Able T. Abraham from Muvattupuzha as our new Principal. With extensive experience in education across North India, Mr. Abraham brings a wealth of knowledge and dedication to our school community.



During the ceremony, students observed with keen interest as badges of leadership were conferred upon House Captains, Vice Captains, and other appointed leaders, symbolizing their commitment to uphold school values and serve their peers diligently. Adding cultural vibrancy to the event, Mr. Nithin and Harshaben, a teacher couple from Kerala, mesmerized the audience with a traditional CHENDA dance performance, highlighting the rich diversity and talents within our school.



NEWS BEYOND BOUNDARIES

GERMANY

In Germany, our CMI fathers are deeply committed to pastoral ministry across five dioceses, exemplifying steadfast dedication and spiritual leadership. Fr. Poulose Pottanpuzha who faithfully served the German Church for 25 years, is currently ministering in the Diocese of Muenster. He has been assigned to his third parish. Fr. Francis Akkapadickal began his service in Germany at the CMI common house in 2000. After a sabbatical and eight years in the Ecuador mission, he returned in 2020 and now serves as a hospital chaplain. Fr. Joseph Kuzhikkattu who dedicated the last 15 years of his pastoral service to the Passau Diocese, is currently overseeing his third parish assignment there. Similarly, Fr. Saju Korackal has spent 15 years in the Diocese of Augsburg, serving steadfastly in the same parish since his arrival. Fr. Jaimon commenced his pastoral ministry in the Cologne Diocese in 2010 and later transitioned to the Augsburg Diocese three years ago. Fr. George Ottalankal has faithfully served the Limburg Diocese for a decade, while Fr. Dionish is currently engaged in pastoral service in the Munich Diocese.



These Fathers embrace the challenges and opportunities of their ministry, fostering CMI fellowship through zonal gatherings, provincial meetings, and annual CMI assemblies. Their dedicated service and financial contributions significantly enrich the mission of the province reflecting their unwavering commitment to their call as the missionary priest.

MISSION IN BRAZIL: CMIS ENJOY CULTURAL RICHES BUT SERVE AMIDST CHALLENGES.



In the Diocese of Teixeira de Freitas, located in the state of Bahia, Brazil, the CMIs are actively engaged in pastoral ministry. Fr. Jose Pattathil and Fr. Binoy, of Carmel Province, Muvattupuzha, are serving in a parish alongside smaller chapel communities, ensuring uninterrupted pastoral care through daily Masses, house visits, and sacramental administrations.



Meanwhile, in the Archdiocese of Santarém, state of Pará, five CMIs are dedicated to diverse pastoral assignments. Fathers Joby and Tomy, residing together, serve different parishes. The mission also includes priests from Kochi, Bhopal, and Coimbatore, contributing to the spiritual well-being of local communities.

Despite facing challenges such as a dry season leading to low water levels in the Amazon River and soaring temperatures, the missionaries continue their ministry fervently. The vibrant month of June was marked by Festa Junina celebrations across Brazil, including in CMI's parishes, featuring traditional dances and songs honouring Saints Anthony, John the Baptist, and Peter.



Father Saju, the provincial from Coimbatore, recently visited the Brazil mission, reinforcing support and solidarity. The mission faces a critical need for priests willing to embrace the challenges of pastoral work in remote interior communities, where the absence of regular pastoral care has led younger generations towards secularism.



Reflecting on their experiences, the missionaries highlight the profound pastoral satisfaction derived from their service amidst the Amazon's natural splendour, abundant fruits, and diverse fish. They emphasize that while adapting to Portuguese may initially seem daunting, the willingness to serve and integrate into local communities supersedes language barriers.

As invitations from bishops across Brazil increase, the CMIs remain committed to their mission, striving to meet the spiritual needs of communities often neglected for decades. Their dedication underscores the essential role of pastoral care in preserving faith and community spirit in the Amazon region. Frs. Joby and Tomy extend warm greetings and love from Mission Amazon to all the members of the province.

LAWANGA SEMINARY, NAMIBIA



Fr. Taiju visiting the families of Brothers in formation

VISIT TO THAILAND – FR. JOHNSON KADAPARAMBIL AND FR. NAIJU THALIATH

In response to growing concerns over declining English proficiency and student enrolment, Catholic schools in Thailand have embarked on a study to assess underlying issues affecting education standards. Historically pivotal in education, the Church is witnessing a decline in student numbers across diocesan schools.



**Ratchaburi
Catholic Mission Center**



**With ministry of
education**

Led by Bishop John Bosco Panya and the Department of Education, the initiative aims to understand reasons behind student dropout rates. Inspired by Indian educational practices, particularly those observed in CMI institutions across Kerala, Karnataka, and Madhya Pradesh, a delegation including Mr. Joseph Francis, Fr. Johnson Kadaparambil CMI, and Fr. Naiju Thaliath CMI visited Thailand. They conducted a comprehensive study across 15 schools in the Ratchaburi diocese, engaging with government officials, parents, students, and administrators.

Their findings underscored challenges in language instruction and educational policies. They collaborated with the Thailand Bishops' Conference (TBC) Education Commission in Bangkok and international education agencies to strategize improvements. Following their study, Fr. Johnson Kadaparambil and Fr. Naiju Thaliath

submitted recommendations to enhance educational practices within the diocese.



Visitors With Love



Family members of Fr. Sijo Kottarathil



Relatives of Fr. Shijo Kotteparambil



Nephew and Niece of Fr. Joseph Karikkat



Sister and cousin of Fr. George Njavarakkattu.



Fr. Babu Mattathil CMI, the General Auditor visited province from 7 -10 June for Auditing



Fr. Tomy Chellakandathil on his vacation to Kerala and Province in July

Transfers and appointments

Fr. Johnson Parayil	Prefect	St. Xavier's Provincial House
Fr. Davis Manjali	Member	St. Xavier's Provincial House
	Spiritual Director	St. Xavier's Aspirants House, Rajkot
Fr. Shobin Mankudiyil	Rector	St. Xavier's Aspirants House, Rajkot
	Secretary to Fr. Provincial	-
Fr. Vincent Kallamby	Superior	Catholic Ashram, Gondal
	Principal	Nav-Vidhan English School, Gondal
Fr. Geroqe Muttathottil	Director	St. Joseph Church, Venkattapuram, Secunderabad
Fr. Varghese Chiraparambil	Superior	St. Xavier's CMI House
	Manager	St. Xavier's ICSE School, Shinai
	Director	St. Xavier's Care and Support Centre, Gandhidham
Fr. Binesh Thenamkuzhiyil	Vice Principal	St. Mary's School, Rajkot
Fr. Manu Cherumuttathupadi	Parish Priest	Sacred heart Church, Jamnagar
Fr. George Elavunkal	Prefect	St. Xavier's Rajkot Bhavan
	Director	Puliyanam Farm
Fr. Sunny Vettikuzhichalil	Vocation Promoter	St. Xavier's Rajkot Bhavan
	Member	
Fr. Mathews Vallomkunnel	Director	St. Hilary CMI House, Dhrangadhra
Fr. Siju Padayattil	Member	St. Xavier's Rajkot Bhavan, Lecturer at Naipunya Institute of Management
Fr. Joseph Kattakayam	Pastoral Ministry	USA
Fr. Pradeeksh Palliyan	Team Member	Vinayalaya Novitiate, Bhanpuri
Fr. Sijo Kottarathil	Studies	Rishivana, Mangalore
Fr. Jinto Indikuzha	Studies	Dharmaram Vidya Kshetram, Bengaluru
Fr. Rijin Kurialapuzha	Studies	Bosco B.Ed. College, Dimapur

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 26-28

Province Level Outing.

October 19-21

Canonical Visitation by Rev. Fr. Prior General along with congregational level renewal programme, Province Gathering and Jubilee Celebration.

SSC Board Exam Results 2024

Place	School Name	Board/ Medium	Students Appeared	Pass	Fail	School %
Anjar	St. Elizabeth	GEB Eng Med	79	79	-	100
Dayapar	St. Xavier's	GEB Eng Med	30	27	03	90
Dhrangadhra	St. Hilary	GEB Eng Med	54	54	-	100
Jamjodhpur	Mother Theresa	GEB Guj Med	74	73	01	98.64
Jamnagar	St. Xavier's	GEB Eng Med	116	116	-	100
		GEB Guj Med	39	38	01	97.44
	St. Francis	GEB Eng Med	169	166	03	98.22
		GEB Guj Med	33	32	01	97
Jamkhambalia	St. Xavier's	GEB Eng Med	63	61	02	96.82
Kuda	St. Xavier's	GEB Guj Med	16	15	01	93.33
Mundra	St. Xavier's	GEB Eng Med	143	137	06	95.80
	St. Xavier's	GEB Eng Med	131	129	02	98.47
Rajkot	St. Mary's	GEB Guj Med	33	29	02	93.94
	St. Paul's	ICSE	234	234	-	100
Shinai	St. Xavier's	ICSE	24	24	-	100
Vinchiya	Nav-Vidhan	GEB Eng Med	32	32	-	100

HSC Board Exam Results 2024

Place	School Name	Board/ Medium	Students Appeared	Pass	Fail	School %
Anjar	St. Elizabeth	GEB Eng - Commerce	28	27	01	96.42
Jamnagar	St. Xavier's	GEB Eng - Commerce	50	49	01	98.25
		GEB Eng - Science	45	40	05	88.88
	St. Francis	GEB Eng - Commerce	92	90	02	97.82
		GEB Eng - Arts	17	17	-	100
		GEB Guj - Commerce	24	22	02	91.66
Kuda	St. Xavier's	GEB Guj - Commerce	17	17	-	100
Mundra	St. Xavier's	GEB Eng - Commerce	58	55	03	94.83
Rajkot	St. Mary's	GEB Eng - Commerce	56	56	-	100
		GEB Eng - Science	53	39	14	73.58
	St. Paul's	ICSE - Commerce	77	77	-	100
		ICSE - Science	29	29	-	100

On the Blessed Feast Day of
Our Lady of Mount Carmel,
 may all of us be surrounded by the
 grace and protection of our Blessed Mother.
 May her example of faith and devotion
 inspire us in our daily life, and may her
 intercession bring us closer to her Son,
 Jesus Christ !



OBITUARY

Mrs Thresiamma Joseph

Mrs Thresiamma Joseph (98), beloved Mother of Rev. Fr Thomas Kolamkuzhiyil was called to her eternal reward on March 26, 2024 at 2.30 am. The funeral service was held on Wednesday, March 27, 2024, at St. Xavier's Church, Nellipara.



Mrs Rosakutty Joseph

Mrs Rosakutty Joseph (90), beloved Mother of Rev. Fr. Augustine Kuttipalackal was called to her eternal reward on April 6, 2024. The funeral service was held on Tuesday, April,09, 2024, at 9.30 am at St. Joseph's Church, Mulakuvally, Idukki.

Mrs. Rosa Chacko Parayil

Mrs. Rosa Chacko Parayil (82), beloved mother of Fr. Johnson Parayil passed away on 26 June, 2024. The funeral was held on 29 June 2024 at St. Thomas Church, Nadukani.



Let us pray for the repose of the souls.

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