

## Provincial's Message

Dear Fathers and Brothers,

Greetings of love and peace from St. Xavier's Provincial House, Rajkot!

We are preparing to celebrate two great occasions — the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary and our nation's Independence Day. Though different in nature, both shine with a common light: reminding us that true freedom is not just a privilege to enjoy, but a responsibility to live with courage, integrity, and love.

Mary, “full of grace” (Lk 1:28), used her freedom to say “Yes” to God. She lived with humility, courage, compassion, and perseverance — qualities that made her a true disciple and servant. Her life teaches us that freedom is not doing whatever we please, but choosing what is good, right, and life-giving.

Our nation's independence in 1947 was won through the sacrifices of many. As St. Paul reminds us, “You were called to freedom... only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another” (Gal 5:13). National freedom, like spiritual freedom, survives only when used for justice, peace, and the dignity of all.

In recent times, the dignity and freedom of Christian faith have been tested. The disturbing reports of arrest of our sisters and harassment of Christian Communities in parts of our country are reminders that freedom can never be taken for granted. As religious priests, we must stand in solidarity with the vulnerable, raise our voices against injustice, and remain steadfast in living the Gospel without fear or compromise.

Mary's Assumption is not just a feast of glory; it is a call to mission. She inspires us to rise above fear, prejudice, and indifference. Her example challenges us to be shepherds who carry the smell of the sheep, to go where the need is greatest, and to be signs of hope in a world that can sometimes seem hostile to faith.

Let us, like Mary, align our choices with God's will and work for the common good of our communities and our nation. May our witness be bold, our compassion active, and our service persistent.



Yours in Christ,  
Fr. Binoy Elavunkal CMI  
Provincial

## Happy Feast of the Assumption of Our Blessed Virgin Mary



It was exactly a score years ago, our dear Fr. Paulson Thottathimyalil CMI took charge as the principal of St. Francis School, Jetpur. And after serving this grant-in aid school for twenty years, he retired from the post at the end of the academic year 2024-25, on 21st May.

For two decades, dear Fr. Paulson, you have not merely led this institution, you have nurtured it, shaped it, and guided it with the heart of a priest and the vision of an educator; also, you looked after a Catholic Community there. And also, for years, you found time to serve the Catholic Community at Upleta, 30 Km away from Jetpur, till they get a new Chaplain.



Your dedication has touched not only bricks and mortar but countless hearts and minds – even variety of animals and birds freely enjoying the space and beauty of your school campus. Though there were challenges and triumphs, you were firm in values, gentle in approach, and unwavering in commitment to the legacy of Catholic education. You have been a principal in title, but a pastor at heart!

Dear Father Paulson, your legacy is written not just in the achievements of the school, but in the lives of the students who carry your lessons to the world. St. Xavier's Province welcomes you back and wishes you all the best for your ministries ahead in the province.



## 40th Day Memorial Mass for Fr. Kuriakose Palakkatt



The 40th Day memorial mass commemorating the late Fr. Kuriakose Palakkatt was solemnly celebrated on May 5, 2025, creating a deeply moving atmosphere of remembrance and prayer. Bishop Jose Chittooparambil officiated the Holy Eucharist, which was concelebrated by the Provincials of Rajkot and Bhavnagar Provinces, adding significance to the sacred occasion.



During his touching homily, Fr. Davis Manjaly beautifully recalled Fr. Kuriakose's remarkable personality and significant contributions to the field of music. The meaningful memorial service was followed by reverent prayers at his tomb and continued at the Provincial House.



A substantial number of priests, religious sisters, and candidates participated in the mass, paying their heartfelt homage to Fr. Kuriakose. The prayer at the Provincial House concluded with a fellowship dinner for all attendees.

## The Sower Returns ; Harvest Remains

Fr. Thomson Thekkiniyeth from Sacred Heart Province, Kochi, has returned to his home province after two years of dedicated service to St. Xavier's Province. During his tenure, he served one year as Principal and teacher at Nav Vidhan Rural School, Vinchhiya, and another year as teaching faculty at Nav Vidhan School, Gondal.



St. Xavier's Province fondly remembers and deeply appreciates his selfless service, unwavering dedication, and commitment to the responsibilities entrusted to him. We extend our heartfelt gratitude for his valuable contributions and wish him abundant blessings and success in his future endeavours.

## Breaking Bread, Building Bonds : Memorable Family Gatherings



St. Xavier's Province organized two gatherings for the families of priests in May. The first was held on May 12th at Krupa, Chunagamvely, Aluva, followed by a second gathering on May 14th at CMI Calvary Mount Ashram, Patham Mile.

Both events had good attendance from family members, creating a warm and joyful atmosphere.

Fr. Binoy Elavunkal (Provincial) and Fr. Jose Mangalmkunel (Vicar Provincial), along with several other priests, attended the events and spent time with the families, strengthening the relationship between St. Xavier's Province and their loved ones.



The community at Aluva, showed excellent hospitality and organization skills. Fr. George Elavunkal, Fr. Sunny Vettikuzhichalil, Fr. Paul Vithayathil, and Fr. Siju Padayattil worked collaboratively to ensure flawless coordination and smooth execution of both gatherings.



Each gathering included Eucharistic Celebration, a general assembly, and fellowship meals, providing meaningful opportunities for families to connect with one another.



## Fr. Johnson to pursue Deutsche Sprache - Fr. Tomy Shoulders the prefect Role

Fr. Johnson Parayil was given a heartfelt farewell on May 10, 2025, as he departed for his German language course. The community expressed gratitude for his dedicated service and leadership as the Prefect of Provincial House. Fr. Tomy Ekkan has been appointed as the new Prefect of the



Provincial House. We extend our best wishes to both fathers in their respective endeavours and transitions.

## Learning Leaders: Excellence in Focus

St. Xavier's Province held its Annual Educators Meet on June 14th at Saint Mary's School, Rajkot, with strong participation from educators and managers across the province's educational institutions.



The one-day programme featured an enriching session on "Administrative Excellence in Education" facilitated by Fr. Suresh Mathew OFM Cap. (Former Chief Editor of Indian Currents), who provided valuable insights on enhancing educational management practices. The afternoon included productive business discussions addressing administrative matters and institutional challenges.



The day concluded with a general gathering, where Fr. Provincial addressed the members emphasizing the province's commitment to educational excellence. This gathering offered educators and managers excellent opportunities to update their knowledge, share experiences, and enhance collaborative strategies for strengthening their educational mission.

### Green Champions Crowned

The prestigious 'Clean Campus Award' for 2024-25 was presented on June 14th during the Annual Educators' Meet at Saint Mary's School, Rajkot, celebrating institutions with exceptional environmental commitment.



**Mother Teresa School, Jamjodhpur secured First Place** for outstanding campus maintenance, while **Saint Paul's School Rajkot secured Second Position** for consistent cleanliness efforts. **Nav Vidhan Rural English School, Vinchhiya claimed Third Place**, showcasing remarkable rural campus management. These awards recognize the province's dedication to creating healthy learning environments and encouraging environmental responsibility across all educational institutions.

### Scholarly Success: Dr. Shobin Mankudiyil CMI

Fr. Shobin Mankudiyil was felicitated by the Provincial House and Seminary Community on July 20, 2025, following the completion of his doctorate from Jnana Deepa Vidyapeeth, Pune, under the guidance of Prof. Dr. Francis Gonsalves SJ. His Research examined "The Poor as a Theological Category for the Indian Church," analyzing contributions of Saint Kuriakose Elias Chavara and Dr. Sebastian Kappen within Pope Francis' vision for a "Poor Church."



This achievement represents a significant scholarly contribution to Indian theological discourse. The celebration recognized his dedication and scholarly achievement, marking a significant milestone in his academic pursuit.

### Renewed for Excellence : Renovated Provincial House Blessed

The renovated administrative office and second floor of the Provincial House were blessed on July 16, 2025, on the feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Bishop Jose and Fr. Binoy Elavunkal (Provincial) officiated the blessing ceremony in the presence of CMI fathers and brothers from nearby communities.





The renovation project was successfully coordinated by Fr. Tomy Ekkan and Fr. Jose Mangalamkunel, whose dedicated efforts ensured the completion of this significant undertaking. The newly blessed spaces will significantly enhance the administrative capabilities and residential facilities of the Provincial House.

### Pastoral Passport:

#### Fr. Jojo Embarks on Irish Pastoral Journey

Fr. Jojo Thalikaasthanam departed for pastoral ministry in the Diocese of Cork and Ross, Ireland, on July 23, 2025, after completing two years of dedicated and fruitful service as Director of St. Mary's CMI House, Chotila. The entire province gratefully remembers his exceptional contributions and transformative leadership at Chotila. Fr. Jojo is appointed as assistant parish priest in the family of parishes of Ballinora, Ballincollig in the Diocese of Cork and Ross. We extend our heartfelt best wishes for his pastoral endeavours and pray for continued fruitful ministry in Ireland.



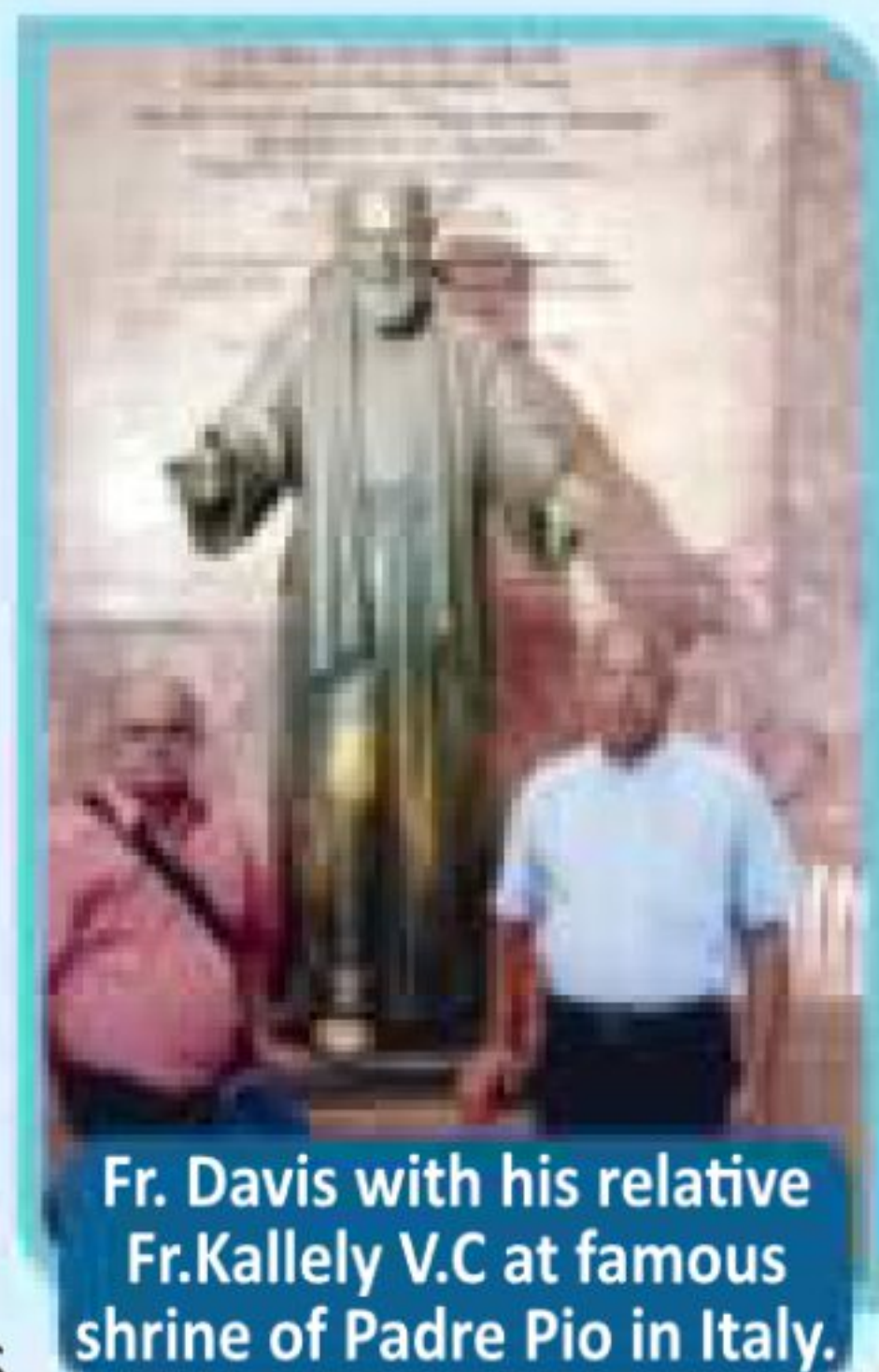
### Fresh Faces, Bright Futures



First Year Aspirants were warmly welcomed at the Provincial House on July 19, 2025. During their enriching one-day outing to Rajkot, the new comers spent valuable time with senior brothers at the Seminary and visited significant institutions including the Bishop's House, Saint Mary's School, and Saint Paul's School.

### Hearts Across Borders

In June, Fr. Davis Manjaly embarked on a meaningful European journey, visiting Switzerland, Germany, and Italy to reconnect with relatives and friends across these countries. The highlight of his trip was a special visit to St. Peter's Basilica during the Jubilee Year, adding spiritual significance to his travels. This European sojourn provided Fr. Manjaly with precious opportunities to strengthen personal family bonds while experiencing the sacred atmosphere of this holy year.



Fr. Davis with his relative Fr. Kallely V.C at famous shrine of Padre Pio in Italy.

### Widening Educational Horizons

Fr. Jose Karakunnel and Fr. Jilson participated in an eight-day 'Exclusive Learning Mission' to Finland during May, organized by Finnish Global Education Solutions and the Learners Confluence. The programme provided valuable insights into Finland's renowned education system and innovative teaching methodologies.



This exposure will enhance educational practices within their respective institutions. On their return, they also visited province members working in Germany.

## Mission Passion in African Soil



Fr. George Muttathotil concluded his successful pastoral ministry in Secunderabad, Diocese of Shamshabad, to begin mission work in Kenya under Thrissur Province. As he embarks on this new chapter of service in foreign lands, St. Xavier's Province extends heartfelt prayers and best wishes for his missionary endeavours in Kenya.

With hearts full of zeal and eyes set on the path to priesthood, 14 young aspirants began their formation journey in St. Xavier's Province, Rajkot. The official inauguration ceremony of the Academic Year was held with solemnity and grace, marking the beginning of a significant chapter in their call.



The event was held at Prakashita Gurukul Gondal, with a meaningful inaugural Holy Eucharist, presided over by Rev. Fr. Provincial, who was also the main celebrant. In his homily, he encouraged the new brothers to remain faithful to their call, rooted in prayer and community life. His words of wisdom and paternal guidance set a deeply spiritual tone for the year ahead.



Rev. Fr. Jose Mangalamkunnel, the Vicar Provincial, Fr. Vincent Kallamby, the Superior, Fr. George Urulianickal, the Rector, Fr. Jibin Manakuzhiyil, the Assistant Rector, and Bro. Alfa, the Regent were present to bless, welcome, and support the new members. Each of them addressed the brothers with words of encouragement, sharing reflections from their own priestly and religious journeys.

## Formation

### St. Xavier's Aspirants' House, Rajkot



This year, five aspirants have enrolled in Grade 11 at Christ School, Rajkot, while nine aspirants have entered to Grade 12. Three of our aspirants were selected for the school basketball team. They represented Christ School in the Intercity Basketball Tournament held on July 29, 2025, at the Athletics Ground, Rajkot.

### Prakashita Gurukul, Gondal



## ANJAR

### Care Kutch Associates (CKA) : New Venture

Care Kutch Associates is a new venture of our province, under the Department of Social Apostolate with its service wing – St. Xavier's Seva Foundation, and the patronage of Rev. Fr. Provincial. CKA is primarily a reach out to the marginalised and less privileged people of Kutch, especially the womenfolk. It is a caring and helping hand to all the needy who deserves an extra help to lead a dignified life in the society.



High quality cloth products like Bed Sheets, Curtains, Bath Towels, Ladies and Kids wear, Embroidery items, School Uniforms Cloth Bags etc. are available from the centre, with Care Kutch Associates Brand name.



Care Kutch Associates is an Association of persons, duly registered with government norms under the scrutiny of Income Tax, Auditing, Bank formalities, GST number, PAN Card and all Legal bindings. CKA finds job opportunities to maximum possible number of persons keeping the present VTC (Vocational Training Centre) at Anjar as its production, training and official Head Office. It can extend its service to whole of Kutch, Gujarat and even outside Gujarat.



It was Fr. Naiju Thaliath CMI who took initiative for this noble and novel venture, with the ultimate aim of helping the poor, by creating job opportunities and income generation programme for them. At present the Association has three persons as its members: Fr. Naiju Thaliath CMI, Fr. Joseph Vadakekara CMI and Fr. Jose Mangalmkunnel CMI.



Congratulations to Fr. Naiju Thaliath for initiating this new project and keeping the Vocational Training Centre, vibrant and alive.

## HAMIRPAR

### PHILIP AIDS CARE CENTRE



### Welcome Back, Fr. Paul Kannarkat!

Fr. Paul Kannarkat has returned after a fruitful visit to the USA, where he met with our benefactors, well-wishers, friends, and family members. His journey was a time to express our gratitude and strengthen bonds with those whose generous hearts make it possible for us to continue the mission of Philip Dham, Hamirpar.

## CHOTILA

### ST. MARY'S SCHOOL

#### New Director Takes Charge at St. Mary's, Chotila



Rev. Fr. Jerry Malayilparambil CMI officially assumed his role as Director and Manager of St. Mary's School, Chotila, on June 1st, 2025. The installation ceremony was held at 5:30 PM under the esteemed presence of Provincial Rev. Fr. Binoy Elavunkal CMI. The occasion was graced by Fr. Tomy Ekkan CMI (Provincial Councillor), Fr. John Marius CMI, and Fr. Tomy Chellakandathil CMI. The community offered a warm welcome to Fr. Jerry as he begins this significant educational mission, bringing renewed dedication and vision to the institution's noble service.

#### Academic Year Inauguration and Welcoming of New Members

St. Mary's School, Chotila, inaugurated the academic year 2025 with a solemn ceremony on June 18th, 2025. The proceedings commenced with a prayer service seeking divine blessings for the year ahead, setting a spiritual foundation for the educational journey.



Principal Fr. Joby Mylickal CMI delivered an inspiring message emphasizing dedication, values, and academic excellence as cornerstones

of quality education. The school community was delighted to welcome enthusiastic new teaching staff, whose wealth of experience promises to enrich the learning environment. New students joining various grades were also warmly received into the school family.



Manager Fr. Jerry Malayilparambil CMI addressed the gathering, encouraging everyone to actively participate in building a vibrant, value-based academic community. The ceremony concluded with captivating cultural performances by students and a heartfelt vote of thanks, establishing an optimistic tone for the year filled with hope, learning, and unwavering commitment to educational excellence.

#### Joyful Celebration and Heartfelt Farewell at St. Mary's, Chotila

St. Mary's School, Chotila, hosted a heartwarming gathering on July 16th, 2025, celebrating two significant occasions: the birthday of beloved Principal Rev. Fr. Joby Mylickal CMI and the farewell of outgoing Director and Manager Rev. Fr. Jojo Thalikaasthanam CMI.



The event radiated warmth through heartfelt speeches, melodious songs, and an atmosphere of deep gratitude. Fr. Joby, renowned for his compassionate leadership and unwavering dedication to educational excellence, was joyfully honoured by the staff and students.

The celebration gained special significance as it coincided with Fr. Jojo's farewell, who served the institution with remarkable commitment and is now embarking on a new missionary assignment in Ireland.



As Fr. Jojo moves ahead for this exciting chapter, St. Mary's family gratefully remembers and appreciates his invaluable service and vibrant presence and extends prayerful wishes for his new mission.

### Adolescence Awareness Session at St. Mary's Chotila

St. Mary's School, Chotila, organized an enlightening adolescence awareness session for the students, conducted by Dr. Rajmi Zala, M.B., D.G.O., a distinguished gynaecologist and health educator.



During this interactive programme, Dr. Zala comprehensively addressed the physical, emotional, and psychological transformations that adolescents experience. She emphasized crucial aspects including self-awareness, personal hygiene, emotional well-being, and responsible decision-making during this pivotal life stage.

Students actively engaged in the session, posing relevant questions that were answered with remarkable clarity and sensitivity. This valuable educational initiative proved instrumental in guiding young minds toward healthy, responsible adulthood, equipping them with essential knowledge and understanding for their developmental journey ahead.

### Nature Trek at Zaria Mahadev Forest

Students of St. Mary's School, Chotila, embarked on an enriching trekking expedition to the Zaria Mahadev Reserved Forest area, designed to cultivate environmental consciousness and appreciation for local biodiversity.



This immersive experience allowed students to explore the regional ecosystem firsthand, observing indigenous flora and fauna while understanding the critical importance of forest conservation. Under the expert guidance of teachers and local naturalists, participants gained valuable insights into ecological balance and the vital role forests play in sustaining life on Earth.



The trek successfully achieved its objective of connecting young minds with nature, fostering a deeper environmental awareness that will inspire future conservation efforts.

### DAYAPAR

#### Refreshed and Ready:

#### Fr. Sijo Takes Charge as Director at Dayapar



On May 17th, Fr. Sijo Kottarathil resumed his duties as Director of St. Xavier's CMI House and Manager of St. Xavier's School, Dayapar, following completion of his refresher course in Mangalore. Fr. Sijo also serves as the priest in charge of Pandhro parish. We welcome him and wish him fruitful ministry in his multiple responsibilities.

### Brotherhood and Birthday Bliss at Dayapar

The CMI Kutch Zonal Gathering was held at Dayapar on July 27, 2025, bringing together all the CMIs of Kutch zone. The event also featured a special birthday celebration for Fr. Sijo Kottarathil, adding joy to the gathering.



This zonal meeting provided an excellent opportunity for CMI fathers to connect, share experiences, and strengthen fraternal bonds while celebrating Fr. Sijo's special day in a spirit of community fellowship.

### JAMKHAMBHALLIA

#### New Director at St. Xavier's Jamkhambhalia



On June 4, 2025, Fr. Paulson Thottathimyalil assumed his role as Director of St. Xavier's CMI House and Manager of St. Xavier's School, Jamkhambhalia. We extend our best wishes and prayers to Fr. Paulson as he begins this important ministry. Our heartfelt gratitude goes to Fr. James Kachappilly, the outgoing director for his dedicated service and valuable contributions to the Jamkhambhalia community.

### JAMJODHPUR

#### MOTHER TERESA SCHOOL

#### KG Convocation Ceremony



Mother Teresa Kindergarten celebrated its heartwarming Convocation Ceremony on April 25, 2025. Our tiny tots were honoured for their bright beginnings and unique talents in this joyous celebration of innocence, growth, and hope. Each child received recognition for their achievements, marking an important milestone in their educational journey.

#### Educational Excursion to Rajkot



Class 9 students embarked on an enriching educational excursion to the Regional Science Centre, Rajkot, in April 2025. This insightful visit ignited scientific curiosity and provided hands-on learning experiences beyond traditional classroom boundaries. Students explored interactive exhibits and demonstrations, enhancing their understanding of scientific concepts through practical engagement.

#### A Gesture of Gratitude

As a token of appreciation and gratitude for the teachers' exceptional hard work throughout the academic year, the management organized a delightful one-day staff outing to Jamnagar on April 25, 2025.



The memorable day was filled with laughter, team bonding, and excellent dining experiences. Each staff member received a special memento as a heartfelt symbol of our love and gratitude for their unwavering dedication to education.

### Faculty Development Programme



The academic year commenced with an energizing Orientation Session on June 7, 2025, conducted by Mr. Johnson from Ahmedabad. This dynamic and interactive session provided our teachers with fresh

motivation and innovative pedagogical insights, setting a positive tone for the year ahead and enhancing their teaching methodologies.

### A Warm Welcome to Newcomers



A heartwarming welcome was extended to all new staff and students on June 7, 2025. A touching ceremony was organized for KG and Class 1 children, featuring a memorable moment when Fr. Joseph, our manager, lovingly guided the youngest students in tracing their first letters, marking the beautiful beginning of their educational journey. We are also blessed to welcome Sr. Pushpa FCC and Sr. Seema FCC, who have joined our English medium section this academic year.

### Academic Excellence Awards



To honour academic excellence and hard work, the top 10 rank holders from Classes 1 to 9 were felicitated with Trophies of Excellence. This recognition ceremony inspired all students to aim higher and strive for greater success in their studies.



### International Yoga Day



We celebrated International Yoga Day with energizing asanas and calming pranayama sessions, promoting physical vitality and mental well-being among students and staff. The event emphasized the importance of holistic health and mindfulness in our daily lives.

### Principal's Birthday & Launch of Cultural Events



Fr. Shijo's birthday celebration marked the grand launch of this year's cultural events. Our talented students brought the stage alive with vibrant and captivating performances, showcasing their artistic abilities. This joyous occasion set an inspiring tone for what promises to be a culturally enriching and memorable academic year.

### Environment Day & Plastic-Free Campus Drive



In observance of World Environment Day, our environmentally conscious students actively participated in sapling plantation and campus cleaning drives. They demonstrated their commitment to sustainability by pledging to maintain a Plastic-Free Campus. This meaningful initiative reflects our school's dedication to environmental conservation and nurturing responsible global citizens.

### Guru Purnima: Honouring the First Gurus



This year's Guru Purnima celebration held special significance as we honoured the first and most important gurus in every child's life — their parents. Mothers and fathers were warmly invited to school, where students welcomed them with beautiful flowers, traditional aarti, and heartfelt expressions of love. Each child presented thoughtful gifts as tokens of deep gratitude, creating an emotionally moving and unforgettable tribute. This meaningful celebration beautifully reminded our entire school that the educational journey begins at home, carefully nurtured through parents' invaluable wisdom, selfless sacrifice, and unwavering guidance.

### NCC Cadets Excel at Junagadh Camp



Our newly enrolled NCC cadets participated in a rigorous 10-day training camp at Junagadh Battalion starting June 26, 2025. The cadets demonstrated exceptional discipline, enthusiasm, and remarkable team spirit throughout the challenging program, making the school proud.

## Students Excel at Taluka Sports Competition

Our talented young athletes delivered outstanding performances at the Taluka-level Sports Competition, securing an impressive total of 34 prizes across various sporting events. This remarkable achievement reflects their exceptional hard work, dedication, and commitment to excellence.

## Students Shine at Kala Mahakumbh

Our participation in the prestigious Kala Mahakumbh showcased exceptional talent and creativity. Students won impressive accolades in both individual and group events, demonstrating their artistic excellence. Heartfelt congratulations to all our budding artists and performers for their outstanding achievements!

## Weekly Special Activity Sessions



Every Wednesday, students from KG to Class 9 participate in specialized training sessions for Karate, Dance, and Basketball under the expert guidance of professional coaches from Junagadh. These sessions help to develop physical fitness, creativity, and teamwork skills among students.

## A Shining Star in Academics

We are immensely proud of Kadiwar Aarav, Class 10 student, who was honoured by GEBCI for achieving a perfect 100 marks in Mathematics in the Gujarat Board Examination. Heartiest congratulations to Aarav and his dedicated teachers!



## MUNDRA

### ST. XAVIER'S SCHOOL



Ankush Yadav achieved third place in the All-India Collins Essay Competition conducted in the academic year 2024-25.

Niyati Shah was selected for the national level Rifle Shooting competition in April 2025. Congratulations on this achievement.



Congratulations to Manuel Masih for earning appreciation awards at the district and state levels from Kala Shikshan Sangh, Gandhinagar.



We extend our special appreciation to Mrs. Gavri Makwana for being honoured with the Best Art Teacher Award by the Gujarat State Government.

Our Class 10A student Kashish Thakur achieved first position in the Army NCC Camp Firing Competition at Mandvi on June 20, 2025, outperforming 150+ cadets. This victory has secured Kashish's selection for the TSC III competition at Thamna (Anand) - 36 GUJ BN NCC.



Cadet Kriti of Class X C has been recognized as the Best Cadet at the Navy NCC Camp conducted by 5 GUJ NU NCC Bhuj on May 28, 2025. Applause to you dear Kriti for this outstanding recognition.



### Fire safety Measures:



A fire safety mock drill was conducted by CISF officials at St. Xavier's School, Mundra to enhance student awareness about fire safety protocols. The comprehensive drill provided students with practical knowledge of emergency procedures, evacuation techniques, and safety measures, ensuring they are well-prepared to handle fire emergencies effectively.



We proudly congratulate our teacher Sheela Ma'am and her husband Deepak Sir for securing first prize in the Adani Mundra 5km Race in the 40-60 years age category. Kudos to you dear Sir and Ma'am.

### Xavier's Basketball League:



St. Xavier's School Mundra successfully conducted the Basketball League (XBL) in April 2025. The league featured an exciting player auction system where participants were selected through a points-based bidding process. This innovative format added competitive spirit and engagement, making the tournament a memorable experience for all student-athletes involved.



### JAMNAGAR

#### ST. FRANCIS SCHOOL

#### Faculty Transformation Programme



On June 6th and 7th, a comprehensive Faculty Development Programme was conducted for the school staff. The two-day event, aimed at enhancing teaching methodologies and professional skills, was led by Mr. Sen B Mathews and Mr. Vikrant Babu from Krist Jayanti College of Management, Bangalore. Their expertise provided valuable insights and modern pedagogical strategies to the educators.



## Transforming Kindergarten Pedagogy



A specialized training session was held for our Kindergarten teachers on June 21st. The programme was facilitated by Ms. Ammu, Ajith, and Megha from Learnaware Publications. The session focused on contemporary early childhood education techniques, curriculum development, and engaging learning strategies tailored for young students.

## Embracing Mindfulness and Healthy Living



In observance of **International Yoga Day** on June 21st, the school organized special yoga sessions for students across all grades. These sessions were designed to promote **mental and physical well-being**, emphasizing the importance of mindfulness, stress reduction, and a healthy lifestyle.

## Bridging Home and School

Two separate orientation programmes were conducted to inform and engage parents.



**LKG and UKG Parents:** Parents of our youngest students attended an orientation in the school auditorium. The session provided an overview of the school's rules and regulations, addressed common queries, and offered an opportunity to tour the school premises and meet the teachers. This helped create a smooth transition for the new students and their families.



**Grade XII Parents:** A separate orientation was held on the same day for parents of Grade XII students. This programme focused on the critical academic year ahead. Discussions centered on discipline, the seriousness of studies, and the importance of helping students remain focused on their academic goals for their future careers.

## Spiritual Foundations and Student Leadership



The school held an Investiture Ceremony on June 28th, preceded by a beautiful interreligious prayer service that set a spiritual tone for the event. The ceremony marked the formal induction of the new student council.





The Chief Guest, Sub Inspector Mr. VS Popat, presented the newly appointed student leaders with their badges and sashes. Following the presentation, Fr. Principal delivered an inspiring address, highlighting the significance of leadership, responsibility, and service to the school community.

### Responsible Road Behavior for Community Safety



On August 1st, a crucial Road Safety Training session was organized by RTO officials, Mr. Shubham Rupani and Mr. Vanraj Vegda. The training was attended by students from classes IX to XII, as well as the school's van and rickshaw drivers.



The officials provided a detailed explanation of traffic awareness, road safety measures, and responsible behaviour on the roads to ensure the safety of everyone commuting to and from school.

### Students Shine Bright in Indian Talent Olympiad with State Topper Honour



In the Indian Talent Olympiad, Pragati Rayan of Standard V achieved the rare distinction of being both class topper and state topper in Mathematics, earning her a certificate, gold medal, and cash award of Rs. 1,000.



Arya Talati of Standard VIII and Vivan Agarwal of Standard X also excelled as class toppers in Mathematics, each receiving certificates and gold medals, while Dhruti Khimaniya earned the class topper position in English and was awarded a certificate and gold medal.

### State Level Honors in All India Swachh Bharat Art Contest



Two young artists have brought laurels by winning at the state level in the All India Swachh Bharat Art Contest. Bharvadiya Mudrika of Standard V-A and Akshara Joshi of UKG-C both secured A+ grades for their outstanding artistic expressions promoting cleanliness and environmental awareness. Both students were awarded certificates in recognition of their creative talent and meaningful contribution to the Swachh Bharat mission.

## Artist of the Month

In a remarkable feat, Kevaliya Joshi has bagged the highly sought-after "Artist of the Month" award from the Children's Art Museum of India's national online competition. This prestigious monthly recognition places her among the country's most talented young artists.



The solemn ceremony witnessed the presence of distinguished military officials and prominent political leaders who joined in honouring the heroes of the Kargil war. The event reinforced patriotic values among our cadets and strengthened their commitment to serving the motherland with honour and dedication.

## Vishwa Punjani Selected for Prestigious Republic Day Camp in Delhi



Class IX student Vishwa Punjani has earned the rare honour of selection for the Republic Day Camp (RDC) in New Delhi, marking a significant milestone in his academic journey. This prestigious selection reflects his exemplary discipline, leadership qualities, and dedication to national service ideals. The Republic Day Camp provides young cadets with an unparalleled opportunity to participate in the grand Republic Day celebrations at Rajpath and interact with dignitaries from across the nation.

## NCC Cadets Honour War Heroes at Kargil Vijay Diwas Ceremony



Our NCC cadets participated with great reverence in the Kargil Vijay Diwas commemoration held at Lakhota Lake, paying heartfelt floral tributes to the brave martyrs who sacrificed their lives for the nation.

## Eco Club and NCC Join Hands for Cleanliness Drive



The school's Eco Club, in collaboration with NCC students, successfully organized a cleanliness awareness programme on July 31st within the school premises. The event featured impactful banner displays with compelling slogans and informative speeches highlighting the importance of maintaining cleanliness in our surroundings. Students actively participated in spreading awareness about environmental hygiene and personal responsibility towards keeping public spaces clean. The collaborative effort demonstrated the engagement of students in promoting sustainable practices and community wellness.



**RAJKOT****SAINT PAUL'S SCHOOL**

**City Champions in Subroto Cup 2025-  
Paulines strike their way to glory!**



The Under-14 (Boys) and Under-17 (Girls) Football Teams of Saint Paul's School, Rajkot have brought immense pride to the school by emerging as the Rajkot City Champions in the prestigious Subroto Cup Football Tournament 2025.



This remarkable achievement is a shining example of the relentless hard work, unwavering team spirit and commitment displayed by the talented students and dedicated sports teachers.

**Triumphs at NWR Basketball Tournament 2025-  
Basketing Success!**



The Under-14 (Boys) Team of Saint Paul's School, Rajkot won the Championship title, while the Under-17 (Boys) Team secured the Runners-Up position in the North West Region (NWR) Basketball Tournament 2025, organized by the Council for the Indian School Certificate Examinations (CISCE) at LML School, Ahmedabad.



The teams will now represent the school at the National Selection Round, taking their skills to the next level!

**Duo shines at The Frank Anthony Debate  
Competition-Displaying the power of  
persuasion!**



Harishree Karia (Grade 9) and Rivan Vyas (Grade 10) of Saint Paul's School, Rajkot were declared the winners of the All-India Frank Antony Memorial Inter-School Debate Competition 2025-26 (Stage I-Pool B34) organized by CISCE and hosted by Anand Niketan School, Satellite, Ahmedabad. They will represent the school at the Selection Stage for the National Finals.

**Prayer Service-Towards a gracious beginning!**



To usher in the Academic Year 2025-26 with blessings, hope and gratitude, Prayer Services were held at Saint Paul's School, Rajkot, led by the students and teachers of Grades 4, 6, and 12. Rev. Fr. James, Principal, along with the students and staff, came together with grateful hearts and united spirits to seek guidance of the Almighty for the journey ahead. The school hall resonated with devotional hymns, prayer chants from sacred scriptures and uplifting performances by the students.

### **Investiture Ceremony-Empowering future torchbearers!**

The Investiture Ceremonies at Saint Paul's School, Rajkot marked a significant moment in the lives of its young change makers, as the newly elected Junior and Senior Prefectorial Council members were officially vested with their roles and responsibilities. Following a spirited election process, where students from Grades 6 to 12 exercised their right to vote for their preferred candidates, the young leaders took center stage to accept their duties.



The Investiture Ceremony for the Senior Council was graced by Rev. Fr. Benoy, CMI, who inspired the student leaders to uphold the values of integrity, teamwork, and service. Rev. Fr. James, Principal, administered the oath to the student leaders who pledged to lead by example, maintain discipline, and contribute positively to the school. With their badges gleaming and spirits high, the young leaders are all set to lead with commitment and SPS values.

### **International Yoga Day-Embracing wellness, one pose at a time!**



The sports arena of Saint Paul's School, Rajkot transformed into serene yoga space as the students and teachers gathered with enthusiasm and energy to celebrate International Yoga Day. The atmosphere was vibrant, with the cheerful learners displaying commendable focus as they performed yogasanas under the guidance of the sports teachers. Through such events, Saint Paul's continues to nurture physical health, emotional balance and cultural pride among its students—reminding them that wellness is truly a way of life!

### **Annual Pauline's Day- Grades 9 and 10- Showcasing learning, innovation and creativity!**

As part of the Annual Pauline's Day, the students of Grades 9 and 10 showcased their creativity and innovation through an engaging exhibition held on 26th July, 2025. ECO-VERSE-a Creative Scientific station highlighted working models of the digestive, respiratory, and nervous systems, along with eco-friendly concepts like bioplastic, biopaper, an anti-bacterial door knob, oil spill treatment experiments and a self-sustaining village model.



The Mathematics station displayed exhibits on probability in medical diagnosis, future banking, weather forecasting, 3D geometry cityscapes, and the role of AI in share market.



The AI and Robotics section featured demos on firefighting alarm system, autonomous vehicles, AI-based cursor control, industrial automation, radar system design using ultra sonic sensors and data science analysis. The Mass Media, Languages and Physics departments came together to present six engaging acts depicting 'Physics in Everyday Life' highlighting the principles behind gravity, cameras, bulbs, rolling, water purifiers, heaters and generators. The students used working models of windmills and dynamos generating electricity through pedalling of a bicycle.



The Social Science exhibits traced the journey of transport from ancient times to the future, while the Art Gallery showcased diverse painting styles. The exhibition was a vibrant celebration of interdisciplinary learning and sustainability.

### **Vignantaram Workshop by IIT Delhi-Igniting young minds!**



Enactus IIT Delhi conducted workshops on Drone Making and Flying and Data Science and Forensics at Saint Paul's School, Rajkot on 3rd and 4th July, 2025 for the students of Grades 8 to 12. The Drone Making and Flying workshop focused on demystifying the core components of a drone, helping students understand how every part works- from ESCs (Electronic Speed Controllers) to aerodynamics and its application in surveillance, delivery, and disaster management.



They got an opportunity to assemble and program their own drones and experience the thrill of flying self-built drones across the school ground!

In the Data Science workshop, the students delved into basic data visualization, trends and predictions using simple tools with Python programming. In the Forensic Computing module, they studied how technology helps solve digital crimes. Through case studies and simulations, they learned about cybercrime, password cracking, data recovery, fake identification and the importance of cyber security.

### **Developmental Drama Workshops From script to the stage!**



Experts from Vaz Dramatics Academy, Bangalore conducted Developmental Drama Sessions at Saint Paul's School, Rajkot with the students and teachers of Grades 6 and 7 in the month of July 2025.

On the concluding day, the students of Grade 7 staged an enactment on the life of Florence Nightingale, whereas the students of Grade 6 presented a monologue on Josephine Cochrane, the inventor of dishwasher.

### **MUN and LEAD Workshops- Fostering 21st Century Skills!**

In collaboration with Skills Sphere Education, Saint Paul's School, Rajkot organized Public Speaking and 21st Century Skill Development - LEAD Workshop for Grade 4 and MUN Workshop for Grade 8.



The LEAD workshop equipped the young learners with critical thinking and effective communication skills through engaging activities such as Money and Medium Exchange, I Can Work Alone, Poster Boys and Girls, Save us Cuties, Sell Me a Dream and Junior MUN sessions. Whereas, during the MUN sessions for Grade 8, the students were trained in the art of diplomacy, debating and provided a comprehensive idea of how the actual MUN sessions are conducted.

### **Workshops for the Teachers- Equipping teachers with future ready skills!**

Mr. Willibrord George, Founder, St. Willibrord Innovative Schools conducted a workshop on 'Integrating AI tools in Education' for the teachers of Saint Paul's School, Rajkot on 3rd and 4th June, 2025.



During this hands-on training programme, the teachers of Grades 3 to 12 made use of various AI tools and Apps like Chatgpt, Gamma, Canva, NotebookLM, MagicLight. ai, Suno Ai, Napkin, PlayAI, Heygen among others.



Ms. Rhea Willibrord, Foundational Years Mentor and Trainer conducted a session on 'Phonics and Reading Skills' for the teachers of Pre- Primary and Grades 1 and 2.

### **Educational Visits-Experiential learning in action!**

July 2025 saw the Paulines stepping out of their classrooms and into the real world to deepen their understanding through experiential learning.



The students of Grades 7 and 8 had a fascinating tour of the Jyoti CNC Industries, where they explored the cutting-edge world of Computer Numerical Control (CNC) machinery. Witnessing live demonstrations and interacting with industry professionals, the students gained valuable insights into precision engineering, automation and modern manufacturing processes.



The students of Classes 11 and 12 Science were exposed to astronomy and space technology during their visit to ISRO's Vikram Sarabhai Space Exhibition and the Vikram A. Sarabhai Community Science Centre.



They explored concepts like solar activity through telescope observation, created holograms and were provided detailed information on the launch of rockets and satellites. The experience deepened their understanding of scientific principles and sparked a keen interest in space research.

## SAINT MARY'S CMI HOUSE

### Fr. James Kachappilly Joins Saint Mary's Community

On May 9, 2025, Fr. James Kachappilly joined Saint Mary's Community and was appointed as Finance Administrator of St. Xavier's



School, Rajkot. We extend a warm welcome to Fr. James as he begins this new chapter of service. We wish him every success and fulfilment as he continues his excellent work in financial administration at St. Xavier's.

## SAINT MARY'S SCHOOL

### Cultivating 'Future Learning'

Ms. Hetal Shah and Ms. Nidhi Dave from Saint Mary's School participated in a comprehensive two-day workshop on "The Future of Learning" from April 25-26, 2025, organized by the School of Education at Christ University, Bengaluru.



The intensive session covered emerging educational trends, innovative technologies, and teacher transformation strategies. This valuable training provided them with significant exposure and insights into modern teaching methodologies, enhanced leadership skills, and techniques for fostering collaborative learning environments. The workshop emphasized continuous improvement approaches that will benefit our school's educational practices and student learning outcomes tremendously.

### Farewell to a Quarter-Century of Excellence



Saint Mary's proudly organized a touching farewell ceremony in May-2025 to felicitate Mr. Niraj Joshi, who retired after over 25 years of exceptional and dedicated service to the institution and 34 years of experience in total. The event was a heartfelt tribute to his unwavering commitment, integrity, and invaluable contributions that left a lasting impact on generations of students.



Entire Staff came together to express their deep gratitude through speeches, performances, and warm wishes. The occasion was filled with emotion, admiration, and celebration of a truly remarkable journey.

### Crafting Excellence, Rekindling Teaching



A two-day Teachers' Training Workshop was conducted on 8th and 9th June-2025 facilitated by Mr. Dixon Samuel, a motivational speaker from Pune, to keep our educators updated with the latest learning trends.



The sessions focused on innovative teaching strategies, technology integration, and student engagement techniques. It helped teachers enhance their skills and stay motivated to deliver quality education. It was an enriching experience that fostered professional growth and collaboration among the staff.

### Divine Grace Lights our Path



To begin the new academic year 2025-26 on a positive and spiritual note, a heartfelt prayer service was held on 10th June, 2025. The Staff and Students came together to seek the blessings of the Almighty for a successful and fulfilling year ahead. It gave a kick start, inspiring students and teachers to embrace the new journey with faith and determination.

### International Yoga Day Celebration



International Yoga Day was celebrated on 21st June, 2025 with great enthusiasm and spirit. Students and teachers participated in various yoga asanas and breathing exercises, promoting the importance of physical and mental well-being. It was a refreshing start to the day, encouraging everyone to adopt a healthy lifestyle.

### Leadership Workshop



On 4th July, 2025, a dynamic Student Council Workshop was held to nurture leadership qualities among the newly elected Student Council members of Saint Mary's School, Rajkot for academic year 2025-26.



Esteemed resource person Mr. Vijay Raichura conducted an inspiring session, empowering students with practical insights on leadership, decision-making, and team building. Through interactive activities and real-life examples, he motivated students to lead with confidence, responsibility, and vision. The workshop proved to be a transformative experience, laying a strong foundation for their leadership journey.

### The Art of Articulation



A training session was conducted for teachers on 5th July, 2025 by My Lingualines institute to enhance their English-speaking skills and boost communication confidence.



Resource person Mr. Sumit had an interactive session focused on pronunciation, vocabulary building, and effective classroom communication. Teachers actively participated in various activities designed to strengthen their fluency and clarity. It was a valuable initiative aimed at professional growth and improved student engagement.

### Leaders Rise, Achievers Shine



The Investiture Ceremony was held on 12th July, 2025, where the newly elected Student Council solemnly took a vow to fulfil their duties with sincerity and dedication for the betterment of the school.



The event was graced by the esteemed presence of Shri Jagdish Bangarwa IPS as the Guest of Honour, who inspired the young leaders with his words of wisdom. On this occasion, board toppers and school toppers of 2024-25 were also felicitated for their outstanding academic achievements. It was a proud and memorable day celebrating leadership and excellence.

### Threads of Compassion: Art with Heart

On 26th July, 2025, Saint Mary's School, in collaboration with Setu Foundation, organized a Rakhi Exhibition under its social wing, MSW (Marian Service Wing). Beautiful handmade Rakhis prepared by the 'Differently Abled Children' were displayed and sold, with enthusiastic participation from students and parents.





The amount collected was donated to support mentally challenged students, promoting the spirit of compassion and inclusivity. The event beautifully blended creativity with a noble cause, fostering social responsibility among students.

### Friendship Day Celebration



As part of the house-wise events, the Blue House students of the Primary Section enthusiastically organized the International Friendship Day celebration. The event was filled with vibrant performances and heartfelt messages highlighting the value of friendship.



The occasion was graced by the esteemed presence of Rev. Fr. Sebastian OFM Cap, who served as the judge and appreciated the students' efforts. The celebration beautifully fostered bonding, teamwork, and the spirit of togetherness among students.

### Creativity Meets Culture and Tradition



Embracing the festive spirit, Saint Mary's School organized a vibrant Rakhi Making Competition on 02-Aug-2025 for students of Std 3 to 5, where young minds crafted beautiful and meaningful rakhis with creativity and enthusiasm.



For students of Std 6 to 8, a colourful Matki Decoration Competition was held, showcasing their artistic talent and cultural flair. Both events witnessed active participation and highlighted the students' innovation and festive enthusiasm. These joyful activities not only nurtured creativity but also deepened their connection to Indian traditions.

### Professional Development Sessions for K.G. Teachers

Saint Mary's School has launched an exclusive training series for the KG section teachers titled "Senses to Sense", aimed at enhancing professional skills and early childhood teaching practices. The sessions focus on engaging all five senses to create meaningful and effective learning experiences for young learners.





Mrs. Norina Fernandes, an Educational Entrepreneur, School Leadership Specialist and expert in Early Education, served as the resource person, guiding teachers with practical strategies and insightful methods.

### Achievements

Saint Mary's School proudly excelled at the District Level of Kala Mahakumbh, securing top ranks across multiple categories:



The school clinched 1st rank in the Garba competition (6-14 yrs) in Zonal Level and Second Rank in the District Level.



Students secured Third Place in Group Song (Samuh Sangeet) under 6-14 age category.



Vedansh Solanki Secured First Place in Sugam Sangeet (15-20 yrs).



Popat Rudra securing First Rank in Sugam Sangeet (6-14 yrs).



Mala Het secured Second Place in Bhajan.



Antani Bhavya won Second Place in Elocution Competition.



Parmar Yashvi secured 2nd Place in Bharatanatyam. (15-20 yrs category)



Desani Rutuj Secured First Place in Drawing Competition

### VINCHHIYA

#### NAVIDHAN RURAL ENGLISH SCHOOL

#### World Environment Day Drawing Competition



Nav Vidhan Rural Eng. School Vinchhiya organized a vibrant drawing competition on June 5, 2025, in commemoration of World Environment Day.

Students enthusiastically participated, showcasing their artistic talents while expressing their environmental awareness through creative artwork. The competition successfully promoted ecological consciousness and encouraged students to become responsible environmental stewards.

### Democracy Awareness Session for Student Council Elections



Mr. Shubham from Saint Paul's conducted an insightful session on democracy on June 28, 2025, preparing students for the Student Council Elections. His thought-provoking discussion helped students understand democratic principles, electoral processes, and the importance of responsible leadership, creating awareness about their civic duties and democratic participation.

### Investiture Ceremony



Nav Vidhan Rural English School celebrated its prestigious Investiture Day on June 28, 2025, with remarkable enthusiasm and pride. Shri A.C. Damor, Police Inspector of Vinchhiya, served as the distinguished Chief Guest, witnessing joyous moments as students proudly assumed their new leadership responsibilities and pledged to serve their school community with dedication.

### Provincial's Visit to CMI Community

The CMI community in Vinchhiya was honoured by the pastoral visit of Fr. Provincial on July 28, 2025.



### Kids League Football Training Programme Launched



Nav Vidhan Rural English School Vinchhiya successfully conducted a Kids League Football Training Programme on August 2, 2025. Young enthusiasts participated actively in this exciting sports initiative, developing their football skills, teamwork abilities, and sportsmanship. The programme aims to promote physical fitness, discipline, and healthy competition among our budding athletes.

## New Bus Enhances Village Connectivity

On August 4, 2025, Nav Vidhan Rural English School at Vinchhiya welcomed a new bus to transport children from surrounding villages to our campus. This valuable addition will significantly improve accessibility and ensure safe transportation for our rural students.



We extend heartfelt gratitude to the Saint Paul's community for their generous support.

## Little Champions



Kindergarten students enjoyed an engaging basketball training and hands-on experience session on August 4, 2025. The programme introduced young learners to basic basketball skills, coordination, and teamwork through age-appropriate activities, promoting physical development and sports enthusiasm among our youngest students.

## Upcoming Events

**October 15-21**  
Annual Retreat

**October 24-26**  
Province Wise  
Educators Meet at  
Prior General  
House



## Provincial's Diary

**September 7-9** : Novitiate Entrance,  
Chavaradham Novitiate House, Budni.

**September 25-30** : Major Superiors  
Meet at Dharmaram College, Bengaluru.

**December 5-10** : First Profession at  
Vinayalaya Novitiate, Bhanpuri.

Visitation of Scholastics at Wardha and  
Jabalpur.

## Obituary



### Mrs. Mary John

Mrs. Mary John (91) beloved elder sister of late Fr. Joy Pynumkal – passed away on 29th May, 2025. The Funeral was held at St. Mary's Forane Church, Pallipuram, Cherthla.



### Mr. George M.V

Mr. George M.V (76), The beloved paternal uncle of Fr. Joseph Vadakekara, passed away on 24th June, 2025. The Funeral was held at St. Augustine's Church Kallorkad on 25th June, 2025.

*Let us Pray for the Repose of the Souls*

## Message From African Soil



Loving greetings from Nairobi, Kenya! I reached here on August 1st evening at 9 30(IST). I am posted at St. Veronica Catholic parish to assist Fr. Lawrence (Kenyan) the parish priest. There are 20 small Christian Communities numbering more than 600 families, very cooperative and supportive. On Sundays we have four Holy Masses, three in English and one in Swahili, the local language.

I am staying at St. Thomas Regional House which has about 30 rooms. It is a 15 acres of campus where we have Mount Sinai CMI school (1700 students), St. Veronica Catholic Church, boarding house (500 borders both boys and girls) Holy Family Convent etc. It's winter time here and schools are closed. We had lot of visitors in connection with pan African meeting and ordination of four CMI Kenyan deacons.

Visitors like Bishop Sebastian (Curia Bishop), Bishop Vincent (Bijnor), CMI Vicar General, many provincials, Justice Kurian Joseph. All were impressed by CMI hospitality, meticulous planning and execution and our missionary enterprise. I am fine here, getting adjusted and accustomed with the new environment and situation. I assist in the parish according to the needs. People very much appreciate our service and pastoral dedication.



Fr. Johny Thachuparamban is the Regional Superior and my own batch mate, very considerate and helpful. In short dear friends I enjoy my African ministry and please hold me in your prayers.

Thanks and God be with you....

Fr. George Muttathottil CMI  
Syokimau, Nairobi, Kenya

## Birth of A New Book

### 'The Spirituality of Early Fathers of the Church'

In a world longing for leaders grounded in values, The Spirituality of Leadership offers a refreshing vision drawn from the wisdom of the Bible. True leadership is not about power or position—it is about being a shepherd who guides with vision, walks with people in their struggles, and leads them toward what is right and life-giving.

Through rich biblical insights and real-life examples, Fr. Peter Kochalumkal shows how leaders can remain faithful to their calling even in the most challenging situations. He reminds us that authentic



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leadership demands humility, integrity, and sacrifice, and that it is ultimately a path of service that transforms both the leader and those they serve. Written in clear and simple language, this book speaks to anyone—whether in ministry, the workplace, or daily life—who desires to live out the true meaning of leadership. It is an inspiring guide for all who seek to embody values-based leadership that flows from a deep spiritual foundation.



**Fr. Shaji Puthenpurackal CMI  
S.H. Province, Kochi**



**Sr. Namrata CN  
Niece of Bishop Gregory**



**Fr. Joseph Kattakayam  
from USA - Vacation**



**Bishop Joseph Kollamparambil  
and Fathers from Jagdalpur**



**Elder Brother and  
Family of Fr. Jose Karakunnel**



**Family Members of  
Fr. Manu Cherumuttathupadi**



**Fr. Shaiji from  
Gandhinagar Diocese**



**Fr. Durai Fernand SJ and  
Fathers from Ahmedabad**



**Fr. Jose Pattathil from Brazil -  
Vacation and Jubilee Celebration**

## Heartiest Congratulations to Fr. Dr. Shobin Mankudiyil CMI



We extend our warmest congratulations to Fr. Dr. Shobin Mankudiyil CMI on successfully defending his Doctoral Thesis on June 20, 2025, at JDV Pune. His doctoral research, *"The Poor as a Theological Category for the Indian Church: Assessing the Contributions of Saint Kuriakose Elias Chavara and Dr. Sebastian Kappen in the Light of Pope Francis' Theological Vision for a Poor Church,"* represents a significant contribution to theological scholarship. Under the expert guidance of Prof. Dr. Francis Gonsalves SJ, Fr. Dr. Shobin has explored profound theological dimensions relevant to the Indian Church context. We are immensely proud of this remarkable academic achievement and wish him continued success.

## Jubilee Greetings

### SILVER JUBILEE OF PRIESTLY ORDINATION



Fr. Jose Pattathil CMI

### SILVER JUBILEE OF RELIGIOUS PROFESSION



Fr. Joby Mylickal CMI



Fr. Jojo Thalikaasthanam CMI



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