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Christ is risen! He is truly risen! Alleluia! The Easter Message of joy echoes through the whole world proclaiming Christ's ultimate victory of light over darkness, grace over sin, and life over death. It is the message upon which we build our lives and to which we anchor our own hope of victory with him. During this solemn Easter season of 50-days we joyfully give thanks to God for the many blessings bestowed on us as individuals and as a community these many years. Because Jesus has died and risen again, conquering sin and death, we believe that with him we too shall live. In this spirit of faith and hope, I wish you and your Community a most holy and blessed Easter Season!



HAPPY EASTER CHRIST IS RISEN ALLELUIA



LENTEN CHARITY BY ST.DAMIEN WOMEN WING

On Sunday, 26 March, 2023, a group of parishioners from St. Damien of Molokai Church, Dum Dum visited Nirmala Bhavan, a home of the Missionary Charity Sisters where about 24 women reside, the house is located at Jessore Road, Dum Dum. The visit was initiated and organised by Fr. Umakant in collaboration with Mohaila Sangh the women's group of church, who generously carry out various charitable activities throughout the year. Besides this group, the visit was joined by other parishioners who decided to give their time to learn about the beautiful works of these sisters.



The meeting began with a prayer led by Fr. Umakant and a passage was read from St. Mathew's gospel (Mt. 25:35-40) in Bangla and Hindi to remind us that "Whenever you did this to one of the least of my brothers, you did to me". Through short message Fr. Umakant reminded us that we should live gospel by practically doing more charity works to the needy. This particular phrase was echoed throughout the evening. Music, singing and dancing united us and filled us with joy. Sr. Mariam, MC, dedicated a few words to thank the generosity of those present, and gave the testimony of her daily dedication to those most in need. Finally, the women gave gifts (soap, toothpaste and brush, towels, night suits, oil etc) to the residents and served the sumptuous dinner women had prepared previously and brought. It was a very special evening to prepare the heart in this time of Lent, to get to know the dedicated work of some sisters who dedicate their lives to the care of these women in need, and to listen to the call that the Lord makes to us to convert our hearts and to be more generous every day.

By: Juande, ss.cc.

Good Father's Feast Day in Kolkata

The SS.CC members from Kolkata area gathered in Dangadighilla formation house to celebrate the heavenly birthday of the founder and good father Pierre Coudrin ss.cc on 27th March. In the evening the eucharist was presided over by Fr. Raja ss.cc and concelebrated by the regional government. In the homily he highlighted the theme of the readings which is about judging oneself before judging others. The good father's missionary spirit across different continents was also shared. After the eucharist we had dinner together that ended with thanking one another and God for the special day of fraternal gathering.



Bro. Nahshon ss.cc

DSDI Pastoral Care Ministries

A day of Lenten retreat was celebrated for our small Christian community of believers who calls themselves "St. Damien Family". In preparation for the Holy Week, a day of renewal retreat had been organized for the small Christian community in our Damien Chapel on March 26, 2023. Fr. Tileshwar conducted the day of renewal by his preaching the Word of God, by conducting Eucharistic adoration and by celebrating Eucharist with them. The Christian community is now all set to celebrate the Holy Week.

The Holy Week is the time when priests are sought after by rural parishes and their parish priests for the pastoral care of the people of God in remote rural villages where sacraments are celebrated may be twice or thrice a year. Advent – Christmas and Lent – Holy Week are the times when the people of God in rural villages have the opportunities to celebrate the sacraments.

To such pastoral needs of rural parishes, DSDI community has availed two of our Brothers Tileshwar Nayak and Golok Parichha who will be on their Holy Week pastoral mission in the rural parishes of Kattama and Chandiput respectively.

Fr. Alexis ss.cc.



FORMATORS TRAINING FR. AROCKIA SS.CC.

I participated in the Formators Training Programme for six weeks from the 4th of February to the 18th of March 2023. It was conducted by Shanti Sadan a Centre for Spirituality and Counselling, run by the Jesuits. It is situated at Prayagraj (Allahabad), U.P on a green and serene campus, on the banks of the river Ganges, closer to the Ganga- Yamuna Sangam.



This training programme is aimed at preparing personnel for the formation of candidates, postulants, pre-novices, seminarians, novices, juniors, etc. The programme is designed to prepare the formators with the necessary skills for the personal accompaniment of the formees in their spiritual and psychological growth. Accordingly, I received a fruitful knowledge of self-awareness, psychospiritual integration, basic counselling skills, discernment of vocation, selection of candidates, spiritual direction skills, eco-spirituality, and praying with Scripture through an in-depth journey through the Gospels.

FR. AROCKIA SS.CC.

Fr. Felipe & Juande in SDS, Bangalore

Everything seems to be quiet and pleasant with the arrival of summer in Bangalore in the month of February. New sprouting in the SDS garden, withering old leaves of trees and freshness in nature brought approaching summer to our campus. Along with newness in the nature, our joy was doubled when Fr. Felipe SSCC and Bro. Juande, SSCC arrived at the SDS community.

The presence of Fr. Felipe SSCC and Bro. Juande SSCC brought newness into our community. On Friday, 11th February Bro. Juande SSCC gave a small presentation on the SSCC presence in Spain and Iberia. Bro. Juande presented all the historical events of SS.CC's arrival, mission and growth in Spain with a beautiful PowerPoint presentation. All brothers indeed were happy to know about the rich history of our congregation in Spain. The whole presentation was filled with a lot of fun and interest. We were really happy to move out vibes when Bro. Juande taught us Spanish traditional dance at the end of the presentation.



On 13th February, Sunday evening our Parish Church had a grand celebration of its Patron Saint Francis De Sales. The parish church is run by the Missionaries of Saint Francis De Sales (MSFS). They are celebrating the 400th Death Anniversary Year of St. Francis De Sales 2022-2023. This anniversary celebration began in the year 2022 with the feast of St. Francis De Sales. MSFS family concluded the yearlong celebration of the Death Anniversary Year of St. Francis De Sales on 13th February, Sunday. On this occasion of joy and happiness. Our Hebbagodi Parishioners also grandly celebrated the Death Anniversary Year of St. Francis De Sales with much devotion and religious favour.



On this august occasion of the Death Anniversary Year of St. Francis De Sales, many dignitaries were invited for the concluding celebration. Archbishop Dr Peter Machado presided over the Holy Eucharistic celebration. After the Mass, there was a procession with the statue of St. Francis De Sales around the parish locality. We were indeed happy to be invited to this great celebration. Bro. Juande SSCC along with two brothers witnessed the event by taking part in the festive celebration. It was indeed a great opportunity for Juande SSCC to take part in the procession which lasted more than 2 hours. He felt happy to walk along the streets to witness the event and appreciated the simple but staunch faith of local parish folk. After the procession we had festive agape.

*Raju Baikapogu
(Pre- Novice)*

Good Father's Feast Day Celebration



The feast of Marie - Joseph Coudrin (Pierre Coudrin), the co-founder of the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts, was celebrated in Coudrin Chhatrabas (hostel), Choudwar on March 27, 2023.

Together with the students in the hostel, the Sacred Hearts Brothers and Sisters in the Bhubaneswar - Choudwar area gathered together to celebrate the feast. An hour of Eucharistic adoration was followed by Eucharistic celebration. Thereafter an agape meal was shared.

Fr. Alexis ss.cc.



DSDI International Women's Day Celebration

On March 18, 2023 a day of exposure had been organized for the DSDI staff members at Missionaries of Charity Sisters Gandhi Leprosy and Psychiatric Rehabilitation Centre in Janla - 18 kilometres from the capital city of Bhubaneswar. As part of an exposure, a moment of orientation was given to the staff members about the history of the Centre and about the works of the Missionaries of Charity Sisters in the service and rehabilitation of leprosy and psychiatric patients. There are six patients' wards which the staff members visited and interacted both with the Sisters and with the patients. There are about 320 patients who are being taken care of and served in the Centre.

It was also a day when the DSDI staff members had decided to celebrate the International Women's Day with the leprosy and psychiatric patients in the Centre. The MC Sisters, the female patients and the DSDI women staff members were felicitated with roses and with tokens of appreciation for their role in and contribution to the transformation of families and the society. The DSDI staff members entertained and brought cheers to the patients with their short programs. They also volunteered themselves to serve and to feed the patients at lunch hour.



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Most of our DSDI staff members had never been exposed to such realities of persons in our society and the care and services rendered by the Sisters of Missionaries of Charity. The day of exposure among the leprosy and psychiatric patients and the MC Sisters was an eye opening experience for them. For some of them it was long years of dream come true. They felt encouraged and motivated to be agents of care and service to a humanity that is marginalized and excluded from the main stream of our society, particularly from their loved ones.

- Fr. Alexis ssc



International Women's Day

International womens day was an annual event celebrated across the St. Damien Parish, Ludru.

Upholding acts of courage and determination by ordinary women who have played an extraordinary role in the history. There were the lines, slogans, and songs during long procession by women of St. Damien Parish. it expresses the love and grace of Jesus Christ as Women united in faith and grace, desiring to serve in glorifying the lord. The event was celebrated in the parish and was attended by women who were blessed with the Powerful message addressed by the Parish priest Fr. Francis Subal ss.cc.. All the women present expressed their gratitude in experiencing a resounding message of women empowerment by Gods grace.



Happy BIRTHDAY

April

23 Fr. Ajith Kumar A. D.

24 Fr. Radhe Lal Jatwar



Pray for the deceased

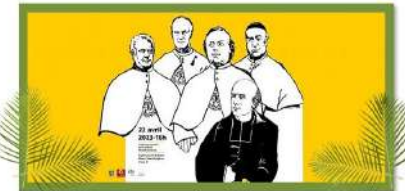


Father August VAN DE VELDE ssc (Flanders)

Let us rejoice with the Church

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Superior General



Dear brothers,

The Church invites us to rejoice at the forthcoming beatification of our brother martyrs of Piquet, Ladislav Radigue, Marcelin Rouchoze, Fedral Tardieu and Polycarp Tuffier. As you know, the beatification will take place on Saturday 22 April at 4 p.m. in the Church of Saint Sulpice in Paris.

Our martyrs drew from the same spiritual source that we have received from our founders. From the day of their religious profession and in the exercise of their various pastoral tasks, they understood that the fullness of life in the style of Jesus consists in giving it away in service of their brothers and sisters. In the midst of the complex circumstances of the society and the Church of their time, they were able to focus on the essentials of the Gospel. In their days of imprisonment and waiting for the outcome, each of the brothers matured in his response to the Lord. The essence of their response was forged in the solitude of their cells and in their sometimes distressing intimacy with the Lord. However, they were not alone.

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