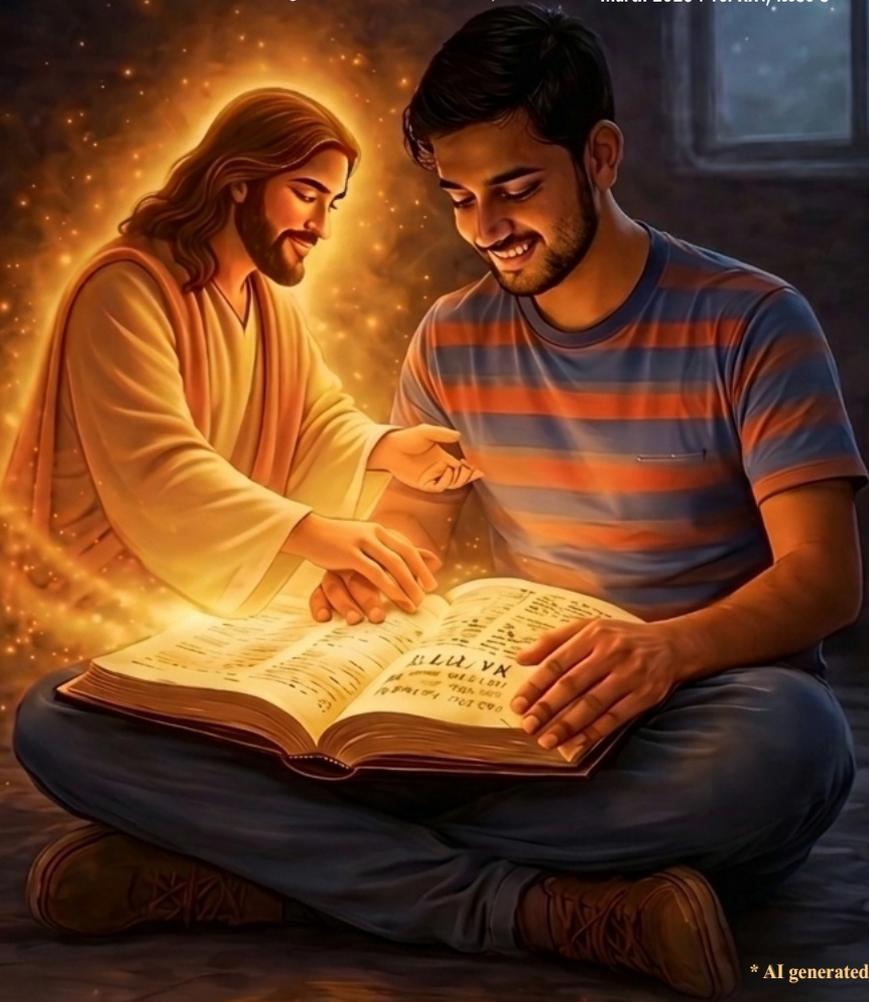




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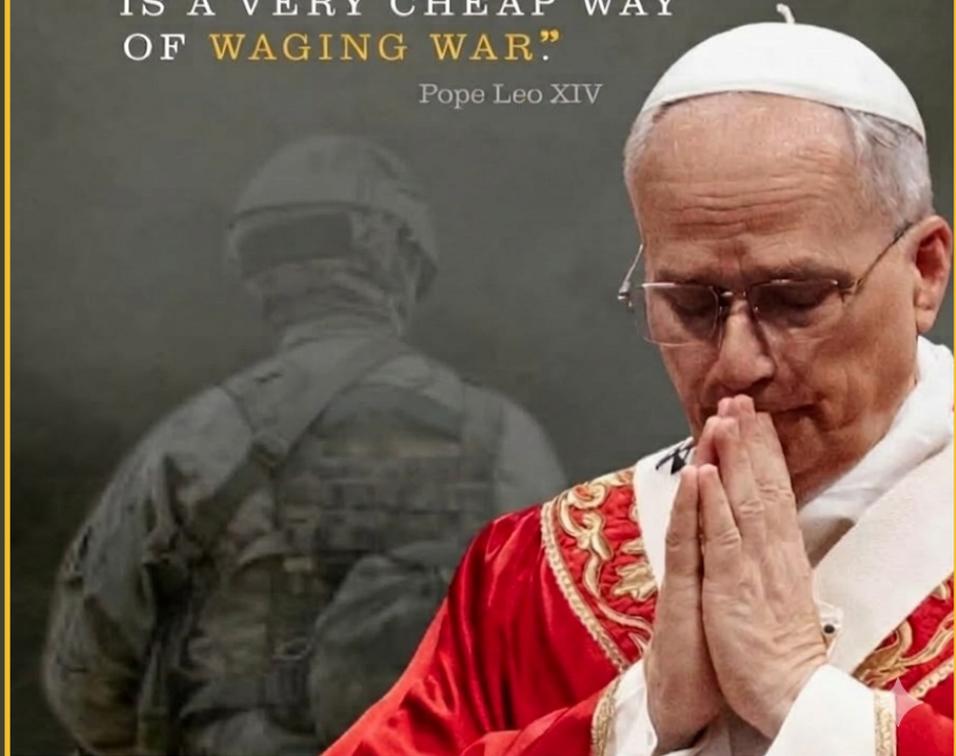
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Pope Leo XIV



Catechetics and the Word of God in Seminary Formation at St. Pius X College



At St. Pius X College, both Catechetics and the Word of God are at the core of seminary programme as they form an integral component in the formation of future priests. The programme is designed to ensure that seminarians are deeply rooted in Sacred Scripture and also equipped to transmit the faith with conviction and compassion, thereby seeking to form authentic disciples.

Inspired by Pope Benedict XVI, who in his Apostolic Exhortation, *Verbum Domini* reminded us that the Word of God must become “the soul of theology and pastoral ministry,” seminarians are trained to integrate biblical reflection into every aspect of their vocation. Consequently, through daily meditation during Community and personal Prayer, meaningful Eucharistic and Liturgical celebrations and theological study, our seminarians are invited to encounter Christ in the Scriptures and through Him in the world around. This encounter seeks to become not purely an intellectual pursuit; but is both personal and transformative.

It is in this perspective that Catechetics is perceived as the art of communicating the living Word to the People of God. It is not limited to classroom instruction but extends to parish ministry, youth catechesis, and outreach programmes. Through systematic formation, seminarians learn how to present the Gospel in a way that is faithful to Church teaching, sensitive to cultural realities, and responsive to contemporary challenges. Catechesis is thus gradually understood as a fundamental means that leads people to a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

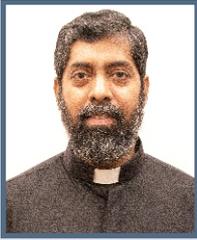
At St. Pius X College, special emphasis is placed on forming Pastors who are both teachers of the Word and witnesses as well. In fact, in the Propaedeutic Year (Orientation Year) itself, they are introduced by the Professors to a variety of Prayer methods so that they deepen their love for the Word and nurture interior maturity. So also courses in Sacred Scripture, pedagogy, and communication skills are complemented by supervised pastoral experiences over the 8 years of seminary formation. These enable seminarians to translate biblical insights into practical and life-giving catechesis.

And so inspired by the pastoral zeal of our patron Pope Pius X whose motto was “to restore all things in Christ”, the seminary encourages future priests to make the Gospel accessible to all, especially the young and the marginalized.

Fr. Gilbert De Lima
Rector

Catechetics and the Word of God

"The Word of God is Alive and Active." - Hebrews 4:12



Catechetics in its fullest meaning is not a method of education which ought to be learned or a programme which must be fulfilled; it is the life-giving communication of an experience, and that experience has a name and a face, and a voice which is most distinctly heard in the Sacred Scripture. The work, then, of facing men with God and giving them His Word is the same as it was in the days of Moses. God commanded Israel to bind God's people with God's Words upon their hearts and them to their children (Dt 6:6-7), and through the Great Commission when the Risen Christ sent His disciples forth, saying, Teach all nations" (Mt 28:19), and even in our own seminary classrooms and chapels even now. This was acknowledged by the Second Vatican Council when it said in *Dei Verbum* that the study of the sacred scripture is, as it were, the soul of sacred theology, a saying which has pastoral imperatives because, should it be so, that the Scripture is the soul of the theology, it must be the soul of the catechist. It is owing to this, I am of the view that seminary formation must foster in every seminarian three indissoluble dispositions, namely, the intellectual rigor with which it is necessary to study the biblical text honesty and depth, the contemplative habit of receiving it in prayer through *Lectio Divina* and the Liturgy of the Hours, and the apostolic fire, which is necessary to open it in the people of God with clarity and passion.

The Sunday Lectionary, with its three-year round of the history of salvation, continues to be the most effective catechetical tool of the Church. We do not want a seminarian who can explain what this or that text means, but the one that can testify what it has done to him, because it is only such a man, the biblical witness, who will one day stand before a grieving mother, a doubting young adult, or a community in crisis and speak not as a commentator, but as a man whose heart has been trained in the Word. To you, our seminarians I say this: do not permit what is lawful in the needs of academic and pastoral formation to press out your daily experience of Scripture. Allow the texts to astonish you, hurt you, comfort you and dispatch you. Those who will, one day, see you to be the source of light, need a shepherd, who has long dwelt in the dark with the Word, and knows that it is, beyond doubt, "a lamp to my feet and a light to my path" (Ps 119:105).

Fr. Walter D'Souza

A Communitarian Christmas



The month of December is a time of happiness and cheer. The success of the major play ‘Son of Man’ added cheer to the community celebrating Christmas. It was one of the eagerly anticipated events in the Seminary calendar.

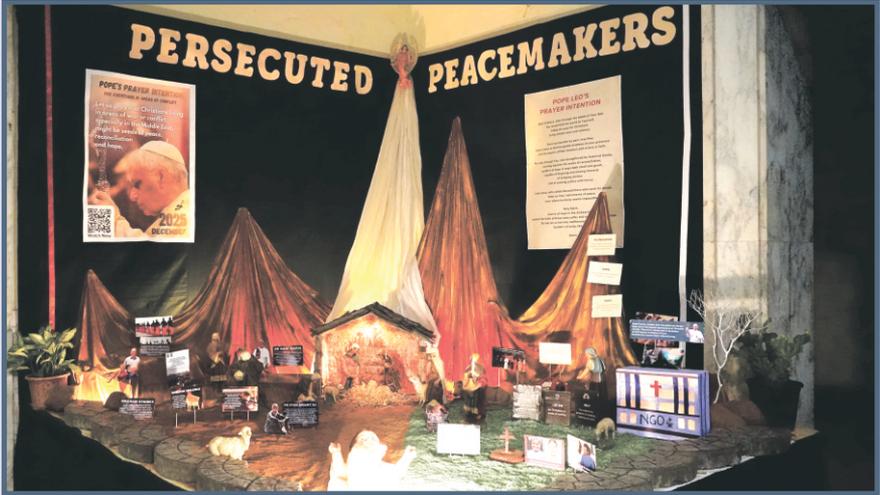
The celebration was hosted by the lively duo of Fr. Benhur Rodrigues and Fr. Renold D’Souza who welcomed the entire community. Br. Joel Chittilapily led the community into prayer invoking the blessings and protection of the Holy Trinity and our Blessed Mother.

The celebration began with singing Christmas Carols in the regional languages of Marathi, Gujrati, Konkani and Tamil. The community joined the brothers in singing together as one community.

Fr. Gavin Lopes brought the community marching around bonfire and the beats were provided by Fr. Prashant Padu. It was a time of great laughter as the community were treated to laughter, music and games. The night ended in sumptuous dinner in a variety of cuisines.

***Br. Dashiell Fonseca
Second Year Theology***

Christmas Crib and Star



The Christmas Crib and Star theme, “Persecuted Peacemakers” draws inspiration from Pope Leo XIV’s Universal Prayer Intention for December 2025 for Christians living in areas of conflict. He invites the faithful to pray that Christians, especially in the Middle East and other war-torn regions, may become “seeds of peace, reconciliation and hope.” Amid violence and persecution, they are reminded that they are not abandoned, but called to witness courageously to Christ’s peace.

It features on one side Christians targeted and killed for their missionary work and campaigns for social justice, such as Fr Stan Swamy, Sr Rani Maria, Graham Staines, and members of Manipur’s Kuki-Zo community persecuted for their faith. And on the other, Christians who forgave their attackers, such as Pope John Paul II. The crib, serves as a reminder that “faith grows even in the midst of trial, and that from the wounded community seeds of reconciliation and peace can be born’. Baby Jesus, at the centre of the scene, is the beacon of peace.

Our crib challenges us not to fall into indifference, but to become builders of unity. Echoing the Holy Father’s prayer. “Lord Jesus, who called blessed those who work for peace, make us your instruments of peace even where harmony seems impossible” we are urged to live the Gospel through the works of mercy. Even in persecution, we hold fast to hope, trusting that Christ’ virtues, alive within us, will one day blossom into lasting peace.

*Br. Joyed Paul Rodrigues
Propaedeutic Year*

Harvesting in the Cultural Richness of Pongal



The Pongal celebration and feast of St. Lazarus Devasahayam at St. Pius X College was celebrated on 13th of January 2026. It began with the Holy Eucharist celebrated in Tamil by Fr. Paul Raj in which he preached about the traditional values that the Pongal feast emphasizes which goes in relation with the values of the gospel.

We also had a delicious traditional South Indian meal with many varieties of dishes to celebrate this occasion for which many brothers and laity contributed their time and energy selflessly. In addition, the Oyil Attam, the traditional folk dance of Tamil Nadu by the brothers cheered the community. The brothers wore traditional attire, the beautiful rangolis, and traditional decorations with banana plants, coconut and mango leaves, with sugarcanes and flowers enhanced the occasion to a greater level. The presence of the bishops, priests, brothers and sisters, laity and workers for the festive meal was a memorable sight.

*Br. Leo Jeswin
First Year Theology*

Spiritual and Fraternal Renewal

As tradition goes, this year on January 14th & 15th all the moderator groups went for their annual group recollection. It is a time when each group reflects on a particular theme that sets the tone for the upcoming months that helps them build a vision to the future.

The groups set out to different venues in Mumbai like **Erangal- Madh, Bhate-bunder shrine Uttan, Gorai, Diocesan Pastoral Centre - Bandra, Rajodi and Barampur in Vasai**. Each place offered its uniqueness that facilitated reflection and rest.

At the end of the recollection, every group reported the joy of a spiritual renewal as the talks were based on the journey in their vocation. The recollection provided a time to connect with God and fellow brothers for the upcoming term.

*Br. Jonah Philip
First Year Philosophy*

Blood Donation Drive



A blood donation drive was conducted by the Infirmary Department on 6th March 2026 at St. Pius X College Seminary in collaboration with the Holy Family Hospital. After the medical screening process, 28 participants successfully donated blood.

The medical team from Holy Family Hospital carefully supervised the entire process, ensuring that all safety and health protocols were followed. The donors were guided and supported throughout the procedure, making the experience safe and meaningful.

Everyone was encouraged to take part, especially during the Lenten season, which is a time of sacrifice, charity, and service to others. The Infirmary Department expressed sincere gratitude to all the donors and volunteers.

*Br. Annel Anthony
Second Year Theology - Infirmary HOD*

Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes



On 11 February 2026, the seminary joyfully celebrated the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes with a special Eucharistic celebration at the Grotto, following the beautiful tradition of our community.

This feast commemorates the events of 1858 in Lourdes, France, when a young girl named St. Bernadette Soubirous experienced eighteen apparitions of the Virgin Mary at a grotto. The day began with Morning Prayer, led with great devotion by the keyboardist Jubin, the singer Starson, and the prayer leader Sujit, who guided the congregation in lifting our hearts to God through prayer and song. Their leadership helped set a joyful and prayerful tone for the day.

After Morning Prayer, the community proceeded to the Grotto. The Grotto was beautifully illuminated with blue lights, symbolizing the color

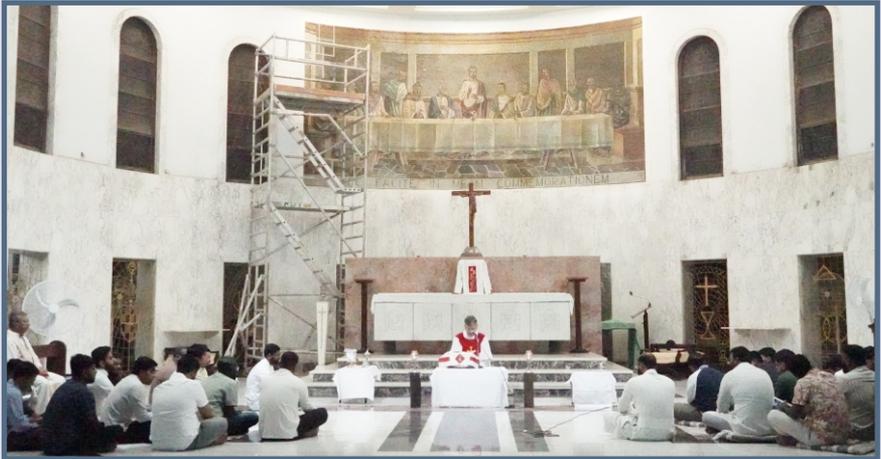
traditionally associated with Our Blessed Mother. The serene atmosphere reminded us of Mary's gentle presence and her role as our loving Mother.

The Holy Mass was celebrated by Fr. Andrew Aranha along with the staff. In his homily, he reflected on the reality of hatred and division in today's world and the urgent need for love. He also highlighted how choosing love over hatred often requires sacrifice, but it is the true path of discipleship. He encouraged us to cultivate genuine relationships with people and, most importantly, a deep connection with God. He invited us to look inward, to examine our hearts, and to grow in love and compassion.

The community gathered to share wishes and express gratitude to God for the presence and intercession of Our Lady of Lourdes. It was a moment of fraternity, joy, and Marian devotion.

Br. Sherwin Fernandes
Propaedeutic Year

A Day to be proud: The Republic Day 2026



“Pride in our past gives us strength, but our duty to the future gives us a purpose.”

The seminary community of St. Pius X college came together to celebrate Republic Day with great joy and devotion. The celebration began with a beautiful Holy Mass in Hindi, celebrated by the Rector of the Seminary, Fr. Gilbert De Lima, where we prayed together for our country’s peace and progress. After the Mass, everyone gathered in the oval ground for the flag hoisting ceremony. The National Flag was proudly unfurled by Mr. Ashok Magade, as we all stood together to salute the Tricolor.

Bro. Pratik did an excellent job as the Master of Ceremonies, keeping the program lively and organized. His words filled our hearts with pride in our nation. A very special part of the morning was celebrating the 150th year of "Vande Mataram." To honor this occasion, Br. Annel and Br. Mathew sang a moving version of the national song that filled everyone with pride. During the event, Bro. David gave a powerful speech where he spoke about the current challenges that our Constitution is facing, reminding us of our duty to protect its values. Before we dispersed, sweets were distributed to everyone to share the happiness of the day. It was a simple yet meaningful celebration that reminded us of our love for our nation.

Br. Renish Jose
Second Year Philosophy

From Debate to Dialogue: Embracing the Spirit of *Nostra Aetate*



A deeply enriching session on *Nostra Aetate* was held at St. Pius X College and was delivered by the Archbishop. Felix Machado, Emeritus Bishop of the Diocese of Vasai. Drawing from his long experience in interreligious engagement, Archbishop Felix offered both a historical and theological exploration of the Second Vatican Council's landmark declaration on the Church's relationship with non-Christian religions.

He began by situating *Nostra Aetate* within the wider vision of the Second Vatican Council, describing the Council as a decisive moment that shaped the Church's self-understanding in the modern world. Referring to the spirit reflected in *Ecclesiam Suam*, he explained how the Church moved from a predominantly defensive stance to one marked by dialogue. This development, he clarified, was not sudden but the result of a slow and gradual opening in the pre-conciliar period, influenced by historical realities and the urgent need for reconciliation in a fractured world.

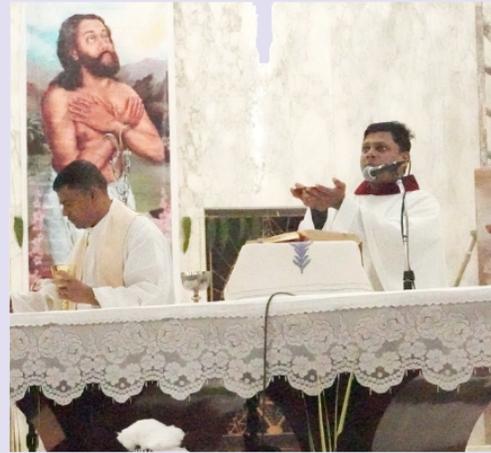
Tracing the historical background before *Nostra Aetate*, Archbishop Felix noted that earlier engagements often centred largely on classical Judaism and were shaped by apologetic and polemical contexts. The Council ushered in what he termed a “new age” of dialogue. Importantly, he emphasised that dialogue does not imply compromise of doctrine rather it involves presenting the faith clearly and faithfully.

A key insight of the session was the understanding that dialogue is not merely intellectual or cerebral; it is also relational and gestural. True dialogue seeks friendship, trust, and mutual understanding. Its purpose is simple yet profound because we come to know others, and they come to know us.

The session concluded with an engaging Q&A segment. The interactive exchange created a space for healthy and thoughtful discussion among the seminarians, allowing future priests to clarify doubts, share perspectives, and deepen their understanding of the Church's mission of dialogue. The gathering proved to be both intellectually stimulating and pastorally formative, inspiring the community to embrace the spirit of *Nostra Aetate*.

Br. John Clitus Olakkengil
Second Year Theology

SNIPPETS FROM OUR SEMINARY LIFE



Priestly Ordination



Name: **Dn. Dorson D'Mello**

Parish: **Holy Magi Church, Gorai.**

Motto: **"All to the Glory of God" (1 Cor. 10:31)**

Vision: The motto reminds me that while the world advocates the pursuit of self-interest and self-aggrandizement, I as a priest am called to look beyond myself, and every action I do must be dedicated to the glory of God and His Church and for the salvation of souls. As a priest I am called to be an Alter Christus - another Christ, serving the Lord and His Church with truth and

fidelity, being an instrument of Christ's everlasting love and faithfulness amidst the chaos and vagaries of the world.



Name: **Dn. Ivan Kamble**

Parish: **St. Anthony Church, Malwani, Malad (W).**

Motto: **"You did not choose me, I chose you." (Jn 15:16)**

Vision: The reason I choose this motto for my Priestly Ordination is because it resembles very much with the manner in which God called me to follow in his footsteps through the gift of the Priesthood. Reflecting on the various moments where the seeds of vocation was sowed through various people. I now realize the way in which God has been constantly calling me from the beginning but it is only later that I heeded to his call. Therefore, I say that

though I have said yes to become his priest, it was he who initiated the call since the beginning.



Name: **Dn. Viyar Joseph Dinis**

Parish: **St. Andrew's Church, Uttan Chowk.**

Motto: **"Do this in memory of me" (Lk 22:19).**

Vision: Deeply inspired by the Eucharist, my vocation has been shaped by a life of remembrance, sacrifice, and loving service, especially through witnessing priests at the altar and their self-giving ministry in the parish. My vision is "Rooted in Jesus and Mary for the love of all," which reflects my desire to remain firmly grounded in Christ and the Blessed Mother, and to serve God's people with compassion, humility, and self-giving love.



Name: **Dn. William Vicky Paul**

Parish: **St Sebastian Church, Daund, Pune.**

Motto: **"My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weaknesses." So I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me." (2 Corinthians 12:9)**

Vision: To show and lead every person to the transforming love of God. God loves each of us exactly as we are and continually seeks us with a compassionate and merciful heart. The true human fulfilment is found in the sincere gift of ourselves to others in love. This way of self-giving

becomes possible only through Jesus Christ, who strengthens us in our weakness and pours out His grace so that His power may shine through our lives.



Name: **Dn. Valerian Fernandes**

Parish: **St Joseph the worker's Church, Dandeli, Karwar.**

Motto: **"By calling me into his service he has judged me trustworthy."**

(1 Tim 1:12)

A Call to Serve

A Gentle Spark grew in my Heart
A Call to Serve, in the Vineyard of God
From Childhood days, I felt God's Love
a love of Vocation's Hug

Through many trials & joys, I have discerned the Call
A path unwinding leading to Stand Tall

As a Priest, to serve & guide
To Spread God's Love all over the World

In the journey's twists & turns, I have walked with care
Seeking God's Will, with an open Heart & Prayer
Here I am Lord, I am listening to you
Always Guide me in your Love.

Thomas Aquinas Workshop 2026



The 4th Thomas Aquinas Workshop was organised on the theme 'Burnout and Exhaustion: Philosophical Perspectives' by the Department of Philosophy. Br. Pravin Chetty led the forum in prayer and the moderator, Br. Rainel Lobo, welcomed the

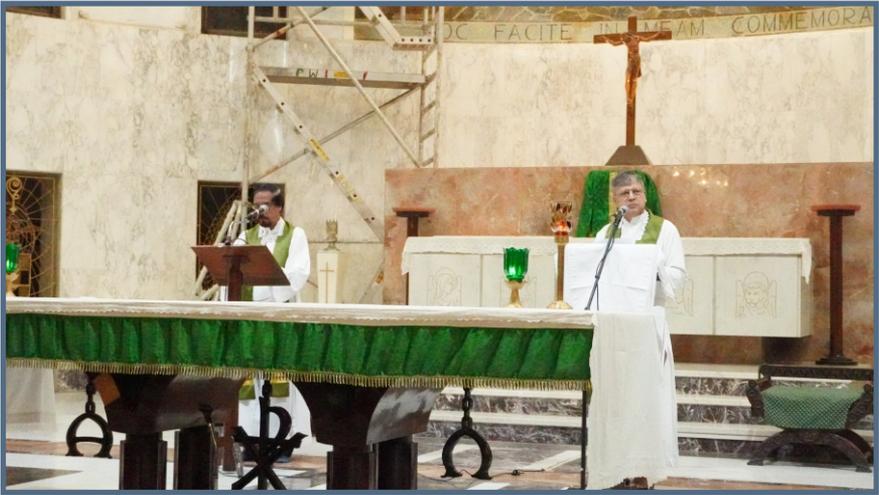
attendees and introduced the theme.

The first speaker, Br. Keegan Dmello, presented the paper, 'Philosophical Contestations of the Burnout Society.' He explored the thoughts of Byung-Chul Han and his idea of the achievement in society, where the constant pressure of "you can" leads to self-exploitation and exhaustion. Br. Lawrence Dcunha, gave insights on 'From Stress to Balance: Redefining Success for a Healthier Society.' He reflected on how modern life, driven by efficiency, productivity, and deadlines, has deeply affected personal, social, and communal harmony.

Finally, Br. Jonah spoke on 'The Paradoxes of Mass Media: Stress or De-stress?' He gave insights on the role of mass media highlighting how media shapes our public life, relationships, and sense of meaning. After the paper presentations, the participants had a chance to participate in group discussions. Br. Daniel proposed the Vote of Thanks and the event ended with a closing prayer and blessings by Fr Gilbert De Lima.

Br. Ocean D'Cruz
First Year Philosophy

The Unity Prayer - An Ecumenical Prayer Service



The Ecumenical prayer service was conducted on January 21st during the Christian Unity Week. It resonated an inspiring message of Christian solidarity and unity.

The St. Pius Community gathered for prayer which was led by Fr Gilbert De Lima, our Rector along with Pastor Jeffrey Bardey of the Methodist Church. Pastor Jeffrey donned the vestment of the Rector during the service, which also served as a visible sign and testimony to the message of unity being proclaimed. Pastor Jeffrey in his reflection highlighted the unity of the Churches dating back 1700 years to the Council of Nicea. He advocated a dialogue of truth and love that fostered relationships between Churches. Therefore, cultivating this attitude would foster a coming together in the real world against injustice and division. Thus bearing witness to the gospel and realizing the mission Christ gave us.

The prayer service consisted of a joint intercession for various needs that would establish the Universal Church of Christ. It concluded by 8 p.m., after which the community proceeded with the normal schedule.

*Br. Jonah Philip
First Year Philosophy*

Fire Extinguisher Awareness Programme



On 11th February, the seminarians had a fire extinguisher awareness programme conducted by Mr. Sudakar. He explained the common causes of fire and the basic techniques to handle fire emergencies. Special emphasis was

given to the correct method of using a fire extinguisher through the code word PASS—Pull, Aim, Squeeze, Sweep.

The programme also included a 'practical demonstration', during which the brothers were given the opportunity to personally demonstrate the use of a fire extinguisher. This hands-on experience helped them better understand fire safety measures and prepared them to respond calmly and effectively in emergency situations.

*Br. Melvin Varghese
Third Year Theology*

Celebrating St. Gonsalo Garcia



It was a great joy for the St. Pius family to celebrate the feast of the second patron saint of the Archdiocese of Bombay and the primary saint of the Diocese of Vasai, St. Gonsalo Garcia on 6th February, 2026. A well-known figure and most revered saint among the people of Bassein. Keeping the culture of Vasai in mind, the brothers were dressed in traditional attire, namely Kupari combination and surkas. Fr. Pretam Haruk, a newly ordained priest, celebrated the Eucharist, emphasizing in his preaching the perseverance of St. Gonsalo Garcia, who chose to work for the greater glory of God. He highlighted key aspects of the mission of Gonsalo Garcia and made it relevant for us seminarians for it to be applied in future ministry.

The brothers belonging to the Diocese of Vasai and the Archdiocese of Bombay had put up a cultural singing performance that included vibrant, rhythmic popular Folk songs, which got everyone on their feet. The Feast concluded with a sumptuous Vasai special Lunch prepared by the Parishioners of Our Lady of Remedy Church, Vasai.

*Br. Brayán Mathias
First Year Theology*

Non Teaching Staff's Picnic at Anand Resort



On 12th February 2025, we had a joyful picnic with our non - teaching staff at Anand Resort. On reaching the resort, we enjoyed a tasty and satisfying breakfast. Everyone was relaxed and cheerful, ready to make the most of the day. It was beautiful to see the smiles and the simple happiness on each face.

After breakfast, we spent time bonding through games and activities. There was laughter everywhere as everyone participated with great enthusiasm. These moments helped us grow closer and created wonderful memories together.

The highlight of the day was the pool. Everyone had a great time swimming and enjoying themselves. The lunch was absolutely delicious and to my surprise, after eating, many went back into the pool again and this time dancing and celebrating with even more joy.

At 4:00 p.m., we gathered for tea before heading back home, while some of us returned to the seminary. It was truly a beautiful and refreshing day, filled with togetherness, gratitude and unforgettable happiness.

*Br. Shawn Gomes
First Year Theology*

St. Pius Community Picnic to Green Hill Resort



Community outings always hold a special place in seminary life, as they offer moments of refreshment and strengthen the bonds within the community. Such an opportunity was given to us on 16 February, when we went for a picnic to Green Hill Resort, Nalasopara. The day began with the celebration of the Eucharist, following which there was a growing excitement about the experience that awaited us and the joy of spending a day together outside the regular routine of the Seminary life and academics. As a community we travelled to our destination - Green Hill Resort, Nalasopara.

After breakfast, the swimming pools, the tall water slide, and the rain dance structure invited us into the heart of the day's experience. At first, the atmosphere seemed quite normal, and everyone was present in a calm and simple way. Yet, there was something quietly special in seeing all of us together in such a relaxed setting, outside the usual rhythm of seminary life. The swimming pool soon became the heart of the picnic, where most of us gathered and swam and played water volleyball.

After the long hours of activity, we gathered for lunch, which provided rest and refreshment. In the afternoon, a Housie game was conducted, but with a creative difference. Instead of numbers, the names of community members were used, and the clues given were filled with humour and gentle imitation. The game brought out a spirit of togetherness and allowed us to see one another beyond the usual formal setting. As evening approached, we gathered once more for tea, which marked the closing of the day's events. A thanksgiving was offered, and there was a deep sense of gratitude among everyone.

Br. Alex Pallickathayil
First Year Philosophy

Lenten Recollection - Ash Wednesday

Preached by: Fr. Justin Sequeira SSS



The Lenten Recollection centred on the theme: *The Paschal Mystery in the Life of Jesus as Celebrated in the Eucharist*. The preacher invited the seminarians to move beyond a superficial understanding of Christ and to encounter the true Jesus present and active in the Eucharist. The recollection began with the fundamental question of who is the true Jesus and where do we find him?

This was anchored in Jesus' own question, "*Who do you say that I am?*". The whole life of Jesus was explained through the four Eucharistic actions: **TOOK, BLESSED, BROKE, AND GAVE.**

1. Jesus Took the Bread — Jesus Took Life in His Hands

Drawing from Jn 10:17–18, it was emphasized that Jesus freely accepted His life and mission. In the same way, each seminarian is called to consciously receive and accept life and vocation as a gift and responsibility before God.

2. Jesus Blessed (Thanked)

Thanksgiving is central to the Eucharist and to Christian spirituality. Referring to Jn 11:41 at the tomb of Lazarus, Jesus gives thanks even before the miracle occurs. We were encouraged not to exaggerate the problems but to “magnify Jesus” instead — like using a magnifying glass correctly.

3. Jesus Broke the Bread — Communion and Sacrifice

The breaking of the bread signifies both suffering and communion. Before this moment in the liturgy, the community prays the “Our Father,” stressing the shared identity of believers as one family.

4. Jesus Gave the Bread — Total Self-Gift

Jesus gave His all to all, at all times. Christian life, therefore, is essentially a life of self-giving. This was connected to Gal 2:20 — the believer's identity transformed in Christ. Life finds its fulfilment not in possession but in generous surrender.

The recollection concluded with the Ash Wednesday Holy Eucharist, where the sermon powerfully tied the theme of becoming, like Christ- a life that is taken, blessed, broken, and given.

*Br. Daniel
Second Year Philosophy*

Sports Finale



On 3rd March, the Sports Department concluded the Sports Finale for the academic year 2025–2026.

The programme began with an opening prayer led by our newly elected community prefect Br. Clitus, followed by a short message by Fr. Gilbert which encapsulated this sporting year. The atmosphere then came alive with the 4×100 m relay race, followed by a fun game for the staff, and concluded with an intense and exciting dodgeball match.

After the events, medals were distributed to those who secured the first three positions in the individual events.

The overall results were as follows:

Green United – Winners

Red Arrows – Runners-up

Yellow Titans – Third place

Blue Mavericks – Fourth place

Following the prize distribution, as the day coincided with the celebration of Holi, the Sports Department organised a joyful colour celebration for the brothers.

Though the year was challenging, it was also enriching and filled with valuable learnings. As we look forward with enthusiasm to the next sports year, we sign off with gratitude.

Br. Melvin Varghese
Third Year Theology, HOD – Sports Department

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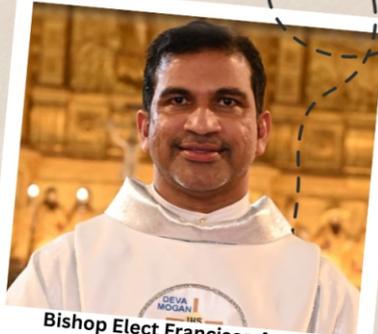
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Franciscan Jubilee Year
Proclaimed by Pope Leo XIV



Newly elected Community Prefect Br. John
Clitus Olakkengil and Asst. Community Prefect
Br. Brayam Mathias (26-27).

The St Pius X Community thanks Br. Liron D'Cunha - Community Prefect and Br. Joel Chittilapily - Asst. Community Prefect for their service in the academic year 2025-26.



FOR DISARMAMENT AND PEACE

LET US PRAY THAT
NATIONS MOVE TOWARD
EFFECTIVE DISARMAMENT,
PARTICULARLY NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT,
AND THAT WORLD LEADERS
CHOSE THE PATH
OF DIALOGUE AND DIPLOMACY
INSTEAD OF VIOLENCE.

- POPE LEO XIV
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