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IN SYNODAL MODE, A GRACE FOR ORDAINED MINISTERS TO “BE EVANGELIZED”

A spirituality of “listening” has indeed become a byword since the start of the synodal process in the universal as well as local church. As challenging as it may be, we are searching for ways to make it possible to listen to those who are at the periphery, who are marginalised, and who are outside the normal range of dialogue. Lay people, religious and priests must also be very grateful to the Holy Father, for bringing us together to a common table, to listen to each other and deepen our participation in the mission of God.

Among these, Priests, who are distinguished from the other two by the sacrament of orders, must be perhaps even more grateful for the opportunity of ‘listening’ as part of the synodal process. They need to overcome their over-emphasis on ‘being set apart for sacred duties’ by the sacrament of orders, so that they may cherish the more primary bond of baptism which they share with the lay faithful and the religious.

While addressing the International Theological Symposium on the Priesthood in Rome on 17th Feb 2022, Pope Francis reflected on his own 52 years as a priest, and said: “At times we forget about baptism, and the priest then becomes a functionary, and the danger of functionalism sets in. We should never forget that each particular vocation, including that of Holy Orders, is a completion of baptism. It is always a great temptation to live a *priesthood without baptism* – and there are some priests ‘without baptism’ – in other words, forgetting that our primary vocation is to holiness. To be holy means to conform ourselves to Jesus, letting our hearts thrill with his same sentiments (cf. Phil 2:15). Only when we strive to love others as Jesus does, do we make God visible and fulfil our vocation to holiness. Quite rightly, Saint John Paul II reminded us that, ‘the priest, like every other member of the Church, ought to grow in the awareness that he himself is continually in need of being evangelized’



(PDV, 26). And when you say to some Bishops or priests that they need to be evangelized, they don’t understand. This happens, this is a tragedy nowadays”.

It was Vatican II that helped the Church to focus on the primordial importance of the Sacrament of Baptism, including the understanding of the common priesthood that flows from it. The Council taught that the Holy Spirit equips the Church and directs it with “hierarchical and charismatic gifts and adorns it with His fruits” (LG 4). Later, St. Pope John Paul II would teach about the ‘co-essential nature of the charismatic and hierarchical gifts’ since there are “two modes of participation in the one priesthood of Christ, which involves two dimensions which unite in the supreme act of the sacrifice of the Cross” (*Pastores Gregis*, 10). He thus gave a legitimate importance to the graces experienced by the non-ordained (lay faithful and religious) and related them to the mission of those who are ordained. In this light it becomes obvious that those who are baptized experience the power of the Risen Lord who invites them to a full cooperation with him as his disciples; and those who are chosen by him for the sacrament of orders are called, not for self-glorification, but precisely for the purpose of facilitating the flowering of the baptismal graces in the lives of the non-ordained.

Ordained ministers will, thus, be able to better fulfil their mission if they are in deep communion with the ones who are not ordained and whom they are called to serve. If they wish to be true evangelizers, they need to first permit themselves to be evangelized by their non-ordained counterparts in the Church, by humbly listening to them.

Fr Aniceto Pereira
Rector,
St Pius X Seminary

BUILDING THE BODY OF CHRIST BY CELEBRATING IT

At St. Pius X College, the Liturgy forms the pivot around which rotates the whole program of formation and guidance of young seminarians along their journey to the priesthood. Unwrapping the gift of a new day begins in the Chapel with the praying of the lauds: the psalms and canticles, rising in praise of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, in the universal song of praise that sounds across the world. This is followed by a period of silent meditation, which adequately prepares us for the Eucharist. The day is punctuated with other hours of the Divine Office and by personal devotions, while in the evening the chapel rings out once again with the Vespers and prayers that call upon the Lord to bring to a close the day with his Grace and peace.

One will often hear people asking seminarians and priests, what do you do for eight long years? Does it take so long just to learn how to say mass? Though this is not



very factually true, nonetheless the whole mass of studies, formation, and community living revolves around the celebration of the mysteries of Christ's incarnation, passion, death and resurrection. Every activity is oriented toward enhancing the quality of the encounter with Christ the Lord. All this is directed toward a deeper discipleship that craves the presence of the Master, and is pointed toward communion with the lover of our souls.

Through the Liturgy, we become the heart of Christ that prays for the people of God, the feet of Christ that goes out to preach the Gospel, the fragrance of Christ that goes everywhere to save, the wisdom of Christ that is the light to the nations, the hands of Christ that bless and heal all humanity.

Fr Gavin Lopes
(Coordinator of Liturgy)

FIRST STEPS TOWARDS THE MASTER'S FOOTSTEPS

One of the most memorable moments for parents, after the birth of their child, is experiencing the joy of guiding, teaching and encouraging the child to take its first steps; and then witnessing their child taking its first few steps in an attempt to start walking. We here at St Pius also experience a similar joy every year when new candidates join the seminary, as they begin to take their first steps on their journey through priestly formation. The first year of formation in the seminary is known as the propaedeutic year, and its "principal objective is to provide a solid basis for the spiritual life and to nurture a great self-awareness for personal growth." (The Gift of the Priestly Vocation, No. 59). Being entrusted with the formation of such young and enthusiastic men, and accompanying them in their early steps in the seminary formation has been a great blessing for me.

One of the greatest joys is to assist the candidates in developing a deep personal relationship with Christ, which will be the foundation of their spirituality



throughout their life. Apart from various guided spiritual exercises like the Holy Eucharist, Eucharistic adoration, examination of conscience, praying the rosary, reading of the Bible and exploring the different methods of prayer they also get consistent guidance from a spiritual father to build up this spiritual foundation. Another great source of joy is in personally accompanying each candidate through regular and frequent personal and group interactions geared towards their human formation. This process involves building mutual trust through patient listening, empathy and understanding, thus, helping them to open up and know themselves better. It is indeed a delight to accompany them as they take these preliminary steps, towards following in the Master's footsteps.

Fr Prashant Padu
(Director of the Propaedeutic Year)

HOW THEOLOGY TRANSFORMED ME?

I have deepened my human relationships as a result of the Kairos moments I've encountered. My Emmaus experience (It is the Lord) is that of the passionate Jesus, who corrects me in love and concern through genuine human intervention. My Pauline experience (The falling from a high horse) that is still unfolding is dealing with my rigidity toward certain fears of rejection, misunderstanding, and being open to being vulnerable. The Tabor experience (signs to strengthen us in our response) have been these early morning moments in which I realize things are falling into place and I'm happy within.

Academically I'm in love with one theologian - St Irenaeus of Lyons. What has inspired me, besides his rules of faith and zeal to be one with others in missions, is the way he kept Christ at the centre of his movement and moved to the margins. I am thankful that I have the



opportunity to experiment with different methods of learning through this approach - Bloom's Taxonomy, models such as Death Café Model, interviewing youth, laity, and religious as comparative studies, following Aquinas' pedagogy, studying diocese reports, parish SCC reports, studying Bernard Lonergan's 8 functional specialties as a method of theology. Having pastoral experiences has helped me understand how to be all to all - the rich need love, the poor need dignity. In the pandemic years, I shared a break-point experience with one of my formators where we realized that pastoral work is where we are when we become healthy support systems for each other. Theology has made me joyful and made me willing to explore the unknown.

Br Dylan D'Souza
(3rd Year Theology)

MY REGENCY YEAR EXPERIENCE

On my arrival in Mahad at the beginning of this academic year, I realized the hostel was closed due to the COVID restrictions; however, I had the opportunity to get involved in social work. At first, I felt intimidated by the prospect of entering a field I had absolutely no experience in, but I came to appreciate it would be a rewarding experience. Through all the support I received from the Fathers and Sisters, I managed to get along eventually. We were doing well until July 2021, when Mahad was afflicted by floods that ravaged western Maharashtra. By providing immediate relief to flood-affected people, we decided to meet the challenge. In the aftermath of this natural disaster, we witnessed heartrending scenes and heard the grief of those who had suffered tragedy and lost their loved ones. The relief work was extremely demanding and occupied our time and energy for two months; I must say that the gruelling experience also made me grow and mature as a person.



Furthermore, being involved in social work allowed me to gain a deeper insight into Adivasi culture and an understanding of the challenges they face on a daily basis. As an animator, I was responsible for coordinating with six villages each week. In collaboration with the wadi representatives and volunteers, we conducted several activities for children, young girls, and women self-help groups. I am amazed by the respect we receive from the Adivasi and Maratha communities; this I believe is a testament to the good work that has been accomplished over here in the decades gone by. My regency experience has inspired me to live out the gospel values even more passionately as we work towards building the kingdom of God.

Br Ivan Kamble
(Regent)

ST FRANCIS XAVIER FEAST



The feast of St Francis Xavier, known to Goans as Goencho Saib, was celebrated in traditional Goan style, on December 3, 2021 at St Pius X College. Our Seminary has a long-standing tradition of celebrating the feast day of this missionary saint who is the principal patron saint of the Archdiocese of Bombay. With a love for proclaiming God's Kingdom, he was a man after the heart of Christ. The day began with a solemn high mass that was celebrated in Konkani. The main celebrant, Fr. Nelson Saldanha, beautifully explained the theme, "Pritimogan Kel'lo Vavr" meaning "Working in Love". St Francis Xavier once said, "Many, many people here are not becoming Christians because there is no one to help them." For us, it is a reminder to act in love and bring many souls to Christ, as he did for many people in Asia. After the mass, we had a festive meal and a cultural program, in which the brothers sang Goan folk songs and played traditional music to entertain the community.

Br Cajetan Mendes
(2nd Year Theology)

CHRISTMAS PARTY 2021

A Christmas party was held for the non-teaching staff of the St. Pius X Seminary, on 16th December 2021. It was a well-deserved time of celebration and fellowship, after a long and arduous time battling the repercussions of the covid-19 pandemic. During the pandemic, the non-teaching staff at St. Pius had moved in to reside on campus to ensure the smooth functioning of the house. This party was a small gesture to acknowledge and reward their immense sacrifice, dedication and love for the institution. The party was held in the seminary auditorium with the sole purpose of giving the non-

teaching staff an opportunity to relax and enjoy each other's company, along with some fun and frolic.

Our guests, the non-teaching staff, were relieved of their duties as the seminarians stepped in to manage their deliverables that afternoon. The program began with a prayer service and prayer dance by the seminarians. A time of exciting fun games, both at individual and team levels, with lots and lots of prizes, were conducted. Snacks and soft beverages were served to keep everyone's spirits high. Br. Dixon, the House Beadle expressed sentiments of gratitude on behalf of all the seminarians, acknowledging the tireless service rendered. Fr. Aniceto Pereira addressed the assembly with a Christmas message of hope and a desire to work hand in hand in the years to come. The presence and involvement of the resident staff reinforced the sense of community. The active participation of our guests throughout the event, evident in the high decibel levels of laughter and interaction generated at the party, were indicators that the event was an enjoyable one.



Br Kenneth Pinto
(1st Year Theology)

HAPPY REPUBLIC DAY 2022

The 73rd Republic Day celebration took place at St. Pius X College on January 26, while observing Covid-19 safety rules. The day began with a solemn Eucharist which was celebrated by Fr Lisbert D'Souza SJ who preached a homily that was encapsulated in the theme: "the truth shall set you free". His talk encouraged us to accept the truth of our lives, embracing our strengths and weaknesses alike. The flag hoisting ceremony, inclusive of the singing of the national anthem, took place after Mass, under the leadership of Br. Nikunj Parmar. Observing Republic Day serves to remind us of our identity, and our shared values which are so



beautifully described in the Indian Constitution's Preamble: Justice, Liberty, Equality and Fraternity. We pray that God may bless our country and all its leaders to keep India shining!

Br Joyous Koreth
(2nd Year Theology)

FEAST OF ST. GONSALO GARCIA

7th February 2022



St. Gonsalo Garcia was a Franciscan lay brother from Portuguese Bombay who was martyred in Japan. He is the patron of the Diocese of Vasai and the second patron of the Archdiocese of Bombay. This year on the feast of St. Gonsalo Garcia the entire community came together to celebrate his life and missionary zeal. We began the day with the celebration of the Holy Eucharist, in Marathi, by Fr. Godfrey Malu who encouraged us to follow in the footsteps of St Gonsalo Garcia by highlighting his passion for proclaiming the Gospel, his witness and his discipleship. Later the entire community, including lay students and sisters, gathered for a fellowship meal. Some brothers put up a short

cultural program consisting mainly of traditional east Indian songs which enhanced the festive spirit. Overall, it was a day of great joy and fellowship.

Br Rolwyn Lobo
(1st Year Theology)

ECUMENICAL PRAYER SERVICE FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

During the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, an ecumenical prayer service was held in St Pius X College on 20th January 2022. Bishop John Rodrigues, who is responsible for ecumenism in the Archdiocese of Bombay, presided over the prayer service along with Rev. Christdoss, CNI Pastor of St Mark Church (Vikhroli) and Grace Church (Sion Koliwada), as well as Pastor Thomas of the CNI St Stephen Church, Bandra. The text of the prayer service was prepared jointly by the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity Commission and the Faith and Order Commission of the World Council of Churches.

"We saw the star in the east and we came to worship Him", was the central theme of the prayer service. The scripture reading as well as the reflections shared by Bp John, Reverend Christdoss and Pastor Thomas illumined this leitmotif. Bp John talked about how we need to discover God

through prayer and reading of scriptures, and also how we need to be a witness to others by our actions. Rev. Christdoss stressed the importance of trusting in God during the ongoing pandemic since God will always be with us to guide us during challenging times. Then Pastor Thomas spoke, stressing the importance of developing a spirit of unity among Christians. Indeed, ecumenism affirms Christian unity while respecting the distinctive contributions of diverse Christian traditions.



Br Conrad Pereira
(2nd Year Theology)

FOCOLARE

The Focolare Movement has the features of a large and varied family, of a “new people born of the Gospel”, as Chiara Lubich, its founder, defined it. It is a movement of spiritual and social renewal, founded in Trent, Italy, in 1943, during the Second World War. The Focolare Movement is now present in 182 nations and more than 2 million people share closely in its life and work. Inspired by Jesus’ prayer to the Father, “May they all be one” (Jn 17:21), its goal is to promote brotherhood and to achieve a more united world in which people respect and value diversity. To achieve this goal, people of the Movement engage in various forms of dialogue and are committed to building bridges of fraternal relationships among individuals, between cultural groups and in every area of society. Members of the Movement include Christians of different Churches and ecclesial communities, members of the major world religions and people of no particular religious belief.

Our community in the Seminary compound started in 1995, and our house, Prakash Kiran, is one of the two



national centres housing five members, who co-ordinate the activities of the Focolare in India. It has been over 10 years that we are collaborating with the seminary, specifically with the seminarians during the Orientation year. In the last couple of years (before Covid time) the Orients came once a week to help in the tuition classes given to the children of our social project. The participation in the Focolare is open to all people, of all age groups and walks of life. We have different groups for children, teens, youth, adults, families: all committed to live a life based on the Gospel.

NIRMALA NIKETAN: ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE IN HOME SCIENCE

The College of Social Work, Nirmala Niketan was founded in 1955 by ‘The Daughters of the Heart of Mary’, whose charism has been to readily respond to the felt needs of the people according to the signs of the times. By promoting social justice and human dignity, the college hopes to contribute to the building of a new social order in the country. In this college, women students acquire values that will help them make a difference in communities where they work. During the early 1990s, college administration felt the need to extend its presence and reach out to prospective students. To meet this objective, the Extension Centre was set up at Goregaon in the year 1993. With its Silver Jubilee celebration in 2018, the Extension Centre is widely recognized for its dedication to offering quality educational opportunities to lifelong learners; as well as for providing a conducive environment for students to flourish, regardless of their previous educational level.

The Centre is currently managed by Dr. Ronald Yesudhas, Faculty In-charge and Ms. Nilima Rodrigues, Associate Director of the Extension Centre who are appointed by the College Principal, Dr. Lidwin Dias. Ms. Nilima is assisted by a team of six staff members who oversee the day-to-day activities. From its inception at St. Pius X College Campus, the Extension Centre has



maintained a cordial relationship with the seminary. We always receive support from the seminary in terms of promoting and publicizing our courses to those in need. Among other things, they also let us organize sports events at the St. Pius grounds. In addition, the Seminary invites the College to take part in their programmes, activities, exhibitions, and seminars. The College and Seminary have a good working relationship which contributes to the smooth running of the Extension Centre’s programmes and activities. We wish to continue this in the years to come as well.

Ms. Nilima Rodrigues
Associate Director, Nirmala Niketan Extension Centre,
Goregaon

Libraries store the energy that fuels the imagination

The famous American writer and novelist Sidney Sheldon once quipped, “Libraries open up windows to the world and inspire us to explore and achieve”. Our St Pius X Seminary has a well-established library. This library occupies a large area. When we entered the library for the first time to borrow books, we were struck by the cleanliness and orderly arrangement of the books. Additionally, the Kitab Corner is a unique extension of the library that offers books in several languages of different genres. Our experience as a student librarian at our seminary has been enriching. This intellectual repository has fuelled our interest in reading many books and enhanced our knowledge on various topics in myriad ways.

The library department is overseen by Fr. Dolreich Pereira, the head of the library department. In addition, we get book recommendations and help with finding



reading material and references from the librarian in charge, Mr. Richard Rodrigues. He is accompanied by Mr. Cyril, a kind, jolly assistant. A friend of ours once told us that walking into a library is like walking into a room where so many books want to talk to you. In that case, we must say that Mr Richard and Mr Cyril have helped us identify the voices we should pay attention to. In addition, the neatly arranged and well-kept books have taught us valuable lessons in life.

Their dedication and tireless efforts in the library have cultivated in us an affection for books. Since we have been working in the library department as fellow brothers, we have developed a sense of mutual understanding and a spirit of service. It has been a privilege to serve as student librarians for this academic year, which has both enriched and educated us in many ways.

The Library Department

A Peek into the Refectory and Kitchen

The sound of the ringing of bells is integral to the functioning of the seminary. It indicates the commencement of the next activity on the timetable, including meal time. All assemble in the refectory (dining hall), enjoy their meals and leave. This seemingly simple routine relies on the smooth functioning of another small, yet significant world in the seminary – the ‘Kitchen’.

The kitchen though a familiar place, is beyond our imagination in the seminary, churning out meals for over a hundred people, thrice every single day. The kitchen team includes two priests, two nuns, five brothers and eight staff members. The efficiency of the kitchen lies in a synergy of systematic planning and execution. Fr. Dolreich Pereira, leads this system astutely from purchasing, right up to making decisions with foresight. The responsibility for the nourishment of the community lies on his shoulders. The nuns in the team supervise all related activities and maintain a stock of ingredients.

The meals prepared are served by the brothers in the team. They keep track of the quantity and taste of the food. They also manage the special diet needs of the

infirm and allergic. They gather feedback and convey it back to the team with appropriate suggestions. Last but not least, the eight staff members can be described as the working hands of the team. Among these, six are cooks who work in two shifts, and two, look after the upkeep of the refectory, washing vessels and cleaning tables. This is how the entire team works tirelessly in the background when the bell rings. A truly well-oiled machine!



Br Jins Mathew
(2nd Year Theology)

WILDLIFE AND NATURE

On-Campus Solar Energy ~ Economical and Eco-Friendly

Today, a number of colleges and universities are implementing eco-friendly projects and go-green campaigns in their quest of sustainability. In the 21st century, solar energy is not a novelty but a necessity, but that was not the case in the 1990s. Remarkably, it was at that time in 1996 that the seminary management first felt the need to mount roof-top solar installations. In our campus' push to go solar, Fr Julian Saldanha SJ promptly took the initiative and spearheaded the project. During that time, Fr Caesar D'Mello as Rector of the seminary, commissioned Britto Solar Energy to install solar water heating systems in the building. The first solar panels were installed above the seminary kitchen to provide hot water to the scullery for washing up dishes and other kitchen related work.

Within a few months, it became increasingly apparent that solar energy will eventually offset installation and



material costs, resulting in a return on investment within a few years. As a result, the seminary decided to install additional solar power systems on the 4th Floor south end and later on the 3rd Floor north end of the building. Over the years, these solar systems have proved to be very economical and convenient by not just providing electricity but also hot water for baths. The water heating system is centralized and hence obviates the need for the installation of individual electric geysers in each bathroom. This move certainly makes us 'greener' and more eco-friendly as an institution. Electricity and energy prices have been steadily rising over the past few years. Thanks to advanced technology and skilled installers, institutions like ours now have greater accessibility to solar power, as a free and abundant source of energy that the Lord has blessed us with.

Br Sunil Godinho
(3rd Year Theology)

PIOUS ASSOCIATIONS

God is praised in Song and Prayer for His Majesty

As Orients, my batch was asked to choose to join either the Legion of Mary or the Charismatic Prayer Group to help us build a strong spiritual foundation in our priestly formation through these Christian spiritualities. Having been part of the Charismatic Renewal, I immediately opted to join the Charismatic Prayer Group. In the seminary, the charismatic prayer meetings are held on Wednesdays from 9 to 10pm. Each meeting maintains the conventional flow of praise & worship; followed by a scripture-based input through a talk, sharing or testimony; a time of intercession and some fellowship to wrap up. I eagerly await the warm brotherly hugs and fist pumps we give each other before we return to our rooms.

This year, the core team along with the spiritual director, Fr. Aniceto Pereira, chose the seven expectations of Pope Francis from the Catholic Charismatic Renewal as the theme for our meetings. These included a permanent personal conversion to the love of Jesus; sharing with the Church the grace of Baptism in the Holy Spirit; evangelizing using the Word of God; being a people of prayer and praise; being close to the poor

and needy; giving a witness of spiritual ecumenism; and fostering unity within the Catholic Charismatic Renewal. Workshops, discussions, and inputs were organized so as to understand these and imbibe them in our lives. The seminary charismatic prayer group has a two-fold purpose: growth in this unique spirituality and exposure to be spiritual directors of prayer groups one day. I believe that the Holy Spirit will continue to lead us into new pastures, nourish us with the Word of God and ignite our hearts with a new zeal for His kingdom through the Charismatic Renewal.

Br Mathew Fernandes
(Propaedeutic Year)



WORKSHOP AND CONFERENCES

Spiritual Conference: Preferential Option for the Poor



On November 15, 2021, the seminary held a spiritual conference for the seminarians as part of their spiritual formation. The theme of the conference was 'Preferential Option for the Poor.' Fr. Lancy Pinto, who has dedicated

his life to serving the underprivileged and currently heads the Archdiocese of Bombay's Justice and Peace Commission, was the keynote speaker. The preferential option for the poor is one of the principles of the Catholic social teaching, as articulated in 'Gaudium et spes' and this served as an inspiration for the selected theme. "Poverty", said Fr Lancy "exists due to the unjust structures in society". He encouraged the seminarians to listen to the poor and experience their joys, sorrows and difficulties. Because in the slums we find people living a practical Christian life of sharing as a community. The session was concluded with insights into practical ways of helping the poor and those in need.

Br Ignatius Pramod
(1st Year Theology)

Spiritual Conference: The Significance of Scripture

A spiritual conference was held at St. Pius X College on 7th February 2022, where Fr Jude Ferreira spoke about scripture in the life of seminarians and priests. The entire talk was divided into three sections: importance of the Word of God in the life of the church, in the life of a seminarian, and in the life of a priest. According to Fr Jude, the people of God long for the Word of God, an important element of the Eucharistic celebration; therefore, preparing and preaching an inspiring homily should not be overlooked or neglected. A seminarian's prayer life, intellectual formation, and other activities should be rooted in the Word of God. The Word of God should serve as the foundation for any ministry a priest is entrusted with within the church. The Word of God should be read, lived, and brought to fruition.



In conclusion, we were exhorted and challenged to proclaim the Word of God faithfully

Br Allwin Christaraj
(3rd Year Theology)

MEDIA DEPARTMENT

Content Writing Workshop for Disciples of Christ



Everyone has a favourite. And the expression "favourites" has come to mean more than just the movies, TV episodes or books that we like the most. We now have our favourite content creators – blogs, podcasts, and YouTube channels that we subscribe to. In light of this, the media department hosted a Content Writing workshop on November 16, 2021 that was led by Ms. Alicia Dias of the Catholic Communication Centre. The participants were given an overview of the fundamentals of content writing, as well as a thorough comprehension of various writing styles for blogging and newsletter publication. "Every sentence you write

in a copy must offer value or else discard it”, Ms Alicia explained. We must make the best micro-decisions possible when creating content in order to achieve this. Pope Francis has encouraged Christians to evangelize through encounters in the “digital world” and this workshop has provided us with tools for evangelism.

Br Alton Extros
(2nd Year Theology)

SPORTS

A Friendly Football Match _____.

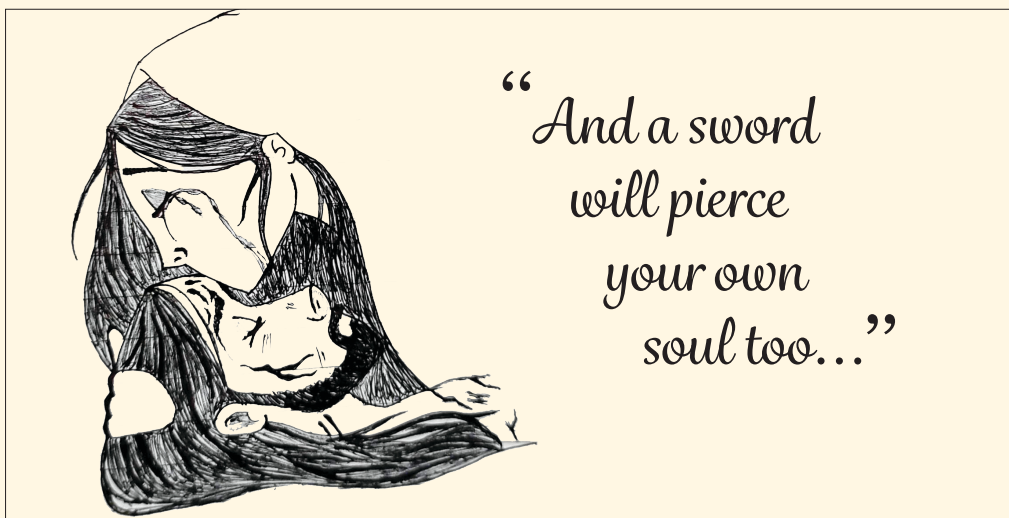
After a long time, a whistle blew on the oval ground at St. Pius X seminary. From staff to seminarians, everyone was thrilled to witness a friendly match between eminent theologians vs. energetic philosophers and propaedeutic year students. Although the theologians dominated the match and pressed hard against the philosophers at the beginning, they did not score until half-time. There were many spectators and many supporters in attendance cheering on their favorite teams.



As the game progressed in the second half, there was a neck-to-neck fight as the philosophers were extremely alert and their goalkeeper saved two penalties with great skill and agility. The game was about to end when philosophers got a penalty that turned into a goal. An enormous clamor broke out among the fans and players at that moment. In the end, philosophers and propaedeutics won brilliantly, and the spectators greatly enjoyed the match.

Br Liron D’Cunha
(2nd Year Philosophy)

STUDENTS’ ARTWORK



Memes by
Br Clinton Rayar

Jesus and Mary Artwork by
Br Jins Mathew



Christmas Crib Decoration 2021



Community Picnic



Blood Donation Camp



Cricket Match: Non-Teaching Staff vs Seminarians

Words of appreciation

17.12.2021

Dear Fr Julian, Sunil and Kenneth,

Warm congratulations on a beautiful publication – Semachar Dec 2021 which so effectively portrays the rich cultural and multi-faceted life of the St. Pius Seminary. I am particularly impressed by the mini paragraphs written by different seminarians explaining the various features of the magazine; they are all of a uniformly high literary standard. The photographs add colour and life to the issue and help to concretize the news reports. All-in-all the issue of Semachar is a worthy ambassador for our seminary to the world at large.

Thanks for all the work you have put in to produce this publication.

Gratefully,

Bishop Bosco Penha,
Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus of Bombay

KATI PATANG

A black out and the next thing I remember is I am hanging on the branch of a tree unable to let loose.

I prayed for a good Samaritan to notice my needy condition and lend a helping hand. I waited patiently for days on end but to no avail.

Finally the day came, when the united effort of the wind and tree allowed this slave to be free. I fell to the ground, and in the process was dislodged. This time beyond repair and all hope was lost. I knew my end was near.


I only wished if I could remain in the air gliding away to glory with none to take my happiness away but my dream was short lived till a tragedy came my way.

So I pray for another day, to come alive again, to fly in the air ready for a never ending day!

Br Joyous Koreath
(2nd Year Theology)

happy easter

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