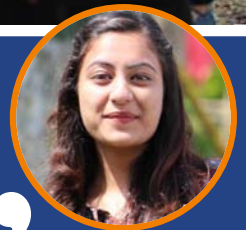


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Dear Friends (Alumni),

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One day, I was so angry that I left home, swearing not to return, till I became a big guy. Parents, who can't even buy me a bike, have no rights to dream to make me an engineer. In my fit of anger, I didn't even realize that I was wearing my father's shoes. I even stole his wallet, which had some papers, torn as well, which my mother won't see.

While, I was rushing on foot towards the bus station, I realized some prickly pain in my foot. I also felt dampness inside the shoes. That is when I realized the shoe had a hole underneath.

There were no buses around. Not knowing what to do, I started to look in my Dad's wallet. I found a loan receipt of Rs 40,000, which he had taken from his office. A laptop bill (he had bought for me). To my utter shock, also found a letter from his manager to wear a neat looking shoes, henceforth to the office. I remembered my mother pestering him to buy a pair of new shoes, but he would convince her that his shoes would last another six months at least.

Also, found an old scooter to a new bike, exchange offer letter in his wallet.

I instantly remembered, that when I left home, my Dad's scooter was not there.

I started feeling weak in my legs, and felt like weeping uncontrollably!! I ran back home with my foot pain, only to find neither my Dad nor the scooter there. I found him at the exchange offer place. Looking at my Dad, my grief engulfed me. I hugged him tightly and started crying loudly and I said "Dad I don't need the bike."

That is when I realized the pain, hardship my parents go through, and the unconditional love that they give me.

I realized that I should only look to seek my needs and not my unrealistic wants.

Ridiculing parents when they are alive, and longing for them when they are not around, has no meaning...

Kindly narrate this fact to your children to help them identify and develop human values in them. God bless you all.

Your Affectionately in Don Bosco
Fr. (Dr.) Mathew Pulingathil SDB
Rector
Salesian College Siliguri



Dear Friends,

By now, some of you might have received a mail, a facebook alert or a request for a write up or interview from someone called Priyamrita Chatterjee. You might be wondering as to her whereabouts.

It was two years ago, when we were doing a Strategic Planning for Resource Development (SPRD) in view of making our case to ASHA (American Schools and Hospitals Abroad) that we looked out for someone to help with the project preparation and it was then that Priyamrita with her Don Bosco connections in Guwahati, and work experience in Delhi happened to move into the neighborhood of the Siliguri Campus of the College.

Though our plans to raise resources from USAID despite a lot of work taking it upto the Don Bosco Missions, New Rochelle, as our US partner, did not make much headway, we got a resource person in Priyamrita. She has been re-inducted a year ago, to coordinate the Alumni office and is making quick strides in getting in touch with more and more of the past students of the college.

It is part of our sincere and concerted effort to reach out to you and to share the news of where we are now, with you. I want to thank all those who have been generous, in reaching out to me during my recent sabbatical, in the US, both on the east coast, midlands north and south and the west coast.

Some of you called up, invited over, and even shared your abode, vehicle and most precious of all - time - with me. I will ever remain grateful, on behalf of Don Bosco, who brought us into each other's lives. Kindly consider Priyamrita as an extension of the present Salesian set up wanting to share with you all that we are because of what you were, when you were part of Salesian College. I want to thank Priyamrita for her dedication, and wish her, her husband and son, the very best in life. All God's Blessings on You, who reached reading this far, too.

Warmly,

Fr George Thadathil sdb

Principal

Salesian College



Salesian College Siliguri Alumni Summer Camp 2016



Renita Washington (2016 Batch, Siliguri campus)

It was a beautiful Friday morning of 10th June 2016, when 18 of us from the Alumni association of Salesian College Siliguri headed for the much awaited 'Summer Camp'. It was organized by the association under the supervision of the president, Mr. Chanchal Agarwal and the venue was - The Jhandi Eco Huts, Upper Lungshel, Gorubathan, Near Lava, Kalimpong (96kms from Siliguri city). The panoramic view of Mt. Kanchenjunga, the variety of beautiful flora and fauna and the climatic condition of the place tempted the alumni office bearers to fix the place. It was a soothing relaxation for us from the monotonous routine of every day.

We left for Jhandi from our College Campus at 8:00AM by four wheelers with full of excitement and enjoyment. Our first stop was the famous Coronation Bridge, Sevoke where we were provided with our breakfast. Our journey continued and we made it more enjoyable with music and singing songs. The beautiful scenery on the way made us more enthusiastic to reach our destination. Our next stop was at the Chel River, Gorubathan where we got down in the river, had lots of fun and clicked some photographs. We waited there for about half an hour and started for our destination.

Finally we reached Jhandi in the afternoon, as we stepped out of the car we were grasped by the beauty of that beautiful place which welcomed us with chill wind and moist foggy weather which was a relief from the scorching heat of Siliguri. There were cottages booked for us along with a hall that was arranged for our meals and activities. As we checked-in our rooms, we were amazed by the scenery from the balcony of our room which made us very thrilled to spend two nights there. Being put in a camp for two nights three days in a foggy and pleasant weather was breath taking. It was like we were away from all the worldly tensions, gaining inner peace. After the lunch we all gathered in one of the cottages where we played a few games and had an ice breaking session.

Our seniors were quite helpful and cooperative which made us feel comfortable. In the evening there was a



bonfire for us where we spent the evening playing games, singing, dancing, with a sip of hot soup which made every minute memorable. The first day of the camp came to an end dinner. We all were very happy and relaxed as the day had passed well and everyone was looking forward for the next day.

In the morning the view from Jhandi was absolutely captivating. We were all told to get ready and assemble for breakfast after which we left for Lava. The journey was for about 1 hour which was indeed fun-filled. After getting down we clicked a few group photographs there and then headed to explore the surroundings. We took a long walk around the area climbing hills and were mesmerized by the beauty of the place. We visited the famous Monastery of Lava. The experience was really soothing and peaceful.

The last day morning was heavily raining. After breakfast some games were organized for us like Housie, Damsharaj, treasure hunt, etc by our head organizer Chanchal Da. The rules of the games were explained to us and prizes were distributed to the winners. The Treasurer Hunt was really interesting as 3 groups of 6 members were formed and we had to hunt the hidden photographs of our group members. These games made us interact with each other which strengthened our friendship.

Clock was ticking really fast and we did not realize that it was already the time to leave. After Lunch, we all gathered in the hall once again and were given the certificates of participation along with the receipts. Group photos were taken and a group discussion took place. It was a fantastic moment for all the members to interact before we left and get back to our pavilion. We are thankful to our Alumni Association for organizing such camps and tours which not only gifts us some relaxing time, but also teach us a lot. Most importantly we came to know each other personally whom we never interacted with before.





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Dear Friend,

I am very thrilled to inform you that I have just published my latest book: **From Humor to Inspiration: Jokes, Reflections, and Quotes to Enliven Your Day**. It is uplifting, thought-provoking book with 178 spiritual messages in the form of witty stories.

This is a great tool for pastors, preachers, public speakers and anyone who wishes to be inspired.

The jokes in this book have been gathered over several years from different sources -- conversations, friends, books, and magazines...They have served to make my presentations and sermons interesting and thought provoking.

The book is easy to read and invokes laughter at every turn, making it a book that virtually anyone can pick up and read. Offering uplifting messages as often as it lends humor, *From Humor to Inspiration: Jokes, Reflections, and Quotes to Enliven Your Day* is designed for anyone to read and enjoy.

“The book is undoubtedly an invaluable companion for everyone, but more particularly for public speakers, political and civic leaders, and religious leadership positions.” – Bishop Michael J. Barber.

You can order the book at www.amazon.com. This book will be a wonderful gift for your staff, family and friends.

Here is the link if you wish to order or to read the reviews:

http://www.amazon.com/Humor-Inspiration-Reflections-Quotes-Enliven/dp/0692545433/ref=sr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1454433876&sr=1-1&keywords=from+humor+to+inspiration

For more information: <http://www.humortoinspiration.com/>

Yours sincerely in Christ,



Discover your True Self



Deepika Chettri, Salesian College Sonada (Batch 2002-2005)

People today have discovered almost everything. They have explored the azure sky, reached the depth of the ocean, climbed the top of the mountain, stepped into the moon and is successful in making the best of everything, but even by achieving all these things they are not happy and lack in inner peace and satisfaction. All these achievements and materials can only give a temporary happiness and satisfaction. Once we achieve it, we are done and we ask ourselves what is the next thing to do? Again we hunt for something new in life or else life becomes boring and monotonous. This is only because of the fact that we do not know ourselves. We are so busy in knowing others that we do not have time for ourselves. Now it is high time for self discover and live a true life.



We limit ourselves and set boundaries when we see ourselves in physical level and we say “I CANT” but we are beyond this physical level. There is a power that runs this body and everything outwards but when we feel this energy within us then everything turns to “I CAN”.

Let's feel the energy within us and explore this life which is beyond everything. Let's feel the difference between 'I' and 'Mine'. 'I' is the conscious energy that leads to eternal peace and happiness. Mine is the physical aspect through which we experience the conscious energy every moment. I am the owner of this physical body that is why I say this is my body, my hands, my legs. I am not this body but I am the energy which runs this body. I am filled with knowledge, virtues and powers. I am the Creator i.e. the power of this creation 'Mine' the physical body. The creator is always powerful then the creation. When I discover this I enjoyed my life with full potential and power. The perfect combination of I and Mine makes life truly worthy, beautiful and harmonious.



When we discover our true self we find beauty and joy in small little things and always dwell in eternal love and happiness, we enjoy the, real essence of life, we explore the beauty within as well as the beauty outside as it is of nature, as it is of the gentleness of the earth, as we adore and value the people around us and we come to know that life is much more then what we feel about it.

DISCOVER, EXPLORE & EXPERIENCE.



From the Campus

M. A. in English

It's great news that this year college has newly introduced Masters in English

The new session of Salesian College for 2016 – 2017 was inaugurated on 1st July for 1st year and from 25th July the classes for 2nd and 3rd year will begin

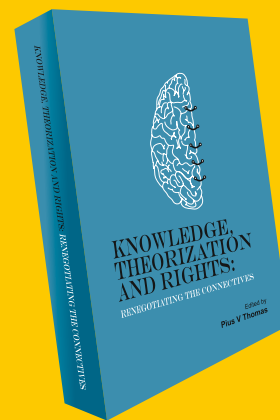


Fr. George Chempakathinal sdb who was the Vice Principal of Salesian Colege Sonada is now the Vice Principal of Salesian College Siliguri.



The General Assembly of IUS is on in Rome from 4-9 July 2016. Fr Mathew Pulingathil sdb, Rector, Siliguri Campus is representing the College.

Fr George Thadathil sdb, Principal, returned to office on 1 July 2016 after a six months Sabbatical in US universities (Yale, Princeton and University of San Francisco) and is resuming work from Sonada.



The Latest publication of Salesian College Publication 'Knowledge, Theorization and Rights' edited by Pius V Thomas, is available now. The book is the result of a National workshop on the relationship between 'Knowledge', 'Rights' and the 'Efforts to Theorize' in the alarming context of global crisis tendencies which is troubling all the systems of human knowledge.

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Price: Rs. 600.00



The permission for the construction of the new blocks at Siliguri has been procured from the Corporation and the preliminary work is on way.