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**GANDHINAGAR HERALD  
WISHES YOU ALL  
A VERY HAPPY EASTER!**



**HE IS NOT HERE : FOR HE IS RISEN (MT 28:6)**

## **Welcome to Rev. Fr. Dominic Savio...**

The Archdiocese of Gandhinagar is gifted with a new priest in the person of Fr. Dominic Savio. After his priestly



ordination at his home town on 5<sup>th</sup> January he returned to Siddhpur parish on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2017 where he is appointed assistant parish priest. A grand welcome ceremony and felicitation programme was organized by Rev. Fr. Xavier James, the parish priest in honour of the newly ordained priest. On the feast day of the patron of the parish, feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, Fr. Dominic Savio celebrated his first mass at Siddhpur in which he remembered all the people who have contributed

towards his growth. There were many priests, religious and faithful from Palanpur deanery and from other places of the Archdiocese who participated in the Eucharist to pray for the new priest. A delicious dinner was arranged for all gathered. We wish Fr. Dominic Savio all the best in his priestly ministry at Siddhpur parish. **(Fr. Xavier James, Siddhpur)**

### **School Annual Day Celebration, Deesa...**

A floral welcome and the colourful cultural programme with prize distribution ceremony marked the 20<sup>th</sup> annual day celebration of St. Xavier's High school, Deesa on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2017. The programme was presided over by Most Rev. Thomas Macwan, the Archbishop of Gandhinagar along with the chief guests Dr. R.K. Patel, the



deputy director general of Higher Education, Gandhinagar, Mr. Dineshbhai M. Dave, the president of district panchayat, Banaskantha and with some special guests. A prayer dance invoked the presence and

blessings of the Almighty. The guests of honour were welcomed with bouquet and shawl. The chief guest Dr. R.K. Patel shared his inspiring thoughts and wished the children to become good doctors, engineers and top government officials.

Later Archbishop Thomas Macwan shared his words of wisdom on education, environment and religion and encouraged all the students and teachers to carry on with the same spirit of enthusiasm to make a bright future. Meritorious students and toppers of all classes were felicitated with medals and prizes for their excellent performances. A short annual report was presented by two of our teachers Mrs. Novinaben and Mr. Bharatbhai bringing out various activities going on in the school. The classical, modern and the original Indian based cultural events including two short plays grabbed the attention of all the audience. The principal Rev. Fr. John Peter gave a vote of thanks and the audience politely dispersed after the National Anthem. **(Mr. Motchalangaram, Deesa)**

### **Inauguration of the new floor of Mount Carmel High School, Gandhinagar...**

March 4<sup>th</sup> will be etched in golden letter in the history of Mount Carmel School, Gandhinagar, as under the able leadership of the principal Sr. Renuka, a fresh set of feathers were added to an already successful journey of spreading

love and knowledge among the people of Gandhinagar. The day was special for the sisters, staff and students of the Carmel *Parivar* as a new floor of the



school building was inaugurated. This great achievement was possible with the blessings and the divine help of the Lord Almighty and also our Mother of Mount Carmel, who was always guiding and shielding us from all perils.

The inaugural ceremony began officially with the ribbon cutting by our provincial superior of the western province Sr. Nirmalini A.C. It was blessed by Most. Rev. Thomas Macwan, Archbishop of Gandhinagar. The day was culminated by a small cultural programme and the felicitation of the architects, engineers, labour contractors and other well wishers. And, on this auspicious day, Archbishop Thomas Macwan released the school souvenir. **(Mrs. Elizabeth Denis, Gandhinagar)**

### **Nana Kantharia Tidings...**

#### **Women's Day...**

The international women's day was celebrated on 19<sup>th</sup> February, 2017. Sixty catholic women of Nanakantharia

parish took part in this celebration. Various individuals and group games were conducted. The women took active part keeping aside their worries and tensions. They were very cheerful. The winners and all the participants were honoured with small gifts. Fellowship and delicious meal was served at the end of the day. The women expressed to have such a gathering regularly.



### **Spiritual pilgrimage to Tabor...**

Lent is a time to come closer to the Lord. Seventy people from Nanakantharia parish had decided to be with the Lord totally. From 4<sup>th</sup> March, 2017 to 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2017 had a spiritual pilgrimage to Tabor Ashram. These days were filled with grace from the Lord. Many of them



thank the Lord for giving these spirit filled days. These days began at 5 a.m. and ended at 9 p.m. but there was no complain from the people. All were actively taking part in the spiritual programmes. People had a deep experience of the Lord. They are looking forward to be witnesses of the works done in their lives by the Lord Almighty. They also got the opportunity to visit the Shrines at Mount Mary and Our Lady of the Velankanni at Uttan where they offered their thanks to God and Mother Mary. Thank you Lord for these days of God experience! **(Fr. Kiran Gohil, Nana Kantharia)**

### **Women's Day Celebration at Archdiocesan Level...**

The ever grounding slogans “આજનો દિવસ કેવો છે - સોના જેવો મોઘો છે”, “ગામડાઓની બહેનો કેવી છે - શિયાળ નહિ વાઘણ છે” voiced out at the rally organized by the women's desk of the Archdiocese of



Gandhinagar on the International Women's day, 8<sup>th</sup> March 2017 from Pethapur village to Jeevan Vikas Kendra gave momentum to 210 women of North Gujarat of bringing out the theme of the day “સ્ત્રી - પરિવર્તનની મિસાલ”. The voices raised in unison expressed inner abilities of the women gathered which marked the beginning of the women's day.

Archbishop Thomas Macwan led the women to a spiritual journey in celebrating the Eucharistic banquet. A delicious meal was served to keep the women energetic for the forthcoming resourceful inputs and cultural events. Smt. Rasilaben Patel from Gujarat Vidyapeeth, motivated the women to be

bold for change and said “You can be that change”. Cultural noon displayed the glimpses of potentialities and abilities of woman becoming a “પરિવર્તનની મિસાલ”. The coordinator of the women's desk Sr. Heena Rathwa OP with the support from Sr. Nirmala FSAG and Sr. Vincy FS led women's day to a grand finale with a message to keep the fire of change burning to find one fine day that our actions bore fruits. Thanks to Sabarmati Samruddhi Seva Sangh and its staff for their pivotal support towards the cause of the women's day celebration. **(Fr. Salvador Fernandes, Pethapur)**