

From Fr. Bill Robins
 MERRY CHRISTMAS
 AND
 A HAPPY NEW YEAR



JHAPA JESUIT MISSION
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Fr. Varkey Perekatt continues to lead the Jesuit Relief Service team. Fr. Paul Horan, Fr. Peter Lepcha, and Fr. Jomon Jose complete the team. They are busy coordinating the education of over thirty two thousand Bhutanese refugee children.



Thanks again for your prayerful support to our work with the poor.



Your help does much to help us build a community of peace. I am sure the Prince of Peace, whose birthday we celebrate, will reward us all for our efforts.

With prayers
Bill Robins

Yours, Fr. Bill Robins, S.J.

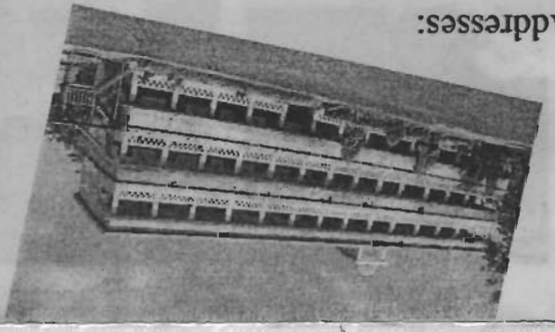
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Dear Friends:

The fourteen Jesuits working in Jhapa District of Nepal again offer you greetings for a blessed Christmas and year of consolation. Nepal is changing rapidly. The year has seen a peaceful end to the monarchy and the establishment of a People's Republic. Changes will continue, and hopefully we can help our Nepalese students and parishioners to work to make those changes lead to more peace and justice for the Nepalese.



Fr. David Ekka continues to build a united faith based community. We all help in the various Mass centers each weekend.

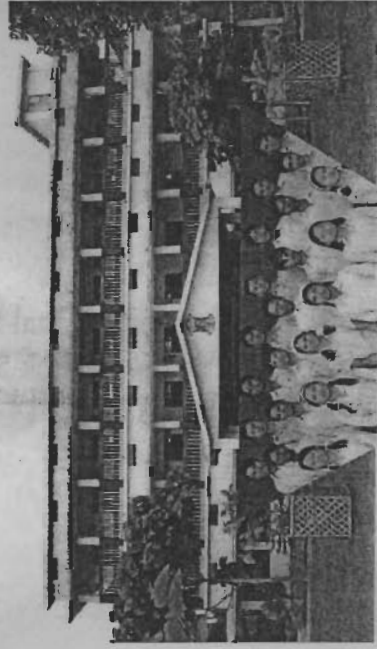
Our schools now have hostel facilities for Catholic boys and girls who study at Moran Memorial School.



The Daughters of the Cross will expand their services to take care of the girls.



Moran Memorial School graduated its first high school class this year. Sixteen of the twenty one students passed and are now busy with their higher secondary education.



They form the first educated generation in their families.



Fr. Mathew Das continues as Principal, with support from Fr. Roy Sebastian, Fr. Ignatius Hemrom, Br. Clarence Joseph, and Br. Tek Raj Paudel.



Thanks to generous benefactors, a new wing of the school building at St. Xavier's is under construction, and will be ready for the next academic year in April.



Fr. Boniface Tigga, Fr. Alan Pinto, and Br. Hermon Anthony work in the school.



Fr. Bill Robins watches all this happen while teaching a little in both schools, and helping with parish ministry.

