

Silver Jubilee Celebrations at Salesian College Sonada 24 October 2015



The province level jubilee celebration of eleven Salesians was held at Salesian College Sonada on 24 October 2015 at 10.00 am. Among the jubilarians, seven were present on this joyous occasion. There were around 40 Salesian confreres, many sisters, cooperators and well wishers who were present for the celebrations. Fr. James Mathew, the Vice Provincial of Kolkata Province placed the words of welcome at the start of the Holy Eucharistic Celebrations. The main celebrant of the Mass was Rev. Fr. Vincent Mondal in the absence of Bishop Joseph Gomes DD, who was celebrating the Golden Jubilee of his religious profession. The sermon was preached by Rev. Fr. Maria Arokiam Kanaga, the Regional Superior of South Asia who was concluding the Extra-ordinary visitation in Salesian College Sonada.

During the sermon he emphasized how a Salesian should be a happy Salesian in imitation of Jesus who loved children because in them

Jesus saw his eternal Sonship and divinity. He invited all to be childlike in their approach to various apostolic ministries.

After the Holy Mass, there was a felicitation programme organized to appreciate the jubilarians. Neighbouring communities of Mirik, Malbasey, Kalimpong and Sonada Parish presented their colourful and attractive dances which were appreciated by all. At the beginning of the programme, Rev. Fr. Maria and Rev. Fr. James Mathew felicitated the Jubilarians with a shawl and bouquet each.

The Jubilarians too took this great day to thank God and appreciate the people who inspired and encouraged them to be faithful in their vocation beginning from their beloved parents to present community members. After a short and touching sharing by each one, they sang a lovely song as a mark of gratitude to God.

After the felicitations a fellowship meal shared which was deliciously prepared by our Dajus and Didis of SCS.

“God doesn’t seek for golden vessels, and does not ask for silver ones, but He must have clean ones.”

We continue to wish these blessings to all our Jubilarians.

Fr. Patrick SDB

