



ST. LAWRENCE HIGH SCHOOL

A JESUIT CHRISTIAN MINORITY INSTITUTION



26th June 2021

Dear Students, Parents, Staff, Members of SLOBA and well-wishers of St. Lawrence,

I am happy to inform you that Fr. Provincial has appointed Fr. Francis Jimmy Keepuram, SJ as the Principal of St. Lawrence High School, with effect from 15th July 2021. Fr. Francis Jimmy Keepuram, SJ is a great educationist and a man of vision. I am certain as the leader of this hallowed institution, St. Lawrence will surely reach greater heights and bring more accolades to the School. I wish him all the best.

Fr. Provincial has appointed Fr. Zenith William SJ as the Principal of St. Xavier's Durgapur. On behalf of the staff and students, I wish him all the best and thank him for his support and service at St. Lawrence. Fr. Arul Raj, SJ will take over from him as the Vice Principal of St. Lawrence High School. I warmly welcome Fr. Arul Raj SJ to the Lawrencian family.

I also thank you for all your care and trust that you placed on me for the last 7 years. I thank the students without whom the school will not exist- you, my dear students, bring meaning and joy to all of us, teaching and non-teaching staff- the backbone of the Institution, the Vice Principals: Sr. Sevrine Pinto, Ms. Madhumita Roychowdhury, Ms Saswati Biswas, Mr. Rajat Bhattacharya, Mr. Partha Kar, Fr. Joseph Toppo, Fr. Joseph Kulandai, Fr. Raphael Joseph Hyde and Fr. Zenith William- the go getters of our school and the academic coordinators- the guardian angel of the school. I am thankful to the Rectors, both past and present- Fr. Joe De Souza, SJ, Fr. Raphael Joseph Hyde, SJ and Fr. Julian Sahaya Das, SJ, for their guidance and support.

I place on record my gratitude to Ms. Shubhika Singh. Thanks to her timely intervention in the life of students, teachers and parents that so many lives were saved and nurtured. Very specially during this pandemic, she dedicated all her time, energy and her personal life to reach out to so many Lawrencians as well as Calcuttans, sacrificing herself for the welfare of others. Hence, it is not an exaggeration to say that Ms. Shubhika is the hinge who provides safety and security to students and staff alike at St. Lawrence.

I fumble for words to express my respect and admiration to the Old Boys of our School- SLOBA. My gratitude goes to Mr. Anirban Banerjee - the Honorary Secretary and his abled lieutenants of SLOBA members who stand for values and principles in life.

My special thanks goes to Mr. Pankaj Patel, fondly known as Fr. Patel- rightly so and Ms. Jagruti. Their altruistic love for the underprivileged students is inspiring.

I am deeply indebted to Dr Joydip Mukherjee and his wife Ms. Sreela Mallick for their generosity and availability, who not only help and guide our HS students every year at St. Lawrence, but also arranged all our programs meticulously when our students visited NASA.

I thank God for putting me in touch with great people like Ms. Sujata Korali, Ms. Christine, Ms. Shirley Paul, Mr. Joydip Sinha, Mr. Sisir, Mr. Pillai, Mr. Basu, Mr. Nigal, et al. These are the silent torch-bearers who put in all their time to help run the School smoothly, often without counting the cost and seeking for limelight.

Thank You.

For God and Country.

Fr. Sebastian James, SJ