

# Calcutta Jesuit Newsletter

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CJNL WISHES YOU

A VERY HAPPY

FEAST OF ST. IGNATIUS



"Teach us to give  
and not count the  
cost."

St. Ignatius de Loyola



## FIRST VOWS AT DHYAN ASHRAM

Nine second year novices of Dhyan Ashram committed their lives to God in the Society of Jesus by making their First Profession during a Eucharistic celebration in the Dhyan Ashram chapel on June 21, 2019, the feast of St Aloysius Gonzaga. They are Albinus Hembrom and Alesius Tudu of Dumka-Raiganj Province, Lawrence Kerketta and Vinay Lakra of Nepal Region and Babul Tudu, Bimal Soren, **Dipak Mandi**, **Manish Tirkey** and **Victor Jojo** of Calcutta Province. Two of their companions, Prince Antony and Noyal Lourdhu of Madurai Province, made their vows during a similar celebration in their home province on the same morning.

**Fr Raphael Hyde**, the Provincial, was the main celebrant at the well prepared and conducted Eucharistic celebration, while Fr. Amrit Rai, the Regional Superior of Nepal Region concelebrated. The mellifluous singing during the celebration, led by **Fr. Narendra Singh** and **Sch. Jobin**, made the celebration really solemn. During the homily, Fr Provincial emphasised the meaning of the vows according to our documents. A large group of Jesuits and friends from our neighbourhood, including the catechists from the sub stations where the novices did their Sunday ministry, joined us and added to our joy.

During the short felicitation program, immediately after the Eucharist, **Fr. Sunny Kunnel**, Acting Rector of Dhyan Ashram, congratulated the newly professed. On behalf of the nine, Victor and Dipak expressed their gratitude to all those who assisted them during their years of formation. Fr. Amrit Rai also congratulated the new Jesuits and thanked the formation team of Dhyan Ashram. The sumptuous meal prepared by the team of **Fr. Jinesh**, our new minister, was a fitting conclusion to the celebration.



-Fr. Sajeev Painunkal

## Welcome to the first year Novices at Dhyan Ashram

Sahaya Ravi (CCU), Sunderlal Indwar (CCU), Joseph Baghwar (DUM), Anthoni Hembrom (NEP), Bibin Thomas (DUM), Manuel Kisku (DUM), Alok Hembrom (CCU).

## Appointment by Fr. General

Fr. Mathew Elanjipuram, SJ (63), Provincial of Kerala Province. He will assume office in early July

## Appointments by Fr. Provincial

<b>Fr. Sunny George Kunnel</b>	Acting Rector wef May 1, 2019, Dhyan Ashram
<b>Fr. Jinesh Sebastian</b>	Minister, Dhyan Ashram, wef May 10, 2019, House Consultor, Dhyan Ashram wef June 6, 2019
<b>Fr. Joseph Kulandai</b>	Superintendent, SXC Hostel, wef May 10, 2019
<b>Fr. Francis J. Keepuram</b>	Principal, SXS, Durgapur, wef May 15, 2019
<b>Fr. Thamacin Arulappan</b>	Principal, SXCS, Kolkata, wef June 17, 2019, House Consultor, SX, Kolkata, wef June 17, 2019
<b>Fr. Sahaya Jude</b>	Minister, St. Xavier's Community, Burdwan, wef May 20, 2019
<b>Fr. Joseph Alexander</b>	Acting Superior, Arunoday, wef June 5, 2019
<b>Fr. Ajay Kr Ekka</b>	Director of School & Boarding, Chamrusai wef July 1, 2019
<b>Fr. Amulya Kannanaikal</b>	Priest-in-Charge, Pandua wef July 1, 2019
<b>Fr. M. Benny Thomas</b>	Sabatical, Curate, Jisu Ashram Pandua
<b>Fr. Irudaya Jothi</b>	Asst. Parish Priest, Raghampur, wef July 1, 2019,
<b>Fr. John Kerketta</b>	Director, Udayani Social Action Forum, wef July 1, 2019, Province Coordinator Social Action wef July 15, 2019
<b>Fr. Sebastian Xalxo</b>	Parish Priest, St. Ignatius Parish, Chamrusai, wef July 14, 2019
<b>Fr. Joseph Kallarangatt</b>	Province Infirmery, Praying for the Church and Society
<b>Fr. Aloysius Carvalho</b>	Province Infirmery, Praying for the Church and Society
<b>Fr. Vincent Patrick</b>	House Consultor, Dhyan Ashram, wef June 17, 2019
<b>Fr. Sebastian Nallail</b>	Assistant Director, Loyola Jayanti Vidyapit, Bankura, Tutor
<b>Fr. Eric Tigga</b>	Spiritual Guide for "Friends of Jesus" Sisters
<b>Fr. K. T. Thomas</b>	Teacher, Arunoday, Spiritual Ministries
<b>Fr. Jerry Raymond Gomes</b>	Assistant Minister, Navjyoti Niketan, Motbari w.e.f. 01 July 2019
<b>Br. Naik Marandi</b>	House Consultor, PJG, wef June 15, 2019
<b>Br. Chottu Hembrom</b>	Minister, Prefect Secondary, St. Paul's H.S., Ragabpur
<b>Dn Anmol Robert Minj</b>	Diaconate Ministry, Pastoral Experience, St. Joseph's Parish Raghampur
<b>Sch. Elio Das Setu</b>	B.A. (General) y.1. at St. Xavier's College, Kolkata
<b>Sch. Jaicup Xaxa</b>	Regency, Chamrusai
<b>Sch. John Paul R.</b>	Prepares M.Sc., Assists Hostel Superintendent, SXC Hostel, Kolkata
<b>Sch. Sunny A. Costa</b>	Residence, St. Xavier's University Kolkata Hostel
<b>Sch. Oscar Daniel Raj</b>	Residence, St. Xavier's University Kolkata Hostel

## PROVINCIAL'S PROGRAMME

### July 2019

- 04** : Baruipur, Priest Council Meeting  
**08-12** : Kathmandu, North Zone Provincial's Meeting  
**19-20** : Province Consult  
**27** : Convocation, St. Xavier's University, Kolkata  
**22-26** : Visitation: Raghampur

### August 2019

- 05-09** : Visitation: Kalna-Pandua-Gurap  
**16-17** : Province Consult  
**21** : Archdiocesan Consult  
**24** : Province Days Committee Meeting

## DATES TO REMEMBER

- 10<sup>th</sup> August:** Report of the first community meeting in preparation for the Province Days to be sent to Fr. Maria Joseph S  
**15<sup>th</sup> September:** Report of the 2<sup>nd</sup> community meeting in preparation for the Province Days to be sent to Fr. Maris Joseph S  
**20<sup>th</sup> October, 2019:** Decan **Anmol Minz** will be ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Vincent Aind of Bagdogra  
**30<sup>th</sup> October:** Report of the 3<sup>rd</sup> community meeting in preparation for the Province Days to be sent to Fr. Maria Joseph S

(Email Id: [joemaaria@gmail.com](mailto:joemaaria@gmail.com))

**27<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> December: Province Days**

**"The PJG Renovated Church Blessing on 13th July 6 p.m"**



# CALCUTTA JESUITS : NEWS AND VIEWS

## Maria Snehasadan, Gurap

During summer vacation there were marriage preparation classes for a week from May 27 to June 1 conducted by **Fr. Joseph Alexander**. He was immensely happy to take classes and interact with the participants. The following week there were faith formation classes where 46 participants spent time together like the early Christian communities. They took turns to cook.

Without the boarding children Gurap looks like a deserted place. After the children came back from the summer holidays, even the sleeping plants woke up and started smiling. We are back to school now.

-Fr. Vinay Kerketta

## Mangaldeep Ashram, Jhantipahari

The First Term Examination for English and Bengali Medium students ended on May 9. Before the summer vacation, the STAG methodology was utilized to give an Intensive English Speech Practice for the English Medium students for a week. The same methodology was followed for Bengali Medium students as well. From May 18 to June 16, the students had summer vacation. During summer vacation, God was so gracious to Jhanti, and showered rains now and then. For the first time during summer, the Jhanti vegetable garden was green. Our catechist Sohan and **Fr. Xavier Inigo** went to all the Catholic families for house blessing. **Fr. Sunny** (the PCF) sent good number of Scholastics to Jhanti during this summer. Thanks to Fr. Sunny. **Fr. E.S. Joseph** had 45 days of Spiritual Integration Course in Lonavala and returned here on June 24.

-Fr. Xavier Inigo

## Premananda Ashram, Chamrusai

Premananda Ashram is once again full of life after the students have returned from their summer holidays. The classes were resumed on June 17 with a great enthusiasm. The boarding School is happy to have a new regent **Sch. Jaicup Xaxa** this year as well. **Fr. Ajay Kumar Ekka**, the newly appointed Headmaster and Director of the Boarding School arrived on June 20. He will take up his responsibilities from July 1. There was a short cultural program to welcome Fr. Ajay and Sch. Jaicup on June 24.

We foresee many colorful programs in the month of July such as some students from Belgium, known to our benefactors will be with us from July 1 to 10, Archbishop Thomas D'Souza will be installing the new Parish Priest of St. Ignatius Church Chamrusai on July 14, the Parish Novena will begin from July 21, the guardians' meeting of our students will be held on July 28, and the feast day of the parish will be celebrated on July 31. All the Ashramites are on their toes and excited to have plenty of activities in July.

Sch. Jaicup Xaxa was suffering from sun stroke and was admitted to a local hospital for his treatment and he has been discharged and is recuperating now in the community.

**Fr. Sebastian Xalxo** has successfully completed his two years of D.EL.ED (Diploma in Elementary Educations)

course with more than 60% from National Institute of Open Schooling.

-Fr. Sebastian Xalxo

## Jisu Ashram, Pandua

The Archbishop of Kolkata, Rev. Thomas D'Souza visited Pandua mission on May 25. He was warmly welcomed and taken in procession with a tribal dance to the residence by our faithful. A ritual washing of the feet of the Archbishop was done by the women as a symbol of tribal hospitality. In the evening, the Archbishop visited Kanur village, 8 kilometers away from the parish to interact with the faithful. The villagers warmly welcomed him, gave a Santhal turban and processed to the village in celebration.



On Sunday, May 26, the Archbishop confirmed 162 candidates during the Eucharistic celebration. **Fr. John Kerketta**, the Priest-in-Charge, and **Frs. Augustine D'souza, Joseph Alexander, Alphonse Ashirvadam** assisted him in administering the Sacrament. His visit to the Pandua mission was very fruitful and proved to be a blessing to all Catholics and non-Catholics who attended the Mass.

**Fr. Jayakumar** took charge as the Headmaster of St. Xavier's Primary School from Fr. Alphonse and is on his toes to run the school. Fr. Joseph Alexander has moved to Arunoday as the Acting Superior. Jisu Ashram community sincerely thanks all outgoing Jesuits for their dedicated service to the mission.

-Fr. John Kerketta

## Scholastics Summer Program 2019

Charles Bowden once said, "Summer time is the best of what might be." It proved to be true this time for the Calcutta Scholastics who were engaged in various activities during their Summer Program.

From April 22 - 30, **Schs. Jobin** and **Stephen** attended the Assistency Assembly at Pune. It was a time to share common concerns of the Assistency. The REGAE II was held at Dhyan Ashram from May 2 - 5. **Schs. Jeffrey, Prosenjit, Manu, Rakesh** and **Stephen** participated in it. From May 7 - 14, **Schs. Manu, Jhonson, Jibin** and **Jaicup** attended a Bengali course in Dhyan Ashram facilitated by **Fr. Sunny**. Sch. Prosenjit was in Jhantipahari for a Mission Experience.

The Scholastics made their Annual Retreat from May 15 to 23. It was a fruitful one as **Fr. Sajeev**, who directed the retreat, made it innovatively dynamic.

On May 23, the Scholastics had a friendly match with the young priests who had come for their meeting at Dhyan



Ashram. In the evening they had an inter-active session with the young priests who shared their joys and sorrows, expectations and challenges they face in their respective apostolates. It served as a wake-up call for the scholastics.

On May 25, the Scholastics had a session with **Fr. Aloysius Carvalho** who shared his life and experiences in the Society. It was wonderful to listen to a seasoned Jesuit and absorb some of his wisdom. Fr. Sunny, the PCF, gave sessions on the REGAE.

On May 26, the Scholastics organized a programme at Rosopunji. The people experienced God's grace through the Holy Eucharist, and hand fun activities such as games, cultural programs, and a fellowship meal.

The Scholastics celebrated the feast of St. John Berchman's at St. Lawrence on May 27. There was a friendly Cricket Match among the Scholastics. **Fr. Sebastian** and **Fr. Zenith** gave a presentation on the History and development of the School. The Scholastics were wonderstruck by the computerized labs and advanced way of teaching. The day ended with a grand dinner at the School ground. The scholastics thanked the Fathers for their warm hospitality and for sponsoring T-shirts.

On May 28, there was a sharing of the Scholastics which helped to understand each other well. **Fr. Raphael Hyde**, the Provincial, attended the plenary sessions and celebrated the Eucharist. On May 29, the Summer Program ended with an evaluation and election of the coordinators for the next academic year. While Schs. Rakesh, **Rintu** and Manish volunteered to be the coordinators for the next summer program 2020, **Sch. Newton** was elected as the recollection coordinator in the province.

*-Sch. Prosenjit Gomes*

## Chitrabani

### Golden Jubilee of Goopy GyneBaghaByne celebrated

Film maestro Satyajit Ray released his critically acclaimed film 'Goopy GyneBaghaByne (গুপীগাইনবাঘাবাইন)' in 1969. This fantasy adventure comedy film written and directed by Ray celebrates its golden jubilee this year. On the occasion, Chitrabani along with Jivansmriti Digital Archive and Focus organized a special program on June 14, 2019 at Chitrabani. Film scholar Mr. Debasish Mukherjee gave an in-depth, illustrated lecture on the film, which lasted for about 90 minutes. Mr. Arindam Saha Sardar was the M.C. for the occasion while Fr. P.J. Joseph welcomed the audience for the celebration.

### JNTE team visits Chitrabani

Chitrabani has applied for affiliation to Jawaharlal Nehru Technical Education-Council of Skill Development

(JNTE-CSD). It is an ISO 9001: 2015 certified autonomous organization under the Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD), Government of India.

JNTE-CSD Program Director, Ms. Rajeshwari along with her assistant visited Chitrabani to inspect on June 19. They were impressed by the immense potential and illustrious history of the institute and offered all possible help to make it a successful venture.

Chitrabani planned to start four courses under this initiative – (1) Diploma in Visual Media (18 months), (2) Diploma in Film Making (12 months), (3) Advance Diploma in Film Making (36 months) and (4) Certificate in Visual Effects (6 months).



### Sound Studio

Music Director and singer Mr. Dilip Majumdar recorded his Christian album at Chitrabani. Bengali Feature film, Prem Pritir Koto Jaala directed by Mr. Tarun Kumar Biswas, was dubbed in Chitrabani studio.

*- Fr. P. J. Joseph*

## Tertianship at Sitagarha

On June 9, 2019, **Fr. Alphonse A.** and I reached Sitagarha, Hazaribagh, for our Tertianship. Tertian Instructors, Frs. Ignatius Tete and K.C. Stephen welcomed us. We are very lucky to have the new building for our Tertianship. We are 24 Tertians from 18 provinces.

On June 10, the Provincial of Hazaribagh Fr. Santosh Minj, delivered the inaugural address. Fr. Rector, Patras Tirky, along with community members welcomed all the Tertians. We began our regular classes from June 11. On June 15, we had a wonderful Hazaribagh darshan. On July 17, we will begin our long retreat. We humbly request you all to keep us in your prayers. We assure you of our prayers.

*- Fr. Markus Hembrom*

## Tertianship at Shembaganur

**Fr. Masilamani** and **Fr. Mourlin** reached Kodai-hills safely to begin our Tertianship on June 1. We had the inauguration mass and a short introduction to the community and its ministries. After the introduction, we had Kodai dharshan and visited important picnic spots. We began to reflect in groups about the autobiography of St. Ignatius and his Spiritual experiences. Then we all shared our sacred vocation stories.

We went on a pilgrimage to St. John De Britto's Shrine at Oriyur, Fr. Antony Criminali's place of martyrdom, Vedalai, and Fr. Louis Leville's place Sargani and implored their blessings upon us.

Fr. Kulandai Raj (AND) conducted a workshop on

"Intensive Journal". He helped us to focus on ourselves and deepen our understanding and integrate our inner movements. We had also visited Bodhi Center at Kodaikannel to know about ZEN methods of prayer before the long retreat. We are beginning our retreat on June 26, 2019 and ending on it July 26, 2019. We request all of you to pray for us.

- *Fr. Masilamani & Fr. Mourlin*

## Prabhu Jisur Girja

**Parish:** A Summer Camp was organized for the Parish Youth at Pandua from May 29 to 31, 2019. **Fr. Mahananda Singh**, Sr. Babita Boidya and two parishioners accompanied them. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul gave ration and medical aid to 19 beneficiaries on June 1. **Fr. Peter Durairaj**, former administrator of Prabhu Jisur Girja, was given a farewell on June 2, 2019. **Fr. Arun Lucas** joined Prabhu Jisur Girja Community and was welcomed on the same day. On June 9, the students of our parish who successfully passed their Board Exams this year were felicitated.

On June 13, the Feast of St. Anthony of Padua was celebrated in a grand manner. **Bro. Naike Marandi**, the new administrator of Prabhu Jisur Girja was welcomed to our parish on the same day. Fr. Mahananda Singh completed 25 years of his religious life on June 20, 2019 and celebrated his 50th birth day on June 17. In his honor, we had a special gathering of the selected members of our parish on June 16.

**Community:** **Fr. Dipak Gomes** participated in a three day convention on 'Ecumenism' at Calcutta Boys' School, Kolkata from May 27 to 29. He preached a recollection to the M.C. Sisters at Nimtola on June 6.

-*Mr. Andrio Arup Gomes & Fr. Dipak Gomes*

## Young Priests Meet

Part of the Ongoing Formation of Young priests, a meeting took place on May 22 in Dhyana Ashram. **Fr. Alphonse Ashirvadam** coordinated the meeting. **Fr. Sunny** the convener of the young priests took keen interests and organized the meeting. Fr. Sunny started the sharing. Most of the priests enthusiastically got involved in the open sharing where we felt affirmed and accompanied by the support of one another.

**Fr. Anbu Raj** was elected as the new coordinator. Assuming his new responsibility, Fr. Anburaj thanked Fr. Alphonse for his generous service. **Fr. Arun Lucas** was chosen as the Secretary. **Fr. David** offered the mass and shared a reflective homily. On May 23, the Young Priests had an interactive session with the scholastics which was appreciated by all.

- *Fr. Arun Lucas*

## De Nobili College, Pune

The new academic year began with a three-day (June 5-7) orientation program in the DNC community. Addressing the scholastics, the Rector, Fr. Edward Mudavassery emphasized on ecology as one of the primary concerns of the house. The program culminated with Pune Darshan. The new comers explored the city and utilized the occasion to familiarize themselves with the Maharashtrian culture. With the advent of 32 new and enthusiastic philosophy students, DNC community has come alive with new dynamism. Our own, **Schs. Manish** and **Prosenjit** have settled down and made

their presence felt in the community. JDV started with the Inaugural Mass on June 10 and the classes are on in full swing. **Fr. Sacaria Joseph** from St. Xavier's College, Calcutta spared his time to share his knowledge on Poetry and Existentialism with the philosophers in Pune. **Fr. Arjen**, too, is busy with his theology classes. He celebrated his birthday on June 18.

Nature, in and around DNC, is resuscitating receiving first shower after prolonged onslaught of summer. Birds are chirpy once again. We look forward to a productive academic year themed: "Empowering for Service."

- *Sch. Rintu Samuel*

## St. Xavier's University, Kolkata

St. Xavier's University will confer Post Graduate degrees on 141 students at its First Convocation Ceremony to be held on July 27. West Bengal Governor will be present at the Convocation Ceremony. Mr. Shashi Tharoor, Member of Parliament, will deliver the Convocation address.

The Bar Council of India conducted its inspection of St. Xavier's University on May 29 for its approval to start the Xavier Law School from the Academic Session 2019-2020. The XLS will offer Five Year Integrated Courses – B.A. LLB. (Hons.) & B. Com. LLB. (Hons.)

The University organized a one day Faculty Development Program on MOOC courses for all Faculty members in May. B.Com morning session with 280 students will start from this Academic year.



The two Hostel buildings' construction are complete. There are already 151 students and more will be admitted in this academic session. Each Hostel has the capacity of 300 seats. Sr. Sheela Thomas, Assistant Director of the Girls' Hostel has left for Australia and Sr. Mary Sansha has replaced her.

**Fr. Felix Raj** delivered a lecture to all Faculty members of West Bengal State University, Barasat and he along with a team of well-wishers of **Fr. Ante Gabric** visited Maria Palli Parish and the tomb of Fr. Gabric. They also visited Fr. Ante Gabric Memorial High School run by Mr. Alindra Naskar, a student and faithful disciple of Fr. Gabric. Fr. Felix Raj established three "Xaverian Excellence Awards" for three outstanding Class XII students of the School.

**Fr. Arulappan Rayappan** went for a short home visit in May. Fr. Felix Raj joined his family members for the celebration of his mother's 90th birthday on June 1.

-*Ms. Ruth De Rosario*



## St. Xavier's, Burdwan

The students of St. Xavier's College, Burdwan have resumed their classes with a great delight after a long vacation. A good number of enrolments have taken place this year. And still the admission process is on and we do expect a few more to come.

The Jesuit Community here is blessed with a new Bangladeshi Jesuit **Sch. Rahul Nokrek** who would pursue his B.Com. **Sch. Stephen Kisku** has joined our community and is involved fully in taking care of the hostel boys. For the first time, we have over 50 students in our hostel.

On June 17, the school was reopened after the summer vacation. Unit Test 2 is around the corner and the students are on their toes preparing for the test. On June 22, the junior students had a standard classical music competition. It is soothing to see how our students are receiving a quality education that caters to all round development of our students.

*-Sch. Sebastian Murmu*

## Arunoday, Barasat

The month of June has been a grace filled month for all of us to witness many young boys arriving at Arunoday to join the pre-novitiate. **Fr. Thamacin Arullappan**, the former Director and **Sch. Jobin George**, the Assistant Director left Arunoday on June 6. We are grateful to them for their many contributions at Arunoday. We are happy to welcome our new Superior, **Fr. Joseph Alexander**, the new director **Fr. Vivien Andrew**, and the new regent **Sch. Rakesh Mondol**. **Fr. Francis Koikara**, returned to Arunoday after paying a visit to his nephew in Canada and is ever active taking up spiritual ministries in and around Arunoday. The three would be novices, Alok, Ravi and Sunderlal left for Dhyan Ashram on June 18. This year we are blessed with 26 young men who have joined the pre-



novitiate, of whom, 6 belong to Jamshedpur province. Among the 26 pre-novices, 5 are from Tamil Nadu, 13 from Jharkhand, 2 from Odissa, 1 from Gujrat, 1 from Assam and 4 from West Bengal. On June 21, all the pre-novices went to Dhyan Ashram to witness the first vows of our second year novices. On June 25, we were blessed by the presence of Fr. Provincial who presided over the inaugural Eucharist. The normal classes of the academic year have begun. We are grateful to **Schs. Robert, Oscar, Johnson, Felix and John Paul** who had come over here to help us during the orientation program.

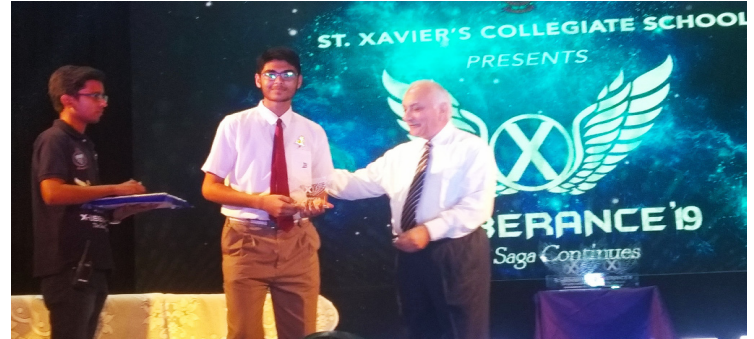
*- Sch. Rakesh Mondol*

**Pray as if God will take care of all; act as if all is up to you.**  
*--Ignatius of Loyola*

## St. Xavier's Kolkata

**College:** Observed the International Day of Yoga on June 21. Staff and students participated in a demonstration cum lecture on the benefits of practicing Yoga. **Fr. Dominic Savio**, Principal, urged the audience to practice yoga as part of their daily life.

The College is participating in the Unnat Bharat Abhiyan and has adopted villages such as Bakeswar, Debipur, Magurkali, Raghapur and Shalpokur and will make their contributions to improve these villages.



**School:** It welcomed the new Principal **Fr. Thamacin Arullappan** on June 17. Fr. Dominic Savio, Rector, formally introduced Fr. Thamacin while addressing the staff and students in a special assembly. The School organized the 7th edition of X-uberance, the annual fest of the school. Around fourteen schools participated. It consisted of 40 various educational competitions. St. Xavier's School emerged the overall winner, however, being the host school, they handed over the trophy to Don Bosco School, Park Circus, which stood second.

*-Fr. M.S. Arockiasamy*

## St. Xavier's Durgapur

**Fr. KC Jacob** had a black out as he gave the final blessings after the Mass at MC Convent Durgapur on 25<sup>th</sup> June. He was rushed to the Mission Hospital next-door. He was kept under observation for two days and was discharged on 27<sup>th</sup>. He was taken to Kolkata for further check up and doctors in Kolkata recommended a pacemaker implant.

**Fr. Patrick Vincent** was given an affectionate farewell on 15<sup>th</sup> May from the Community. **Fr. Jimmy** reached him to Dhyan Ashram.

Two separate talks on 'Healthy Parenting' were delivered for primary and secondary parents for the Parent-Teacher



meeting 29<sup>th</sup> June. Dr. Imon Paul, HOD of Psychiatry, IQ Medical College Hospital, Durgapur, delivered the talk. It was well attended and appreciated by the parents and staff.

World Environment Day and Gonzaga Day were celebrated with special assemblies. Interclass football, cricket, elocution and dance competitions were also held in June.

St. Xavier's Durgapur was blessed with plenty of very good mangoes and papayas during summer, thanks to the "Green Hands" of **Fr. Thomas Varghese**.

*-Fr. Jimmy Keepuram*

## **Dhyan Ashram Juniorate**

The month of June brought significant changes in Dhyan Ashram community. The community bade farewell to two of its members: **Fr Julian Sahaya Das**, the Acting Rector and Dean of Juniorate, and **Br Chottu Ranjan Hembrom**, Minister and Administrator. The community is blessed with many new faces, both Novices and Juniors, from diverse cultures and backgrounds. **Fr Patrick Vincent**, the ne Dean of Studies, joined the community on 14th June.



We, 16 Juniors from six different Provinces (Madurai-4, Dumka-1 Calcutta-5, Darjeeling-2, Kohima-3 and Nepal-1), gave the new academic year 2019-2020 a good beginning on June 27 with an inaugural Eucharist invoking the blessings of the Holy Spirit. The theme "Called to Tread the Path of Magis" inspired and enthused us to aim and aspire for excellence in spiritual, academic, communitarian and apostolic dimensions. On the same day, we had the Orientation followed by Schola Brevis to remind ourselves the importance of formation in the Juniorate.

On 29th we, the Juniors, had a Diagnostic Test to assess our level and knowledge of language. We also had a few sessions of faith sharing to come to know each other well so as to make our journey in the Juniorate meaningful and enriching. Dhyan Ashram community celebrated the Jubilee of **Fr. Pierre Jacob**, **Fr Aloysius Carvalho** and **Fr Thottam Kuruvilla**. A good number of religious from our neighbouring communities double the joy of our celebration with their presence during the Eucharist and the festive meal. On July 2 we had a very exciting Kolkata darshan to familiarise ourselves with the city. Presently we are busy with various activities, acclimatizing ourselves with new timetable, syllabus, people and surroundings.

*-Schs. Lawrence Kerketta and Joanies Malang*

## **Raghabpur At a Glance**

Our Parishioners organized a farewell celebration for **Fr. Jude, Zenith** and **Ajay** for their selfless service in the Parish for the last few years; and they also welcomed **Br Chuttu Hembrom, Sch. Jobin** and **Fr. Irudaya Jyoti** with a garland, and wished them for a fruitful stay in the Parish to enrich the parishioners with their spiritual ministry.

In the Parish, **Fr. Salvatore** organized a first communion service for the parish children on 9th of June. Sr. Sunonda and other Jesuit fathers generously contributed their service in preparing the children for the first communion. Fr. Salvatore invited Fr Pralay Baidya to be the main celebrant for the first communion mass.



Our fathers, in the College and the School, are busy with the admission for the new session; we are witnessing an increase demand in this year for the admission in our School and College. Our fathers, in the School and the College, are really finding it difficult to accommodate all the students who applied for the admission in our institutions.

*-Fr. Salvatore*

## **A New Coadjutor Bishop, Baruipur Diocese**

On Monday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019, on the feast of St John the Baptist, **Fr Shyamal Bose**, was ordained Coadjutor Bishop of Baruipur by Archbishop Thomas D'Souza of Calcutta, Bishop Linus Gomes and Bishop Salvadore Lobo co-Consecrators. He served the Diocese in many capacities, as Parish priest in Khari, Director of Palli Unnayan Samiti for a decade and Treasurer of the Diocese and Chancellor prior to his appointment as Bishop. All the Regional Bishops, a few bishops from Orissa and representatives of the Nuncio and Holy See graced the occasion. Nearly two hundred priests from the neighbouring dioceses, and about five thousand faithful were present. The new Bishop hails from Gosaba. His father Martin was a catechist of the Diocese. His sister Rina DSA works in Italy.

Frs. Kanauj Roy and Tushar Augustine Gomes, saw to it that the ceremony proceeded smoothly along with the Sisters of the Holy Cross, in whose school premises the ceremony was held, and the mellifluous singing of the choir from the three parishes of Thakurpukur, Keorapukur and Sajnaberia, led by Sri Aritra Sen. A beautiful felicitation programme and joyful welcome to the new Bishop concluded a memorable day.

*-Fr Patrick Walsh*

**All the things in this world are gifts of God, created for us, to be the means by which we can come to know him better, love him more surely, and serve him more faithfully.**

*-Ignatius of Loyola*

## First Vows in Sri Lanka

On 21st of June, on the feast day of St. Aloysius Gonzaga, **Shudipto Peter Rozario**, a second year novice from Bangladesh pronounced his first Vows in the Society at Daham Sihila, the Jesuit novitiate of Sri Lanka Province. Along with him five other Sri Lankan novices also pronounced their vows. Rev. Fr. Dexter Grey, the Provincial Superior of the Jesuit Province of Sri Lanka was the main celebrant for the Eucharist. A good number of province members, religious persons and the family members of the Sri Lankan novices attended this joyful celebration.



Now, they have joined Daham Sihila Juniorate Sub-community to follow the Juniorate programme.

- *Sch. Shudipto Rozario*

## Father General in Lithuania

In May, Fr. General visited the Province of Lithuania, including Latvia. The province has just over 30 Jesuits primarily involved in the educational apostolate within three schools: two in Lithuania and one in Latvia. Father General had the opportunity to visit the two Lithuanian institutions in Vilnius and Kaunas to tour, celebrate the Eucharistic, and address the assembled communities. In his talk, Fr. General highlighted the meaning of the Universal Apostolic Preferences and the opportunities that the UAPs bring to the Society of Jesus and her partners.

For Lithuania, the 24 hours of the General's visit was designed to maximize the time the General had with the people that the Province serves. The General's visit started on May 5th - Mother's day in Lithuania - at the Church of St. Francis Xavier in Kaunas.

Among the stronger themes that Fr. General stressed during the press conferences was the gift of the Spiritual Exercises. According to the General, the Exercises is a treasure that, when given properly, both allows Jesuits to accompany the faithful on their journey, AND gives the faithful powerful tools to discern their own way in a complex world.

The Vilnius Jesuit School welcomed Father Sosa to its campus with the magnificent songs of the school choir, Krantas. The most interesting part of the day was the Q&A



between Fr. General and the students, with an alumnus providing the translation between Lithuanian and Spanish.

Here are some of the highlights of the conversation:

**“What is the influence of Jesuit schools upon their students?”**

Fr. General replied that the main influence of a Jesuit school upon its students is to prepare them to live in a world of change. As an example, he noted that while education started as something exclusively for men, today half of the students in the 200-or-so Jesuit universities around the world are women. He stressed that Jesuit education is offered to all, including to young people without financial means, through programs such as Fe y Alegría, with thousands of schools and millions of pupils. In times of rapid change, it is hard to see what the world will be like, but the aim of Jesuit education is always to educate the whole person, to accompany people in a world where the movement of the Spirit is constant.

**“What is the meaning of the fourth vow?”**

For Jesuits, the fourth vow means an even more radical availability to serve the Church. Fr. General used the example of his predecessor's experience when the bishop of Ankara, Turkey, was assassinated. Pope Francis called Fr. General and asked for a Jesuit to replace him. In line with the 4th vow, Fr. General made Fr. Paolo Bizzeti, SJ available for mission. Another example is the recently released Universal Preferences of the Society of Jesus: the UAPs were not “released”, but in fact given as a mission from Pope Francis to the Society of Jesus.

**“What is your relationship with the Holy Father?”**

Fr. General recognized that both he and the Holy Father are from Latin America and revealed that they had known each other during their theology studies, later working together during the 33rd General Congregation. Fr. General called their relationship “brotherly” and “trusting”, with both of them able to speak openly with one another. Pope Francis knows and respects the Society of Jesus, and as such, he does not interfere with her governance.

## Rest In Peace:

**Fr. S. Joseph Maliyakal (MDU 83/65)** passed away on 02.06.2019 at Dindigul, Tamilnadu.

**Br. Selvaraj Sebastian (MDU 81/62)** passed away on 08. 06. 2019 at Dindigul, Tamilnadu

**Fr. Louis Xavier (MDU 87/69)** passed away on 15.06.2019 at St. Joseph Hospital, Dindigul

**Fr. Pariza Jose Maria De Lopez (GUJ 102/85)** died on 20.06.2019 at Vadodara, Gujarat

**Fr. Amalan Thainase (GUJ 35/12)** passed away on 27.06. 2019 at Vadodara, Gujarat

Mr. Kulandaisamy (53), brother of **Fr. Xavier Savarimuthu**, died on 07.06.2019, Tamilnadu

Mrs. Catherinammal (78), mother of **Fr. Zenith William**, died on 12.06.2019, Tamilnadu.

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