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PROVINCIAL APPOINTS

- Sch. Sangam Lakra, BSc, Ahmedabad
- Sch. Alan Mathew John, BCom, Ahmedabad
- Sch. Nithin James, BSc, Kohima
- Sch. Andrews L. Immac, BCom, Kohima
- Sch. Ruban Praveen Kumar, Philosophy, SN, Chennai
- Sch. R. Gnana Muthu, Regency Yr 2, Bangalore
- Sch. Antony Anish Raj, Regency Yr 2, Allahabad
- Sch. Ashwin Kujur, Regency Yr 2, Ropar
- Sch. Ruben Xalxo, Regency Yr 2, Mahwa
- Sch. Pawan Kumar Meesala, Theology, VJ
- Sch. Arvind Minj, Theology, VJ
- Fr. Robin, Tertianship, Shembaganur
- Fr. Abraham, Tertianship, Shembaganur
- Fr. Vincent, Tertianship, Sitagarha
- Fr. Packiam, Tertianship, Sitagarha

WITH EFFECT FROM APRIL 1, 2020:

- Fr. Anil Kispotta, Shahbad
- Fr. Anil Kumar Minj, Jahangirpuri, Director, Social Work, Migrant Workers
- Fr. Arockia Swamy, Acting Superior; Lecturer, Nevta College
- Fr. Augustine Perumalil, Acting Superior, SX Jaipur (additional responsibility)
- Fr. Varkey Perekatt, Continues as PP and Manager of HFR College
- Fr. Jose Kuriakose, PDD (full time)

YOUNG PRIESTS' MEET FEB 22

Young Priests Meet was held on Feb 22 at Shahbad. Eleven of us made it for the sharing. **Fr. Jinesh** and **Fr. Amal** were welcomed into the group formally. The personal sharing had deeper dimensions of our struggles and also our positives. **Fr. Sacria Pantham** animated the sharing in the absence of Fr. George Peter. He shared a few inspiring instances with us. Each one took time to share after which we had a short prayer for that person. We also set aside a few minutes for each person for some clarifications on a lighter mode. All of us were well disposed towards the dynamics of the Spirit at work during the sharing. It was a moment of grace as it brought to us more proximity with each other. We thanked **Fr. Packiam** for his leadership last few years as the Young Priests' Coordinator. Fr. Jinesh accepted to be the new coordinator. We are very grateful to the Jesuit community, especially to Fr. Scaria and **Br. Gyan Prakash**, for meticulously planning and providing good ambience for the program.

Amalraj

FROM THE DIASPORA

Arach: "Pahari (Mountain) Women: Changing Gender and Caste Relations in the Hill State of Uttarakhand, India" was my PhD topic. I am grateful to God and to the Society for the opportunity to successfully complete my PhD degree in Sociology at the University of Innsbruck, Austria. I feel equally happy and satisfied. I thank everyone in the province for prayerful support. Now I am more driven to enter into new horizons for future mission.

Tony Andrade: In Feb, I had recollections for MC sisters and SFN sisters at Port Blair. We had Novena, Rosary and Mass at Stella Maris Cathedral to prepare for the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. We had a good gathering during Novena. We took turns to celebrate the Eucharist. I spent most of my time in Prothrapur Parish assisting the Parish Priest. The diocesan SCC members visited the parish. It was a good occasion for me to celebrate Mass in various zones and also to interact with people. My birthday was celebrated at Prothrapur Jesuit community on a small scale. At the evening Mass people prayed for me and greeted me after Mass. Laddoos were served to them. On Ash Wednesday I said two Masses; the church was fully packed. We are having severe water shortage these days; there was no rain for the last 4 months. Weather too is warm and humid these days. All are anxiously waiting for some showers to cool the place.

SAHAYOG

NRC: The month of February saw a number of activities here. The Evangelical Group had training & refresher seminar for their 48 social workers from Feb 2 to 6. This was followed by the Province Budget Meet on 8th. It was well attended and only a few were not able to come. There were only three Sisters of St. Ann of Providence for the Eucharistic Life Retreat by Fr. Mathew Padayatty from 11th to 19th. **Fr. K.P. George** guided a priest who wanted to have an inward journey through his life in the light of ecclesiastical relationship and reconciliation from 11th to 21st. The Assistancy Development Director Fr. Siji Noorokariyil brought his office staff for

three days of training and strategy building from 18th to 21st. We were happy to host the Urban Youth Development Training Program of Indo-Global Social Service Society from 21st to 27th; the energetic and unsophisticated youth leaders came from different states of North India including some from Delhi. Nineteen members of Missionaries For Christ from Gurunagar came to make a three-day Recollection from Feb 28 to Mar 1. They were assisted and guided by some members of Couples For Christ. May they be able to draw more young men and women to Christ.

K.P. George

Sahayog: A number of us exercised the right to vote on Feb 8 in the state election. **Fr. Mathew Padayatty** directed an eight-day retreat of three Sisters. Before that he underwent cataract surgery in his right eye on 5th. **Fr. Alex Chinnappa** re-joined the Sahayog community on 15th and he is keeping well with his regular dialysis at Shalimarbagh Fortis Hospital. **Fr. Job Kohamthadam** was out in Goa and Bangalore for different programs. In Bangalore, he was hit by a motorcycle; the heel of his left foot was hurt. He is treating his minor injury. **Fr. John Chathanatt** was out in Bhopal from 19th to 22nd to conduct a workshop. He is also working on a Catholic Encyclopaedia and in this regard he has gone to Kerala to capture some glimpses of the ancient churches in his camera. He will be back on Mar 16. **Fr. Xavier Ignatius** was in Kathmandu for a week for revisor's work and to participate in the extended consult of POSA; he returned on 28th. **Fr. Ed Daly** was admitted in Jivodaya Hospital as he suffered from chest congestion and other discomforts. He is growing weaker and is still in the hospital. Your prayers are requested for him. Mr. Bhaskar and his wife from Bihar stayed with us from 16th to 20th when they came to visit Fr. Ed Daly.

K.P. George

On Feb 10 **Fr. T.K. John** addressed the Save Constitution Day convention at the Constitution Club, Rafi Marg. Swami Agnivesh, Mr. John Dayal and leaders of Sikh and Jain communities were on the dais and addressed the gathering. The

program began with an oath by all gathered there to stand by the Indian Constitution. On 15th he addressed the gathering at the Indian Social Institute in connection with the release of the book Fellowship of Religions edited by Dr. M.D. Thomas. The book carried an article by TK. On 22nd TK addressed the "Brain Storming Session of the Concerned Citizens of India on CAA, NRP and NRC at Madani Hall, organized by Jamiat Ulama-i-Hind, New Delhi. On 25th afternoon he addressed the Core Group of formation personnel of the Sisters of St Ann of Providence at Palam Vihar.

T.K. John

IISR Report: Fr. Job gave a special lecture at Goa University on "Artificial Intelligence, Robots and Humanoids and the Future of Humanity" on Feb 20. It was well received by the postgraduate and doctoral students as well as senior undergraduate students. Shalom Television Program "The Light of Truth," the weekly TV program on science-religion interfacing in Malayalam, is in its last month; it has completed more than 60 episodes. IISR Delhi and CCR TV Goa have agreed to start a TV program in English on Science-Religion Interaction. The preparation is going on. CCR TV is a station that televises programs worldwide 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. I request your prayerful support for this challenging initiative.

Job

ST. XAVIER'S, BEHROR

School: The month of Feb brought some relief from the severe winter with some soothing morning sunshine. The mood of the final exams was set for the students with revision tests. Zero Period was introduced from the beginning of the month in view of exam preparation specially to clarify the doubts. On 6th Behror municipality organized an awareness rally for 'Swachh Bharat Abhiyan'. The students of Class 8 and 9 represented our school and actively participated in the rally. The graduation day cum farewell program for Class 12 was held on 8th. Our teaching staff benefitted from the live online presentation and interaction from CBSE regarding the preparation for Classes 10 and 12 Board Exams. A vibrant and

meaningful assembly presentation of our little kiddies of Classes Prep and 1 in front of whole school was well appreciated. The little stars exhibited confidence and leadership in their presentation. The school Managing Committee met on 14th. A session on investment banking was given to our staff by the HDFC bank management. The senior school computer lab is getting a new look with new computers and furniture. The renovation process is on. The Board Exams for Classes 10 and 12 are on. The final exams for Classes 9 and 11 began on 10th. The middle and primary classes began their final exams on 22nd. Our school has managed to get all the teaching, non-teaching as well as class IV employees with their police verification certificate as per the requirement.

Community: Fr. Joe Manna made a short trip to his home to meet his brother and came back on 9th. **Fr. Sebastian A.** went to Delhi on 7th for the budget and finance commission meetings. The changing weather made some of us sick. **Fr. Joe Vila** and Fr. Sebastian A. attended the education commission meeting in Bhiwadi on 12th. Fr. Soosai Mani was with us on 15th and 16th to meet the regent. On 15th Fr. Sebastian A. went for a 10-day pilgrimage to the Holy Land and was back on the 26th with many rich experiences. An extended evening walk, an initiative from our Superior Fr. Sebastian A. cum meeting the families of the school children from nearby villages, is appreciated by the common people; it also builds up a positive image of our school among the people.

Anish Raj

ST. XAVIER'S, BHIWADI

School: We welcomed the month of Feb with fun and folic. On 1st Classes 6-9 went to Adventure Island, Delhi and the following week Classes 1-5 took a trip to Pratapgarh. A day for teachers and students to let their hair down. On 12th Education Commission Meeting was held here. Management Committee met on 14th; Jesuits from Jaipur, Behror and Mahwa were present. The teachers assisted students to revisit numerous concepts to enhance their exam preparations. We commenced our annual

exams on 14th. The library saw more teachers than before as exam holidays provided them leisure to enhance their knowledge. On 17th we celebrated the birthday of **Fr. Sebastian Mukalel** with high tea. After tireless efforts of **Fr. Glenn** and unceasing prayers, we have received permission to construct the new building.

Community: We celebrated the birthday of Fr. Sebastian Mukalel on 15th; our collaborators in mission and Jesuit communities from neighbouring places were present. Frs. Glenn, Sebastian and Amal attended the Budget Meeting in Delhi. In their absence **Fr. Sangeeth** took care of **Fr. Manimala**. Fr. Manimala was down with ill health. He was taken to Delhi for better treatment and was admitted in Parmanand Hospital. After a week of intense care and observation, he was discharged and now is taking rest in St. Xavier's, Delhi.

Parish: The month started with our new priest Fr. Arun Panackal offering the Eucharist in the parish. Parish Council met to decide about the Lenten programs. Our parish men had a day of cooking and doing household works as our parish women went to Pratapgarh accompanied by Frs. Sebastian and Sangeeth.

Maria Sadan: Our candidates, three in number, are glued to their books as the exams have started. Your prayers are requested. **Fr. Amal** was out to attend Young Priests' Meet in Delhi.

Pawan

ST. XAVIER'S, JAIPUR

College: Feb was the time of giving finishing touches before the end of the current academic session and the upcoming exams. The college organized a two-day ICSSR sponsored International Conference on "Rethink, Restructure and Reinvent: The Sustainable Development Perspective" on Feb 7 & 8. Eminent resource persons, specialists in different fields, shared their expertise. The Shifting Action Committee of St. Xavier's College, Jaipur to Nevta met on 13th and discussed the next plan of action regarding the shifting of the College. The College Managing Committee Meeting was held on 15th; **Fr. Jose** and Mr. Ajay Choudhary were introduced as the new members of

the committee. During the meeting, **Fr. Sherry** presented the budget for the next session. Farewell function for the outgoing students was organized on 18th. Students from various departments were shortlisted for the Xavierite of the Year award. Surbhi Agarwal of BBA was adjudged as the winner. We end the month with the second Term Internal Exams for the Commerce and Arts students from 24th to 29th.

Jose V. K.

School: On whom did the lady luck smile was revealed on Feb 1 as the draw of lots was taken for 102 seats for Std 1 in the precincts of the school by the Manager. In the evening more than 150 students of Xavier's Mahwa dropped in as the last leg of their Jaipur darshan along with their Principal and teachers. On 3rd the school reverted to its usual schedule of 7:30 am yet not exposing its wards to the onslaught of morning chill by calling off the external assembly. The final list containing the lucky ones of Std 1 was displayed on 8th with the conspicuous absence of the principal traceable nowhere in the soil of Rajasthan! After 48 hrs he resurfaced only to engage himself in the admission process. The Junior wing of the school is motherless as Vice Principal Sr. Lissy had a fall causing multiple fractures of the ankle. The students of Classes 1-5 let their hair loose on 13th as hordes of them landed well ahead of the departure schedule of buses to various picnic spots. The lucky ones were the 400 students of Classes 1 and 2 as adventure sport picnic was organized for them in the campus itself through an agency. The losers were the students of other classes as they spent most of the time in travelling to and fro. The following day was the turn of middle school. A group of 75 students of Class 11 left for Goa with **Fr. Packiam** as one of the guardian angels. As they returned another group of 107 students left for the same destination of alluring beaches and to pay homage to the patron saint of the school. Why should only boys and girls have all the fun was the pitch line of teachers as they too went for a day of unwinding to Nevta campus where the Jesuits pampered them with their hospitality. The final exams of Class 1 to 8 began on 26th by finding gaps in the

ongoing Board Exams. The results of Classes 9 and 11 were declared on 29th amidst the smiles, dismay, tears and heart break of many. Amidst his busy schedule **Fr. Dominic** and his motley team of desi rooky technicians through jugaad traced the elusive well at the Senior School assembly ground lying subterranean beyond the optics. Someone quipped saying that they discovered the by-pass of the Silk route! The sole focus is to harvest the run off rain water so as to replenish the aquifers. The interiors of the sports complex is getting fresh coat of plurality of colours instead of the traditional missionary colour of white and grey.

Sobin

Community: Community was blessed with a number of guests, both Jesuits and non-Jesuits, throughout the month of Feb. We celebrated the birthday of **Fr. Sobin** on 4th. The Jesuits from neighbouring communities and the sister collaborators joined us for the celebration. **Fr. Varkey**, **Fr. Jose Vatta** and **Fr. Packiam** attended the diocesan clergy recollection. Fr. Sobin made a short visit to his home to attend the Silver Jubilee of his religious sister. **Fr. Mani** celebrated his birthday on 18th; many Jesuits from various communities and the sister collaborators also joined us for the celebration. On 12th five of the community members attended the combined Education Commission Meet of School and College at St. Xavier's School, Bhiwadi. Fr. Mani and Fr. Varkey attended the North Zone UAP retreat at Atmadarshan. On 22nd Fr. Packiam and Fr. Jose Vatta attended the Young Priests' Meet at Shahbad.

Packiam

Parish: Bishop Oswald Lewis of Jaipur has declared the year 2020 as the "Year of the Family". On Feb 2 on the feast of the Presentation of the Lord our parish officially inaugurated the "Year of Family" with a solemn eucharist in which a documentary was screened and Parish Priest Fr. Varkey spoke on the role and importance of family. On 9th six of our parish children, accompanied, by Fr. Packiam and Sr. Rose MC, participated in the Holy Childhood Sunday celebration, organized by the

Friends of Jesus of the Diocese at Morning Star, St. Anselm's School, Madrampura. On 29th ten of our parishioners participated in the workshop on Social Teaching of the Catholic Church organized by the Commission for Social Apostolate of the Diocese at St. Anselm's School, Malviya Nagar, Jaipur.

Packiam

ST. XAVIER'S MAHWA

School: Our students went on class picnic, a looked forward to event, to different places – Classes 4-8 to Appu Ghar in Jaipur and Classes 1-3 to Chand-Bawdi in Bandikui while LKG and UKG had theirs in the campus itself. The school organized an Art and Craft Inter School Competition for Classes 1-8. Only a few turned up from other schools. Though disappointing, it was a good experience! Classes 5 and 8 had the first round of exams from 10th. After a short break, Class 8 started another round of the same from 24th. As the school could not get the NOC from the State Board and Affiliation to CBSE on time, Class 9 could not be started in the school during the coming academic year 2020-21. Hence the Management called a meeting of the parents of Class 8 to explain to them the problems and the struggles faced. Some were upset but others were very supportive. It is very sad to see the current Class 8 students leave the school.

Community: PCF Fr. Soosai Mani was with us for a few days. Fr. Dayal's nephew, Mr. Pradeep was our guest for a day. **Fr. Tony C.** has gone to Patna for his retreat and to meet his relatives there. On Ash Wednesday we had a beautiful and meaningful service in the evening and all the faithful participated in it.

Arvind

ST. XAVIER'S, NEVTA

School: Staff had their annual picnic in one of the city resorts on Feb 1. Class 10 students began their second round of pre-board exams on 3rd. **Fr. Jeba** travelled to Delhi on 6th to receive 'Brainfeed School Excellence Awards 2020' on behalf of the school. Our school was adjudged as one of the top 500 schools in India by 'Brainfeed' Magazine. The award included a trophy

and a certificate. The final exams for all classes commenced on 17th. The students' most favourite event of the year, The Life Skills Enhancement Camp, will start on 29th. **Fr. John Ravi** has been appointed as the observer for the Classes 10 & 12 Board Exams in one of the city schools by CBSE w.e.f. Feb 24 to March 24, 2020.

Ravi

Community: **Fr. Ravi** went to Kohima Region to conduct Teachers' Training Program for the teachers of 8 Jesuit Schools in Nagaland from Feb 2 to 8. Most of the community members attended the Province Budget Meet on 8th at NRC. **Fr. Vincent** was in Chennai for a few days to be with his ailing mother; she is bedridden and totally dependent on others for everything. **Fr. Jijimon** attended the Young Priests' Meet in Delhi on Feb 22. The same day evening he also represented the community at the diaconate ordination of our men at Vidyajyoti.

Ravi

College: By the beginning of Feb all the major courses were completed. On Feb 3 classes started for compulsory courses. On Feb 14-15 the annual economics seminar Finoxyzen titled Future Vision and Challenges in Indian Economy 2021 was held with about 40 participants. There was the group discussion at 12:00 under the aegis of XYMC. On 22nd all lectures came to an end. On 24th we gave farewell to the third-year students. The annual practical exams started on 26th. Theory papers are to begin in the first week of March.

Augustine

ST. XAVIER'S, RAJ NIWAS MARG

Xaverians have been busy focusing their energy and effort on their academics during the month of Feb. Teachers completed the syllabus by the first week of Feb giving enough time for the students to revise well before the final exams. Feb 5 was the last working day for all classes and exams have been held from Feb 15 to Mar 2. After their 13 years of study in the school, Class 12 students were given official farewell on Feb 1. A formal farewell program was organized that day morning at 8:15 a.m. followed by

the traditional get together of all Class 12 students with their class teachers in the afternoon at 2:30 p.m. As they bid farewell to their beloved *alma mater*, the air was filled with lots of emotions. On 15th all Xaverians gathered on the school main ground for the grand finale concluding ceremony of the Diamond Jubilee celebrations. Rector **Fr. Jose Philip** urged all Xaverians to keep alive and carry forward the legacy of our great institution Xavier's Delhi. In the Junior School the annual exams dominated the attention of students and hence no other activities were conducted.

Tom

ST. XAVIER'S, SHAHBAD

School: A parent teacher meeting for Classes Prep to 5 was held on Feb 1. The main purpose of the meeting was to create a common platform where students and teachers come together to enrich the student's educational experiences and discuss various issues regarding holistic development of students. The Final Exams for the current academic year commenced on 10th for Classes Prep to 7 and teachers are busy with evaluation. Board Exams for Classes 10 and 12 are going on.

Shaju

Parish: On Feb 2, we celebrated the feast of the Presentation of Our Lord with candle procession. Soon after mass we had the Parish Pastoral Council meeting to plan for the liturgical activities during the year 2020. On 9th, we celebrated the Holy Childhood Sunday. Some of the SCC members participated in the SCC Pariwar Diwas organized by the SCC Commission of the archdiocese at DCC Hall, Goldakkhana. Parish Priest **Fr. Scaria** met all the parents of the catechism children who were not very regular for catechism. After a gap of many months we had a baptism on 16th. After mass we had a feedback session of youths and their parents about the youth's performance at home, in the parish, in the diocese and at the zonal level. One of our parishioners got married on 20th. Fr. Robin and Fr. Sekhar were here with us on 23rd. After mass a meeting of women of the

parish was held to elect the new office bearers for the women's group. A good number of faithful turned up for the Ash Wednesday service on 26th evening. Lenten practice of the Way of the Cross started on Friday 28th.

Scaria

Community: On Feb 4 Fr. Scaria was admitted in Jivodaya Hospital; he was discharged on 7th. On 8th **Br. Gyan, Frs. Britto, Joy John, George Peter and Shaju** attended the budget meeting. Scaria could not attend budget meeting and finance commission meeting, but he attended the province consult on 9th and 10th. Frs. Shaju, Britto and Scaria attended the Education Commission meeting in Bhiwadi on 12th while all the other community members except Br. Gyan participated in the birthday celebration of CJ Provincial Sr. Elsy. After being with us for about 45 days **Fr. Alex Chinnappa** left for Sahayog on 15th. On 18th Br. Gyan, Frs. Remy, George Peter and Scaria visited Fr. Ed Daly and others in Jivodaya Hospital. On 19th Fr. George Peter and **Fr. Remy** left for Patna to make their retreat and Fr. Joy John for Jaipur to attend a marriage. From 21st evening to 22nd noon we had the company of our 10 young priests who had come for their sharing here. From 25th to 28th Fr. Britto was in Bangalore and Mysore for consulting his doctor and the lawyer.

Scaria

ALMORA

Fr. Rakesh and Fr. Joshy reached 13 machines to Salla Village on Feb 3 for the new tailoring centre. They went to Dasaon Village to check the tuition centre; they also attended SHG meeting there on 6th. Fr. Joshy and **Fr. Pradeep** attended Budget Meeting in Delhi on 8th and returned on 9th evening. Spoken English classes started in Barecheena on 10th. During their visit to Salla Village Fr. Pradeep and **Fr. Joshy** met the Village Head who requested them to start Spoken English in that area. Fr. Rakesh and Fr. Pradeep took part on 17th in Thomas D'Sa Badminton Tournament in Haldwani organized by Bareilly Diocese. They lost in the semi-finals. Fr. Rakesh was in Jaipur for a routine check-up and

thereafter he attended the diaconate ordination of our men in Delhi and returned to Almora on 23rd. On 24th he visited Jalna to check out things over there. On 25th we were in Gaijol to start the new grass cutter machine. Fr. Rakesh was in Jalna for monthly staff meeting on 26th while Fr. Pradeep and Fr. Joshy were with JE electricity department to find out the possibility of shifting the high-tension electric pole. On 27th early morning, Fr. Joshy left for Jaipur to attend a two-day seminar over there. After the staff meeting in Barecheena we attended Tuition Teacher Neema's marriage in Dungri. On 29th Fr. Pradeep went to Danya for monthly meeting and Fr. Rakesh took spoken English Class in Barecheena.

Rakesh

JAHANGIRPURI

Parish: The newly constituted Parish Council took charge on Feb 2 after its approval by Archbishop Anil Couto. Parish Priest **Fr. Jose Kuriakose** thanked the old Parish Council and wished the new team to be positive and energetic. On 8th most of our parishioners exercised their franchise and showed their active participation in the electoral democracy. On 9th the Parish Youth Group went for a picnic to Ish Vatika, an Eco Spirituality Centre of Delhi Archdiocese in Najafgarh. They had a creative Mass in the open field with sky as their roof and experienced the magnanimous gift of God the Mother Earth and showed due respect. The following Sunday, the Youth attended the diocesan level North Zone Youth Animation Program in Rosary School, Kingsway Camp. The parish organised a picnic wherein around 90 people from 6 wards went to Nehru Park and India Gate. On Ash Wednesday we started the Lenten season with fast and prayer.

V-Care: Social work and remedial coaching are going on. Lok Manch conducts regular training for the community leaders in Bhalswa areas. The skill training students visited Suraj Kund Mela on 23rd.

Arunmozhi

LAHRI: Apart from our regular litigation work, our legal team plunged into action seeing the new reality of riot hit areas in

Delhi. Sr. Sneha, Sr. Kokila and **Fr. Arunmozhi** visited the riot affected areas and tried to assess the situation. Along with other NGOs and with the help of Fr. P.R. John and Vidyajyoti brothers we visited the different camps in Yamuna Vihar, Indira Vihar, Gokulpuri, Jaffarabad and Shiv Vihar and did a proper assessment. We realised that people needed more of medical assistance than food and provisions. Then with the help of MC Sisters, we collected medicine and distributed the basic medicines along with two doctors. Our legal team is trying to meet each family and document the events as they happened. We also collect data of destroyed, lost and damaged properties to file FIRs legally, for in most cases, police bluntly refuse to file complaints or FIRs. We are determined to file FIRs because FIR is the basic document for a case. Another team consisting Sr. Kokila and Fr. Arunmozhi visited GTB Hospital especially the mortuary. The relatives of the dead/missing persons were waiting outside the mortuary. They were not even allowed to recognise and identify the bodies for 4-5 days. It seems to be a wilful delay. The advocates spoke to the police personnel concerned and also to the hospital authorities to quicken the process of releasing the bodies. Without food and water, the relatives were waiting for 4 days. Some NGOs started providing food packets and water bottles for them. Holy Family Hospital is voluntarily giving all medical assistance, including ambulance services. However, the long agony of waiting so long to give a decent burial continues. Our legal team is making all efforts to get the bodies released soon. We are also collecting relief materials such as basic medicines, rice, dal, sugar, tea and milk powder for children. We need a lot of helping hands and relief materials. Continue to keep the affected people in your prayers.

Arunmozhi

ROPAR

School: The 3rd terminal oral exams started on Feb 4 followed by written exams on 9th. The school accountant resigned in the beginning of Feb. For the same post interviews have been held but we have not

yet found any fit candidate. **Fr. Jinesh** is handling the work at the moment. Three new teachers have been selected after interview and demo for Maths, English and Punjabi.

Parish: On Sunday, Feb 9 Fr. Mathew from Baddi Parish offered mass in the parish since no Jesuit priest was available in Ropar. Thank you, Fr. Mathew. On 16th the Parish Council met and decided to celebrate the feast of Good Shepherd on May 3 as our parish feast.

Community: All the Jesuit priests went on Feb 7 for the Budget Meeting in Delhi and came back on 9th. However **Fr. Thomas** stayed back in Delhi for the Finance Commission Meeting as well. On 12th Fr. Thomas and **Fr. Shekhar** attended Education Commission meeting in Bhiwadi. On 19th there was birthday celebration of **Sch. Ruben** in the community; some CHF Sisters also joined in the celebration. On 21st Fr. Shekhar went to Delhi for medical check-up and Fr. Jinesh for the Young Priests' Meet and for passport work. The old sheets on the roof of the Jesuit Residence have been replaced with new ones.

Ruben

KHARAR/MORINDA/GSSSC ROPAR

Regular classes for the present batch of beauty culture for the local village women are going on at Kharar centre. This batch consists mainly of married women from Bhagoo Majra Village itself. DBTech animators are regularly present to equip the women with the skills. However, the paramedical course is kept suspended for the time being due to lack of takers for the course from the vicinity. The animators at Ropar are pursuing the process of linking the SHGs with banks in a phased manner. Besides, regular animation meetings happen at the villages as usual. Mother Language Day, Punjabi Diwas, was celebrated on Feb 21 at the village school in Laddal near Ropar. Preparations for the Women's Day has reached its peak; it will be celebrated on Mar 7 at Samrala village. As part of the de-addiction sensitization program four long stage plays and four *nukkad nataks* were put up in different rural areas of Anandpur Sahib, Nangal and

Ropar. Two of them were in schools, and one was in a private university. One patient has completed treatment successfully and has been sent back to his family a couple of days back. We are in touch with two more families and motivating the drug abusing member to go for in-house treatment at Red Cross Clinic in Kharar.

Fr. Robin and **Fr. Viren** participated in the Young Priests' Meet in Shahbad on Feb 22. Witnessing diakonia ordination at Vidyajyoti refreshed our memories with our own ordination. Our cook left for good; but we got another one who seems to be getting used to the work at hand. Two-weeklong drainage repair of Morinda House is almost completed.

Robin

GYANODAY, KHASPUR

Feb provided us with many opportunities to enhance our lives. On Feb 1, we went on a pilgrimage to the famous shrine of Mother Mary at Mokama and returned on 3rd. Indeed it was a faith enriching experience to see the faith of devotees and to bless them as representative of priests. After our return to Khaspur, we had a course on the Introduction to the Pauline Letters from Feb 4 to 8 by Fr. Peter Ignatius (PAT). On 16th we merrily joined our parishioners in celebrating the Parish Day. We were blessed to have Fr. E.P. Mathew, Provincial of Kerala amidst us on 17th. On 23rd we performed our one act plays, 'The Bet' by Antony Chekov in English and 'Pin Kushan' by Ramesh Bakshi in Hindi. They were hilarious yet serious ones. On the same day we joyfully welcomed Fr. Soosai Mani, PCF of Delhi. On 25th we went for a study tour to Bodhgaya, Nalanda and Rajgir and returned on 26th. During our night stay in Jeevan Sangham, Gaya, Fr. Lawrence Eucharist (PAT) gave an input on Buddhism. Fr. Soosai too joined us on our tour. We celebrated the mass of Ash Wednesday in the land of enlightenment and entered into the Lenten season.

Sangam

SHANTI SADAN, ALLAHABAD

The month of Feb was filled with activities and festivities. We pre-novices began our Four Sheet Exams; part of it was

conducted by **Fr. Pius**. Our Fathers posed with the pre-novices for a group photo. **Fr. Soosai** was invited by the CJ Sisters for a monthly recollection. Pre-novice Mathew C.V. went to Kerala for treatment along with **Fr. Robert Athickal** and Fr. Pius. **Fr. Abraham** and Fr. Soosai proceeded to Delhi on 7th to attend the Budget Meeting; Fr. Abraham returned on 10th. Sisters from various congregations made an eight-day retreat under the direction of **Fr. Jose**. We have made reservation for our return journey after holidays in May. Fr. Christopher arrived here on 14th and conducted another part of our Four Sheet Exam. He also offered a special mass for us and left for Loyola Sadan on 16th. Community Days were celebrated on 18th and 19th. The dexterity with which we organised them was greatly appreciated. The celebration began with a solemn mass presided over by Fr. Abraham who underlined the importance of community. The food served on those days was delectable. A host of games were organized which kept all of us on our toes; 19th was fully dedicated to games. We ended the celebration with Adoration. Frs. Abraham and Jose along with **Sch. Sanjay Marandi** joined **Fr. George Stephen** for his birthday celebration on 20th. We bought a brand new guitar and guitar stands. We entered into Lenten season on Ash Wednesday with a special mass offered by Fr. Abraham. For the convenience of the parishioners the mass was in the evening.

Chacko

VIDYAJYOTI

The month of February brought immense joy to our community. Every year the Jesuit companions in the first year of theology spend a week-end in faith-sharing and group-building. This year they went to Indian Social Institute, Delhi for this group exercise. This well-designed program focused on methods that facilitate the integration of theology into faith-praxis paradigm. On Feb 17-18 Vidyajyoti organized a two-day National Seminar that began with the first endowment lecture in the honour of former Professors Fr. S. Arockiasamy and Fr. Samuel Rayan. Fr. Michael Amaladoss delivered the endowment lecture on the theme "Seeking

God Experience: The Goal of Theology". On 18th the inputs were given by R.T.C. students of Chennai, Ranchi, and Varanasi on the topic "Concerns and Perspectives of New Evangelization". The Seminar gave us new perspectives in this era of chaos and confusion worldwide. This was followed by the meeting of the Plenary Academic Council of the College to plan out for the next academic year of Vidyajyoti and the regional theology centres. On 22nd, in an impressive ceremony, Archbishop Anil Couto of Delhi ordained 28 Jesuit scholastics as deacons. This occasion brought enormous joy and grace to our community. Delhi has three deacons, **Antony, Joseph and Leo.**

Manish

LOYOLA SADAN, LUCKNOW

Commemorating the feast of the Presentation of Our Lord inspired us and ignited our hearts to serve our Lord in his vineyard ever more. The celebration of the feast days of St. John de Britto and St. Paul Micky with a meaningful movie on missionaries enkindled our hearts. Along with all these events we were also guided in our spiritual and academic life. We enjoyed the classes on Constitution, Scripture and languages which indeed helped us in our growth. We were enriched by the special yoga classes by **Fr. Christopher.** On 9th, we had a great opportunity to visit the Defence Expo; we were introduced to the strength of our defence forces. On 14th Socius **Fr. George Ayyan** returned to the community after meeting his doctor. Now he has completely recuperated from his leg fracture. On 17th one of our MP brothers decided to serve the Lord in another way of life. We bid adieu to him and wished him a prosperous and bright future. On 24th we enjoyed a campus picnic which strengthened our companionship.

Rohit

XAVIER NILAYA, BENGALURU

Having a day's tour to Mysuru was a happy occasion for us all. Certainly we needed a break. Right in the beginning of Feb we had special adoration to boost our spiritual need. Soon after the Mysuru trip **Sch. Ashwin** was away in Mundgod for

Regents' Meet. On his arrival, **Fr. Daniel** took a bus to Tamilnadu to be part of his late cousin's month's mind program and family gathering. This month too we had a few visitors from Patna and Delhi - Archbishop William D'Souza, Fr. Albert Abraham, Fr. George Ayyan and Fr. Britto. In view of our Annual Play we had to invest a lot of time for practices. We did commit ourselves and showcased it with full vigour and gusto for three consecutive days on the allotted stages from 21st to 23rd. Thanks to our Fr. Director for accompanying us and giving us an opportunity to exhibit our God-given talents. We thank **Fr. Mani** and Sch. Ashwin for their efforts in training us. A special thanks to Directress Mrs. Ashu Desai for putting her heart and soul into the same. Our coaching and tuition classes were kept on hold due to the Annual Play. At present, seven of the Delhi candidates have gone for a short home visit. Now with the advent of the holy season of LENT we are tuning ourselves with spiritual fervour to journey with our Suffering Master and at the same time grooming ourselves intellectually.

David & Sandeep

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

March	March
01 Kalathingal, Shaju V.	29 Maria, Amaldass
01 Mannaravelil, Joseph	29 *Thekemury, Pius
08 K.P. George	30 Vattakuzhy, Jose
08 Toppo, Rakesh	April
13 Kavatt, Chacko C	01 Chathanatt, John
14 Toppo, Prakash M.	05 I, Vincent Paul
15 Jeera, Sebastian J.	05 Leveil, Louis
15 Ruban Praveen Kumar	09 Kindo, Jugal
24 Ariapilly, John M.	19 Lakra, Cyril
28 Indwar, Deepak	23 Elampassery, Jose

Gone for their Eternal Reward

Br. Thomas Rama (KAR, 69/41) on Feb 1.
Br. K.C. Joseph (PAT, 81/58) on Feb 7.
Fr. Edwin Rasquinha SJ (BOM, 91/60) on Feb 20.

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