

### OFFICIAL...



**Father General** has transcribed **Fr. Xavier Gnanasekeran (PAT)** to the Madurai Province. The transcription comes into force on 11 July 2019.



**On being presented by Fr. Provincial, Archbishop William D' Souza, SJ, has appointed:**

Peter Ignatius - Parish Priest, Barbigha



**Fr. Provincial has appointed**

Francis Thattaparambil – Gaunaha  
M.M. Mathew – SAAP, Resides at XTTI  
Peter Ignatius –CL, Barbigha  
Joyson Fernandes - CL & Director, READ, Bettiah  
Richard D'Souza–St. Xavier's, Patna (temp)

### PROVINCIAL'S PROGRAMME

#### August

- 01-03 Province Office
- 04 Installation of PP, Barbigha
- 04-05 Bodhgaya
- 05-06 Sasaram, Chenari
- 07-10 Province Office
- 11-12 Education Commission Meeting
- 16-21 West Champaran
- 22 KHFH, Executive Committee
- 24 Appreciation Day – Patna Religious
- 25-30 Province Office
- 31 CJ Provincial House

Where the mind is without fear and the head is held high;  
Where knowledge is free;  
Where the world has not been broken up into fragments by narrow domestic walls;  
Where words come out from the depth of truth;  
Where tireless striving stretches its arms towards perfection;  
Where the clear stream of reason has not lost its way into the dreary desert sand of dead habit;  
Where the mind is led forward by thee into ever-widening thought and action—  
Into that heaven of freedom, my Father, let my country awake.

**Happy Independence Day**

#### September

- 01 Province office
- 02-03 Manthan Khagaul, Visitation
- 04 Formators Programme, AD
- 06-07 Asha Deep, Visitation
- 10 Sup, Coord & CL Meeting
- 11 Province Consult
- 12-14 Province Office
- 16-19 Lucknow, Visitation
- 25-28 JESA Convention
- 29-30 Vidyajyoti, Visitation

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**Deacon S. Kulandai Nicholas, S.J.**, will be ordained a priest at St. Joseph's College, Trichy along with the deacons of the Madurai Jesuit Province on 31 August 2019, by his Grace Most Rev. Thomas Paulsamy, DD, Bishop of Dindigul.

**Deacon P. Marshal Felix, S.J.**, will be ordained a priest at St. James Church, Vaniyakudi on 01 September 2019, by his Grace Most Rev. Dennis Panipitchai, SDB, Auxiliary Bishop of Miao, Arunachal Pradesh.

There will be a **meeting of the superiors, coordinators and community leaders** on 10 September 2019 at St. Xavier's, Patna. The meeting starts at 8.30 am.

As part of the centenary celebrations of the Patna Archdiocese, '**Appreciation Day for the Religious of the Patna Archdiocese**' is organised by the Archdiocese at Navjyoti Niketan, Patna on 24 August 2019. The programme will start at 8.30 am and is likely to end by 4.00 pm.

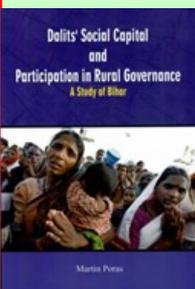
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### VISIT OF FR. GEORGE



**Fr. George Mutholil, S.J.**, the newly appointed **General Counsellor and Regional Assistant of South Asia** in place of Fr. Lisbert D' Souza, S.J., visited Patna Province from 14 to 23 July 2019. He began the visitation on 15 July with Manthan, Khagaul followed by Gyanodaya, Khaspur and XTTI Campus.. In the days that followed, he went on to visit our communities in Bettiah, Gaunaha, Ratanpurwa, and Muzaffarpur. He visited St. Michael's, Kurji Parish, Sanjivan Niwas and FMSK on 18 July. The next three days, he visited our communities in Ara, Sasaram, Aurangabad, Bodhgaya and Barbigha. Returning to St. Xavier's, Patna on 21 July, he interacted with the Jesuits of Patna at St. Xavier's in the evening. This was followed by a Eucharist and a fellowship meal. He met the Jesuits at St. Xavier's, Patna on the following day and in the evening, he met the Archbishop of Patna. He met the Provincial and the Consultors on 23 July and left for Delhi in the afternoon. He had a bit of adventure to reach the airport as a protest at the Dak Bungalow Chowraha ensured that the traffic came to a standstill. But we managed to reach him by walking across the road and hiring an e-rickshaw.

Despite the hectic schedule of the visitation involving constant road travels and listening to superiors, community leaders, coordinators and directors of work and interacting with the Jesuits, Fr. George remained healthy, energetic and enthusiastic. He was all praise for the legacy of the Patna Province and the commitment of our men in diverse ministries of the province especially with a focus on the preferential option for the poor. We thank Fr. George for his encouraging presence, patient listening, lively interaction and inspiring words!



### CONGRATULATIONS

To **Fr. Martin Poras, SJ**, for the publication of his book titled, "Dalits' Social Capital and Participation in Rural Governance: A Study of Bihar. XISR facilitated the publication of the doctoral thesis of Fr. Martin Poras jointly with Xavier Institute of Social Research, Patna and Written Words, a wing of the Christian World Imprints, New Delhi. The book was released on 31 July 2019 at St. Xavier's Colleges, XTTI, Patna.

To **Fr. Vimal Kishore** who has replaced Fr. Paul Mariadass as the Province Consultor. We thank **Fr. Paul Mariadass** for his services to the Province for the past six years.

To **Fr. Siji Varghese** who has assumed office as the Assistancy Development Director (ADD). We thank Fr. Siji Varghese for his services as the Province Development Director (PDD) for nearly five years. Welcome **Fr. Joseph Sebastian**, the new PDD.

### LOCAL REPORTS

**Aurangabad:** The Aurangabad community saw a period of transition this year. **Fr. Edwin Sumit** and **Fr. Deepak Lakra** moved to their new mission places and **Fr. Albert Tirkey** arrived in June and assumed office at SVS. **Sch. Pramod** also joined the community and is helping out in SVS and the School. **Fr. Manish Osta** joined the community in July and assumed his responsibilities in the school. The SVS organised 3 days of workshop for 10 villages under the guidance of **Frs. Sumit** and **Albert**. Around 50 people participated in the programme. We had a novena to St. Ignatius in the community and special assemblies in the school. The students came out with lots of creative ideas. The Parish Day was celebrated on 28 July with High Mass, cultural programmes and agape. The parishioners organised everything and honoured the Jesuits over here. **Fr. Richard D' Souza** was given a fitting farewell in the school, parish as well as in the community. Everyone praised him for his excellent service for the last eight years. Thank you **Fr. Richard!** We celebrated the feast day with much jubilation. We had a short cultural programme and **Fr. Saji Palamkunnel** assumed the office of Principal. The encouraging presence of **Fr. Norbert Menezes** brings much strength to the school men as he guides and motivates the new team. **Br. Abraham Chempothanadiyil** in his own silent way brings cheer to the community. We eagerly await some rain as it is very hot and humid these days

*Manish Osta*

**Chenari:** The month of July was a joyful occasion for Chenari parish. **Bishop Sebastian Kallupura** made his official visit to our parish. On 27 July, he visited two villages. He went to every house, prayed with them and blessed the families. On 28 July, the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation were conferred on twenty one of our children and adults. Srs. Nirmla SND, Sr. Kamla and Sr. Shanti of the Disciples of Jesus and catechist Simon prepared them with full zeal. The parishioners welcomed the Bishop and expressed their gratitude. The Jesuits were also felicitated by the parishioners on the occasion of the feast of St. Ignatius. The students and staff of Holy Family School celebrated the feast of St. Ignatius on 30 July. It began with a prayer service and garlanding the Image of St. Ignatius. The students presented an inspiring short skit on the life of St. Ignatius along with songs and colourful dances. Under the able supervision of **Br. Siluvai Nathan**, new class rooms are being constructed. Four class rooms are ready now and two rooms are still being constructed. Br. Siluvai took some time off to conduct youth training at the Deanery level in Sasaram and Buxar. His efforts were appreciated very much by the youth. The School and Jesuit residence have a better look after a lot of maintenance work by Br. Siluvainathan. We are grateful to St. Michael's community for their support in this endeavor. - *Lazarus*



**Gaunaha:** The month of July was packed with celebrations and activities. **Fr. Albert Abraham** was given a fond farewell on 15 July by the school and hostel children. He expressed his sense of joy and contentment saying that he was very passionate about teaching the students as they were very hard working and receptive. **Fr. Rajan Lakra** was busy filling online forms for the students of Classes IX and X of the Bihar Board. The



newly built hostel and kitchen shed serve as a safe place for the children in the midst of heavy rains and floods in and around Jan Shiksha Bhavan campus. **Fr. George Mutholil, SJ**, interacted with the hostel children on 16 July. He inspired the students with his motivating speech and said that they ought to have perseverance, determination and nurture big dreams. **Fr. Rajan Lakra** attended a workshop on 'School Leadership and Administration' from 21 to 24 July in Patna. A mesmerizing skit was enacted by the students on the life of our founder St. Ignatius on 31 July. A volley ball match among the boys was one of the main attractions of the feast day.

*Babu Jagadeepan*

**Gyanoday, Juniorate:** We began the month of July by receiving the blessing of **Fr. Donald Miranda**, the provincial of Patna. We had the mass of the Holy Spirit offered by Fr. Provincial to begin our academic year. On 30 June, the parishioners of Danapur warmly welcomed us. With immense joy and gratitude, we introduced ourselves to the parishioners. As we proceeded with our academic life, we also chose our spiritual guides for our growth. We are grateful to our guides for accepting this responsibility. On 08 July, **Fr. Josey Mathias** took sessions on 'Time Management and Motivation' to smoothen our academic life. During this month, we also began our apostolate. Some of us are involved in the campus ministry of teaching children while others visit families on Sundays. We were very glad to have with us **Fr. George Mutholil, SJ**, during his visitation to the Patna Province. He inspired us with his talk and motivated us to have big dreams. Therefore, the juniors are aiming to fulfill their dreams along with their studies and preparations for the feast day of St. Ignatius. - *Arockia Nelson*



**K. R. Campus, Bettiah:** The month of July kept all of us busy. We had a number of meetings and celebrations. The schools on KR Campus remained closed due to heavy rain. On 06 July, the community celebrated the 82<sup>nd</sup> birthday of **Fr. T.M Joseph** with a community mass. On 09 July, St Xavier's school was glad to receive **Fr. Albert Abraham** as one of its Vice Principals. The KR Candidate House celebrated the birthday of a candidate, **Alphonse Kujur** on 12 July. We were blessed by the visit of **Fr. George Mutholil, SJ**, in July. He visited all our communities in West Champaran. On 17 July, he had a short interaction with our candidates in the KR Candidate House during tea. Through his interactions with the candidates, he inspired and encouraged them to follow Jesus closely. In the evening, there was a sharing, Holy Eucharist and fellowship meal with all the Jesuits of West Champaran. On 20 July, **Fr. George Nedumattam** went to Patna for a meeting. We were glad to celebrate the birthday of **Fr. Paul Varickamthotty** on 20 July. We had a novena in honour of St. Ignatius of Loyola starting on 22 July. The last week of July kept us on our toes as there were a number of programmes for the celebration of the feast of St. Ignatius in all the three schools. The students brought out the life, character and message of St Ignatius through dances, skits and songs. We were touched by their gesture of love and appreciation for us and our ministries. On 31 July, the morning Eucharist was presided over by **Fr. Joseph Maripuram**, the Rector. **Frs. Christopher Kerketta** and **George Nedumattam**, the Principals concelebrated. In the evening, the solemn feast day mass was offered by **Most Rev. Peter Goveas, Bishop of Bettiah**. We concluded our feast day celebration with a fellowship meal. We also celebrated the birthday of **Br. Tom Mannaramattathil** on 31 July.



*Ashish Paul*



**Kurji Parish:** From the beginning of July, Saturday *Cruzvir* meetings and Sunday Catechism classes resumed. The Parish Council Meeting on 13 July evaluated the Holy Week, First Communion and Confirmation preparations and celebrations as well as other major events of the parish in the past few months and a discussion was held on the many Patna Archdiocesan centenary programmes, especially the ones that would take place in the Kurji parish (parish, deanery and diocesan levels).

On 18 July, the funeral liturgy and burial ceremony of **Fr. Devasiya Chirayil (1936-2019)**, one of the senior most priests of the Patna Archdiocese, was an emotion filled event as he was not only a beloved pastor in many parishes including Kurji parish (1988-90), but

also the one who supervised the construction of the present Kurji church and so, he received a fitting farewell in the church which he had built. **Archbishop William D'Souza, SJ**, **Coadjutor Bishop Sebastian Kallupura** and **Bp. Cajetan Francis of Muzaffarpur Diocese**, accompanied by about 140 priests at the altar celebrated the Eucharist. The church was filled with laity from Patliputra, Kurji and some of the rural parishes such as Barbigha, as well as a large number of religious Sisters.

A gathering of the Catholic students of Patna, studying in classes VI to XII, was held in the Kurji parish on 28 July as part of the centenary celebrations of Patna Archdiocese. The programme consisted of the Eucharist at 9.00 am, followed by a motivational talk by **Fr. Christie Savarirajan**, Principal of St. Xavier's, honouring the two best students of each school and a few cultural items. The programme concluded with lunch. About 750 students of Christian and Government schools participated. Hartmann Girls' High School was the host and local organizer on behalf of the Archdiocese. On 01 August, the parish got a new four-wheeler (Bolero ZLX), thanks to two funding agencies.



In the community, **Deacon Nicholas Kulandai** is busy exercising his Diaconate Ministry - Baptisms, family visits, blessing of new houses and vehicles and maintaining parish records. The visit of **Fr. George Mutholil, SJ**, to the community on 18 July, was a simple but memorable moment. He shared lunch with us. On 31 July, in addition to the practice of joining St. Michael's community on Thursdays and Birthdays (Kurji Parish is an attached community of St. Michael's), we joined them for dinner to celebrate the feast of our founder.

-Susai Raj

**Manthan, Khagaul:** The month of July brought smiles to our faces as little showers gave us some relief from the hot summer. We celebrated the birthday of **Fr. Rajesh Kant** in a meaningful way on 05 July. We welcomed **Fr. Joseph Velamkunnel** into our community as he joined us on 09 July. He keeps himself engaged in research and writing the history of Manthan. The core committee of Manthan came together on 12 July to evaluate the works in order to improve our strategies and plan for the future. **Fr. George Mutholil, SJ**, paid a short visit to Manthan on 15 July. We had a meaningful sharing of our mission with him as we sat together for tea. **Fr. Juno Sebastian** attended the workshop on project management arranged by ADO in Ranchi. On 30 July, he went to Tirupati to attend the annual Partners meet of I.L.P.



We made the Novena in preparation for the feast of St. Ignatius. On the feast day **Sch. Ravibhushan** conducted a half day of entertainment and fun games for the children of the Residential programme who participated with full enthusiasm and enjoyed them to the maximum. We celebrated the feast of St. Ignatius along with that of St. John Mary Vianney in the church premises. The parishioners showed a lot of interest to make the celebration meaningful and memorable. Our children put up a short cultural programme which was appreciated by everyone. Our staff of the I.L.P project conducted an enrollment campaign in ten schools of Bihta Block to create awareness. The Government School teachers supported our initiative and participated in it wholeheartedly. The aim of this campaign is to increase the enrolment rate of Mushar children in the schools. Training programmes for women and adolescent girls were conducted on 24 and 26 July. Mata Samiti meetings were conducted in all the villages where we are running our Human Resource Centers and Supplementary Education Centers.

*Ravibhushan Kumar*

**READ, Bettiah:** Lots of changes took place in R.E.A.D during the month of July. We had plenty of showers throughout the month. With the blessing of good rains, we have now some relief from the scorching heat. This rain also helped us to begin the paddy transplanted. On 16 July, **Fr. George Mutholil, SJ**, visited us. Our students staged a short cultural programme during his visitation. The 26<sup>th</sup> July was an unforgettable day in the history of the READ family. On that day, we bid farewell to our dear **Fr. Joseph Sebastian**. The day was witnessed by many visitors from nearby villages, teachers and animators from the centers. The old students of READ came and expressed their gratitude to Fr. Sebastian for all the help he had given them. In the evening, our students put up a colorful cultural programme and expressed their sentiments to him. We celebrated our founder father's feast in a simple manner. We had Mass in the morning with the students and a fellowship meal with all the teaching and supportive staff at noon.



*Razeem Robert*

**Sanjivan Niwas, Patna:** The month of July has been a great blessing for our Sanjivan Community. We were blessed with the visitation of the Provincial in the first week. His presence made us feel happy and comfortable. We had a fruitful sharing. His visit gave us encouragement and motivation to do our ministry well. We are very grateful for his presence. Our community consists of 13 members, a good mixture of young and experienced ones. This year, two new members have joined the community, Fr. Augustine Hembrom from the Patna Archdiocese and Sch. Asim Tirkey from the Hazaribag province. We are blessed with a new team this year, i.e., the new acting superior **Fr. Sushil Bilung**, our new treasurer, **Fr. Lawrence Paschal** and our new administrator, **Fr. Andrew James**. We are joyful to have them as our leaders and appreciate them for their brotherly guidance and support. We had a meaningful novena to St. Ignatius which made us come closer to Jesus through the intercession of our founding father Ignatius. We celebrated the feast of St. Ignatius with much devotion and reverence. The second year B.Ed. students are busy with their lesson plans and model classes and the first years have just began their academic session in the college.

*Savariappan*

**Sasaram:** The month of July brought a lot of joy to our community. On 10 July, we celebrated the birthday of **Fr. Virendra**. We started the day with a Solemn Eucharist and ended with a dinner with the Jesuits from the neighbouring communities. On 09 July, while returning from the school, **Fr. Michael Ekka** had a fall near the four lane road. By the grace of God, he was left only with a few bruises. The school conducted a "spell bee" competition for our students on 06 July. They participated in it with great enthusiasm. Again on 20 July, we arranged an essay competition. Many students participated and wrote beautiful essays on various topics. On 19 July, **Fr. George Mutholil, SJ**, visited Sasaram community. He appreciated our hard-work. In his address to the Jesuits of Sasaram, Gaya, Chenari and Aurangabad he highlighted a few points for our apostolic effectiveness. Later, we had Mass, followed by a fellowship meal. On 28 July, along with our parishioners, we celebrated parish day and the feasts of St. Ignatius, St. Anne and St. Julie. The solemn Eucharist was presided over by **Fr. Virendra**, followed by a short cultural programme and ended with a sumptuous lunch. On 31 July, we celebrated the feast of St. Ignatius and St. Anne in Buhran. The children put up a short and sweet cultural programme followed by some refreshments. The culmination of the school celebration was a mega football match between the teachers and the students and the teachers won the match by a solitary goal. The same evening, the Deanery and LCC meetings were held in our campus. After the meetings, we had a short prayer on the theme "Finding God in all things", followed by a feast day dinner.

*Arockiasamy*

**St. Michael's, Patna:** The Month of July was filled with a lot of events and experiences. On the 07 July, **Fr. Ignatius Topno** left home to attend the burial of Mr. A.T. Topno, his uncle. The B. Ed. College had the Academic Council meeting on 12 July. The Archdiocese of Patna organised a felicitation programme as part of the Centenary Celebration of the Archdiocese on the 14 July in the school hall. The Directors/ correspondents/ Superior/Rectors along with the Principals of 43 Catholic Schools in the city of Patna attended the function. The **Most. Rev William D' Souza, S.J.**, the Archbishop of Patna, appreciated all the Directors and the Principals for their contribution to Arch diocese through Education. We had a blessing for the construction of an additional wing in the school building by **Fr. Rector** on 18 July. On the same day, **Fr. George Mutholil, SJ**, visited us in the evening. **Fr. Abraham Puthumana** gave an inspiring recollection talk to our community in the evening of 20 July which ended with a fruitful Eucharist at noon on the following day.. We also had a meaningful novena to St. Ignatius in the community. The school conducted a special Assembly for six days in honour of St. Ignatius of Loyola. The assemblies were well appreciated. We celebrated the birthday of our Administrator, **Fr. George Hilarion Thakur** on 23 July.



**Frs. Norbert** and **George Nedumattam** joined us for dinner. On 23 July, the visitation of the **Provincial** brought a lot of blessings. We began the visitation with adoration in the evening of 26 July. Even though Fr. Provincial had completed his visitation on 30 July, he stayed on till 31 July to celebrate the Feast Day mass with the staff and students. **Fr. Arun Ignatius** preached a meaningful homily. We had the inaugural ceremony of the 11<sup>th</sup> St. Ignatius of Loyola Football Tournament on 27 July in which one of the old boys of the school, Mr. Rajesh, DSP, Bihar Police Academy, was the Chief Guest. The Feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola was celebrated in the school on 30 July. **Fr. Donald Miranda** was the Chief Guest. Fr. Provincial addressed the students stressing that they are the faces of the future. The final match of the Football tournament was held on 30 July between St. Michael's School and St. Dominic Savio and our school won by a margin of 3-0 and regained the trophy after two years. Mr. Glen Golstan, Director of St. Dominic Savio School, was the Chief Guest. Mrs. Glenda Golstan, Principal, St. Dominic Savio School, was the Guest of Honour for the Finals of the Football Tournament. **Fr. Armstrong** left for Australia for an international conference cum seminar on 01 August. He was chosen along with principals of a few other schools in India to attend the conference. On 02 August, our Alumni Association organised the Fr. Murphy Inter School Quiz Competition in our school. About 25 schools participated in it and 8 schools were selected for the finals. Our school team went to the final but the winners were Army Public School (1<sup>st</sup> Place), Loyola School (2<sup>nd</sup> Place) and Gyan Niketan (3<sup>rd</sup> Place). It was a good initiative from the Alumni and they have planned with the Principal a series of programmes in the days to come.

*Francis Chinnappan*

**St. Xavier's, Patna:** It was a moment of grace for all of us when **Fr. George Mutholil S.J.**, visited us. **Fr. Joseph Kunnumpuram** returned hale and hearty to St. Xavier's, Patna after being in Kerala for rest and recuperation following a heart ailment. Welcome **Fr. Joe** and thanks to the Kerala Jesuits especially the Provincial and Infirmarian for their generosity and care. To keep the tradition going and to inculcate curiosity and love for reading in children, a story telling competition was held for U.K.G. students of St. Xavier's Kidzone on 26 July. **Fr. Christu Savarirajan** blessed the occasion with his presence and the programme began with a motivational speech by **Fr. Devashish**. The children narrated moral stories beautifully on the stage. St Xavier's School celebrated the feast of St Ignatius with great fervor on 30 July during a Special Assembly. Our new Rector, **Fr. Joseph Sebastian** was welcomed by the school on this auspicious day. On 31 July, Fr. Rector presided over the Eucharist. We also had a special prayer service for the teachers and staff before a festal lunch. In the evening, many of the Religious Sisters of Patna joined us for an evening prayer and fellowship meal. The Installation of our new Rector, **Fr. Joseph Sebastian** took place with the Community Eucharist on 01 August. Fr. Provincial read out the decree of appointment. Thanks to **Fr. Peter Arockiasamy** for his leadership and selfless service as the acting Rector for two and half months. **Fr. Siji Varghese**, Province Director for Development, has been appointed as the Assistancy Director for Development (ADO). Our community bid farewell to **Fr. Siji Varghese** on 02 July with a community mass and a special dinner. On the same day, **Fr. Siji Varghese** handed over the charge of the Province Development Office to **Fr. Joseph Sebastian**, the new Province Development Director (PDD) **Fr. Thomas Chillikulam** spent a few days with us. He has returned to the USA.

*Devashish*

## DIASPORA

**Berkeley, USA:** The Spring semester was quite hectic. I had some additional courses to complete to fulfill the degree requirements. By the end of May all the students at Jesuit School of Theology had little time to sleep because of various deadlines for the submission of papers. As I began the summer vacation in June, I could breathe a sigh of relief from the entire academic buzz. As a part of one of my courses, I got a chance to go for the Camino Ignatiano (Ignatian pilgrimage) to Spain. The pilgrimage started on 17 June from Loyola and ended on 02 July in Rome. We were 20 of us—10 Jesuits and 10 lay persons. It was a great spiritual experience to walk the roads which Ignatius walked as a pilgrim. We had to do a lot of walking. We walked more than 190 kms on foot during the summer heat, rain, steep mountains, blisters and so on along the way. We visited most of the places like Arantzazu, Montserrat, Verdu, Javier, Manresa, Barcelona, and La Storta which had left on Ignatius a lasting impression in his spiritual transformation.



The whole journey provided a chance to relive and reimagine the life of Ignatius thus enriching my knowledge of the spirituality of our Society as well as adding flesh and blood to my theoretical learning. In Rome, **Fr. Joseph Puthenkulam** was generous to take me around to show me some important churches and monuments associated with our Jesuit history. He also cooked a sumptuous dinner at the end in the Biblicum for some scholastics and priests from India which added some more flavor and taste to my visit to Rome. After a long travel, I am back in Berkeley preparing for the Fall semester next month. I am busy with my thesis proposal preparation as I await the return of the scattered community members to their nest here soon.

*Periyanyagagam*

**Gesu, Rome:** The month of June was occupied with exams and trips. After the exams, the third years flew to Jerusalem and the second years went to Spain to attend POP (Pre-Ordination Programme). The deacons went back to their provinces. During this month, 11 new comers from 9 Asian provinces joined the Jesuit community of Gesu`. The community consists of 59 members (1<sup>st</sup> yrs. =11, 2<sup>nd</sup> yrs.=17, 3<sup>rd</sup> yrs.=20, 10 priests and 1 brother). On 21 June, we participated in the Holy Eucharist in the church of St. Ignatius for the feast of St. Aloysius Gonzaga.

In July, the Italian language course started for the first years. A day tour to Naples was arranged for the first years on 14 July. The novena to St. Ignatius of Loyola was started on 22 July. Each day there was holy Eucharist in the rooms of St. Ignatius of Loyola with different themes. On 31 July, the feast day Holy Mass was celebrated by **Fr. Juan Antonio Guerrero Alves, SJ**, (Delegate for the Interprovincial Roman Houses) in the Church of Gesu` in Rome. Lots of laity and religious people flocked to participate in the celebration.



*Dinesh Toppo*

**Xavier Nilaya, Bangalore:** The preparation for the feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola started off right in the first week of July in Xavier Nilaya. The budding choir was groomed by Aunty Lee. Hence, as the days and months progress our mastery in both language and singing is growing gradually. Two of the candidates were admitted to St. Martha's Hospital with fever. One of these two was diagnosed with 'Dengue' as well. Besides these eventualities the Ignatian week is in full progress. Therefore, we as a community are preparing meticulously for the upcoming feast. All three staff members are taking turns to conduct the Novena in honour of St. Ignatius. **Fr. Bernard Rajarethinam** was with us for about one month for his internship. Despite his busy schedule, he helped us as the need arose. With the completion of his programme here in Bangalore, he will return to Mangalore soon. Thank you **Fr. Bernard**. On 28 July, we celebrated the feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola with our neighbours and benefactors with a solemn Eucharistic celebration with Fr. Edward Rodrigues SJ (KAR) as the main celebrant and a mouth-watering breakfast thereafter for all the participants in the Holy Mass. In the afternoon, our candidates took part in an inter-community Basketball tournament of Jesuits in Bangalore.

*Ashwin Kujur*

**Vidyajyoti, Delhi:** Having spent the summer vacation in the province, we were back in Vidyajyoti on 04 July. We are blessed with 16 first years, 10 third years from Ranchi RTC, 4 from Chennai RTC, 3 MSFS Brothers and 5 M. Th. students.. The community looked complete with coming of all the scholastics. At present, we are 90 in the community. We had a community orientation programme on 05 and 06 July. We were given various guidelines and introduced to the dynamics of community life. An orientation programme was held in the college on 08 July which was followed by an inaugural Holy Eucharist presided over by **His Excellency Giambattista Diquattro**, the Apostolic Nuncio to India. He appreciated our ministry and encouraged us to continue it with more vitality and fervor. **Most. Rev. Anil J.T. Couto, Archbishop of Delhi** was the concelebrant. There was an inaugural lecture on 09 July by Pamela Philipose, a senior journalist which was moderated by Harsh Mander, a former IAS. Both of them challenged us to stand up against injustice in public not in fortified campus alone. We began our classes from 10 July onwards in full swing. We were introduced to various fieldworks during the fieldwork orientation day on 12 July. The community had a meaningful and contextualized

novena to St. Ignatius. The entire novena was centred on the Universal Apostolic Preferences (UAP). On 31 July, we had a solemn mass presided over by the Rector, Fr. Michael Thanaraj SJ in the college with all the staff members and students. It was a joyful moment for each one of us in the community. We were privileged to have **Fr. Joseph Puthenkulam** with us. The arrival of the long-awaited monsoon has brought the temperature down a bit.

*Rajeev Ranjan*

### VARIA

**School Leadership & Administration workshop:** A workshop on School leadership and administration was held at Navjyoti Niketan, Patna from 21 to 24 July, 2019. It was organised and conducted by **Fr. Norbert Menezes** and **Fr. George Nedumattam** and also some other experts were invited to share such as Mr. Ashok Priyadarshi on Minority Rights & SC Judgments, Mr. William W. on Finance Management & Income Tax Rules and Sr. Lucina, CJ. on dealing with Teachers and parents. A total of 50 participants from different parts of India were present for the workshop. The group of participants included diocesan priests, religious sisters, Jesuits and lay people who are active in the field of educational administration. The main objective of the workshop was to equip the school leaders with practical tips, knowledge and resources to handle important matters and issues in the field of education in the context of the current socio-political scenario of India. The workshop was well appreciated by all the participants. It was quite useful, informative and eye opening and thus it inspired the school leaders to become more effective in their respective places taking into consideration all the stakeholders of the school. A big thank you to **Frs. Norbert Menezes** and **George Nedumattam** for making this workshop a great success.

*-Rajan Lakra*

### ANNOUNCEMENT

#### Retreats and Courses

**Sebastian Painadath SJ:** Indian Contemplative Retreat with the theme, the Divinisation of the Human, and Initiation to Jesus Prayer, NBCLC, Bangalore, from Nov. 17, morning till Nov. 24 noon.

Registration with: [seminar@nbclcindia.in](mailto:seminar@nbclcindia.in) [director@nbclcindia.org](mailto:director@nbclcindia.org) Ph. 080-25472369

### REQUESTING YOUR PRAYERS

#### For the Sick:

**Br. Joseph Ullattil** accompanied by **Br. Joseph Vetticatt** went to Cherian Ashram, Kottayam, Kerala for ayurvedic medical treatment for blocks in his arteries. The treatment is going on.

#### For the Departed:

Fr. I. Savarimuthu SJ, (HAZ 76/56), passed away on 08 July 2019 in Tamil Nadu.

Mr. Augustine Topno, paternal **uncle of Fr. Ignatius Topno, SJ**, expired on 09 July 2019.

Fr. Aloysius Murzello (BOM 77/57) died of a heart attack on 10 July 2019 at Mumbai.

Fr. Augustine Silveira, SJ (BOM 82/59) passed away on 11 July 2019 at the Infirmary in Mumbai.

Fr. Dorairaj S. Joseph S.J., (ZAM 82/64) passed away on 14 July 2019 at Beschi Illam, Dindigul

Fr. Devasia Chirayil of the Patna Archdiocese died on 16 July 2019 at Ruben Hospital, Patna.

Fr Hedwig da Costa, SJ (KAR 83/66), brother of Fr Ralph da Costa SJ, expired on 31 July 2019.

Fr. Barry John O' Loughlin SJ, (HAZ 80/60) died on 04 August 2019 in Melbourne due to Kidney failure.