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APPOINTED BY POPE

Fr Henry Pattarumadathil SJ (KER), Member of the Pontifical Biblical Commission.

APPOINTED BY RANCHI PROVINCIAL

Fr Thomas Barla SJ (RAN), new Delegate of Assam Mission

APPOINTED BY REGIONAL SUPERIOR

Fr Gerard Rego, Novitiate Staff, Ka Rympei Arrupe Jesuit Community, Mawshohroh

Fr Arul Susaimanickam, Principal, St Xavier's School, Diyungbra

Fr William Pinto, Principal, Loyola School, Jakhama

Fr Cyprian Lobo, Parish Priest, Mary Help of Christians Parish, Jakhama (additional)

Fr Sunny Augustine, Acting Rector, Dawagre - Williamnagar Jesuit Community

Fr Charles D'Souza, Acting Superior, St Paul's Jesuit Community, Phesama

Fr Valerian Castelino, Acting Superior, Jagriti, Christian Basti

Fr W K Pradeep, Director (*ad tempus*), JTC, Phesama (additional)

TERTIANSHIP (starting on 1 August 2021)

Fr Arun Babu, Sacred Heart College, Shembaganur

Fr George Vilezo, St Stanislaus College, Sitagarha

SPECIAL STUDIES

Fr Emmanuel Patton, MA, Pastoral Counselling, Loyola University, Chicago

Fr Victor D'Mello, MA-PhD, History, Marquette University, Milwaukee

SCHOLASTICS ASSIGNMENTS FOR 2021-22

COLLEGE STUDIES

Yona Veihrü Augustine - SJC, Trichy: Science (Chemistry)

Daili Jacob - SJC, Trichy: Commerce (Accountancy)

Ronghang Sum - SXC, Ahmedabad: Arts (Economics)

Rutsa Thephuvizo Pius - SXC, Ahmedabad: Arts (English)

Tsükrü Kesetsol Stephen - SXC, Ahmedabad: Arts (Psychology)

Ashikho Adahrü Moses - SAC, Mangalore: Arts (Pol. Science)
Weitsü Kho Alex - SAC, Mangalore: Science (Microbiology)
Kashung Justin - SAC, Mangalore: Arts (Sociology)
Nongkynrih Samborlang - SJC, Bangalore: Arts (journalism)

PHILOSOPHY

Sten Darmiki - JD, Pune
Ekka Xavier David - SN, Chennai
Phiamphu Khup Muan Lian Peter - Centre Sèvres, Paris
Machado Roynal - Centre Sèvres, Paris

REGENCY

Kamei Albert Gaisinrei – Good Shepherd School, Gunjung
Angkang Albert Ngashan – St Mary’s School, Maweit
Syiemlieh Danielson – Loyola School, Didambra
Movi Felix Puthurhü – Loyola School, Bishnupur
Iawbor Mark Donnam – Loyola School, Jakhama
Dkhar Goldenstar – Nazareth School, Pfutsero
Marbaniang Edbert – JTC, Jakhama
Kharsohtun Ronald – JTC, Phesama
Wungmayon Joseph – St Xavier’s School, Diyungbra
Wahlang Marconi – Loyola School, Dawagre
Kharumnuid Norbert – St Joseph’s Community College, Bangalore
Pinto Richard – St John Berchman’s School, Thrizino
Timung Robinson – St Xavier’s School, Bhalukpong
Kasomhung Richie Rex – St Xavier’s School, Palizi
Sameer Ekka (RAN) – St Xavier’s school, Moirang
Dukru Dapulu Dominic – Syrlein Secondary School, Jalaphet

LANGUAGE STUDIES

Phaomei Abel Gaibirei - Pola, Liyai
Malangmei John - Angami, Phesama
Ao Martin Chubatoshi - Khasi, Umbir
Dukru John Ngonyi - Dimasa, Didambra
Gangmei Pheiga Francis - Akha, Buragaon
Kurkalang Reginald - Garo, Williamnagar
Z P Shisha Simon - Garo, Williamnagar
Kipfe Pelevito Patrick - Monpa, Bhalukpong

SPECIAL STUDIES

Pao Sosü Alshedai Amos - B.Ed., Karimnagar
Susngi Darimio - MA (Sociology), Loyola College, Chennai
Myrthong, Gerald - M.Com., SJC, Bengaluru

THEOLOGY

David Jenith Xavier – JD, Pune

KOHIMA REGION:

CONGRATULATES THE FOLLOWING NOVICES WHO HAVE BEEN APPROVED FOR THE FIRST VOWS

Iawren Donkumar Mario
Kharthangmaw Iasuklang
Neli Manio
Nonglait L Ribankordor
Thongnirit Francis

WELCOMES THE FOLLOWING CANDIDATES TO KA RYMPEI ARRUEPES JESUIT NOVITIATE FOR THE YEAR 2021-2023

Bakynsai Jyrwa, from Jakrem, Mawkyrwat
Duanlingam Kamei, from Luangchum Part I, Awangkhum
Gladson Awungshi, from Khamasom, Ukhrul
Goldstarson Marwein, from Lawbah, Mawsynram
Ioanis Latam, from Looksi, West Jaintia Hills
John Vianey Kharkongor, from Umlingka, Upper Shillong
Kuojusie Poji, from Meluri, Phek
Richard Kharpuri, from Kyrdemkulai, Umsning
Sahrünü Simon L, from Tunggam, Senapati
Shruthtsu Andrew, from Pungro, Kiphire

THE FOLLOWING PROGRAMMES STAND CANCELLED DUE TO THE PANDEMIC

Scholastics' programmes scheduled for May in Mawshohroh
Region Days scheduled for May in Mawshohroh
Choice of ministry meeting scheduled for June in Mawshohroh
Region Level Annual Retreats scheduled for July in Phesama and Mawshohroh

PLEASE MARK IN YOUR CALENDAR

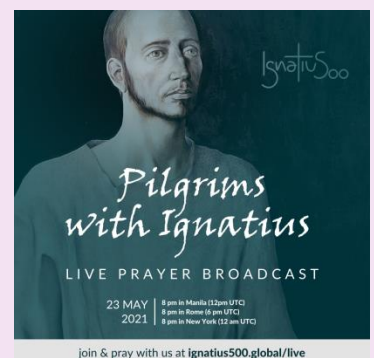
23-5-2021 Pilgrims with Ignatius: Live Prayer Broadcast (Ignatian Year Prayer).
 A convenient time for us in India is 8 pm Manila time which is 5.30 pm Indian time.

SUPDOWs meeting in Mawshohroh

14 September, Arrival
 15, 16 September, Meeting
 17 September, Departure

LEFT THE SOCIETY

I Yr NS. Saithanmawia Elijah on 23 November 2020
Sch. Sangma Cherak D on 15 February 2021



EXCERPTS FROM THE LETTER OF THE REGIONAL SUPERIOR (Dt.28/4/2021)

Regulating Travel: Given the aggressive and unpredictable nature of this virus, the only sure-fire protection is to keep oneself out of its path. That means minimizing outside movement and remaining within our campus during the ensuing months until the virus is reined in. I earnestly request you all to cancel all travel plans for the months of May and June. Should an emergency warrant travel, please make use of your vehicle and do not travel by public conveyance.

Vaccination: According to the recent Government of India notification, all adults can receive the COVID-19 vaccine from the 1st of May. Please make use of this opportunity to get inoculated at the earliest and protect yourself.

Safety Measures: Given the virulence of the virus, in Jesuit House, we have started using masks when we are out of the room. Whether in the chapel or on the corridors, we wear masks. In the dining room, we maintain social distancing. Many Jesuit communities in India are already practising these safety measures. It might be good for us to think of such measures for the safety and good of all.

Schools and Parishes: It is important to strictly adhere to the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) announced by the State. While most governments have announced online classes, some have allowed offline classes from Class 9 onwards. At this juncture, please do not take the risk of holding offline classes against the directions of the state.

Dear brothers, the new variant of the virus spreads with rapid velocity and ferocity. It spares none! No one is safe until everyone is safe. The pandemic has taught us that our health is interconnected. Everyone has to take responsibility for collective safety. Negligence on the part of an individual can cost many lives. Let us remain alert to the challenge and fittingly respond with courage and commitment.

ONLINE RETREATS YOU COULD CHOOSE TO JOIN

I. **16-24 May 2021:** It is guided by Fr Louis Leveil SJ (DEL). It is an online retreat starting on the evening of 16th May and ends on the evening of 24th May.

II. **21-29 May 2021:** There is another online retreat guided by Fr Tony J. D'Souza SJ (BOM). It is an 8-day awareness retreat for Priests and Religious from 21st May evening to 29th evening via zoom. For detailed information and registration please log on to:

<https://forms.gle/MT3ZtbuEuM2QoQyTA>

DAWAGRE

We are extremely grateful to Fr Albert Joseph for the five years commendable services rendered to our Region especially to the Garo Hills Mission. We wish him all the best as he goes back to his province. Fr Sunny is appointed as the Acting Rector.

Recently, two of our community members lost their parents. Sch. Darimio lost his mother and Fr Yan lost his father. It was a moment of grief for the community members. Let us keep them in our prayers.

We reopened our school in the month of February observing the directives given by the Government. The new library is being utilised to create reading habits among the students. The class test for internal assessment is in the process. A one day awareness programme was organised on 16th April on Drugs Abuse for the class X students of Ferrando School and Loyola School by the District Social Welfare Officer, East Garo Hills Williamnagar.



Loyola team won the girls basketball inter school tournament. Various friendly basketball matches were organised to motivate the students to play games. Basketball practice for both boys and girls is going on well. We have also started football practices on regular basis for the school football team.

Fr Yan is on war footing trying to complete the Easter House Blessing. All the priests including Schs. Darimio and Gerry have been helping out for the house blessing. Various parish activities like house visit, meetings, youth pilgrimage during Holy Week, catechism classes for all the catholic students are being successfully carried out with the help of many people. Church construction works are on the progress.

There was a destructive storm in the campus and in the neighbourhood on 17th April midnight. Much causality was reported like tress being flattened, roof of the houses were blown off, electricity wires damaged, and sintex broken.



DIYUNGBRA



The visit of Rt Rev. Paul Mattekkat, the Bishop of Diphu Diocese, during the Lenten week has made our preparation for the Easter a very reflective one. The meaning of Easter is better understood when innocent souls long to see the Risen Lord. This is what we have seen from the Catholics of our two villages on the Easter morning.



It is a delight to see our boys helping in selling of books for quite many days. The new academic year has begun. The busiest day in the campus was the day of arrival of eighty boarders in the boarding. We are busy dealing with different issues in the school as well as in the boarding. The Campus also welcomed the new regent, Joseph Wungmayon. The house is blessed with the visit of Sch. Regi's mother and his siblings.

-Sch. Reginald

JAGRITI

The breather between the two stages of COVID and the elections helped NESRC to begin fieldwork on four different projects. Some staff members went to Karbi Anglong for fieldwork on land and gender. **Walter** and **Zoliana** went to Agartala, Imphal and Bongaigaon to train their researchers for a study of the COVID migrants. With the first set of data, Zoliana is busy preparing table after table for the report.

On 28th April, Walter was one of the panellists together with Prof. Virginius Xaxa at a symposium on rehabilitation in the Northeast organized by the Northeast, organized by the unit of Jamia Millia Islamia and the Department of Social Work, Delhi University.

Charles went to Catholic School Canchipur in Imphal for a two day Teacher Effectiveness Training for over 80 teachers. **Anup** had to make a hasty retreat to Ranchi to take care of his recurring medical problem.

Five of our language study scholastics, **Darimio**, **Ronald**, **Edbert**, **Richard** and **Gerald**, visited the Language Institute for a week of training in language learning. Ronald wrote two books during his language study – Dimasa Ni Kharmin Buthu, a translation of stories from around the world into Dimasa, and Nohdrang, a picture-storybook depicting the rituals associated with the male dormitory.



Fr. Melvil Releasing Ronald's books in Dimasa in the presence of Frs. Walter and Viiav at NESRC

These were released for private circulation by **Fr Melvil** on 31 March during a simple ceremony at the NESRC. Staying in Garo villages, Schs Darimio and Gerry have already started conversing and preaching. The Angami learners, Richard and Edbert, have completed their family stay and are able to read and carry out basic conversations, while still juggling tones. Well done all our language students!

We are currently continuing our work on the Hrusso Aka textbooks and the dictionary. Mr

Ajay Sagro, a young artist from Bhalukpong, is creating some beautiful art for these publications. Unfortunately the work is disrupted at the moment since we are temporarily closed in view of the second covid wave.

- Frs. Charles & Vijay

JAKHAMA

The little shoots of green grass and the lively chirpings of the sparrows in Loyola Campus remind us that we are already in spring. Along with the changes in nature we also experienced a renewal of our souls with the coming of the Easter Season. The community hosted for supper many religious from our parish currently on home visit: Sch Stephen Kesetsol SJ and Sch Pius Thepfuvizo SJ and their parents; Sch Zhapuvizo Sale OFM Cap; Sr Mhasheneinu Agatha BS and Sr Adu Celine BS.



Seminar on Child Protection

Fr Konrad Noronha SJ (BOM) gave a seminar on *Child Protection* at Loyola School Jakhama on 31st March for all the staff of Jesuit Schools in Nagaland. He also helped with the Holy Week ministry.

Loyola School was designated as an Exam Centre by the Nagaland Board of School Education for Class 10 and 12 exams. The exams went on well. Class 11 students have begun their admission process after receiving their results on 16th April. Work on the new basketball court sponsored by the Alumni of Loyola School is in full

swing. **Fr Victor** is keenly supervising the construction work and expects the court to be ready by the end of May.

Happiness is something that we cannot describe in words; it can only be felt through real experiences. The scholastics at Jakhama had an enriching experience trekking to Japfü Peak on 5th April. God blessed them with fine weather and they enjoyed the scenic beauty of the peak.

God makes all things beautiful in time. The Jesuit Training College Jakhama is made perfect by bringing in a competent



Scholastics Climb to Japfü Peak



Farewell to Sch. Martin & the Would-be-Novices

regent in the person of **Sch. Edbert Marbaniang** to assist **Fr Cyprian** in guiding and leading the prenovices. The farewell programme for the outgoing regent **Sch. Chubatoshi Martin Ao** and the would-be- novices was organised on 20 April by the first year prenovices under the guidance of Fr Cyprian and Sch. Edbert.

-Schs. Chubatoshi Martin Ao & John Malangmei

LIYAI



It's spring time in Liyai. Gloomy days of winter have faded away and beauty of cherry trees blooming around. All this is a feast to our eyes. The school came alive once again with the tiny tots making their way into the class rooms. We have some good news: our numbers have gone up with more Baptist children opting to study in our school. The staff had a day's

orientation to learn about the way a Jesuit school should function. It also gave us an opportunity to plan and streamline the many activities to enhance the teaching-learning process for the academic year. To build team spirit and belongingness among the members of the staff we had a picnic to one of the staff family, which will be a regular feature in every alternative month.

Pradeep, our vocation director and **Nobert** enthralled our students of class VIII to X with a days' orientation each and honed the skills of life. The school hosted the first inter-house competition in singing in the newly constructed open auditorium. Mr Isaac Chasii, the newly elected village chairman was the Chief Guest and encouraged the students to grab every opportunity that comes on their way and excel in life.



When power fails, our students are no more in darkness. With the help of our ADC Mr. Thaikho Peter, 350 students were given solar study lamps to beat the darkness. Unfortunately, the school also lost a teacher, Mr. Sahrii Jacob due to complications of diabetes.

Pastoral work in the parish has picked up with the arrival of the new parish priest, **Jerome**. As part of the renewal during the Lenten season, every village community had a week-end retreat; well attended and well appreciated. The focus of these retreats was Repent, Renounce, Renew and Revive. With the help of Pradeep, every village community was served with all the liturgical celebrations of the Holy Triduum, perhaps the first in many years of our life as a parish.

To care for the spiritual needs of the large number of children in Liyai village we have introduced a Holy Mass exclusively for them every Sunday which in turn has increased the adult attendance for Sunday Mass. Dispensary which was in the red for some time is serving the people well and is showing good returns with an increase in patients. Thanks to the effort of our collaborators, the Ursuline sisters.

Khathing has been a driving-force in creating a sense of discipline and an environment of study among the 60 boarders we have. Besides, he has taken keen interest in gardening and tree plantation, fisheries, poultry and swine rearing. The incomplete works in the hostel buildings are being completed amidst the shortage of material supply and labour. We have a long way to go to make many facilities including sports and games available to our students due to the paucity of funds and the hilly terrain.

-Fr. Jerome Veigas

MANIPUR VALLEY

Due to the second wave of corona spread in the Manipur Valley, the new academic year 2021-22 opened with a bang on 5th April but was closed within a week. The students ushered in the new scholastic year with Mass of the Holy Spirit and then all the teachers blessed the students on that day. Now on-line classes are on.

However the Parish activities are going on in full swing. Every Catholic community in the Parish had the Holy Triduum in all the villages with the help of Fathers, Sisters, Scholastics and the Catechists at times combining nearby villages. Semi-annual rectification of the marriages of eight couples went on very well with pre marriage course and finally **Fr Boniface Lewis** officiating the marriage ceremony on 16th April. The young and not so young Jesuit priests are now spread across the Parish blessing the houses of the Catholics and interacting with individual families at the weekends. **Fr Syriac** and **Fr Clement** are in the forefront in this ministry of building the bridges across the Parish.

The sudden call for **Sch. Amos Alshedai**, our Minister of the community to join B.Ed. classes at Karimgunj (Andhra) and our driver, Mr Amos getting a company job created a chaos with key men leaving us one after another. But all is well when **Sch. Deacon James Chin Kap SM (Vaiphei)** and **Sch. Matheus Kharbudon** rushed in to fill the vacuum. These good Samaritans walked in and took charge of things with ease and improved the quality of the administration of the Jesuit Community and the Hostel. May their tribe increase.

Sch. Felix Puturhu Movi, the designated regent to Loyola, Bishnupur landed in Manipur and quarantined immediately because his companion **Fr Richard Jarain** in Jesuit House, Guwahati was detected with Covid +ve. Makeshift arrangements are made for our scholastics who will be joining the directed retreat at Bishnupur.

The senior religious, men and women, dutifully got vaccinated with the first dose for corona virus vaccine with varying degrees of reaction. They were taking local immunity boosting natural ingredients and when the doctors checked their oxygen level, they were surprised of the excellent result.

Fr Hector D'Souza went all the way to Guwahati to cast his vote at the Assembly elections in Assam State. He is now lecturing online classes to the 3rd year Theologians of Oriens Theological College, Shillong, on Tribal Religions and cultures. **Fr Salew-o George** is holding the fort at Lamdan single-handedly and unhindered by the Corona pandemic. **Fr Robert Chawngthu** was planning a mega vocation camp but now it is all under the wraps, and he has been reaching out to the prospective candidates on the phone. The community Superior **Fr Felix Monteiro** drops in at the micro communities to check on the health and wellbeing of the community members in three residences.

-Schs. Titus Vyshak & James Vaiphei

MAWSHOHROH

Novices were all excited as they were getting ready for the Sunday village ministry on Feb 28th after a gap of almost a year due to Covid restrictions. The First years, all of whom are non-Khasis, were found memorising the Khasi prayers and brushing up the little Khasi they had picked up during the weekly classes, as they had no opportunity to learn Khasi staying in the villages before joining the novitiate. With every Sunday in the village, all of them are becoming more and more confident with their ability to communicate in Khasi.



Regional Superior inspecting the Check Dam

Work started on March 2nd on the check dam with a concrete foundation on solid rock in order to conserve more water in the campus. With this dam, we hope to solve the water problem in years to come with regular water supply to Arrupe Renewal Centre (ARC) and to the land that has been brought under cultivation.

ARC was officially occupied by the Jesuits on March 8th, coinciding with International Women's Day, with **Fr Julian** and **Fr Albert** moving into their respective new quarters. **Fr Scotus** has planned his transfer in stages lasting over a week. ARC is fully operational with independent staff with a few groups already using the facilities for retreats. We still need to attend to a few things and hope to complete all the works by the end of April 2021.

We received the news of novice Ribankordor's father, Waster Nongtraw, being very serious on March 11th and immediately sent Riban home to be with his father, but his father passed away before Riban could reach home. Riban's father was suffering from cancer for a long time and Riban had already gone home once a few months ago. The funeral was on March 13th and was attended by **Fr Pheiga** and **5 novices** from the novitiate, as well as **Fr Anbarasan** and **Fr Caldinus** from Maweit.



Funeral Mass of Riban's Dad

On March 11th, we bid farewell to **Fr Boniface D'Souza** at supper time. The function was short but the hearts



Fr. Boni's goodbye to the Novitiate Community

were heavy. Fr Boniface has been part and parcel of the novitiate life right from its inception in 2002. He was the moving force behind the building construction and campus development. No doubt the farewell was difficult. Fr Boniface left Mawshohroh on March 12th for a short home visit before reporting at Vidyajyoti, Delhi on his new assignment.

On 19th of April, the novices had their villa-day at the sea of Barapani. They had the joy of imagining and experiencing Jesus in the Lake at Galilee. They came back tired, yet filled with "*were not our hearts burning*", while we were at the sea in the boat and also in our fellowship meal by the lakeside.



Novices at the Sea of Barapani, Mawlyndep



RS visits the Campus

The most important event over the last two months was the Visitation of the Novitiate Community plus Umbir by Fr Melvil, Regional Superior, from March 15 to 17. We feel encouraged, inspired and motivated after interacting with the Regional Superior and listening to his feedback. We are able to review and reflect on our mission and ministries in the light of his guidance.



Funeral Service of Sch. Darimio's Mom

We were saddened to hear the demise of the mother of Sch. Darimio, Mrs Luisa on 16th April. Frs. Yan, Pheiga, Schs. George and Jerry along with five Novices were there to be with the family for the Funeral.

-Fr Pheiga

WILLIAMNAGAR

Parched land and the withering vegetation saw the signs of rejuvenation when a few mercy drops descended from above. But the a monstrous wind in the night on 17th April, hijacked the benevolent clouds and all through the night showed its disastrous might, uprooting the trees and twisting the twigs and branches of mighty trees. The tin roofed structures in the campus faced the brunt as they were blown off from their rightful position. While the strong trees withstood the onslaught of the storm, the weak banana plantation with tender bunches prostrated on the ground with humble submission. The sight of the campus in the morning resembled a battle ground with spewed tin pieces, dislodged giant branches and scattered green twigs. The Government school in our neighbourhood as well as the humble eateries run by our poor neighbours remained roof-less as witnesses of the

by-gone night's mini-tsunami. One could gauge the intensity of the storm when one saw the tin sheets of the roofs replaced the branches of trees on several trees.

The prolonged odd semester amidst the Covid lock-down which lasted gruelling 9 months from June 2020 finally saw its logical end. In the safer atmosphere in the college, the off-line end-semester examinations would have been a right choice, the students stubbornly opted for the online exams for obvious reasons. After the exams which were held in March 2021, the new semester began on April 6. Even amidst of the pandemic scare, the offline classes are going on in right earnest.

Avenues, a leading Life Coaching Enterprise of Northeast, under the title "Aspire Meghalaya", organized a 20 hours soft skills training for two weeks for the 320 Higher Secondary students. It was funded by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs. The team focused on students' communication skills, personality development and on improving their confidence level. At the closing function on Friday, April 23, the students displayed their newly acquired skills in the presence of the Deputy Commissioner of East Garo Hills and the Managing Director of Avenues and received kudos from one and all.

Thanks to **Fr Scaria**, the farm at Davachipit is beaming with life. He has started a small piggery with three piglets with an experimental BOKASHI pigsty. While the population of country chickens is growing, pair of rabbits have made their maiden entry into the 'Animal Farm'. Meantime, inspired by the Biblical figure Moses, Scaria is tapping every rock with a stick in the farm trying and hoping to get some water from the rocks. Even though the rocks have remained stubborn Scaria's persuasion has not ceased.

While the unbridled Covid-19 is devastating the Indian population, we are going through a lot of anxiety and apprehension. Although we are untouched by the pandemic at the moment, we expect a declaration of lock-down any moment. Till then with utmost precaution, the academic activities are being carried on placing our trust in the Almighty God.

Fr E.C Sebastian made a quick round around the Region, especially to Arunachal Pradesh and Nagaland to oversee the accounts in preparation for the Annual Auditing.

The community joined **Fr Yan** in his grief as he lost his dear father, **Schs. Jerry** and **George** accompanied **Sch. Darimio** home to be with him and his family in their hour of great grief at the loss of their beloved mother. The rest of us joined him through our prayerful support. The community stood by Fr Scaria as he too lost his aged uncle back in Kerala.

-Fr Jeevan Prabhu

DIMAPUR: REFELCTION ON VOCATION PROMOTION

Our Father General has written a letter to the whole Society on 12 April 2021 on **Promoting vocations to the Society of Jesus**. Since I am alone in this diocesan seminary of Good Shepherd, Dimapur, Nagaland, allow me to reflect briefly with you, my companions, far and near.

Often we think of promoting vocations to the Society of Jesus as bringing prospective and suitable candidates into the Society from outside. Keeping in mind the various angles from which Fr General has addressed this issue, I think of: **What about promoting vocation of those within the Society? In our own communities of the Region?**

I have spent most of my Jesuit life accompanying our Scholastics, and so, most often my focus in this ministry of mine has been from their point of view, in the context of 'we' and 'they'. **These are the ones we have brought into the Society**, and over the years all of them now have become 'we' rather than remain 'they' (as those who are still in formation). There has been always a question that disturbed me: **Do they have role models within a Province/Region and within a particular community they can look up to as they struggle to integrate certain Gospel values, spelt out and lived by their senior companions of the same Society?** They are the young men of their generation who are opting and volunteering to be part of our mission now in the Society.

We are aware there is **an informal accompaniment** of living in the same community, eating and praying and worshipping together as companions. The younger men expect their elders to recognise them as part of their 'company', even in discerned decision making; to follow them up as loving mentors, to correct them with care and appreciation, and to encourage them in their studies, and in their performance as Regents. Are they expecting of us too much? Isn't it almost their right to look for such models as family members now? And, we owe it to our young companions. Regarding our commitment to God and to God's mission by way of vows, all of us (young and old), in fact, have made **the same three vows!** As elders, ours is perhaps more 'permanent and final' and hence, our life and ministry is much more challenged to be exemplary in its fruitfulness. Our young companions **imbibe and absorb** values from us much more clearly and truly than from what they had been taught at various stages of formation. We are the real embodiments, as elders, of our charism and of 'our way of proceeding' in our apostolic context. We are exemplifying certain styles of relating and dealing with men and women collaborators in our ministries.

Our way of life and ministries when carried out enthusiastically and joyfully will become attractive invitations not only for the candidates to join us but surely to our own younger men. Our community interactions in their warmth and due respect form a support system for their young religious life. We often hold as an ideal that **our community is our mission**. True, in many ways. Also, our community life and ministry does promote and enhance and strengthen the vocation of our own men in formation. Perhaps eventually, less and less men will leave the Society, and more and more will very eagerly be embracing the mission of the Society as lived out in the Region. Maybe, this is the dream of an elder! God be with us all, accompanying every life story!

-Fr Paul Raj, Dimapur

JESUIT NIVAS, BANGALORE

Following up the circular released by the Archbishop of Bangalore, the Holy Week celebration was very dry without Masses at Jesuit Nivas. But Easter Sunday mass went on in Boys' High School Chapel.

The community had an Easter celebration on 4th April. North East Catholic Community Bangalore celebrated Easter Sunday at Boys' High School Chapel with **Fr Dion** the Provincial as the main celebrant. Fr Praveen was taken to Mazumdar Shaw Hospital, Bangalore, for further treatment.

The whole community went for covid test at St Joseph's Evening College on 8th April, and the result was out on 10th April. All were tested negative. With the Covid-19 second wave already in the city, **Fr Wilson Bennis** was tested covid positive even after being tested negative the other day. All the rooms in the community were sanitized the following day. The community celebrated the 80th Birthday of **Fr Sunith Prabhu** on 14th April. **Fr Michael John** shared his memories with Fr. Sunith during the celebration.



A community meeting was held on 19th April, and the community's response to the covid-19 second wave was discussed. **Fr Brian**, the Rector, briefed the community about the health of Fr. Praveen and requested the community to continue praying for him. **Sch Stephen** enthralled the community with a Manipuri song during the community recreation on 21st April.

Fr Praveen came back in the community on 3rd April after his sixth chemotherapy at Mallya Hospital. It was sad to see Father back on a wheel chair. Fr Praveen passed away after fighting cancer for almost seven months on 22nd April. The community gave a tearful farewell to Fr Praveen on 23rd April at Mount St Joseph's. The Archbishop of Bangalore, **Most Rev. Peter Machado**, celebrated the funeral mass. May **Fr Praveen** rest in peace.

-Sch. Stephen Naulak

KARIMNAGAR

The month of March was a blessing to the campus. There was grace and life flowing in the campus. **Sch. Amos** who was appointed to do his B.Ed. studies in Loyola B.Ed. college Karimnagar for the Academic year 2021-2022, to his good luck, he managed to get the lone management seat through the intervention of our RCF. Congratulations to Amos who was able to join the senior batch without losing a year. Or else he would have had to wait for another 6 months to get the admissions. Amos arrived to Hyderabad on 20th of March and on the same day joined the Karimnagar community. To his bad luck, he was able to attend the offline classes only for 2 days and from the



following day lockdown was announced in Telangana. After his arrival he became an outstanding being in the campus. Hostellers in the campus named him, "China Man" in return he taught them Khasi as Chinese language which only he and I could understand. The community is happy to hear some music being added to the daily Eucharistic celebration and other celebrations in and around the campus through the help of Amos and Sumit.

We had a wonderful Holy Week and Easter celebration along with the candidates. To bring more life to the Easter celebration, we had a Basketball match between the candidates and the Jesuit community.

On 9th of April we had a flying visit by the provincial of Andhra Jesuits. The community and the pre-Novitiate had a blissful time in his presence. On 13th of April the 3 B.Ed. scholastics along with the pre Novitiate Regent had a day off for city Darshan, including visits to our Jesuit Institutions. From 13th evening to the following day we had a day of recollection in the provincialate.

As of now the city is getting hotter and our college has scheduled its online classes till 30th of April. After which, we begin our summer vacation from 1st till 30th of May. We are expected to reopen our college from 1st of June. In view of our summer vacation and the rising Covid cases and uncertainties of lockdown Amos and I are travelling back to the Region on 4th of May.

-Sch. Sumit

PARIS

The spring season in Paris offers us a sight to behold. One cannot but admire the beautiful gardens and Scenic beauty that has to offers us. Despite of the lockdown that starts at 7pm, we have time to stroll and relax ourselves especially on the week-ends.

Our spring holidays were cancelled as we were allowed to travel just up to 10 Kms. However, the house remains vibrant with the scholastics coming up with different ideas and ways to spend the whole week. Some of the activities include visiting the Churches in Paris, tracing the history of the French revolution, Karaoke evening, jamming on the park, visiting other Jesuit communities and watching series. Pétanque and Belote remains the dominant game in the community. More are coming out of their rooms to our beautiful garden for lunch.

Our community, **Pierre Favre**, will be celebrating 50 years of the house (Jesuits presence in the building) on 8th of May. On 25th may we bade farewell to **Fr Jean Louis**, who was returning back to Belgium after having spent a sabbatical year with us. The Four of us, Kohimites, had two informal gatherings in the last two month, including a *murmuratio* for the appointment of the new RCF.

Polseng and **Titus** have started their Philosophy, of course just two papers in Centre Sevres. The director was kind enough in assuring us that we could take the same course even if we do not understand everything next year. Joshua is taking initiative to organise the Indian Mass that will be held on 17th May in Centre Sevres which is not very easy to gather for the practice due to the distance and different schedule, yet things seem to be going on well as planned. These days, scholastics give sermons during Mass. **Robin** and **Titus** gave a try in French, and found it very encouraging. As the year is coming to an end, scholastics are busy with their dissertation, at the same time planning their apostolate and vacation for summer. The house is as lively as ever.

-Sch. J. Titus Gonmei



GONE BEFORE US

Fr Saju Bastian SJ (HAZ 59/37) on 3-5-2021 in Ranchi
Fr Gyan Prakash Minj SJ (RAN 46/25) on 30-4-2021 in Ranchi
Fr Christopher Kerketta SJ (HAZ 68/45] on 29-4-2021 in Ranchi
Fr John Tirkey SJ (RAN 59/35) on 29-4-2021 in Ranchi
Fr Thomas Thekkethala Joseph SJ (HAZ 74/56) on 29-4-2021 in Ranchi
Fr Joy Karayampuram SJ (PAT 60/41) on 29-4-2021 in Patna
Fr Hilary Lobo SJ (JAM 80/59) on 26-4-2021 in Jamshedpur
Br Modestus Tirkey SJ (RAN 72/53) on 25-4-2021 in Ranchi
Fr Peter Terrence Jones SJ (HAZ 90/66) on 25-4-2021 in Hazaribag
Fr Royce Wenceslaus Macedo SJ (AND 89/71) on 25-4-2021 in Secunderabad
Fr Mangal Kerketta SJ (DAR, 46/23) on 25-4-2021 in Gayaganga
Fr Sushil Sah, SJ (PAT 67/47) on 24-4-2021 in Patna
Fr Sushil Kujur SJ (DUM 58/35) on 24-4-2021 in Dakaita
Fr Augustine Peedikamala SJ (DEL 82/60) on 24-4-2021
Br Celestus Baxla SJ (MAP 53/30) on 24-4-2021 in Mandar
Fr Samuel Marandi SJ (DUM 56/32) on 24-4-2021 in Dakaita, Jharkhand
Fr Severius Ekka SJ (RAN 82/60) on 22-4-2021 in Mandar
Fr Srinivasan T. Joseph SJ (MDU 89/69) on 22-4-2021 in Dindigul
Fr Praveen Hrudayaraj SJ (KAR 41/22) on 22-4-2021 in Bengaluru
Fr George Karamayil SJ, (PAT 75/53) on 21-4-2021 in Patna
Fr Sylvester Kerketta SJ, (DUM) on 18-4-2021
Fr Francis Guntipilly SJ, (KAR 72/54) on 18-4-2021 in Bengaluru
Fr Jerry Sequeira SJ, (GUJ 73/54) on 18-4-2021 in Ahmedabad
Fr Erwin Lazrado SJ, (GUJ 58/37) on 17-4-2021 in Vadodara
Fr Jesuraj Arputham SJ, (GUJ 60/39) on 16-4-2021 in Dindigul
Fr John Joseph Amaladoss SJ, (AND 75/58) on 14-4-2021 in Guntur
Fr Varghese Paul Chollamadam SJ, (GUJ 77/56) on 10-4-2021 in Vadodara
Fr. Phillip Crotty SJ, (HAZ 89/71) on 6-4-2021 in Sydney
Fr Anil Kishore Tirkey SJ, (RAN 67/47) on 27-3-2021 in Ranchi
Br Victor Campos SJ, (GOA 87/20) on 10-3-2021 in Goa
Fr Edward Kerketta SJ, (RAN 69/46) on 8-3-2021 in Ranchi
Mr Moris Moonstar Iawbor (75), uncle of Sch. Mark Iawbor on 18-4-2021 in Shillong
Mrs Luisa Susngi (68), mother of Sch. Darimioo Susngi on 17-4-2021 in Nongbah, Jowai
Mr Louis Ntheo Yanthan, father of Fr Yanlumo on 1-4-2021 in Nagaland
Mr George Hrangzuala (67), father of Sch. Stephen Lalruatsaka on 28-03-2021 in Mizoram
Mrs Catherine Lalroumawi (85) grandmother of Stephen Naulak on 23-3-2021 in Imphal
Mr Wester Nongtraw (55), father of NS Ribankordor Nonglait on 11-3-2021 in Nongstoin

