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Fr. GENERAL HAS APPOINTED

- **Fr. Soosai Mani** as the Provincial of Delhi Province. He is currently the PCE and the Superior of Sahayog Jesuit Community, Delhi. He will assume office on 15 August, 2020.
- **Fr. Francis Gonsalves** (GUJ) the President of Jnana Deepa Vidyapeeth, Pune.
- **Fr. Danis Ponnail SJ** (MDU), **Fr. Melvil Pereira SJ** (KHM) and **Fr. Santosh Minj SJ** (HAZ) as Consultors of the President of South Asia and the chair of Southern Zone, Northern Zone and Central Zone respectively.

➤ **Fr. Christie P. Maria Joseph** (MDU) the new Secretary, of Higher Education

• **FR. PROVINCIAL'S PROGRAM AUGUST - 2020**

- 11-12 Kajarkilo Visitation
- 18-20 Sahodaya, Daltonganj

SEPTEMBER - 2020

- 01-03 P.T.E.C., Visitation
- 20 Province Consult
- 21 Pakripath Visitation
- 22 Chiropath Visitation
- 23 Tundtoli Visitation
- 24 SXCM Visitation
- 25-27 Mahuadanr Visitation

Fr. Provincial has appointed **Fr. Silas Chandra Minj, SJ** to SSC, Sitagarha, Tertianship.

On the occasion of the Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady, we commend the Souls of two members of our Province to the Lord!

Fr. Paul Jackson RIP- 05 Jul. 2020,

Fr. Gaudentius Kongari RIP- 12 Aug. 2020



FROM AROUND THE PROVINCE

BHURKUNDA, CATHOLIC ASHRAM

Late May and early June we were busy with transfer movements. **Fr. Saju** reached Bhurkunda on 19th May. **Fr. Christopher** arrived on 23rd. **Fr. Basant** reached **Fr. Primus** to Kajarkhilo on 24th May. **Fr. Kishore** arrived on 27th May. **Frs. Saju** and **Suman** reached **Fr. Xavier** to Bokaro on 30th May and **Fr. Jacob** to Ankur on 6th June. **Fr. Francis Lopez** reached Bhurkunda on 13th June. On 14th June all of us and the Holy Cross Community had an outing to Boitka. We also visited Kothi Jharna, Barso Pani and Bartua. **Frs. Peter Paul, Tej Kr.** and **Sch. Amit** were great hosts.

Sch. Sanjay Martin was with us for few weeks. **Basant** reached **Sanjay** and **Amit** to RTC on 4th July. Within few days of his arrival, **Christopher** started visiting the Parishners with his Catechist. He is also keeping up his hobby of fishing and has the good company of **Kishore** for it along with **Basant** accompanying. We are satisfied with the results of Class 8th and 9th conducted by JAC. **Suman** with the help of staff distributed the Mid-Day Meal rice and money to the students of class one to seven. They also got their annual results. We completed the extension of the stage and the much needed repair of the Middle school building. With the unlock One hostel's work has resumed. **Fr. P.O. Chacko** came for an inspection. Provincial **Fr. Santosh** made a short visit to us. **Br. Francis Mathias** was another guest of the month. JAI president Mr. Devender Singh along with two of his friends visited us and had a short sharing with **Saju** about his ecological initiatives. **Fr. Saju** organised a week long seminar for the staff on "21st Century Jesuit Schools, 10 Identifiers of Jesuit Schools". These days **Francis** and

Kishore are giving English course to staff. On alternative weeks Middle and High School staff are attending it. We are expecting an inspection of the school by the DEO to go ahead with the recognition. **Fr. Saju** visited St. Xavier's, Hazaribag thrice for the school managing committee meetings. **Francis Lopez** lost his elder sister Catharine on 7th July.

We are saddened by the news of Sr. Michel H.C. who passed away on 9th July. She was associated with the parish for many years by teaching catechism to the students and in faith formation.

We are very happy with the Matric result. Among the 137 registered 135 wrote the exams. 109 first division, 22 second division and 4 were marginal.

BOKARO, ST. XAVIER'S

On 10th July the School was delighted to know the brilliant result of our students in ICSE and ISC board examination. We got 100% results for class X whereas in class XII there were 2 unfortunate failures. Puja Kejriwal became the district topper securing 98.4% in class X and Vanshika Sinha with 96.5% in class XII. Online classes are in full swing with the daily review meetings of the Staff. We have got the brand new ramp ready to be used in the high school section. **Fr. James** with the help of Mr. Abhishek is working to set up the communication system in the school and is trying to bring an order in the school office. On 18th of July the school celebrated the School's birthday. Students' council prepared a short presentation and was presented online. **Fr. Arun** made a quick visit to his elder brother who is suffering from cirrhosis of liver and is admitted in the

Holy Family Hospital Mandar. **Fr. Xavier** was very fortunate to bless his nephew's marriage in the Cathedral of Ranchi observing the government's prescribed order. **Fr. Tintus** has started his visit to the close by villages and has been trying to identify the needs of the poor.

JAINAMORE: Good old **Fr. Lou Lachal** of happy memory bequeathed to us numerous land properties all over the province. These in later years in Bokaro developed into Balidih Parish, Missionaries of Charity Brothers' works of leprosy and tuberculosis centres. Still, in Jainamore-Bokaro we have three pockets of scattered land comprising 3.44 acres practically unused. Our eyebrows have been raised time and again from **Fr. Raska's** time over there as 98 decimals of our land has been sold clandestinely and illegally by a group of four women to two men of Chandrapura. These two men have been claiming their rights and obstructing our works and building their own wall. **Fr. Arun Minj** in March this year witnessed such activity and intervened. Since this is the matter of land disputes, all gaps of land incongruities have to be capped. Through the efforts of **Frs. Xavier** and **Tintus** who are in a difficult and critical period of Covid-19 managed to get two vital land documents from the circle office (virtually closed due to Covid-19) and are waiting for two more to finally clinch the undisputed possession and ownership of the land.

PATKI, MASI MANDER

The arrival of **Fr. Anil Bhushan** and **Dn. Simon** doubled the joy of the Patki community. The Community thanked **Sch. Arockia Sasi** for his valuable service to the people of Patki and wished him all the best for his theological studies. **Fr. Anil Bhushan**

accompanied him to Tarunoday, Ranchi. The Lockdown in various phases made the community to engage itself in indoor activities. The campus has increased the number of medicinal plants and has enlarged the garden with rare plants under the guidance of **Fr. Gyan**. We as a community also contributed dry ration and vegetables in four villages. The school campus looks beautiful as we are levelling the ground and repairing the broken windows. We got 100% result in the JAC Matric examination.

CHARHI, MASI MANDER

Month of July began with an extra caution and self protection from the covid-19 pandemic. Spiritual ministries were limited to local areas in urgent needs. On July 4th **Sch. Prakash Baskey** accompanied **Fr. Cyril Toppo** to Ranchi for treatment. **Fr Gregory** was supposed to accompany **Cyril** for the same but due to ill health he could not. On 6th July there was an important meeting of all school staff members called at 10.00 am which was held in high school hall. Mr. Kapil Hembrom, Miss Anjusha Samad and Ms Kusmita could not attend the meeting due to lockdown. Points presented in the meeting: 1. covid-19 and its repercussion on Indian economy, (and our institutions directly), 2. Its effect on school administration and school children, 3. On-line classes for children etc. On 7th July middle school teachers came to prepare results of the students and online classes. On 8th July **Frs. Birendra** and **Nicholas** took **Gregory** for treatment to Ramgarh as he was suffering from unbearable shoulder pain. Doctor prescribed some medicines and physiotherapy for next 6 days and so he had to go for physiotherapy daily. School staff kept busy themselves in preparing apps for online teaching. It was an interesting event

because for a few staff members it was first opportunity to use touch screen mobile phone and learn. On July 9th **Frs. Binod Toppo** and his companion visited us as they were on their way back from Ranchi. On July 12th **Fr. Francis Marian** came with a scholastic to inspect the boundary wall and high school toilet construction. **Fr. Emile** was accompanied by **Sch. Prakash Baskey** to Bhurkunda for recollection. A local neighbour named Md. Rahmat put objection of releasing campus rain water in his field and after negotiation problem was resolved to certain extent. On 20th July community decided a few things due to spread of Corona-19 and they were as follows we shall: not offer holy mass in villages and convents, novena to St Ignatius, and celebration of founder's feast. On July 28th **Birendra** with Mr Anup went to Ranchi office to forward school papers for recognition. **Sch. Prakash** joined his other companions for recollection held in Ankur. Feast day of our founder, St Ignatius, was celebrated with our neighbouring sisters in a simple way. The Main celebrant of the mass was **Fr. Birendra**.

HAZARIBAG, ARRUPÉ NIWAS

In the context of the coronavirus pandemic, the province has applied for and received generous funding to help migrant labourers and unemployed persons in our Dumar, Jamuniatanr, Patra, Tarwa, Chatra, Chiro, Pakripath and Tundtoli centres. As a result, our Sisters, Jesuits and staff members are very busy giving food packets to many households. At the same time, many food (cash) for work projects have been taken up so that large number can earn and at the same time valuable work too can be done to benefit villages. Hence, ponds are, being dug, wells repaired, fields prepared for

cultivation, new wells being dug, village schools repaired, and small shops are being set up. About 1073 households and so; at least 6500 people are being helped.

Our Juniorate programme in St. Stanislaus College for the juniors of the central province has begun as usual. To help the juniors study well and also be more effective teachers, **Bob** was asked to give a 3 day programme which hopefully will make them persons of experience, reflection and action. The juniors took part enthusiastically in the seminar.

The corona virus pandemic has come very close to Arrupe. Apparently, four persons living next door have been diagnosed positive. Hence, barricades have been set up by the municipality on our Holy Cross Road, making our lockdown more visible. Of course this has not disturbed **Shyam Kishore Tudu**, and **Marcus Murmu** who are very busy with their online courses.

The community took part in a very well prepared novena to prepare for the feast of St. Ignatius with a different member of the community taking turns to lead the prayers. The standard was very high with the three schols starting by presenting power point presentations with commentaries. Not deterred, the elder members of the community kept up the standard in different ways, ending on the last day with thanksgiving for the various apostolates the province is involved in.

Except for **Fr. Santosh** involved in visitations, **Fr. Tony Herbert** busy is trying to arrange admissions to our institutions, and of course our Minister **Fr. Francis Marian**, very busy arranging supplies to keep our community healthy, most of the Arrupe community are in lockdown. But now **Sch. Patrick Tirkey** has gone to Kolkata with **Fr. Manoj** to be of service to

him in hospital and **Sch. Prashant** has been captured by SSC as he is a very active person ready to help in whatever way.

JDV, PUNE ONLINE: This is M.Th Spirituality! Google Meet! We are fourteen students, the biggest batch so far for this course at JDV, Pune. Every day we have 10.30 a.m. to 12.15 p.m. Google Meet classes. It's an amazing experience! One of our companions is in Madrid (Spain), another one in Malaysia and the rest of us are in different parts of India. Our First course' professor conducted the classes from US!

We are given two types of reading materials besides bibliography for the course. First type of reading materials helps us to attend the classes and the second type of materials is meant for us to read and present to the class as part of the partial fulfilment of assignments. Besides this assignment we have to write Integration paper of 2-3 pages every week and a final thesis of 15-20 pages on a topic of our choice with the approval of the concerned professor.

The classes are not very different from the actual classrooms except that everybody is seen on the computer screen. One can intervene in the class; ask clarifications, present opinions when needed and interact. Of course, for this entire activity good internet connectivity is needed! The students from North-East and Western Ghats often experience problem with internet and we help each other through WhatsApp group. It's a new experience of learning and I'm enjoying it thoroughly!! *Shyamkishor Tudu, sj.*

LOCKDOWN EXPERIENCE:

People from all walks of life have been affected by the outbreak of covid-19. Ironically, the so called developed countries,

who took pride in being a nuclear power, are helpless and struggling to develop the vaccine. Fear and uncertainty loomed large during the lockdown. In the beginning, we didn't bother much about the corona virus but as we started taking precautionary measures, such as maintaining social distance and sanitizing, things started getting creepy and frightening. During the life threatening situation, what sustained our positive mood was the good vibes of the community. Ahmedabad had the highest number of covid-19 cases in Gujarat but we stood together at the face of the adversary. It is another thing that we would have collapsed together, if covid-19 had sneaked into our community. Thanks be to God, nothing ominous occurred!

As the situation worsened, our superior planned to send all of us back to our respective provinces. Travelling by train seemed unsafe and dangerous, so we asked **Fr Sushil**, the Socius, to book flights. The flight was scheduled on 30th May. We reached the Ahmedabad airport around 10 o'clock in the morning. On my way to the airport, I shuddered to think that if my thermal check indicates high, I would be barred from flying but no such thing happened. With a sense of foreboding, all of us made our maiden flight journey. At Delhi airport, we were too afraid to eat anything at the airport so we ate reluctantly two bars of chocolates for lunch. We landed in Ranchi around 8 o'clock in the evening and were picked up by drivers Christopher and Dashrath of Prerana, who dropped us at St. Joseph School, Tarwa around 11 o'clock.

During the home Quarantine, we were strongly advised to abide by the governments rules and regulations for Quarantine. We were even exempted from Mass. We had plenty of free time so we kept

ourselves busy by reading, playing video games and cards, chatting and sometimes taking a long siesta. Because we were given particular area to move around, just like animals do in their territory, I felt I am in the world but not of the world. But in our case stepping beyond our assigned area meant imposing a threat to others' lives, since we did not know whether we had contracted the corona virus or not. We had a whale of a time during quarantine period. *Sch. Patrick,*

HAZARIBAG, PRERANA COMMUNITY

Fr. Thomas Joseph, in order to make sure that he is fit, went to Tarwa Hospital and Hazaribag pathology for multiple checkups. The results of the test are encouraging. On the 12th June **Fr. M K Jose** was with us. He came for an eye check-up. **Fr. Arwind** was taken to Tarwa hospital due to chest pain. The month of June witnessed **Fr. Theodore** taking over from **Fr. Binod** and **Fr. Arwind** taking over from **Fr. Suresh**. **Frs. Suresh, Binod Kr.** and **Francis Xavier Xalxo** left for their new destinations. We thank them for their selfless service and wish them all the best in their new endeavours. **Fr. Shyju** went to give a recollection to St. Anne's Sisters Navajara.

On 4th July a meeting was held at Prerana for of all those who are giving salary to discuss the revised payment of salary due to Covid-19. One of the jack fruits was found ripe and many more of them were taken down to be given to Sneha Sadan, VTI, FCC and CMC. On 16th the entire area was locked down because one of the families was found to be Covid-19 +ve. And we also closed down our Eucharistic celebrations in our nearby convents. On 18th **Fr. Provincial** was here for visitation. AC., CMC and FCC sisters came to wish us on our feast day. Physical distance was kept up during the wishing.

RAJHAR HOSTEL: Schols. Nirmal V. Kullu and **Binison Tigga** came to Rajhar on 22nd June. In Rajhar Hostel we are five members, two teachers, a student and we, two scholastics. We are busy in planting some vegetables and trees. We attended one day recollection in Tarwa for the preparation of the feast of St. Ignatius. On 30th of July we killed a pig for our feast day. We went to Patra on 31st July for the celebration of feast and attended Holy Eucharist, had lunch and came back to Rajhar by 5 p.m. Here we miss our daily Eucharist which is the spiritual energy for our formation life. *Sch. Nirmal V. sj.*

SINDUR, ST. ROBERT'S COMMUNITY

Due to Covid-19 pandemic the school is being closed, but teachers are busy with their online classes; meanwhile the principal was busy with attending various meetings through video conference. The admission process of new and old students for class 7th to 12th is going on. Slowly the students are getting admitted into school. The Board exams results are out and 10th result was excellent, whereas the +2 result was satisfying one. For 10th board exam 170 students wrote the exam, out of 170, 142 students secured 1st div. 23 students secured 2nd div, 1 student was marginal and 4 students were absent. From +2 section, 71 students appeared from science section, out of 71, 9 students secured 1 div. 42 students 2 Div. 5 students 3rd 3 Div. 12 students were Marginal. 13 students appeared for commerce, out of 13, 7 students secured 1 Div, 5 students secured 2 Div. 1 student was marginal. 100 students appeared for arts, out of 100, 17 students secured 1 Div, 71 students secured 2 Div, 11 students secured 3 Div, and one student was marginal. New classrooms' work is over and the new toilet

block work is going on. The new administrative block will begin very soon. Minor repair work around the school is going on. The municipality has laid new drinking water pipe line in our campus.

The provincial visited us twice in this time one was causal visit and the other one was for his visitation. He stayed for two days (28-29) July. On 31st we celebrated Ignatius feast with a simple Eucharistic celebration.

HAZARIBAG, ST. XAVIERS

Fr. Ranjit was at home with his sick father. The latest report is that he is improving. For a few days the school was under siege from a small group of disgruntled parents who could not accept that their Middle School sons fell short of acceptable levels of scholarship and behaviour and might do better in another school. **Fr. Rosner** is grateful for the help of a couple of constables from the Thana. All is now peaceful.

After four years with us as Vice-principal of the Middle School, Sr. Sujita, CMC has been transferred to Jhinkpani. She is replaced by Sr. Nitya CMC. We wish them both blessings in their new ministries.

Fr. Provincial has courteously reminded us that those of 65 years or over should follow the government advisory and not go out of the compound.

On the electronic notice board over the gate: WELCOME TO ST. XAVIERS and under this: STAY AT HOME.

SXS HAZ St. Xavier's Exam Results

Std.10 187 students: School average 85.22%/ 90% and above: 69 students /

80% and above: 70 students / Std 12 207 students: School average 86.7%

90% and above: 79 students

80% and above: 96 students

Congratulations to teachers and students!

MAHUADANR COMMUNITY

With the onset of the monsoon the transplanting of seedling is going on with full swing in the villages. There has been an outpouring of energy in the community. There have been so many activities and outpourings of both individual and community based efforts that one might wonder, is it all due to weather.

We were all saddened by the death of **Fr. Sebren's** elder sister Sebestiani Lakra. **Sebren** had followed her progress through Carmel Hospital and hospital in Tumbagarha and by the help of **Suresh**, she was admitted in RIMS at Ranchi, Bariatu. In spite of these efforts God called her home to heaven on 23 July. Frs. **Sebren** and **Suresh** attended the funeral at Putrungi village, Barwe. May her soul rest in peace!

New community members **Fr. Suresh Kindo** as new PP of Mahuadanr and **Sch. Praful Bage** in the school were formally welcomed. On 27th June **Fr. Amod Gridha** was farewelled from here to take up the new job in St. Robert School, Hazaribag. The community members thanked him for his dedication and generous service to the parish and as the minister of Jesuit community.

There have been many activities on the part of school community, the old well has been demolished and a new pond has been dug in its surrounding area. A wide variety of fruit trees were planted at the fruit garden area, near the power house.

Hostel repairs are going on systematically under the supervision of **Fr. Sebern**.

The result of St. Joseph's school as follows: In Matric 89% and in +2 Science section, 88%, Arts 98% and Commerce 100%. It seems bright future for St. Xavier

College Mahuadanr because St. Joseph's +2 has produced the rich harvest of 426 students for college studies. For further improvement of our standards and taking care of the weaker students the Principal has assigned religious personnel to help and accompany the students for their better performance. The repair works in the school is continuing, many broken glasses replaced and also eroded grass frames made functional. As people are busy in paddy cultivation, the school football field is also getting decorated by new grass planted by **Fr. Dilip**, and the team.

Online classes are being regularly conducted but unfortunately many of our students are unable to make use of the facilities, due to net-work and other problems.

Frs. Peter Jones is going stronger day by day as he is taking the special medicine provided by Kajarkilo health centre. After taking **Fr. Gaudi** to Orcid hospital Ranchi, **John Tirkey**, entered into self quarantine. As far as the co-operative Bank was concerned it provided uninterrupted service to the people but on a limited scale.

We had Novena prayer in preparation for St. Ignatius' feast day. There has been a small innovation in that a variety of different instruments are being used each night, according to the various talents of our members. We had special mass in the main Church. Sisters and candidates of Holy Cross and FCC joined us for the celebration. There was a solemn mass with entrance dance and appropriate songs by Holy Cross community, followed by breakfast for all. The community had organized a basketball match between candidates of Holy Cross and FCC. SJ fathers and Holy Cross sister had mixed double Badminton match. Our new minister **Fr.**

Kamal provided delicious and sumptuous meal for all Jesuits in the evening.

SITAGARHA, P.T.E.C.

At PTEC, the month of June began with some activities in its all units. All the units opened their office works from the first week of June. The community was blessed with the arrival of **Fr. Philemon Tirkey**, as a new member to replace **Fr. Leo** at Loyola School. The community heartily welcomed **Fr. Philemon**, on 12th June and wished him all God's blessings in his new ministry at Loyola school and PTEC boys' hostel. On the other hand, **Fr. Raska G. Soren**, too is very happy to take up the new role of Loyola school librarian. **Fr. Raska** as he loves reading books and newspapers, new responsibility offers him another golden opportunity to read more books and to inspire young students to do so. The community wishes **Fr. Raska** all the best in his new ministry. Meantime, **Fr. Leo** continues to be busy with the preparation for the new academic year and also introducing **Fr. Philemon** to the works at Loyola School.

At St. Xavier's Plus Two High school, **Fr. Sibrus Barwa** continues with the normal office works. At present, **Fr. Sibrus** is busy with the correction of the school name with JAC, which is taking a hell of a time. He is hopeful that before Plus Two result is out the correction in the school name will be complete. At the same time, **Fr. Sibrus** also took up additional responsibility as the PTEC boys' hostel superintendent from **Fr. Silas C. Minj**, who has been appointed to SSC Tertianship Sitagarha to complete his final formation.

At PTEC, the college offices are open for admission from 8th June. Then, from 16th June teaching staff started coming to the

college to make a tentative yearly academic plan for the new academic session and also to prepare to start online classes for second-year students. On 16th June PTEC board exam results for session 2017-2019 was published. As usual, this year too PTEC had an excellent result, 81% distinction, and 19% first class. PTEC management congratulates all its faculty members and students for their hard works and wishes them all God's blessings for future life too.

During the lockdown 3.0, PTEC started constructing a new basketball court with expert assistance from **Fr. Patras Tirkey**. The basketball work had just started when God almighty obstructed the progress of the work with a continuous heavy downpour. We are hopeful to resume the work soon and complete the work on time.

Most undoubtedly, in the new academic year (2020-2021) PTEC will move to the new building facility (XCE) completely for its all activities. XCE fit-out works are in progress and we are hopeful to complete all in due time. Now, it is a cultivation time all around, and so, PTEC is also getting ready for the paddy cultivation. But, this year sadly, it has to manage without its young and enthusiastic students.

During lockdown 3.0, **Fr. Vincent** paid a quick visit to his 96 years old father, who is not keeping well these days. Then, **Fr. Vincent** also went to Bokaro for school works and then onward to JAC, Ranchi for the college work. **Fr. Silas** went to Boitka to meet **Fr. Peter Paul Kerketta**, and to spend some quality time there before departing to Tertianship. **Fr. Leo** with the due permission from the Provincial preached a four-day retreat to CIC aspirants at Amla Bhavan.

Another phase of LOCKDOWN till July 31, kept us all in awe and anxiety. The campus remained quite silent. All the

community members were alert and maintained their health sound keeping all precautions needed at the moment. **Fr. Leo** is still locked down and waiting for his suitable and favourable time to move to Shembagnur for tertianship and later to Chennai for his Ph.D. studies. One of the benefits that we had during this lockdown was fishing by hooks, yes! fresh fish from our ponds by our own fishermen **Fr. Francis Indwar** and **Fr. Vincent** mainly. During the month, **Fr. Santosh Minj**, the **Provincial**, visited and encouraged us by evaluating the lockdown, how it has affected us, how have we been coping with it positively and what have we done for the people affected by it, etc. The feast of our founder St. Ignatius was very simple and among the community, along with **Fr. Sebastian** and **Fr. Arun Kujur** who joined us for supper.

Mr. Abhishek and his family came and stayed with us for three days to introduce G-Suite (Google Meet) Online class especially to PTEC and Loyola faculty members and now they are directing them from Bokaro. PTEC started their online classes for the second-year students since 1st July. Even, the new admission counselling was conducted on Google Meet from 24th July onwards and the admission is going on. This year in the absence of students the local village women helped in paddy transplantation on time.

St. Xavier's School: The result of St. Xavier's School, Sitagarha for secondary and higher secondary was very satisfactory. The matric result was overall 99.02% (Only one marginal) but on the other hand, the first batch of higher secondary students came out in flying colours with 100% result. The Principal and the faculty deserve a good pat on their back for their hard work and commitment. The online class is being conducted from their respective homes with class-wise groups. There are 90 in class 9, 93 in class 10, and 21 students in class 12, whereas the admission is on for class 11. The science and arts streams are being added

from this year. The school office remained open and functional during lockdown.

Loyola School kept on their online classes. The teaching faculty was called and given a Wi-Fi facility to carry out their classes, but in the second half of the month, they were not called and were encouraged to carry out classes from their homes. Fr. Leo runs the office works and introducing them to his successor. **Fr. Philemon** is beautifying the whole campus by planting varieties of croton plants, hedges, and trees. The main concern of the school is the collection and payment of the fee of the staff since there is hardly any fee collection.

Frs. Vincent & Philemon sj.

SITAGARHA, ST. STANISLAUS COLLEGE

The Juniors had IPP programme by Fr. Bob Slattery. There are altogether 30 Juniors from Central and Northern Zones. We have 100 percent new Juniorate staff 2 (Haz) and 1(Pat). The Juniorate academic session began on 30th June. This year SSC has 97 members (15 staff, 26 Tertians, 30 Juniors, 23 Novices and 03 scholastics). We had a very simple celebration of 31st July. We had Novena and community Mass. No one was invited but the well wishers from the campus came to wish us. There was football match in the afternoon between The Juniors and the Novices. The Juniors won by 2-1.

Tertianship began on 30th July with an inauguration talk by Fr. Provincial. They are in home quarantine in Tertianship Block. All the meals are served there only. Their quarantine period gets over on 13th August.

A quite number of Juniors and the Novices are having viral fever. The minister is very busy in taking them to Tarwa Holy Cross Hospital. 3 staff members are admitted in the Hospitals **Fr. Kurien** in Medica, Ranchi, **Frs. Varghese** and **Ignatius Tete** are in St. Anne's Hospital in Ulhatu. **Fr. Anil** was in Tarwa Hospital for a day.

This year we are having a very good timely rain. Paddy transplanted got over

very fast and at present weeding is going on. Crop looks so far very promising.

TARWA, ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL COMMUNITY

The new team for Tarwa Mission is already here. We all are learning the tricks of the trade in the specific context of Tarwa. It took rather a long time to learn and understand the specificities of the various aspects of the concrete Mission and ministries here and now. At this moment of covid-19, the presence of the **Schs. Naveen, Raja, Raymond, Samuel, Sujit, and Sumit** is a great blessing. In the beginning, they were quarantined in the hostel but now they are in the community building.

According to the need, they attend online classes, tests and assignments. Under the leadership of **Fr. Theodore** and the hostel in charge, they are helping to revive the life of the campus by gardening, fishing and renovating chicken- duck rooms etc. When the sky is favourable, the Scholastics play cricket, volleyball and football with the local youth and children.

The hostel toilets are being repaired. Occasionally the teachers of the school are called to do some urgent works and for some necessary explanations. During the Pandemics, we had cautious Eucharist celebrations in our local communities.

Thanks to the labour of so many Missionaries because of whom, today, we are enjoying variety of fruits at Tarwa. Today we are also not less generous in sharing the fruits to our all local communities in Hazaribag and around.

Fr. Cyril went to Ranchi to meet his doctor. We all are happy that everything is fine with him. Thanks to **Fr. Sushil** the Socius and local superiors for arranging the conveyance. **Fr. Theodore** is quite alert and active. He is sorting out every aspect of the

mission and ministries as expected in any Jesuit institutions. **Fr. Yugal**, our minister continues to have fatherly care of the family/community with clear expectations and instructions. **Fr. Maria Louis**, Tarwa Director drops in here quite often and supervises the personnel and overall activities in the campus. He is also supervising the repairs of the wells in the villages around.

Fr. Alex has lived with his knee problem. Now he is up and active as usual. He is taking a great interest in setting up *Sukri*-house, a presentable portico at our Hutpa residence. Farming in Hutpa land is visualized well. At present there are maize and *Rahar* plants in the land. Mary's meal packets were distributed to Tarwa students and locals. Matric result of St. Joseph Tarwa School is cent percent. Most of them passed in first division. Congratulations to the headmaster, staff, students and parents. In recent past we were happy to welcome the Provincial, **Fr. Santosh**, Socius **Fr. Sushil**, **Frs. Marian, Manoj Roshan Kujur, Schs. Jeevan and Augustine Tudu**.

Fr. Theodore got new choppers from SSC Sitagarha. They helped us to beautify our campus. Father **Provincial Santosh** was with us for visitation. It was a grace filled occasion for us all. Two days our scholastics went to the local jungle in search of mushrooms. They were successful to get at least something to eat. The scholastics made jackfruit chips and sweet beers. We gave farewell to **Schs. Raymond, Sujeet and Samuel** who went to St. Xavier's, Hazaribag. **Fr. Alex** was in the Holy Cross hospital for a few days. He experienced pain in his leg for a long time. Now he is fine. **Fr. Maria Louis** organized TVS two wheel-driving practice for the SCJM sisters.. Some effort has been

made to give online classes to the high school students.

Before the Loyola feast day we had novena and recollection which was guided by **Fr. Manjit**. Some scholastics from Rajhar and SSC also attended it. On the Loyola feast day we had the Holy Eucharist only among us Jesuits. Holy Cross and SCJM sisters came to wish us at different times. *Fr. Cyril Toppo sj.*

SHAHPUR, VIVKE SADAN

The new month brought us some changes in the community. **Fr. Lawrence Tirkey** joined the community as a new member. **Fr. Sushil Osga** took charge as the minister of the house whereas **Fr. Victor Lakra** as guest in-charge and farm in-charge. This year we have a small group of pre-novices. They are 9 of them. They arrived to Vivek Sadan on 13th July and had two days of orientation classes. **Frs. Lawrence and Arbind Beck** conducted the orientation classes for them. After the orientation we have started the classes for them keeping the guidelines of Government to protect ourselves from Pandemic Covid-19. During the orientation there was an awareness session on Covid-19, which was well taken by **Sushil Osga**. He has put some fish in our pond so when you come to Vivek Sadan you may get some fresh fish from our pond. **Fr. Victor** is making our garden greener day by day. He has planted various types of vegetables in the garden. **Fr. Ajit**, the director, is busy in beautifying the garden, teaching hymns to pre-novices and making them ready for the feast with a skit. We all are eagerly waiting to see the skit. **Arbind** went to Simdega to fetch 3 Novices for the first year Novitiate at Sitagarh. He also made a flying visit to Bokaro to meet his parents. He came back to the community to celebrate his birthday with the community. He also

went to fetch candidates and pre-novices from Gumla and Mahuadanr.

On 13th June after 2 years of medical care **Fr. Packiam** is back to Sahodaya Community as superior of the community. On 16th June he had birthday but the community decided and celebrated his birthday only after he came out from 14 days of home quarantine. Now slowly he has started to walk with the help of stretcher and with some support from others. JAC brought good news to **Fr. Moris Ekka** and staff with 100% pass. Out of 81 students 72 1st division, and 9 2nd division. Hearty congratulations to **Fr. Moris** and the staff for their hard work. **Sch. Nelson** is busy with online philosophy class whereas **Fr. Thomas Rodrigues** is busy with his minister's work. He is the minister of the community. He is also helping **Fr. Moris** in taking admission in the school.

In Churadohar, admission is on for the new students. Therefore the community has planted *arhar dal* plants in the garden. The outreach programme in Churadohar was not going on well so it is decided that co-workers will discontinue their work from June.

FROM DIASPORA

RANCHI, MANRESA HOUSE

The greatest love is to be found in giving one's selfless service to the people you don't know. The real joy and peace come only by helping others in need. During the lockdown period the entire community was busy with different activities. Some of those are as follows.

Manresa House Scholastics and some of the fathers were busy with the domestic chores as all the co-workers were forced to stay home due to Lockdown. Also

Jamuniatanr has been very badly affected by this pandemic covid-19. It has affected them physically, economically and even academically. We thank SVS Chandwa, **Fr. Santosh**, the provincial and all the people those came forward to help the needy and poor in this critical situation. We have helped those people who are economically poor and not getting any facilities from the government. The community approached the local administration and they helped us many ways. Our Garhwa DDC, Local Thana in-charge and Local BDO are also helping us by giving government projects. DDC has given us Manrega project so that the people may get some employment. We are levelling the playground of school as well as parish land. At present we (Jesuit and CIC community) are busy in distributing dry ration to poor people in different villages especially those who do not have any government job holder in the family and poor widows. Hearty congratulations to Sr. Daisy (CIC), the principal of Jamuniatanr School and the staff for 90% result in 10th board. A happy feast of our Founder St. Ignatius to you all from the disburse community of Vivek Sadan.

we were busy working in the vegetable garden and around the campus. Our whole campus is now decorated with colourful flowers.

XISS- All the scholastics under the guidance of our superiors went to XISS to prepare food packets for the people affected by COVID-19. Many religious from different communities came to give a helping hand at XISS. The food kits were mainly supplied to the Red Zone in the city particularly at Hindpiri. We went to Minor seminary for the same work.

SHELTER HOMES- We were working in two shelter homes- Muri and Tamar. Before going there we had orientation classes on COVID-19, and how we all could contribute to the suffering world to recover from the pandemic. We supplied the migrants with all the basic things they needed.

Initially there was fear to be with the migrants at shelter homes. But we knew that God has ways of bringing good out of evil. It was a tremendous experience being with the Lord's own people at the shelter homes. Our work was well appreciated by many and encouraged us. STAY HOME – STAY SAFE! *Sch. James Ekka, sj*

FROM OVERSEAS

AUSTRALIA So far life is going on well with lots of uncertainties. It's a peculiar and chaotic situation everywhere. Australia is in a far better situation than many countries. In spite of that every time we expect normalcy to return, things get worse. It's only in last few days that cases of Covid-19 have gone to three digits a day in suburbs of Melbourne. In Sydney also cases have risen and the government is going to bring more restrictions. Before things could get worse in Melbourne, we moved to Sydney on 1st July. Our tertianship got over on 22nd June with a triduum and final sharing but we stayed together till 14th July. During this time we got opportunities to visit various Jesuit communities and to know about different ministries and also to see the grandeur of Australia. On 15th July we had very enriching interaction with the Jesuit Mission staff. There we were placed in different parishes and schools to do some ministries until we found our way out.

Looking at the global effects of Covid 19, it's a real challenge to get the flights out of the country. Some of the tertians have been going through real tension of booking, cancellation and rebooking processes. That time I was in the North Sydney Jesuit community. I had good time with **Fr. Phil Crotty**. In the first week of August I set out for the Northern Territory to be with aboriginal community. **Rajendra**

CAMBODIA The situation of Covid-19 in Cambodia is under control and gradually people are starting their normal way of life. On 5th of June my community members and staff bid me Farwell. I experienced they loved me so much, tears rolled down. I fell in love with Cambodians. It was a tough time for me to leave my working place and my beloved once. **Fr. Indon, SJ** the delegate of Korea Provincial accompanied me to Come to the mother house Prieb So, (White dove) Cambodia and prepare myself for next stage of formation. The current situation has kept us speechless, helpless and handicapped.

Since I could not make my trip to India, so I have applied for Italian Visa from Cambodia and right now, I am waiting for my Italian Visa to go for my Theology. My superior **Fr. Ingun, SJ** has arranged an Italian class for me. **Fr. Tony** (PIME congregation) an Italian missionary priest in Cambodia, teaches me Italian in the morning and in the afternoon I have the online Italian Class from 01:30 pm to 06:00 pm which has been arranged by **Fr. Orlando, SJ** my rector of Gesu, Rome. We 20 scholastics newcomers, one Philipino Jesuit Priest, one Ranchi Province Jesuit Priest and two Ursuline sisters from Ranchi are participating in it. We are divided into 4 groups for the online Italian class. On 30th of July I finished level one Italian class and on 3rd of August we will begin second level online Italian Class. I am comfortable and

confident with Italian, there is joy and fun in learning Italian, it is very logical.

On 14th of June Ana María Alvargonzález de Figaredo (96) the Mother of Beloved **Bishop Enrique (Kike)** passed away in Spain, he could not go for her funeral mass; eventually on 31st of July he flew to Spain to visit his home. On 28th of July St. Ignatius' feast was celebrated in the community in a moderate way. On that very day we celebrated the diamond jubilee of **Br. Noel Oliver, SJ**, (Pune Province Jesuit who is working in Cambodia for more than 10 years) as he completed 60 years in the Society of Jesus.

Fr. Ashley Evans, SJ (Irish Jesuit), who is one of the pioneers of Jesuit Service in Cambodia and who has worked in Cambodia for 30 years decided to go back to his mother province Ireland. His "fire of love especially love for education, has enkindled the other fire" in particular in Cambodia. Definitely Cambodia will count many blessings of **Fr. Ashley, Evans, SJ**. He was my spiritual guide for last two years. On 3rd of August we bid him farewell and that very day he flew back to Ireland. A million thanks for your prayerful support, let us continue to pray for each other. *Sch. Deepak Lakra, SJ*

FRANCE, PARIS

Amidst the covid-19 and lifting up of the strict lockdown, people here seem to have learned to live differently. The situation in France is much better compared to other parts of the world but we cannot presume that the fight is over. People have responded well to the given endangering situation and have adapted to the new life-style with much precautions and carefulness. We had our annual assessments through online portals and video-conferencing in mid-June. The simple send-off program was organized in

the community which brought about variety of delicious food prepared by the community members from different continents. Thereafter, we all dispersed for our long summer vacation to different parts of France. Sadly, many out-going scholastics had to stay back in Paris and find possible flights way back home.

On 24th of June **George** went to the family of a Jesuit scholastic for a week in Bordeaux situated in the southern-west of France in the coast of Atlantic. The family was very welcoming. He appreciated the precious time of exchange of ideas and the culture. Another part of his holidays, he spent in the beautiful region of Alsace in the north-east of France. He then moved to Calais in the north of France to work with different NGOs who help the migrants or to say asylum seekers. During his stay there, he had a chance to work with two associations namely SALAM and 'Secure Catholique' and spend few nights in the JUNGLE. JUNGLE is a word used for a place where the migrants stay in a movable tent with the little things they have. On 18th July, he went to Dijon to attend a marriage function where he will stay for a week.

Amit spent 10 days of his vacation with a French family in the region of Alsace, which is situated in the border of France and Germany. He then engaged himself in the three weeks of apostolate with "Taizé Community Brothers". Taizé Community is an ecumenical religious institute where people from different Christian faith backgrounds pray and live together in harmony. This institute attracts thousands of people from across the globe to live Christian community life. After his apostolate, he spent few days with the Jesuits of Paray le Monial who are engaged in the promotion of the devotion to the

Sacred Heart. He celebrated the feast of St. Ignatius with three scholastics from Rome who were visiting Paris. They had a visit and a special prayer in the chapel where our first companions pronounced their first vows. On 3rd August onwards, **Amit** is at the service in the shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes. *Schols. Amit & George*

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA:

We continue to grapple with the challenges brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic. As we continue to be under shelter-in-place order, our movement remains restrained and contact minimum with people outside the Jesuit community. But even in the house, community ambience is far from being normal as we continue with facemasks, sanitizers and social distancing protocols. Simply put, we are living in different times! The scariest thing for the international students like me was the immigration regulation order that was threatening F1 status in the wake of the University deciding to have all the classes online. Fortunately, the order has been withdrawn and I remain good with my F1 status.

All the classes for the fall semester will be online and so, there won't be any student in the University campus. As a result, I am also back to the Jesuit house from the student dorm where I was serving as a resident minister. Even so, I will continue meeting them and organizing mass and prayer service online minus tea-nights and dinners we enjoyed every month. As for my class, I am expecting the fall to be very hectic. Hope things will be fine!

NAIROBI; Fr. R.C. Chacko

Greetings from Nairobi, Kenya. We had a celebration for **Bro. Vincent Soreng S.J.**, on his completion of sixty-five years in

the Society. **Vincent** is the sole remnant here from the original group of Ranchi Jesuit missionaries who came to Sudan in 1971-72. He is 85 now and still active, especially in planting trees. He has worked in many countries of the East African Province such as Sudan, Tanzania and Kenya. **Vincent** was one among the illustrious group of Jesuit Brothers in Sitagarha when we were there as Novices back in 1967-69. The other former member of Ranchi Province and our contemporary, who is still here, is **Fr. Joseph Rodrigues**, who works in Uganda.

We had three ordinations here recently, all done under the lockdown conditions with only 20 participants. The family members were conspicuously absent at the function. Live streaming made it possible for online participation. We also had the funeral of a senior Jesuit, **Fr. Sidney D'Souza S.J.**, originally from Mumbai. Sidney worked in this province since 1983. It is interesting to note that he was in Hazaribag, Sitagarha for his tertianship!

We are slowly getting adjusted to the "new normal" life that the pandemic has imposed on us. The number of infections keeps rising in Africa too as in India. While lack of Covid-19 data raises fears of a silent epidemic ravaging Kenya, the lockdown has been eased in certain areas because of the economic crisis. The country is making frantic preparations to cope medically and economically with a possible disastrous situation predicted by experts. However, the saving factor is that Africans have robust physical strength and immunity, having lived through the challenges of HIV, Ebola in the past.

International flights are still not in operation between Kenya and India and hence my travel date back to Hazaribag remains elusive. The tertians too are with us

having their extended stay due to the lockdown. So, we can only wait in patience hoping that things would develop for the better.

Great things happened to St. Ignatius when he was in a sort of lockdown during his convalescence after getting wounded at Pamplona. "He could not easily stand on his leg and had perforce to stay in bed" (Autobiography 5) for five months. Let us pray that we too be blessed in special ways during this lockdown period. Happy Feast of St. Ignatius to one and all!

SPAIN, SALAMANCA

The Pandemic is repeating for the second time, but so far we are safe and sound. The community had few cases of Covid-19 but

they were handled carefully. However, two companions rested in the Lord **Fr Agustín Toranzo García SJ**, with Cancer and **Fr Manuel Sotomayor Muro SJ**. of old age. Major activities of the community are going on with the care and guidelines of the government. Since we go out regularly for classes we have everything separately to protect the community. We have new Italian and French companions. All of us go to a new academy because the previous one is shut down for this year. Now according to the appointment, we have **Fr. Francisco Cuartero Valverde SJ** as a new delegate for formation. However, **Fr Pablo Alonso SJ** paid a last visit to us after the lockdown was over. *Sch. Prawin Vikas Xalxo, SJ*

KINDLY REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

- **Fr. Paul F. Jackson SJ** Passed away on 05 July, 2020 in, Patna. (83/64)
- **Fr. Francis Lopez's** older sister Mrs. Catherine passed away on 07 July, 2020. 84
- Mrs. Sebastiani Lakra the elder sister of **Fr. Sebren Lakra** died on 23 July 2020. (65)
- **Fr. George Gispert-Sauch SJ, (BOM)** passed away on 29 July, 2020, at Andheri, Mumbai. 90/73
- **Fr. Isidore Pinto, S.J. (PAT)**, passed away on 08 August, 2020, in Patna. 78/57
- **Mr. Emil Minj**, the cousin brother of **Fr. Sunil V. Minj** passed away on 08 August, 2020 in Daltonganj. 58
- **Fr. Elias Arockiasamy, SJ (AND,)** at on 12th August, 2020 in St. Ann's Hospital, Visakhapatnam. 80/58

- **Fr. Gaudentius Kongari SJ, (HAZ)**, passed away on 12 August, 2020, at St. Anne's Hospital, Ranchi. (86/66)
- **Fr. Arun Minj's** mother Mrs. Fulkeria Barwa (82) passed away on 14 August 2020

❖ DEATH ANNIVERSARY

AUGUST

- 01/Andrew Thottunkal
- 05/2019 Barry John
- 02/1992 Bp. George Saupin
- 17/1971 John Rush
- 17/1992 Steven Daly
- 24/1990 John Wijnant
- 29/2019 Gavin O'Sullivan

SEPTEMBER

- 15/1998 Rev. Maurice Sanga
- 20/2009 Michael Windey
- 24/1991 James Dynan