



Men of Compassion, Consolation & Discernment

August 2020

A man with dark hair and glasses, wearing a white short-sleeved button-down shirt, is seated at a light-colored table. He is focused on signing a white document with a blue pen. His left hand rests on the document. In the background, a large framed picture of a landscape with a body of water and trees is visible on the wall.

From a small band of missionaries from Maryland Province in the USA, the number of Jesuits in Jamshedpur has risen to 214 in 2020 representing the diversity of India. From one small school started in a school bus, we have now 31 schools (26 are High Schools and 9 plus two schools), 16 hostels, 4 institutions of higher education, 3 social centres, 13 parishes run and managed by 17 canonically erected Jesuit communities.

As the country locked down and unlocked, we witnessed the plight of millions of migrants. Though a complex scenario we do not have the luxury to keep quiet. How did Ignatius or Jesuits after him would have responded to this type of crisis? Serving at the hospices was a regular norm for Ignatius and his companions no matter what positions they held. During the plague epidemic Jesuits died as a result of caring for the victims of plague. Aloysius Gonzaga is one example. Despite Covid-19 Scenario of uncertainty and depletion of resources we cannot shirk our responsibility to care for the people around us, particularly those afflicted by the pandemic. The migrants need a special mention for their dual vulnerability of disease and loss of jobs. We need

August 10-12	Visitation Jesu Bhavan
August 17-19	Visitation Amda / Basahatu
August 22	Consult

Fr. Donald D'Silva, XLRI, TJR.
Fr. Ranjit Bilung, Pajikeri, Teacher, Asst Minister
Fr George Fernandes, Acting Superior, XLRI
Fr Nelson Castelino, CSWC, Amda

discernment, collaboration networking to guide this very process – the three perspectives of our way of proceeding spelt out by GC36.

The most appealing characteristic of the personality of St. Ignatius was his determination - the tenacity of a man with a limp who walked thousands of miles across Europe. We too may limp, but we should have tenacity based in being friends of the Lord and friends in the Lord. Ignatius was a visionary – he

offered a vision based on strong faith in God, a God who he believed was involved in the concrete history of the world (Sp Ex 236) and at the same time took into consideration the role of personal effort. 'Work as though everything depends on God' was the dictum that best expressed this vision. We believe that God is actively involved in this world that is battered by the pandemic. He is labouring and is inviting each of us to collaborate with him to toil and to share the same glory (Sp Ex 93).

The mission ahead is challenging, but I am convinced that if we have the audacity of the impossible (Fr Arturo Sosa), God can make

miracles through you and me because nothing is impossible for God. We are invited by the GC 36 to row into the deep – I am confident that as Jamshedpur Jesuits we can say, with the grace of God, we are rowing into the Deep, together. May the Lord guide us and protect us all in our journey.

Jerry Cutinha SJ

A Triplet on 31 July: Feast of Founder, Reading-in of New Provincial and Final Profession

Arrupe Hall at Loyola School was all decked up for an unusual event – a triplet of Feast day, Reading-in of new Provincial and a Final vow. Though the attendance was thin owing the restrictions, the spirit was high. **Pius Fernandes** set the ball going with his inimitable style, giving an introduction to the entire program. He began with the note “voice is mine, but the words are of Socius who had to self-quarantine to his own room owing to the

putting us into the right frame of mind!

George Fernandes, the outgoing Provincial, began the mass by thanking God and all who kept him going with great energy. He recalled with gratitude the opportunity to lead the Province and strengthen the mission, especially the educational sector. And he did remember to mention some of his dreams that are left unfulfilled as he passes the baton to his successor. The Apostolic Planning is a major challenge that the new Provincial has to work on and George expressed confidence that Jerry has the experience and energy to take it

Jerry and symbolically handing over the key of Provincial's office, the ceremony was complete. Then **Jerome Cutinha** gave the homily. Jerry, the new captain, reflected on the readings of the mass and the significance of Ignatius to the current world. During the homily Jerry recalled with gratitude all his predecessors and reminded all about the multicultural dimension of Jamshedpur Province. Secondly, he referred to the election of



Ignatius as the Superior General and his reluctance to accept the office. When Jerry pointed out “the man with a limp who crisscrossed Europe was a man in search of God's will and his tenacity was commendable” he wasn't alluding to himself in anyway, for Jerry neither has a limp nor is planning to crisscross the Province on foot. But, searching for God's will, certainly. The third aspect of the homily was the significance of vows today, with the focus on **Nelson D'Silva** who was to pronounce his final commitment to the Society. Jerry invited Nelson and every other Jesuit to a depth dimension.

situation.” And then Pius read out a detailed description on the tenure of George Fernandes. The occasional humour and some *shairis* kept the 30-plus participants in the hall engaged and the “onliners” glued to their screen. Thank you Pius for

forward.

The most important moment of the ceremony was the Reading-in of the new man: after Nelson read the gospel, the decree of appointment was read out by **Joseph Kalathoor**, the Rector of Loyola School. With George Fernandes handing the decree to

The third part of the liturgy was the solemn profession of vows by Nelson D'Silva: kneeling in front of the new Provincial who was holding the Body and Blood of Christ, Nelson pronounced his

vows and then received communion. Later he expressed his gratitude to all his formators and his family for the guidance and walking with him. Nelson recalled with joy those who posed him the question “are you happy?” that kept him in the right track.

The Solemn Eucharistic celebration ended with Jerry thanking all for their presence and prayers. Jerry thanked **Arch Bishop Felix Toppo SJ** who took

trouble to be present for the ceremony. The presence of **Bp. Telesphore Bilung SVD**, the Apostolic Administrator of Jamshedpur, along with Fr Jilson and Fr David Vincent, added joy. Thank you Bishops and Fathers for your affection and support.

Soon after the mass the new Provincial Jerry and all were greeted by Arch Bp. Felix Toppo, and he thanked George Fernandes for working closely with the Diocese and honoured him with a shawl. Jerry the new man was “welcomed to the Diocese” by Bp Telesphore Bilung, while Nelson, the newly professed, was felicitated by

Paul Fernandes. And all those who were present, shared the joy and the delicious cake. A big thank you to the Loyola School community for playing host to this event – **Gerald Ravi** the minister, **Dayanidhi** for leading the choir. Thanks to the **sisters from Carmel Junior College and Bal Vihar** who sweated out to deck up the altar for the occasion.

Somy Manner

CHAIBASA AREA

Basahatu

School News: The school continues to remain sealed as it was made quarantine center. A group sent by the local administration, once sanitized the entire school building and would do it again once or twice. The new admission and the process of giving first instalment have almost stopped. The teachers have been asked to stop coming to the school till 31 of July, but online classes continue with uncertainty about what next...! The school has received a letter from the govt. asking the parents to give their opinions or suggestions whether the school should be opened for the children when Covid-19 pandemic is at its peak. **Fr. James** is soon going to call a few parents to discuss the matter to get their opinions and feedback on this matter and also sending message to the guardians

through WhatsApp get their valuable suggestions to the govt.

Parish News: We have started offering family masses in the villages. Now offering masses in villages for 'Hero' feast which is celebrated after sowing the seeds that grown into plants. In this feast the bullocks and buffalos that helped in tilling are given food and oil massage.

Community: Our new regent **Sch. James Deep Xalxo** attended a 2 weeks long Ho and Driving Course in TRTC organized by the PCF. **Nelson Castelino** went to XLRI to offer community mass there. He also led two catechists of Basahatu Parish to attend a two days workshop on Migrant Laborers. **Fr. Nelson** and **Fr. Joseph** attended a meeting with the Social Action Team of TRTC under the guidance of Fr. Solomon of Dumka Province. **Fr. Nelson** along with the other two new priests gave a recollection to the Scholastics in TRTC. **Fr. Joseph Surin** attended Inter-ministerial Collaboration Meeting in TRTC with the Social Action Team of Jesuits and other Jesuit Parish Priests. The following morning he offered Ho Mass for the Ho learning

Joseph Surin

Scholastics. **Joe** with **Fr. James Samad** attended a meeting called by **Bishop Telesphore Bilung**, in Chaibasa Parish on “Pre & Post COVID-19.” It helped collectively searching the new ways of reaching out to faithful with the Word of God when the Churches are locked down and people are without holy mass. **Joe** also attended a couple of meetings in Divya Bharati to plan out the inaugural celebration of **Fr. John Deeney's** Birth Centenary Celebration on July 22, 2020 in Divya Bharati. And on that day he gave a brief sketch of Fr. John Deeney to the selected guests. **Frs. Augustine Surin** and **Amit Roshan Lakra** from Tangrain visited us on July 10 and on the same day the Provincial designate, **Fr. Jerome Cutinha** with **Fr. K.M. Joseph**, gave us a surprise visit.

Lupungutu



We successfully completed the admission for inter-college amidst the lockdown. All three streams, arts, commerce and science, are completely filled up and online classes will begin for them from August 1st. The online classes for high school students and for 12thers are already going on and the participation has been very complacent. The assembly ground is fully dressed up with laying off new inter-locks, the much-needed facility has come

Ranjit Roshan Minj

to realization. The birth centenary inaugural programme of **Fr. John Deeney** was held on 22 July starting with Holy Holy Eucharist at 8.00 a.m. in St. Xavier's Church, Chaibasa. Bishop Telesphore Bilung, S.V.D. was the main celebrant. Only a handful of religious and lay people could gather for the Holy Eucharist and then for an hour long inaugural programme at Divya Bharati. Ms. Kasturi Boipai, former Principal of Tata College, Chaibasa, was the

Chief Guest. The cultural programme began with garlanding the photo of Fr. John Deeney by the chief guest. Bishop Telephore Bilung S.V.D., the Guest of Honour, highlighted the contribution of Fr. John Deeney in evangelization. **Fr. Jerome Cutinha**, the Provincial-elect of Jamshedpur Province shared his

experience of Fr. John Deeney. **Fr. Joseph Surin** narrated the life of Fr. John Deeney; his contribution in Ho literature and culture. **Fr. Stanley Furtado** briefed the gathering about the year round programmes which will be held in this centenary year. Mr. Sushil Purty a student of John Deeney shared some characteristics of John Deeney. He highlighted his special interest on poor students, love for school Band, visit to the students' families etc. The short programme

ended with the hope that the spirit of Fr. John Deeney will be kept alive through various programmes about Ho culture and literature during this centenary year. During this pandemic, only six pre-novices have taken courage to reach Inigo Niwas so far. Our hopes are alive and a few more will join us soon.

Pandabir

During this difficult period our community continues to function in doing the mission work. The Parish Church is locked but we are able to bless marriages, houses and perform baptism in the villages, of course with limited number of attendees. Fr. Benedict called the leaders of the Parish Council, Mahila Sangh and the Youth to have a plan to help in the spiritual need of the faithful during this time of lockdown. A decision have been taken to revive and strengthen the 'Basic Christian Community' at the village level. In collaboration with Fr. Walter Kongari, the parish has decided to have four 'SANKALP' centers for home-based children's education in the remotest area of the village. In two of these places, *Roro Barobasa* and *Anjetbeda*, the villagers seem to be happy to build a "Village Community Hall." The future of the children in these villages looks bright. Fr. Suchil

Balmuchu, besides School and on-line classes, keeps himself busy with 'Self Help Group' and visits their families. Neelam Kerketta and Benedict Soreng attended two days of Socio-pastoral meeting at TRTC. It was well conducted by 'Lok Manch' of TRTC in collaboration with 'BAGAICHA', Ranchi. The parish catechists went through a training program to conduct a survey on migrant workers of Pandabir parish area. **Bishop Telephore Bilung** made his maiden visit to our Jesuit Community and interacted with the School teachers as well. Neelam Kerketta and Benedict Soreng joined the bishop in a meeting at Chaibasa Parish on 'Socio-pastoral response to Covid-19.' In his address, he stressed, "if we religious don't stand with the people in need now, they too will not stand with us later." He raised challenging questions to make us understand to be affective and effective ministers during this time.

On July 5, the newly ordained Jesuit priests namely Nelson Castelino, Basil Sanga and Neelam Kerketta came to Pandabir to celebrate their first Mass. The Sixteen Scholastics joined them thanking God for the gift of priesthood. After lunch, the Scholastics enjoyed a well-

Neelam Kerketta

deserved outing in the parish campus and a week later, Fr. Amit Lakra joined the community for the Sunday Mass. From July 17 to 18, Neelam Kerketta guided the Scholastics for a day of recollection at TRTC once again on the theme 'Socio-Spiritual response to Covid-19 as a Jesuit Scholastic.' Nelson Castelino and Basil Sanga helped in the session on spiritual conversation. Sch. Anjum Lomga has joined the community and making use of time to acquire some basic skills, in music, computer, driving and also learning Ho language. The community was happy to welcome Fr. Jerry Cutinha and Somy Mathew. Meanwhile the community also had the pleasure to welcome Frs. Augustine Surin, Amit Lakra, Brother Amalraj and M. Savarimuthu from XITE who came to visit us.

DHANBAD AREA

Bhuli

The month of July brought greater joy to DNJ on getting the Board examination results. All our unit schools excelled in the final examinations of ICSE and ISC. Schools under Jharkhand Board too had performed extremely well. To celebrate this joy and happiness, Frs. George Fernandez, Jerry Cutinha and Pius Fernandez came to Bhuli on 15 of July. Fr. Jerry spend some quality time with each individual member of the community and encouraged each to

go ahead with our mission with enthusiasm. On July 4, Michael left for Jamshedpur to hand over the responsibilities to Gerald D'Souza and Ms. Jayanthi Seshadri. K M Joseph and Somy Mathew brought Michael back to Bhuli on July 7. At the beginning of the month, Pancras and JP D'Souza had gone to Jharkhand Secretariat and also to Jharkhand Academic Council for works related to recognition. Pancras is making frequent visits to Koradih and Gomoh to get a 100 KV new additional transformer fixed in De Nobili School Koradih. Sebastian is busy supervising the online classes and conducting online examinations. After the heavy rain in

A. Pancras

Bhuli, a part of the compound wall fell and was rebuilt by Gregory along with his maintenance staff. The community participated at the Carmel Day celebrations on July 16 in Dhanbad. The visits of Carmel Sisters from Sonari and their candidates brought great Joy to the community. After a prolonged gap, the Community resumed its regular Community prayers from July 22 with the Novena to St. Ignatius.

Digwadih

On July 10, the ICSE and ISC Board results were declared. Amal and his team was congratulated for the good ISC and ICSE results 2020, especially for a 100% in ICSE and ISC Science stream. Mudrit Raj with 99.2% secured the Second rank in the State and First in the District. Hats off to all teaching and non-teaching staff. The school continues conducting online classes using various platforms in order to reach out every individual student. We were blessed by the visit of K M Joseph and Somy Mathew on July 8 on their way back to Jamshedpur after reaching Michael Fernandes to Bhuli. Jerry Cutinha, George Fernandez and Pius Fernandez joined us for lunch

on July 15, and after spending some quality time they continued their journey to Tundi on the same day.

Since Covid-19 has forced on us a change in the way we work, live, communicate and pray, our preparation for the Founder's Day celebration this year also has taken a different shape. Accordingly, the school has planned a virtual Founder's Day celebration offering every individual student an opportunity to participate. There will be no other formal-traditional celebration in the school and community to show solidarity with the Covid-19 patients, complying with the ordinances given by the Govt administration. The community has emerged into other spiritual practices including novena to St. Ignatius.

While on home visit Francis was having treatment for his frozen shoulder. The community wished him speedy recovery and all

Niranjan Minj

cure. For some weeks now, Emile has been conducting online classes for some poor and marginalized groups of girls and boys with the courtesy of Jiren Xavier Topno, CSR, TATA STEEL. He is over excited to narrate that each unit is called, Masti ki Pathshala. It's a saga of fun, laughter and storytelling, getting the kids to express themselves. The kids are learning while enjoying themselves immensely. They are of various ages, located in different parts of Jamshedpur and Joda Mines. He was asked to take a session for the orphan boys in Shillong and that was an icing on the cake!

JAMSHEDPUR AREA

Chaira

The school reopened in June but only the teachers came and did their work in two batches distributing the results of annual exams up to class V. Some new admissions were taken on this day. All the teachers wrote Covid-19 championship exam online and came out in flying colors. The matric results turned out to be very good. Out of 80 candidates who

appeared, 78 passed in the First division with 28 distinctions, one in 2nd division and one failed. The damaged CCTV of the girl's hostel was replaced with a new one. After cutting down the trees on the left side of the residence, fruit trees of different kinds are being planted by **Niral, Tom and Binod**. Two online meetings of religious lawyers of Bihar and Jharkhand were conducted which Tom missed due to poor network. Another training program for the mediators of Distinct Legal service authority

Tom Nelli

was a second disappointment due to the same reason. The new Jesuit residence in Rerua is getting ready while a face lift is being given to the old dispensary. Fr. Jerome had come to Rerua with a group of A. C. Nun's carrying 1000 masks prepared by them to be distributed among the villagers.

Jesu Bhavan

Our six second year novices, who were stranded at different MC Brothers' houses because of lockdown took their first vows in Dhyana Ashram, Kolkotta on June 21st. Understanding the pain of the Novice Master, Fr Jerome Sequeira, the Socius, arranged a trip to Kolkata and both travelled to Dhyana Ashram to be with our novices. Jesu Bhavan has come alive once again on arrival of six probationers on July 11th. During the period of lockdown this was one of the brightest days in the novitiate community.

Among six, **Rohit Nag, Rahul Honhaga, and Sanjit Jojo** for Jamshedpur Province and **Akhilesh Palhe, Donald Toppo and Kamal Kerketta** for Madhya Pradesh Province. It was like a pilgrimage for them to reach their most

Ajit Soreng

awaited destination, novitiate. Welcome brothers!



During their probation period, Master and **Fr Ajit Soreng**, the Socius **Fr James Kalapura**, the Novice journeyed with them in their vocation stories. After the cassock day on July 25, they went through a three-day retreat directed by **Fr Ajit Soreng**, the socius. It was heart-warming to see how two guardian angels **Anmol Soreng** and **Roshan Kerketta**, orienting them novitiate life. **Fr George Fenandes SJ**. Celebrated cassock day mass and distributed Bible to each of the first-year novices. Prior to celebration of the feast of our Founder Father, the novitiate was gripped with spiritual environment. It was heartwarming to see how the first-year novices inculcated the environment of the novitiate. **Fr. Ajit Soreng** was the main celebrant on the 31st.



Loyola Telco

Community: After a three-month break, on **July 3**, we had a community meeting with all the members present to take some important decisions. The first decision taken with reasonable consideration was not to buy a new vehicle for the community use, as it was decided at the time of fixing the budget for the current financial year, because of the financial situation in the world as well as in Jharkhand state. The second was **not to invest money** for renovating the present kitchen in spite of all the inconveniences. The third was to **resume community life** with weekly community Eucharist and daily evening prayers beginning from **the first week of July**. The decision with regard to the construction was to continue with the present work to complete the building...and not to touch the **boundary wall** at the moment because the cost is too high. On July

19, to mark **Jerry's** Birthday, we had the Eucharist in the evening with all five members and then followed a simple and a quality dinner arranged by Sushil. Jerry enjoyed cutting a simple and well-made cake by a friend while all sang with real life to bless him. From July 22 to 30, a well-adapted **Novena to St. Ignatius** was conducted every evening in which each member contributed and participated earnestly to make it a fruitful teamwork.

School: At the school, **Sushil** decided to **pay 70%** of the salary for the month of June due to slow and meagre amount of fees coming from the parents. The treasurer, **Anselem**, was told to pay as per the decision of the community. Before making the payment, Sushil, called the teachers, the non-teaching and the support staff, spoke to them giving the reason for the decision. The **UDISE form – Uniform District Information System for Education** – for the school that was forwarded to Ranchi from the DEO's office is still lingering due to the difficult situation...**Reported by Gautama.**

College: On July 1, the academic year opened with the teachers attending college to work on some documentation to prepare for the coming

Tony P & Gautam

NAAC visit. On July 6-7, a Faculty Development Programme was organized. On day one, **Joshy** from XUB and his team pitched in training the teachers on Google apps and on day two 'Understanding the learners' mind and contemporary pedagogy by Dr Geeta Shetty was done. The following day, we had a group dynamics on the inputs received. As a follow-up, a series of hands on experience on Google app were chalked out for the teaching as well as non-teaching staff with the help of Mr. Sujit Bisui. On receiving a notification from KU, LCE was shut down again. To continue with the academic year, a series of virtual talks were undertaken and scheduled – **Sunny Jacob** and **John Ravi** presented: Pandemic Pedagogy on 10 July. Besides the faculty members some external speakers – Dr. Anthony Joseph and Dr. Geeta Shetty – gave 'reflexive

pedagogy' and 'Becoming Digital Teacher' respectively. On July 2, **Tony** gave the keynote address on "Looking back to Distance Education" for an international webinar hosted by Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirapalli. He is on a mission along with the secretary of the federation of private B.Ed. colleges with the idea of filing a PIL against the ordinance on vacant seats after the Govt-selected candidates are admitted to address

our immediate problem. Finally, with struggle and running about, LCE has received the good news that the post of the Principal and the newly selected faculty are duly approved by KU and can be forwarded to NCTE. However, the vacancy caused by a recruited faculty not joining, has to be filled in. On July 21, online classes for batch 2019-21 begun as per the directive of KU. All classes are Google calendared and live streamed. Ankita Chowdary, a 2nd Year, bagged the first prize in Sawan Milan competition online hosted by DBMS College of Education. Lockdown has given ample time to

Tony and the faculty to attend a number of webinars. July has come to an end with a beautiful 3 days on-line triudum on St. Ignatius of Loyola spearheaded by our staff for and with the students. On July 30, a Spiritual Discourse was organized. **Fr. Jossie D'Mello SJ** (KAR), trained in Ignatian Spirituality, gave a pictorial depiction of the title: "Relevance of Ignatian Insights to our Context".

Loyola School, JSR

On 5 July, the city Jesuits gathered at Loyola for the farewell to **Michael Fernandez** and welcome to **Gerald Ravi D'Souza**. Michael said goodbye after serving two and half years as Vice Principal, Treasurer, Administrator and Minister. Due to restrictions, the School Staff and the Alumni too wished him farewell placidly. We wish **Michael** a big success in his new ministry. Next day, **Gerald** flung into action undertaking modification work of his living room to his liking. After conducting the online exams successfully, the

teachers are continuing their online classes, of course with some glitches. Kudos to our teachers who are now venturing into online activities for students. As the parents have realized the TINA factor, their feedbacks are quite positive and they are cooperative. Since the majority of parents cannot pay the fees, the School can barely manage paying the salaries of Staff. A lean period could be foreseen. Last week Dr. Madhureema, an ex-Loyolean and practicing Psychiatrist in Mumbai conducted an online interactive session for our senior students on dealing with depression during Covid-19. Each class geared to celebrate the feast of St. Ignatius with the class teacher. The triple celebrations of the installation of **Fr. Jerome Cutinha** as the 13th

Dayanidhi

Provincial of Jamshedpur, the Final Vows of **Fr. Nelson D'Silva** and the feast of St. Ignatius was held in Arrupe Hall on 31 July. Our Gratitude to Fr. George Fernandes for six years of selfless and effective leadership, and prayerful wishes to Fr. Jerry Cutinha as he shoulders the responsibility as the new provincial. Congratulation to Fr. Nelson D'Silva who enters a new era of service as a finally professed Jesuit.

XITE

Community: On 13 July, the community celebrated the 58th birthday of **Francis** with Holy Mass and a dinner. **Bhincant Bhengra**, **Ignatius Dungdung**, and **Sushil Balmuchu** were cordially welcomed as our honored guests.

School: ICSE Board result was declared on 10 July. Out of 81 students who appeared for the Board exam, 18 got 90% and above and all passed with very good marks. The topper of the school is Isha Agarwal with 96.2% followed by Aditya Prem with 95.8%. Congratulations to all our teachers and students. Admissions for the Plus one is going on. So far 40 students have taken admission in Science, 39 in Commerce and 12

Arts streams. More admissions are expected. Online classes are going on for Std XI students. Online first unit test was conducted from July 13 -28th for all classes. Hindi essay competition was held for senior students on 25 July and for junior students on 29 July. Drawing competition for students of Std. I – VIII was conducted on 30 July. To celebrate the feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola the teachers together with students have produced a video on Xavier school and its activities which was uploaded on YouTube. Online staff meetings are conducted regularly to monitor the online classes. Since the school had applied for RTE registration, it was inspected by Block Education Officer and his team to verify the documents. The new entrance to the XITE campus will be ready by the first week of August.

College: On 5 July, the Department of Commence organized a National Webinar on

Hilary Lobo

RTI ACT: The Armour of Democracy. The speaker was Mr. Deepak Kumar Nirala, Advocate and Pleader Commissioner, Jharkhand High Court. On July 22, Project External Viva-Voce was held online in the college for the 5th semester BBA students. The college organized an online inter-group project competition for 6th semester BBA class on Entrepreneurship. The best three were awarded prizes and were uploaded on our website and YouTube. The online admission-interviews for the new academic year are going. The Vice-Chancellor of KU, Dr. Ganghadar Panda paid a courtesy visit to the college on 25 July and met the

ODISHA AREA

Loyola Bhavan

Br. Tony Stevens more Politically conscious in his discussion and is

eagerly looking forward to meet and greet Guests who are not coming due to the never

George Anthony

ending COVID-19 Pandemic's severe travel and movement

restrictions. On the 2 of July, in a simple Home gathering, Gerry and Tony John were given farewell and the new members, Fr. Bipin and Sch. Jubin were welcomed. Gerry left for Jamshedpur on the 3 morning. We thank him for all his dedicated service to Odisha Mission and pray for God's blessing on him as he takes his new assignment in Loyola School, Jamshedpur. Biranchi, after the three months of mentoring by

Gerry, is continuing to support the Holy Spirit Sisters by offering Sunday Mass for them and continues with preparation for his PG Exams, dates are still hanging in suspense. The fruit of his green labour in the garden is seen on our table in the form of fresh, organic vegetables. Joe Kalathil continues with his "ROOF FOR ROOFLESS" Mission in Puri and has brought out a colorful Photo Album of the Achievements in Puri Centre in view of St. Ignatius' Feast. George made a weeklong tour from 6-10 July of the VRO North Odisha Region visiting and meeting the Staff. Due to Government

restrictions, our Skill Training Programs and Village Tuition Centers are yet to take off. In view of the Feast of our Founder, our Community began the Spiritual Preparation from the 22nd of July and will culminate in a Home Celebration wherein we'll remember to pray for our new Provincial, Fr. Jerry Cutinha, as he takes up his new responsibility.

Loyola School, BBSR

Fr. Alex Mascarenhas, after having two doses of quarantine of 14 days each, one in Jamshedpur and another at XUB, joined the community on June 30 with a warm welcome. On 2 July, Fr. Victor after consulting the authorities, organized a very short farewell program for our treasurer having most of the teachers of the school being present. They thanked Fr.

Gerry for his services. Later during the day Fr. Gerry handed over the charge to Fr. Alex in the presence of Frs. Gilbert and George Anthony. This year the feast of St. Ignatius was restricted to the community with the Novena to St. Ignatius and a quiet celebration.

The long awaited ICSE and ISC results brought cheers to the students and the teachers. In the ICSE exams out of 193 students, 192 passed, and 87 of them secured 90% and above. The school topper scored 98.8%. In the ISC exams 98

Gilbert Menezes

students out of 100 passed and 19 of them secured 90% and above. The top scores were 95% in Arts, 89.7% in Commerce, 96.7% in Bio. Sci. and 95.7% in Pure Sci. Now we are in 2nd lockdown period of 14 days. The teachers are continuing online classes and the school classrooms continued to be used for ration distribution and sample collection.

Sankhabhanga

From April onwards we begun online classes for the senior students and slowly included classes from KG to 10. In the absence of hostel boys, the beds were converted into 2 tier from 3. Construction work is still in progress. Though Lock down has really slowed down the work, still the residence is taking shape and the hostel building is almost ready. At the end of May, we conducted Unit test -1 for all the classes. In the

month of June one of our cooks was bitten by a poisonous snake in the evening while returning from Mass. Immediately she was given first aid and taken to the hospital and was out of danger. Hence, cleaning of the whole campus was done and now we can see the wide and open field. Fr. Joe dropped Sch. David to Tunic and visited Dhanbad after a long time. Sisters Norbeta, Susi and Faustina have been transferred to Vijayawada. Towards the end of June two new sisters joined the convent. On 1 July, sch. Akhilesh and one of the sisters celebrated their birthdays. Fr. Joe went to CKP for the treatment

Alexander A

of his skin related problems. Fr. Alex had a severe toothache so he went to the extent of extracting two of his molars. The community was spiritually getting ready to celebrate Ignatius' feast and so began the novena from 22nd July. The Sisters celebrated their feast in a moderate way. This year Loyola school, Sankhabhanga, got 100% results. All the students and their parents are satisfied, many are coming for new admission.

Tumudibandha

Community: Fr. George Fernandes, and Fr. Jerry Cutinha along with Rajesh, the Contractor, made a quick visit to Pajikeri for assessing the progress of the work on the new school building. They were here for the night and the next day made their way to Kalijharan before day-break. Greg, as we know, is the master of many trades, hence, is preoccupied with getting the boundary of the campus repaired by changing from barbed

wire to brick wall with concrete foundation. The land owner dug his land so close to the poles that they are going to fall, and the Langurs are busy invading the vegetable garden. On 15 July, Blacius got some fingerlings from Phulbani and put them in the pond. Manohar and Cyprian were given farewell and the new regent Binay was welcomed on 17 July at Pajikeri. Anthres while thanking Manohar and Cyprian for their invaluable service to the school and the community, wished all three scholastics to fare well in their respective places of work. **Farm:** During this season of cultivation, despite the old

Blacius Ekka

tiller giving problems more often, Saninga ploughed the fields well. Transplantation in the fields, adjoining the Church was completed by the second week of July. Now work in the three remaining fields is going on. The share croppers also have fished the transplantation. "Paddy transplantation would be over by 28 of July", said Greg with optimism. **OCI:** In keeping with the Covid-19 restrictions, OCI could not meet

and conduct training for the Community Leaders during the month. Moreover, the mobile network and connectivity to the rural villages are really bad. The OCI and other Partner organizations are using the limited

option through Community Leaders for getting Job-Cards for laborers returned from other states. There was a plan to conduct a detailed survey on "Need Assessment of the Migrant Workers" from a selected sample group of Migrants' but we couldn't do that because of the fear of the rising pandemic in the rural areas. It is

postponed to a later date. The local citizens in some places are checking the movements of the people. Besides, the Saturday-Sundays shutdown till 31 July, all the Banks remained closed in Kandhamal from 23 to 29 July.

Xavier University

The hard work of the Fr **Tony Uvari**. Fr **Joshy** and some of our administrative staff has yielded the fruit of enjoying AICTE approval of the programs run by the School of Computer Science and Engineering. Invariably, this approval has enhanced more applications to this school. With new normal, a number of online and offline meetings were called to keep academic and administrative activities of university running smoothly. We had online birthday celebration of **Tony** at the university level along with the

birthday babies of this month.

Due to lockdown, we had the Board Meeting and the AGM **online**. All the attendees well appreciated the content and the process. Despite of continuous lockdown, the admin team - **Augustine, S. Tony and Arock** are managing the administration with minimum workforce in completing the day-today activities.

Benjamin has registered for his PhD program in the **School of Law**. **Joshy and Alwyn** are busy with preparing for the online classes along with their PhD work. **Abe** is able to move around the house after undergoing physiotherapy for the last 20 days. **Jesurajan**, who is under medication, alive and kicking. **Fr. George Fernandes and Fr. Jerry Cutinha** stayed with us for a day

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before moving to Pajikeri. **Sch. Jubin** frequented our house to work on the province website under **Joshy's** guidance. **George Anthony** stayed with us for a couple of days and attended the Board Meeting and the AGM. **Tony John** was with us to attend the online recollection before moving to Tertianship.

We had the celebration of the feast of St. Thomas in a simple and meaningful way in the first week of the month and ended the month with the celebration of the feast of our founder, St. Ignatius of Loyola.

Return to the Lord in June

03 July – Fr. Joseph L. Pragasam, S.J. (MDU, 83/64), Madurai

05 July – Fr. Paul Jackson, S.J. (PAT, 83/64), Digha Ghat, Patna

Anniversaries of the month

04 Robert Sequeira
04 Edward H McGrath
11 Robert J. Dullahan

18 Kenneth M Judge
28 John E Holland

Birthday Babies of the Month

7 Gerald Ravi D'Souza
Don Prem Lobo
8 Dayanidhi Bisoi
Romanus Kerketta
9 R Antonyraj
10 Gulshan Kujur
11 R Amalraj
11 Kuruvilla Verunkal

12 Bipin Kumar Kujur
Joshy Xavier Kunnel
13 Amrit Kujur
17 Bernard Surin
18 Emile M Coelho
22 Joseph Anthony
Joseph Puliparampil
23 Woolsie Rodrigues

24 Polidor Kujur
25 Romanus Tete
Niral Deogam
26 P.M Anthony
28 Ajit Soreng
29 Sunil Xess
31 Alex Gnanapragasam

Prayer to the Patron of Educators St. Ignatius Loyola – in the context of Covid-19...

Dear Father Ignatius... the Lord has called us to live our life **as you lived**. We know that like Jesus, you lived as an **insignificant person** by giving up **possession, luxury, privilege, position and power**. We also know that **with courage** you suffered **rejection, challenges and failures**. We can hardly bear the thought of it all.

But it is a **wonderful thing** that your **response to the Lord** is a **source of strength that motivates** us to take a stand and labor to **stay united**, bringing God's kingdom to a **new creation**, and not forgetting the four areas of **Universal Apostolic Preferences** at this **time of Covid-19**... we need **grace** to do it...

St. Ignatius pray for us...Amen...

COVID-19 Relief Activities in Rerua



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