

# RANCHI BULLETIN



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## Fr. Provincial's Program

August 2020

Province Consult - 17 & 18

### APPOINTMENTS BY FATHER GENERAL

1. Fr. Jerome Cutinha: Provincial of Jamshedpur
2. Fr. Soosai Mani, Provincial of Delhi.
3. Fr. Kizito Kiyimba, Provincial of Eastern Africa.
4. Fr. Joseph O'Keefe, Provincial Superior of the recently created Jesuit Province, United States East (UEA).
5. Frs. Danis Ponniah (MDU), Melvil Pereira (KHM) and Santosh Minj (HAZ) as Consultors to POSA and JCSA Convenors and Chairs of South, North and Central Zones, respectively.
6. Fr. Francis Gonsalves as President of Jnana Deepa Vidyapeeth, Pune, confirmed by the Congregation of Catholic Education.
7. Fr. Christie P. Maria Joseph (MDU) : Secretary for Higher Education.

### Appointments by Fr. Provincial - w.e.f. August 16, 2020

SL. No.	Persons	From (Assigned)	To (New Assignment)
01	Dn. Claber Minj	St. Xavier's College Simdega	Diaconate Ministry, Sogra Parish
02	Dn Samir Bhawnra	St. Xavier's College Ranchi	Diaconate Ministry, Patrachauli Parish
03	Sch. Ajay Paulus Minj	St. Mary's English Med. Samtoli	Catholic Press, Ranchi
04	Fr. Amrit Lakra	Director, Catholic Press	Rector, Manresa House (already appointed)
05	Fr. John Jyoti Kujur	Catholic Press	Director, Catholic Press
06	Fr. Anuj Kr. Minj	Study in Spain	Assistant P.P. Protrapur, Andaman
07	Fr. Amar Beck	Prabhat Tara Dhurwa	Maranghada Parish (Ad tempus)
08	Fr. John Turkey		Superior (Additional) Catholic Church, Noadih

## From the Provincial's Office: -

### 1. "Land and Registered Societies"

Ranchi Province will have an office for "Land and Registered Societies" in Manresa House, Ranchi, which will function with immediate effect. Fr. Provincial assigns the following Jesuits for the said office: -

1. Fr. Peter Mahendra Tigga (Land & Properties)
2. Fr. Ignatius Minj (Registered Societies)
3. Fr. Xavier Soreng

Our Jesuit brothers may contact the above-mentioned persons in need of some assistance and guidance regarding land and properties and the registered societies.

### 2. Pursuing studies in Private/Regular (B. Ed, T.T.C. M. Ed, Post-Graduation, Doctoral Studies etc.)

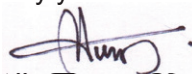
Provincial's Office will be open to the idea of our Jesuit brothers obtaining educational qualifications. However, a Prior permission must be granted by the Provincial. It would depend on the needs of the Province.

### 3. Motorbikes/Cars

A Prior permission by the office of the Provincial would be required to keep the motorbikes or cars received from the relatives and family members. Those of you who are already having motorbikes and cars of your friends and relatives, must write to the Provincial mentioning the source of the vehicles and the reasons for keeping them.



Sincerely yours in our Lord,

  
Fr. Ajit Kumar Noss, SJ  
(PROVINCIAL SUPERIOR)

## Ashirvad/Jharna, Namkum

The month of March started with the excitement for all the novices as a month-full village experiment awaited them. On 3rd March onwards Fr. Superior K. C. Philip, SJ guided a group of nuns (tertiaries) through their long retreat. The novices spent a quality time to give the final touch to their preparation, before setting out for their mission. On 5th March, early morning a group of eight novices left for Assam and the rest dispersed on 7th March to different Jesuit parishes in Jharkhand.

In the absence of novices, Fr. Sylvester Chermako, the Master, gave an eight-day retreat to DSA Sisters, Fr. Edwin guided a group of OSU Sisters and Fr. Deepak

went to preach a retreat in St. Paul's Community Dibyodya Lalkhatnga.

Unfortunately, on account of COVID-19, we the novices could not have a whole month of Lenten ministry. We began getting back to the novitiate just after ten days with a little but rich experiences. At this situation, the greater importance was our safety than our experiment. The Vijaygiri group came back on 19th, the Rumtukel group on 22nd and the Gumla and Bingoan group on 23rd March.

Soon Fr. Master gave us documents on CAA, NRC, and NPR together with UAP's (Universal Apostolic Preferences) to read at our leisure hours. We were completely forbidden to go out of the campus and to play games. In order to keep us busy Fr. Master taught us a few hymns. Later Fr. Socius continued since on 3rd April Fr. Master along with Fr. Deepak went to Doreya to run the "Shelter Home" over there for the migrant workers. The following morning, all the novices, Fr. Socius and Fr. Edwin also went to Doreya to give them a helping hand in cleaning and arranging the place. They came back to the community by evening.

We had solemn Palm Sunday celebration in the community. The Holy Eucharist was presided over by Fr. Henry and con-celebrated by Fr. Jyoti Paul, our socius and Fr. Edwin. The main theme of the homily was "To stay with the Lord at His Passion and console Him." With this, we entered into the Holy Week. On the Holy Thursday Fr. Edwin was the main celebrant and we had every liturgical ceremony except the washing of the feet. We ended the liturgy with an hour of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. On Good Friday we had special solemn stations of the cross on theme COVID-19 followed by liturgy of the day. Fr. Henry presided over the liturgy. We omitted the veneration of the cross due to COVID-19. The first half, on the Holy Saturday we decorated our chapel in an attractive way which the staff members appreciated very much. All the novices attended the Easter Vigil Mass and Easter Sunday's Mass in their dress. Fr. socius presided over the vigil mass accompanied by Fr. Henry. Here also we omitted a few liturgical parts. On Easter Sunday, we had Holy Mass late morning at 10:30 a.m. offered by Fr. Edwin and accompanied by Fr. Henry. Fr. James Barla, SJ, our Minister provided us with variety of items for our physical need at lunch and supper.

On 14th April five of the novices donated their blood in Manresa House to NACO, a blood donation camp arranged by Doranda Xavierian Alumini. On 15th April the ministry group of Rengarih (Ns. Ashwini Tigga

II, Ns. Pawan Kandulna I) and Jharain (Ns. Benojit Narzari II, Ns. Ajit Minj I) got back to the novitiate early in the morning. They were quarantined for two weeks. Meanwhile we resumed our usual routine. Fr. Master was back from Shelter Home Doreya, Fr. Socius donated his blood in Gurunank Hospital for one of the St. Anne nuns and quarantined novices joined the community on 22nd April 2020. On 25th April Fr. Henry showed us the video of UAP. The last day of the month was a villa day for the novices.

1st May, on the feast of St. Joseph, the patron saint of all the workers, we started the Marian month with solemn Rosary. On the same day, our football ground and volleyball court were ploughed in order to prevent the outsiders to make crowd for games and for an evening walk. On 3rd May we celebrated the birthday anniversary of NS Hemant Soreng and Fr. Edwin came back from Shelter Home Muri. On 5th May onwards we got into the normal schedule of the Novitiate. The 9th May was a special day for the second year novices as they had the canonical meeting with Fr. Provincial Joseph Maranus Kujur. They were both excited and happy to talk to him. On 11th May the fresh Juniors from Patna juniorate of Ranchi, Jamshedpur, and Dumka Province, joined Jharna community but were in quarantine. On 14th May we observed the universal day of Prayer, Fasting, and Charity called by His holiness Pope Francis. We concluded it with an hour of Adoration before supper. On 18th to 31st May, we had quinzine. On 28th May Fr. Master's birthday was celebrated in the community in a solemn way. On 30th May evening we had the thanksgiving Holy Eucharist presided over by Fr. Superior for Fr. Henry, Fr. Deepak and Fr. Edwin for their selfless service to the community. The month of May ended with the birthday of NS Amit Barla.

We entered into the month of June with the Cultural Evening and the birthday of NS Thomas Purty and NS Suman Shishir Oreya. On 2nd June two schs. Peter Horo and Sudhir Lakra joined Jharna community to learn French for their theological studies in Paris, France. On 3rd June three novices namely Amit Tete, Ashwin Baa' and Gulshan Tirkey discontinued. On 4th June evening the first year novices began their Annual Retreat and the second year novices their Vows Retreat in Jharna, which ended on 13th June morning. The very next day, on 14th June we said goodbye to Fr. Henry. Fr. Superior, Fr. Master, Fr. Socius and Br. Minister went to reach him to Doranda, his new mission station. From 15th June onwards we began a special English class by fresh juniors Schs. Pingal Bilung and Matthew Kawa. On 16th June second year novices submitted their hand written

vows formula. On 18th June we had birthday of NS Ashwin Kindo. On the same day onwards we accelerated our preparations for the first vows day and completed it by 20th June.

**21st June 2020, The First Vows Day:-** Due to the pandemic, the first vows ceremony was in the morning. The Holy Eucharist began sharp at 9:30 A.M. The newly appointed Provincial Fr. Ajit Kr. Xess, SJ, was the main celebrant and Fr. Superior, K. C. Philip, SJ, Fr. Master, Sylvester Chermako, SJ, Fr. Socius, Raymond Kerketta, SJ and the former provincial Fr. Joseph Marianus Kujur, SJ accompanied him to the altar. Around 70 Jesuits from different communities, two OSU nuns and a couple witnessed the first vows of NS. Barla Amit, NS. Kindo Ashwin, NS. Narzari Benojit, NS. Purty Thomas and NS. Xess Rasal Prabhat. Fr. Jyoti Paul, our socius was the anchor of the day. Fr. Provincial gave a powerful and meaningful homily challenging the participants to be spiritually locked up with God. One of the fresh vowed Jesuits extended the words of gratitude on their behalf. After the final blessing, we had a very short wishing programme by the first year novices and the fresh juniors. Then, all marched for lunch and by 2:00 P.M. the whole programme got over. The choir led the congregation to pray devotionally. All congratulated the choir for their good and melodious singing and appreciated the beautiful decoration of the hall.

On 22nd June we bade farewell to the fresh vowed brothers who went for their juniorate to Hazaribag and at the same time 9 fresh novices joined the Novitiate for Ranchi Province. On 23rd June onwards the fresh novices began their first probation and on 24th and 25th June the basketball court was concretized. Last Sunday of the month we went for a walk in the ATC fields.

In the Ignatian month of July, there was novena to St. Ignatius from 22nd to 30th July. On Monday 27th July, the whole community participated in the online prayer service organised by the Ignatian family, Jesuit Conference of South Asia both for the Jesuits and their collaborators. The theme of this virtual prayer "AMDG, Conversations of the Heart" helped us to better prepare ourselves for the feast of St. Ignatius. On the feast day of our founder, we had the community Mass at 6:15 am and after the festive breakfast, the badminton match till 11:30 am added an extra flavour to our celebration. The community was happy to join in the virtual recreation on zoom on 1st August arranged by the media team of Jesuit Conference of South Asia for all the Jesuits of the Assisi.

NS Shailesh Khalkho

## Manresa House Ranchi

As unlock 2.0 started on July 1, 2020, Bro. Blacius Tigga our Minister went to Gumla and Soso to bring host. Sr. Lucy, Bro. Johnson and Fr. Irenius accompanied him. Sch. Sanjay Tigga left for Tarunoday for his Theological Studies. As a cheerful and generous giver, Fr. Sikander Turkey brought for us mushroom from his own garden and jungle. It was delicious and tasty indeed. Our thanks and appreciation goes to Fr. Sikander and his community. The next day Bro. Blacius visited Kishor Nagar and brought sweet mangoes for the whole community.

Fr. Benjamin Kerketta, who was recuperating here for a month, went back to Bundu on 6th July. Fr. Aurel Brys went to Hulhundu to conduct a program for St Anne's tertians and came back on 10th July.

On 12th July, seven members of our community paid a visit to Bingaon to wish Fr Sikandar Turkey on his birthday. Our presence made him so happy that he gave us mangoes and jackfruits.

We intensified our preparation for Inigo Day with Novena Prayer to St. Ignatius which commenced on 20th July and came to end on 28th July. All scholastics and some priests took time and trouble to prepare prayer according to theme each day. They used all kinds of electronic gadgets to make Novena Prayer creative and meaningful. Themes of novena prayer led us to revisit Ignatian legacy and helped us to renew our life. On 29th July, Fr Rinald D'souza gave us an inspiring talk and prepared us for the sacrament of reconciliation.

Inigo Day celebration was simple but meaningful. Unlike other years, the feast day celebration was confined to our own community. We celebrated the Holy Eucharist in the House Chapel presided over by Fr Rector. Fr Ajay Arun Minj gave an introduction to set the tone of the celebration and Fr Irenius To'ppo preached a long sermon but very inspiring and full of insights. The centre of attraction was our football match. Loyola team, which included all the priests, played final against the best team of scholastics. Unfortunately, in spite of long experience and mature age, the former lost the match. But it won the fair play award. Our co-workers were also there with us for lunch. The day ended with delicious dinner, but without dancing and singing.

*Amrit Jakra, SJ*

## Chennai

**Satya Nilayam, Chennai Goes Online:** Virtual Inauguration of the Academic Year 2020-21 & the Schola

## Brevis

Much awaited virtual inauguration of the academic year 2020-21 for M.A. Philosophy, delayed due to the relentless pandemic, Covid-19 and suffering it inflicted on the humanity across the world, finally took place here at Satya Nilayam, Chennai (also known to many as Department of Philosophy, Loyola College) on August 03, 2020. Fr. Boniface Panna, SJ, the Rector of this national centre for formation, presided over the Eucharist and invoked the Holy Spirit and its guidance on each one of us, throughout the academic year. The small congregation gathered on this occasion prayed in unison for the outpouring and overshadowing of the Holy Spirit on the entire creation, for the healing it needs, for renewal and for its reinvigoration of life, as the entire cosmos is reeling under the threat of Covid-19. Fr. Lawrence Fernandes, SJ, the Head of the Department, broke the word of God and re-emphasized the importance of God's intervention into the lives of suffering humanity, through the spirit of risen Christ. As seekers of truth and lovers of wisdom, we are always in need of God's spirit because it is God's spirit that helps us to realize wisdom and to seek knowledge with much greater depth; rather than treating the academia as a mere collection of information and reading resources leading one to passing the exams and securing marks, which can in fact, be achieved in any platform including the virtual ones. Our take and our usage of knowledge and wisdom is service-oriented, the other-oriented and meaning-oriented. To achieve and realize the knowledge of highest degree and class, based on truth and wisdom, we need the wisdom of God, which only the spirit of Risen Christ can give. The sacred liturgy and singing was very well anchored by our international students, who have been with us in the community ever since different phases of lockdowns dealing with the pandemic were announced.

**Schola Brevis:** "Our Philosophical Response to Subaltern Empowerment in today's Context"

Schola Brevis, which is generally a very short talk highlighting the theme of the academic year and a framework within which an institution of higher learning could focus its attention on, was delivered by none other than Rev. Dr. Fr. Jebamalai Irudayaraj, SJ, the Jesuit provincial of Chennai Jesuit Society, who is a renowned scholar, a philosopher, a social activist and a very progressive thinker. His talk was powerful, inspiring, thought-provoking and highly philosophical. He divided his talk in two sections. In the first section, he underlined the context in which we live today; the context of a divided and distorted world, the domination of the darker

side, the recent happenings in the context of Covid-19 including the recent happenings in political circle; and the killing of George Floyd in the US and Jayraj and Bennicks in India. He situated and defined who the subaltern sections of people are, and also included Covid-19 patients under the subaltern because of the stigma and discriminations that are being attached to them. Making a very clear distinction between Equality and Equity, he said that equality is based on basic human needs, whereas equity is based on human rights, fairness and justice. He gave examples of stalwarts like Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar, Jyotiba Phule, Gautam Buddha, Guru Nanak and Periyar, who championed the cause of the subalterns and worked for their uplift.

In the second section, which was more engaging and highly philosophical, he gave us his insight into the philosophical discourse on subaltern empowerment. In this section he spelled out our philosophical responses and responsibilities to the issues that affect the subaltern society. Speaking on the subaltern empowerment, he said that it is the power of the oppressed people moving towards equal status, participation and power of decision making, having access to literacy skills and government jobs and positions; freedom to travel and have voice of their own, awareness of their identity as groups, and increased socio-political and economic awareness. Responding to the question as to why should a Jesuit philosopher choose to respond to subaltern issues and why we should have subaltern perspective, he said that our basic orientation to life and mission is subaltern, our history is subaltern and our origin is subaltern. Beside this, we must learn to choose a perspective that will help us to attain the mission and vision of Jesus Christ, whose company we belong to. It is a must to have subaltern perspective in order to understand the world, philosophize the issues that affect human existence of our time and move forward towards making a just human society. Decoding the dominant theory is mandatory, for reconstructing a renewed society that has been distorted and divided based on religion, culture, language, ethnicity, caste, class, and nationality. As far as the subaltern world is concerned, it has been constructed by the rich, powerful and the elite; it needs to be deconstructed. Fr. Jebamalai signed off in style saying that the Jesuit philosophers should not stop with interpreting the world, but they should labour towards re-making the world, and deconstructing the socio-political and economic constructs that are oppressive and alienating.

The virtual platform which relayed live, both the mass of the Holy Spirit and the Schola Brevis, was created, anchored and championed by Fr. Valerian Mendonca, SJ,

the associate professor, the department of Philosophy, Loyola College, Chennai. Fr. Vinod Sushil Soreng, SJ moderated the session and proposed the vote of thanks.

Vinod Sushil Soreng, SJ

## **Assam Mission JESUIT BHAVAN AND GANA CHETANA SAMAJ, TEZPUR**

**Farewell dinner:** Xavier Sadan community, Balipara headed by Fr. Benedict Lakra, the Superior gave a farewell dinner to the stranded Scholastics Amit Lakra, Shashi Samir Dhanwar, Rohit Toppo and two Novices Cyprian and Amar. Jesuit Bhavan community and SXC, Sonabheel were also invited for the dinner. There was a prayer session for them for their safe journey and for their further formation. We all enjoyed the sumptuous dinner that was served in honour of the Scholastics and Novices. Thanks Benedict and company for such a rich farewell dinner!

**Journey:** First leg of the journey of stranded Scholastics Amit Lakra, Shashi Samir Dhanwar, Rohit Toppo and two Novices Cyprian and Amar began on July 02, 2020. They were accompanied by Fr. Pius Xalxo and Fr. Suresh Aind who first visited Manas Bansbari where they were welcomed by Assamese gamosa headed by Fr. Laurentus Kiro, the Superior. They got a chance to have a glimpse of Manas national park from outside and to have a close look at Biki river which is known for changing its direction each year causing loss of lives and property. While going along the boundary of Manas national park they spotted Rhino, deer and peacocks. Manas Bansbari community served a rich and sumptuous dinner which was enjoyed by each and all. After lunch they resumed their journey to Kathalguri and reached there at 5. 45 P.M. They were welcomed by SCJM Sisters in their convent and shared with them festive dinner on the occasion of the birthday of Sr. Alice, the Superior. Next day Fr. Pius and Fr. Suresh Aind came back to their respective places whereas Scholastics and Novices stayed in Kathalguri community for the next two days before making their final journey to Ranchi by train on July 06, 2020.

**Farewell to Cook:** Miss Jyoti, our cook who served us for the past two and half years was bidden farewell on July 01, 2020. She had expressed her desire to go back home for family reasons. Fr. Thomas during the lunch time invited the staff members of both GCS and Jesuit Bhavan to express their words of appreciation and gratitude towards Miss Jyoti and finally invited her to express her sentiments. As a token of love and

appreciation a trolley suitcase was presented to her and farewell meal was shared by all. On the following day, Fr. Thomas reached her home in Tarabari under Balipara Parish. We will remain indebted to her for her service.

**Celebration:** In a given situation, we thought it better to celebrate the Feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of the Society of Jesus at community level in Tezpur. For Jesuit Bhavan, the Holy Mass was held at 11.15 A.M. with the staff members of GCS. It was presided over by Fr. Pius. Fr. Xavier Lakra presented the life sketch of St. Ignatius and also important information regarding the Society of Jesus at the universal, Assistancy, Province and local level. It was followed by the festive dinner with the staff members. Fr Thomas invited all the participants for the festive dinner in the community refectory. Celebration was more of a family affair in nature but did not compromise with spirit of festivity and meaningfulness. Food items were prepared by all the members of the staff which gave a great relief to the cooks and added taste to the food items. Praise be to God!

**Distribution of dry food Materials:** Looking at the pathetic situation of the people in villages and Tea gardens caused by COVID-19 lockdown, GCS with the

SN	Village/Tea garden	No. of HH benefited	No. of persons attended meeting	No. of items delivered per person	Date of relief delivery
1	Durrung TE, Boro Kasamari	57	60	Rice 10kg, Dal 2kg, refine oil 1Ltr, Onion 5kg, Potato 5kg,  Flour 5kg, Sugar 1kg, salt 1kg, Turmeric 100 gm, chilli powder 100 gm	20.07.2020
2	Panipota TE	32	45	do	27.07.2020
	<b>Total</b>	78	165	Rice 780 kgs, Dal 156 kgs, Refine oil 78 ltrs, Onion 390 kgs, Potato 390 kgs, Flour 390 kgs, Sugar 78 kgs, Salt 78 kgs, Turmeric 7.8 kgs, Chilli powder 7.8 kgs	

support of JIV DAYA FOUNDATION continued distributing the dry food materials for them. Congratulations to Fr. Thomas, Fr. Xavier and all the staff members for their commendable job.

Pius Xaxo SJ

## Foreign Mission Rome

Having completed the Academic Year 2019-2020 in June, Nirmal's community of International College of Gesù, began the summer holidays until September. The online registration for the new Academic Year will start already from 24 August 2020. Normally, the Scholastics and the Staff members of Gesù community have well organized and pre-planned summer program; however, COVID-19 has put every plan upside down. Nirmal was supposed to go to Jerusalem in July along with his Jesuit companions of Second Year for the religious studies of three religions, namely, Christianity, Judaism and Islam. Their annual program was cancelled because of the uncertain and unstable situation. Just like his non-European companions, he finally decided to stay back at home and continue to devote his time in reading theological books to prepare himself for the next Academic Year.

The community members from European countries managed to leave for their respective Provinces. Some of the newly-ordained Deacons, especially from Asia and Latin America were held up in Rome because of the suspended Flight services. Even among 19 new arrivals, only 6 have reached Rome. Among the new arrivals, Kuldeep Linda and Sandeep Bage are expected to join the community before the start of the new Academic Year in October. In such an uncertain situation, R.P. Rector and R.P. Minister meticulously planned the online language courses to the would-be community members according to the feasible time of each country. In normal circumstances, Italian Scholastics organize one-month course in August for the newcomers in one of the northern cities of Italy. Thanks to their generosity, 5 new Gregorian students – Deepak, Kuldeep and Sandeep along with two Ursuline Sisters – Shanti and Prabha – have been assigned to 30 minutes of online tutorial class every day. Although Edwin Dang has done a commendable job in teaching them the fundamental of Italian Grammar, they will benefit a lot from online tutorial class, during which they will have the chance to interact face-to-face in Italian with one singular Scholastic.

On 26 July, Nirmal took initiative to invite the other Ranchi men to Gesù community to celebrate his own birthday

along with the feast of St. Anne and St. Joachim. After four days, the community celebrated with great joy the feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola. Because of the prevailing situation, most of the community members were at home, and hence, probably for the first time in many years, the joy of celebrating the Founder's feast day was more than evident in the Eucharistic celebration as well as in the festive meal. In the evening, R.P. Arturo Sosa, Superior General, presided over the solemn Holy Mass in the beautiful Gesù Church, in which, despite the restriction on the number of participants to maintain the social distancing, a good number of Jesuits from different communities and other friends and well-wishers of Jesuits participated with great joy.

Kulwant rightly decided to stay back at home in Collegio Roberto Bellarmino during the summer vacation to prepare himself for the final comprehensive exam to complete his Licentiate in Canon Law, which will be held in September. Amidst scorching heat, he frequents the House Library, which is the only air-conditioned space in the community. The pandemic has forced many inmates of Collegio Bellarmino to cancel their summer program. And therefore, unlike previous years, the community is functioning in a normal way. Those from the central European countries were fortunate to go back to their Provinces; however, those from Asia, Africa and Americas rescheduled their summer plan opting either to stay at home or to go for some pastoral ministries outside Rome. R.P. Rector has made it crystal clear that those coming back to the community after the summer vacation have to be in self home quarantine for a week so as to secure the protection of the community from any danger of virus infection.

Most of the community members of Gregorian University have left either for their respective Provinces or for summer ministry. The suspension of the International flights has forced almost all community members to reschedule their summer plan. Some of the Europeans too opted to stay in Italy instead of going back to their Provinces. Of course, the community members from Asia, Africa and Americas had no other choice, but plan out their summer vacation within the Italian borders. For the feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola, even though R.P. Superior General was to preside over the Eucharistic celebration in Gesù Church in the evening, the community decided to celebrate the festive Holy Mass in Gregorian itself before lunch presided over by R.P. Superior. From the first day of August, many started dispersing in different directions for vacation and summer ministries. However, during the whole month of August, a good number of 16-20 members will remain at home. Despite the absence

of many co-workers, the community seems to function normally for those staying back at home.

Linus moved to the Residence of San Pietro Canisio for the month of August. The infirmary and the air-conditioned ambience will be of great help in resting, relaxing and continuing study and research. He keeps in touch with the happening in India. According to him, while Ram Rāj is being dreamt in India, more than 145 thousand Hindus are enjoying the equality, fraternity and freedom in Italy and not only that their number is increasing day by day here. They are also happy with the health care, as it is offered to all without distinction. When the covid-19 has made many to remain basically at home, he too is having the same privileges like other Italians. He is taking the occasion to study more about the Servant of God, Fr. Constant Lievens, SJ. It is revealing to learn that how Fr. Lievens had understood the importance of mother tongue and taught catechism in the language of the people in Chotanagpur, which the new education policy is promoting today after more than one hundred years.

Prem Nafxo

## Munich, Germany

July was the month of exams. Sch. Sameer had his written exam on 13th July. He cleared his paper and it relieved him and helped him to prepare further for his oral exam, which was on 3rd August. After finishing and clearing his exams he visited Deacon Subodh in Paris. He had a good time there with Deacon Subodh and other Jesuit companions. Sch. Paulus had his oral exam on 24th July. On the same evening we had a farewell dinner in the community, in the name of the outgoing Scholastics. We had around fifteen guests. Fr. Christoph Soyer, the superior of the community and Sch. Jonas, the minister of the community had secretly arranged for the farewell gifts. Before giving the gifts, they said few personal words about each Scholastics from their experience. The gifts we received symbolized our personality. For example, both of received kitchen-apron with leather pant ("Lederhose" traditional dress of Bayern/Bavaria) printed on it. We got this gift, because we cooked often and gave them the real taste of Jharkhandi food. They encouraged us to continue cooking in future too, but with the apron we received as gifts. Now they will miss our cooking and our presence unless some other Scholastics are sent to Germany to replace us. On 25th we visited Fr. Ignatius Kullu, the elder brother of Fr. David Kullu, who is a parish priest in a nearby parish. Two St. Anne's Sisters, living near Stuttgart joined us. We had a Hindi Mass in the evening, where we anticipated the feast of

St. Anne's. During the Holy Mass, Sch. Paulus gave a short reflection on the readings and afterwards the Sisters renewed their vows. We had Hindi Mass and we could sing the hymns in Kurukh, Sadri, Mundari and Hindi after two long years. It was a moment of joy and grace. After the Holy Eucharist we had a sumptuous meal, which we had prepared together. It is indeed a heart-warming experience to meet fellow countrymen in a foreign land.

On 6th August we had our convocation. During the convocation we received the documents for completion of studies in philosophy. It was a moment of joy and gratitude towards God and all the fellow Jesuits and all the people, who accompanied us and supported us during these four years in Munich. We thank you all for keeping us in prayers. We hope to take all the good things learnt from here and good memories to places we go. We sincerely thank German Province, Swiss Province and Austria Provinces for taking care of us past four years. Let us continue to help one another and grow together as we call ourselves "Friends in the Lord". We are very happy and excited to be back to Province soon. See you soon Ranchi.

*Paulus and Sameer*

## **GUYANA**

The covid-19 pandemic cases are escalating day by day in the interior of Guyana. We, the four Jesuits, who belong to one community, are together for the first time more than five months. Most of the time we are alone in our respective parishes and mission stations. During this lockdown nothing much can be done for the people directly. However though confined in community, we are trying our best to make the community life more meaningful by participating in the different activities specially community prayers, faith sharing, gardening and cooking.

On 1st July, Fr. Elias Surin and Fr. Amar Bage celebrated the Holy Eucharist in St. Angela House Karasabai with our Ursuline Sisters of Tildonk, on the joyous occasion of the birthday of Sr. Nishi S. Kujur. Keeping in mind the best and productive use of time and energy, our Sisters - Sr. Sosan, Sr. Crecencia, Sr. Nishi and Sr. Helena are spending their quality time in prayer for the suffering world, getting well equipped with knowledge and wisdom by reading, reflecting, writing and caring for the common home by gardening and taking care of their fowl and other pets.

Fr. Amar Bage celebrated his birthday on 9th July in St. Ignatius Jesuit Community Lethem. He, with his learners,

has completed first half of the online and onsite program for learning facilitators and now they are in second part of the program called practicum where the learners will put themselves in practice with few students. The Learners are happy with the program and they are busy with their unit plans so that they can perform meaningful and fruitful teaching for their students as well as for themselves.

Fr. Edwin Anthony, Fr. Ronald Fernandes, Fr. Amar Bage and Fr. Elias Surin, participated in the first virtual World Assembly of Amazon which was held in Lima, Peru from 18-19, July 2020 by Pan-Amazonian Church Network, along with the coordination of indigenous Organizations of the Amazon Basin. The representatives of 540 groups from Brazil, Bolivia, Ecuador, Colombia, Peru, Venezuela, Surinam, Guyana and French Guyana presented the situation in their countries. In his opening address, His Excellency Cardinal Pedro Barreto Jimeno, SJ, the Archbishop of Huancayo, Lima, Peru, referred to the Amazon as the lungs of the planet. In the history of humanity, the virus of greed and extractivism and a lack of respect for human beings has corroded the Amazon and the nature and by genocide destroyed the Amazon culture and original peoples.

We started the novena prayer to Saint Ignatius on 22nd July on the theme- Querida Amazonia – Beloved Amazonia, the post exhortation of the Holy Father Pope Francis on the Synod for Amazon. Fr. Elias Surin presided over the Holy Eucharist on the feast day of St. Ignatius of Loyola in St. Ignatius Mission, Lethem on 31st July. The celebration was simple but meaningful.

The Episcopal Ordination of Reverend John Derek Persaud, the Vicar General of the Diocese of Georgetown, Guyana, the son of the soil, will take place on 15th August 2020 at St. Paul of the Cross Cathedral Mandeville, Jamaica by His Eminence Archbishop Fortunatus Nwachukwu, the Pope's representative in Caribbean, Archbishop Kenneth Richards of Kingston and Apostolic Administrator of Mandeville Archbishop Charles Dufour will be assisting. He will be the fourth Bishop of the diocese of Mandeville, Jamaica. Our prayerful support and best wishes for your new mission as a shepherd.

*Elias Surin, SJ*

## **Nepal**

In view of online classes, three-day orientation programmes for teachers were organized in three different groups from June 21 to June 23, 2020. The resource persons were Fr Boniface Tigga, the Principal and Fr Daniel Bara. The former spoke about the care



and concern of students at this time of pandemic. He emphasized that teachers are the next front line warriors who have great responsibilities to bring rays of hope in the lives of students and take them forward in this time of crisis. The latter spoke about the teaching strategies and modules, which need to be incorporated during online teaching in order to make the subject interesting, creative and effective. Besides other activities in the community and in the school, Fathers continued to give pastoral assistance to our faithful even in this time of lockdown, motivating the faithful to pray in their family and occasionally distributing Holy Communion to them whenever it is needed or asked for. In the community, on June 22, 2020 a thanksgiving Mass was offered by Fr Boniface for our three Brothers, namely Fr Dennis, Schs. Rabindra and Ivin for their generous services to the mission. It was followed by an agape. During the dinner on behalf of the community, Fr Arul, the Superior expressed his heartfelt gratitude to Fr Dennis and Sch Ivin for their selfless and invaluable contributions in the school and in the community; he however reserved to express his gratitude to Sch Rabindra for a later date as he continues his Online Theological classes from here itself. On June 24, 2020, Fr Dennis and Sch Ivin safely and successfully crossed the border and reached their destination. On July 8, 2020 there was a short meeting again for all teachers and different groups were being made to do a survey of students regarding online classes as well as the students who were unable to attend online classes both in Zoom and in Google Classroom. Soon after the survey was being collected, the school called for the third round of meeting to teachers on July 15, 2020 and it was decided to begin offline classes for the students who were unable to attend online classes. Both the online and offline classes are going on simultaneously. Thanks to our teachers who are actively taking interest to assist and guide our students.

In preparation to celebrate the Feast of St Ignatius in more meaningful way, the Jhapa Jesuits with their Religious Sisters Collaborators had a half day recollection and the celebration of Fr Arul's birthday on July 14, 2020 in Deonia. The theme for the recollection was 'The Good Shepherd'. We were also very glad to receive the Valley Jesuits who came to drop Fr Dilip Toppo of Nepal and Sch Pankaj Kerketta of Darjeeling Province to Deonia. The former went to Sitaghara for his tertianship and the latter went to the Province after fruitfully completing his one year of regency in Godavari, Kathmandu.

The community also had a very meaningful and a grace filled Novena to the Saint. Each day theme really helped us to know the person of Ignatius and working of God

in his life better. On the feast day, Sisters from Itabatha and Deonia were cordially invited for Holy Mass and it was followed by a feast day lunch. In the evening on the same day, the Jhapa Jesuits had feast day dinner together in Deonia.

Sch Wilson Kandulna, SJ  
Jhapa.

## News from Gulu, Uganda

Semi-Lockdown in Uganda still continues. Re-opening of schools and colleges seems to be impossible this year. The month of July was very unique for the Jesuits of Gulu. A lot of activities took place here. The community began 30 days of Ignatian evening prayer on July 1st in preparation for the feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola. It was a wonderful opportunity to be united in prayer. Sch. Johny Savio Dungdung has been appointed as the House Minister of the Jesuit community. Fr. Provincial sent the appointment letter on July 1st. Soon Fr. Pascal the current acting superior and minister handed over the responsibility to him. On July 11th the inauguration of a Piot (African style hut) near the Jesuit house was done with a special dinner. The hut is constructed for recreation and relaxation.

On 17th July in the evening there was a loud shouting in the house. Some of us wondered what that noise was for! Soon we came to know that East African Province had received a New, young provincial Rev. Fr. Kizito Kiyamba SJ. He was the Vice Chancellor of Arrupe Jesuit University in Harare Zimbabwe. We had little celebration under the new Piot, after the dinner to mark the event.

On 19th July seven of us (Jesuits) went for annual retreat to Comboni spirituality center Layibi, and came back on 28th July with renewed spirit. In the evening our acting superior called us for a meeting to make us aware about our financial situation and the health news of Fr. Tony SJ, our Superior. He is currently in US for his treatment. May God heal him soon! Fr. Joseph Rodrigues is maintaining his health by taking medicines and doing physical exercises regularly.

The celebration of the feast of St. Ignatius was simple because of the present circumstances of covid-19. The Eucharistic celebration was in the morning where seven of us (Jesuits) renewed our vows. We had festive lunch with few guests and neighbours. In the evening along with the celebration there was farewell program for our French volunteer named Malou. She was with us in the school for one year.

Sch. Johny Savio Dungdung SJ.  
Alberto Hurtado Jesuit Community, Gulu, Uganda.

## Let us pray for the dear departed

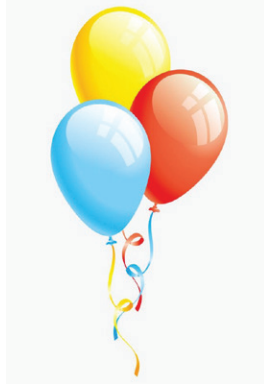
**1. Fr. George Gispert-Sauch** passed away this morning at our Province Infirmary at Andheri, Mumbai. He was 90 years of age and had been a Jesuit for 73 years. In keeping with the restrictions on public gatherings, we had a private mass and burial this evening.

**2. Fr. Isidore Pinto, S.J. ( PAT 78/57)**, died in Patna this afternoon around 2.30 pm ( 7.8.2020)

## BIRTHDAY

### AUGUST

- 01 Minj Robin
- 04 Ekka John  
Toppo Suman Prabhat
- 05 Barla Rajenius  
Hassapurty Anuranjan
- 06 Bilung Cyprian
- 08 Tirkey Pradeep
- 09 Dhanwar Fabian
- 10 Ekka Cyprian
- 11 Ekka Noel  
Ekka Ashwin
- 12 Lakra Telesphore
- 13 Dungdung Linus  
Xalxo Prem  
Lakra Anuj P.
- 14 Tirkey Modestus  
Soreng Vicky Roshan
- 15 Kerketta George
- 16 Hassa Purty Florence
- 18 Kujur Rohit
- 22 Minj Rajen
- 23 Beck Irenius
- 26 **Xess Ajit Kr.**



- 28 Dungdung Emile
- 30 Kullu Jayprakash N.
- 31 Barla Ajay Roshan  
Balmuchu James

### SEPTEMBER

- 04 Kerketta Patrick  
Tete Ignatius (jr)
- 07 Ekka Severius
- 08 Kadookunnel Anthony  
Saras Ajit  
Kullu Elias
- 10 Ekka Prakash  
Kujur Dharmsheel
- 12 Kerketta Elvius
- 13 Kindo Beatus
- 14 Tigga John Crus
- 15 Bara David
- 16 Ekka Patras  
Tirkey Alexius  
Dhanwar Fulit
- 17 Minj Claver
- 20 Tirkey Stanislaus  
Xess Rasal P.
- 21 Toppo Christopher Raju  
Bage Tej Mati  
Dang Edwin  
Kandir Stephen
- 23 Kujur Linus  
Kujur Pingal
- 24 Tirkey Ignatius
- 25 Baxla Tej Kumar  
Tirkey Gulson



*Many many Happy returns of the day !*