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Ignatian Jubilee year 2021-22 was declared open for Hazaribag Province by Father Provincial on 31st July 2021.

Pope's intention



Let us pray that the Church may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.

Provincial's Programme

JULY- 2021

06-07 Visitation St. Xavier's
Hazaribag
22-24 Visitation P.T.E.C.
Sitagarha

AUGUST- 2021

05-07 Online POSA Consult
07-08 Province Consult
09-11 Visitation St Xavier's
Bokaro
15 Final Vows (Vinod Kr
Kerketta) SSC,
Sitagarha.
16-19 Mahuadand Visit
30-02 Sept. Visitation Vivek
Sadan, Shahpur

SEPTEMBER- 2021

07 Online POSA Consult
08 Final Vows of Fr. Arun
Minj, SXS Bokaro
16-18 Visitation St Robert's
Haz
28 Bhurkunda

PROVINCIAL HAS APPOINTED

Fr. R.C. Chacko SJ:	Socius to the Novice Master at SSC Sitagarha
Fr. Suman Minj:	Acting Principal of Catholic Ashram High School Bhurkunda
Fr. Kishore G. Toppo:	Vice Principal of Catholic Ashram High School Bhurkunda
Fr. Shyju Thomas:	Coordinator for safeguarding the minors and vulnerable adults
Fr. Francis Marian:	Coordinator of the Province Health task-force
Fr. Binod Kr Toppo:	Asst. Minister Arrupe Niwas
Sch. Arockia A. Raj:	Regional Theology, Ranchi



BHURKUNDA, CATHOLIC ASHRAM

On June 10th, **Frs. Sushil Lakra**, Socius, and **Francis Marian** and on June 19th **Frs. Santosh Minj** Provincial and **Sushil Lakra** visited Bhurkunda community and consoled the Jesuit brethren after the death of **Fr. Christopher Kerketta** and **Fr. Saju Bastian**. Since June 15th, the teachers have been coming to school regularly and have started online classes. The Middle school teachers have distributed books and rice to the students. The first online unit test was taken, and the teachers have been doing the correction. From the beginning of July, we have community Mass, and the Holy Cross sisters join us for mass. **Frs. Suresh, Sebren, Rajesh, Marianus**, and Sr. Promila accompanied **Fr. Barnabas** and reached him to Bhurkunda safely. **Fr. Xavier Xalxo** was accompanied by **Frs. Primus Kerketta** and **Marianus Tigga**. They were welcomed by a few representatives of Catholic Sabha, Mahila Sangh, and the parish's youth. **Fr. Basant** took **Fr. Barnabas** to different places, introduced him to the people and the place. **Fr. Francis Lopez** moved to Sitagarha in the second week of July after staying a few days in Bhurkunda. **Frs Suman** and **Barnabas** accompanied him to Sitagarha. On July 13th **Fr. Xavier Tigga** came to Bhurkunda to help us with a land problem. On the same day, **Frs. Suman** and **Barnabas**, along with **Fr. Xavier Tigga**, submitted a petition to S.D.O., D.C, and C.O., regarding the land dispute. At the middle of July, **Fr. Basant** accompanied **Barnabas** to Ranchi and introduced him to the Co-operative bank Director. **Fr. Kishore**, too, went with them to Ranchi for some works. From 21st, we started a Novena Prayer to St. Ignatius of Loyola in preparation for the Feast of St. Ignatius. On 22nd **Frs . Barnabas** and **Xavier** went to Patra to get the certificates of **Fr. Xavier Xalxo** for the correction of Aadhar.

On the 31st, we celebrated the feast of St. Ignatius. The celebration was a private affair due to lockdown. Just before the feast, **Fr. Basant** moved to Sitagarha for his tertianship. He was bade farewell by a few representatives of Catholic Sabha, Mahila

Sangh, and the parish's youth on July 25th. Later, the community bade him farewell on July 29th. On this occasion, **Fr. Tej. Kumar Kerketta** from Boitka and Holy Cross Sisters of Bhurkunda were also invited. The next day **Frs Barnabas** and **Suman** accompanied him to Sitagarha. **Frs. Suman** and **Kishore** were busy with the online classes in the school. The teachers too were regularly coming from July. **Frs. Suman** and **Kishore** organized a *Shradhanjali Samaroh* in loving memory of late **Frs. Christopher Kerketta** and **Saju Bastian**, and also two of the working staff we lost during the second wave of Covid-19. On the same day, **Fr. Barnabas** and **Xavier** were welcomed by the school staff. They bade farewell to **Fr. Basant**.

At the end of the month, the 10th class Matric result was published. There were 162 students in the 10th standard. Out of 162 students, 152 got 1st Div. 9, 2nd Div., and 1, 3rd Div. Congrats to **Frs. Suman** and **Kishore** and their team for their hard work.

HAZARIBAG, ARRUPPE NIWAS

Arrupe is partly a study community. **Shyam** is busy with online classes delving into the mysteries of a real assortment of spiritual topics linked with the Bible, taught by different professors in different parts of the world. **Sch. Patrick**, looking into the depths of philosophy, has linked up with the professors of Satya Nilayam, Chennai. Both **Shyam** and **Patrick** have been attending their classes seriously, with their eyes glued to their computers. At the time of writing this report, both are in Holy Family Hospital Koderma suffering from severe headaches and cold. While **Santosh** has been busy with programmes remembering **Fr. Stan Swamy**, we the rest of the community, have followed prayer services online besides devoting our community Mass and evening prayer to remembering **Stan** and praying for justice.

Our two scholastics **Amit Toppo** and **George Roshan Kujur** arrived Ranchi on 28th June and were received by **Fr Xavier Tigga**. They spent 5 days in seclusion in Arrupe Niwas and then went their home to meet their family members.

Jesuit Mission Australia donated Hazaribag Province an Ambulance which was bought in Ranchi on 6 July. It will be in service for all who will need it. The Province expresses a heart felt gratitude to our Jesuit Mission.



Fr R.C. Chacko came back to the Province from Nairobi on 7th July and spent a few days in seclusion in Arrupe Niwas. **Fr Dilip Ekka** left Manresa House, Ranchi for Arrupe Niwas travelling in our new Ambulance on 30th July and after a day left again for Holy Family Hospital, Koderma. **Fr Vinod Kerketta** is making his retreat in Arrupe Niwas under **Fr Bob Slattery** in preparation for his Final Vows on 15th August, 2021. Brother **Patrick Tirkey** was farewelled by the Arrupe Community in the morning Mass on 7th August and was wished all the very best for his ongoing philosophical studies in Satya Nilayam, Chennai.

HAZARIBAG, ST. XAVIER'S

After lockdowns, the school office is open for office work only. The Vice-principals are also attending their offices. For the whole school, online teaching continues. The exam marks for students of Stds 11 and 12 have been sent to CBSE as requested. They will be assessed and marks allotted without exams.

After a long break, work has resumed in the top storey of the High School building. To honour the Ignatian year, a life-sized statue of Saint Ignatius is on order from Calcutta. It will stand at the southeast corner of the 'garden of Eden' to greet arrivals coming up the driveway. It will be unveiled and blessed on Loyola Day.

Fr. Bill can now hear you better with his new hearing aids. **Fr. Manoj** visited his doctor

in Calcutta. A good sign was that he was seen on his way to the hall with his badminton racquet on his return. Along with **Fr. Rosner** and **Fr. Ranjit**, our Juniors get plenty of exercise on the court laid out in terrazzo by the late **Bro. Francis Xaxa** in about 1983. Enthusiastic Scrabble and Dominoes brighten up the evening recreation. **Fr. George** gets his relaxation from finance and his house Ministership by several brisk circuits of the compound each evening, overtaking **Fr. Bill**, who manages one circuit at a more sedate pace. **Fr. Raska** has started his new job as a librarian. After feeling that it was time to withdraw for a while from active domestic duties, **Bro. Francis** has again taken care of the kitchen and stores, an office **Fr. Thomas Joseph** filled in for too short a time.

Fr Provincial has suggested that copies of **Fr. Bill's** Hindi translations of the Spiritual Exercises and the Autobiography be made more available to honour the Ignatian year. Xavier Publications published the Autobiography in 2019. **Fr. Bill** had the revised Hindi translation ready for publication in 2020 when Xavier Publications unexpectedly reprinted the 1990 edition. A breakdown in communications awaiting a resolution!

Fr. Bill reports about: Tony Ryan is still pulling his container of oxygen around a lot of the time, and it has been helping him a good deal. We hope Alfred Hospital will solve his problems soon. **Tom Keogh** has moved to Nazareth House in Camberwell as he needed more care than we could provide. We just hope he goes well and manages to enjoy the lifestyle out there. He got there just before the lockdowns came in, and that was most fortunate. His mobile number is 0460629569. You could also call the Nurse Station Number 9830 5022 and then press 2 to go to St Michael's ward.

In order to know about St. Ignatius and his spirit, the two primary sources are the Spiritual Exercises and the Autobiography. The Universal Apostolic Preferences claim that the Spiritual Exercises are the best means to bring about a renewed Christian life among the people we work with.

The first Universal Apostolic Preference covers the whole of our apostolate - leading

people to God through the Spiritual Exercises. The fourth specifies this as applied to our apostolate among young people.

Hence the need for those who work in schools, universities, and parishes to focus on the faith development of young people and creatively adapt the *Spiritual Exercises* so that young people can personally know Jesus better and follow Him more closely.

By placing the Spiritual Exercises at the disposal of our priests, Fr. Provincial has asked for a revised Hindi translation to be published. It will have the same glossary of suggested Hindi translations of Ignatian terms. The Hindi translation of the Autobiography was published two years ago by Xavier Publications. Both publications will be available in the coming weeks.

The majority of the young people we work with are Hindi speakers with limited familiarity with English. They may have had their whole religious formation in Hindi. Hence we need to talk to them in the Hindi-Ignatian language, using the Spiritual Exercises adapted to them.

PRERANA COMMUNITY

This year, we had plenty of mangoes, and **Fr. Rajendra** dared to make Mango Jam and **Fr. Shyju** mango ice cream. We also went to Jugadih to look at the possibilities of making a boundary for our land and buying some land in Jarhi, Chatra. Our community has started studying and sharing the Ignatian sources in the monthly community meetings to celebrate the Ignatian year. **Fr. Peter, Tony, and Rajendra** were busy touring villages. **Rajendra** went to Hario and **Shyju** to Navjara to give recollection to sisters in view of the feast of St. Ann. **Fr. Rajendra** also gave a recollection to Kajarkilo Jesuits in preparation for the feast of St. Ignatius. **Fr. RC Chacko** joined the community after completing his quarantine in Arrupe Niwas. He also traveled to Daltonganj to celebrate a Eucharist in memory of Fr. Thomas Joseph with his cousin Sr. Silvy FCC. He was busy receiving farewells from nearby communities. **Peter** and **Shyju** took the first dose of the Covishield vaccine. We were delighted by the presence of Arrupe Community for the festive

supper on July 31st. **Fr. R C Chacko** was given farewell and reached SSC on the feast day to start his job as socius to the novice master from August 01st onwards.

Fr. Aurel Brys SJ was here for a short visit. Frs. **P O Chacko, Rajendra, and Patras** conducted an inquiry into the financial mismanagement of the XEDS as per the direction of the provincial. **Fr. Tony** is on and off to Chatra for meetings. **Fr. Rajendra** directed a retreat for the scholastics at St. Xavier's School. On the 13th, we had a meeting in the house and discussed various issues of the house. It was decided that we will have common cleaning of the house regularly. We started our regular community meeting on the 15th. **Fr. Shyju** went to Ranchi for PMI meeting. We find **Peter Paul** and **Rajendra** busy in the garden, ensuring that we have a steady supply of fresh homegrown vegetables. **Fr. Tony** is fully vaccinated now.

BOKARO, ST. XAVIER'S

Sch. Deepak made his annual retreat at St. Xavier's Hazaribag from 30 May to 7 June. From 8 June, Covid-19 vaccination camp was being organized in our school by BOXA, in 30 days 7500 people are being vaccinated. After the summer vacation, on 14 June we resumed the classes, all the classes and other activities take place virtually.

On 19 June, as part of the Ignatian Year celebration, the PCE **Fr. James** organised a session on "the impact of Ignatian legacy on today's education". **Rev. Fr. John Ravi, SJ**, the Secretary of the Jesuit Education Association of South Asia was the keynote speaker.

Fr. Arun has taken practical steps towards the implementation of one of the UAPs, care of the common home. He continues motivating and encouraging people to plant trees. He approached various clubs of the city to collaborate; so far 1000 Saal and 100 Mohogani saplings have been planted in the school campus, he estimates to plant 5000 saplings this year. Thanks to Mr. Sajan, the secretary of Rotary Club midtown and Mr.

Amardeep, the president of Good Morning club for supporting us in this movement.

On 3 July **Fr. James** went to SSC Sitagarha to give two days IPP program for juniors. **Fr. Tintus** slowly resuming his ministry on demand. He has developed his new hobby of reading various books. On 10 July, **Fr. Arun** and **Sch. Deepak** went to SCC Sitagarha to collect few bamboo saplings. A sincere thanks to the Rector **Fr. Anil** for his generosity.

CHARHI, MASI MARSAL

Community was in lockdown as the government declared it. A few house blessings and baptism of children was done as it was earnest request from the faithful. **Sch. Dilip Kujur** attended annual retreat with other scholastics in St Xavier School Hazaribag. Some of us attended vigil prayers for Myanmar India on 2 June. School staff and students are having online classes from home. Many students are missing this opportunities due to lack of smart phones and unreachable places they are in. Faithfuls from a few villages requested for holy mass to be offered as they feel the absence of it. We tried to convince them for not having mass. **Fr. P.O. Chacko** is a regular visitor to inspect building works here. On 10 June **Fr. Emile Ekka** was accompanied by **Frs. Birendra, Nicholas** and **Sch. Dilip** to Pakripath as he has got new responsibility there. On the following day **Birendra** offered holy mass at Rampur in the name of late **Fr. Anil D. Kujur**. **Fr. Gregory** was admitted in Holy family Koderma on 9 June and later on 11 June he was shifted to Mandar hospital for better treatment. **Deacon Prakash Baskey** met **Fr Provincial** and **P.O. Chacko** regarding new community building on 14 June. **Fr Sibrus** came to meet Kasiadih Sisters to get some tips about social work/village work. On 16 June deacon **Prakash** left for RTC to prepare his final exam. **Gregory** returned from hospital on 21 June. We kept ourselves inside the campus all through the month except for some occasions.

CHIROPATH

On June 19 **Fr. Ajit Soreng** arrived at Chiropath. He was accompanied by **Fr.**

Packiam and **Fr. Sushil Osga**. From College, **Fr. Patras Tirkey** also joined with them. On June 25, **Fr. Barnabas** and **Fr. Marianus** went to Surkain and met the faithful. On July 3 changing of the baton was done by **Fr. Barnabas** to **Fr. Marianus** in the presence of **Fr. M.K Jose**, the acting Superior. On 4, **Barnabas** was given a farewell by the faithful of Chiro. The next day **Fr. Barnabas** moved to his new place, Bhurkunda. **Frs. Marianus, Suresh, Sebren, Rajesh**, and Sr. Promila reached **Barnabas** to Bhurkunda safely.

MAHUADANR

Hostel painting work 90 percent is done and 10 percent still to be done. A few students are in the hostel attending online classes and doing cleaning work in the hostel's vegetable garden and hostel premises. **Sch. Praful** is busy taking online courses and beautifying hostel surroundings by planting different flowers. In the absence of Principal **Fr. Dilip**, Vice Principal **Fr. Sebren** is monitoring and managing the school and hostel. Despite a hectic life, he finds time for physical fitness. Rewiring work is done in the hostel dining hall and kitchen by one of our staff Mr. Manoj Minj.

The school office is reopened from 9 am to 2 pm, and all teachers are mandated to be present and preparing and giving online classes. And teachers were busy preparing for the 10th and 12th Board result requirements, which the JAC office asked.

Fr. Sylverius Minj is regularly updating his office and taking care of repairing work in the Arts block. He is taking care of mother earth by planting trees and flowers.

During the time of lockdown period, the renovation of old existing Grottos painting work is completed. Now the Church Premis looks neat and clean attracting faithful. Grottos look very shining under the supervision of **Fr. Suresh Kindo**. Few marriage celebrations took place by following COVID 19 guidelines. He is very much aware of his physical fitness and doing regular exercises, and monitoring his health. This year we had plenty of mangoes, so we all enjoyed eating, at the same time **Fr. Kamal**, the Minister, enjoyed sharing it with our

neighbours. **Frs. Sushil Lakra** and **Francis Marian** were special visitors of this month. After spending two months in the hospitals, **Fr. Dilip Ekka** is resting in Manresa House Ranchi. Now he looks better and is recovering fast. Earlier days he was accompanied by **Frs. Roshan, Simon, Kishore** and now **Deacon Anish Hansda**. Special thanks to all those who prayed and took care of him. We are looking forward to his coming back to our community.

Our **Hoffmann Catholic Self-Supporting Co-operative Credit Society Ltd.** was running during the time of lockdown. When the situation became normal, **Fr. Gyan** started coming to the office. **Fr. Roshan** is taking online classes for Commerce students and is very much committed to his office.

TARWA, ST. JOSEPH'S

On **Fr. Tony Herbert's** birthday, **Fr. Theodore** drove us to Prerana for a meeting and celebration. We remembered and prayed for our new Scholastics and their accompanying formators and guides on the vows day. Like other years we shared our mangoes with our neighbouring institutions and Jesuit communities in Hazaribag. This year we have sufficient rain here, and our pond is already full. We have put fish seeds in it for this year. One day we were blessed with the visit of **Frs. Santosh, Bob Slattery, Edward**. Another day **Fr. Peter Paul** also came to be with us. The natural front three '*hanumans*' (bigger black monkeys) have passed through our campus in recent times. All our teachers come to the school to conduct online classes. After making the new class groups, our **Sch. Saleth Raja** teaches us how to prepare online classes and teach the students. Our high school teacher Mrs. Anjali Minj has concluded her contribution to our school by the end of June. Thanks and best wishes to Anjali in her future life. Some of us attended various national and international educational webinars and prayer services. In the evenings, Tarwa youth come to our playground and play football. **Frs. Maria Louis** and **Alex** have installed 15 sewing machines in SCJM Sisters' campus for the skill training of the women. In the

Hutpa campus, they are growing seedlings for paddy plantations. **By Cyril**

P.T.E.C., SITAGARHA

At PTEC Jesuit community, the months of June and July were full of blessings as the community farewelled some and welcomed another. **Fr. Edward** joined the community on 27 June, having completed his quarantine period successfully at Arrupe Niwas. **Fr. Edward** was accompanied by **Fr. Provincial** and **Fr. Socius**. That evening, they stayed back to join the community welcome dinner. In the community, all are keeping good health and doing well with the respective ministries entrusted by the province.

At PTEC, staff returned to the college on 21 June after a long gap due to Covid-19. The college conducted online semester examinations for the first and the second-year students. The exam result of the second-year students have been declared, and also the course completion certificate is issued so that they can continue their further studies or apply for jobs. For the first-year students, the second semester online classes began on 8 July. The admission selection committee managed to conduct an aptitude test and counselling for the new candidates and declared the selection list on 8 July. Soon, the admission will be taken, and the online classes will begin for the session 2021-2023. At the same time, PTEC Canteen Cum Guest block construction has already started on the west of the newly constructed XCE. On 5 July, **Fr. P. O. Chacko** came and checked all the agreement papers and advised the contractor to start the works. PTEC community has accommodated 6 Philosophers, and the community has become more vibrant. Their online class began from 1 July onwards. On 8 July, we had **Fr. Pius Kerketta** (PCF) as a visitor who met the six scholastics staying at PTEC and left on the same day after giving some valuable, wise advice.

PTEC Jesuit community celebrated the feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola with the staff from all four units of the apostolate at PTEC multipurpose hall. **Fr. Edward** was the main celebrant and **Fr. Philemon** assisted with the

liturgy and choir preparations. The six scholastics helped out in various ways to make it a more homely festivity. On the same day, Fr. Edward went to St. Xavier's to deliver his inaugural speech on the occasion of 500 Years Ignatian Conversion. Fr. Philemon too accompanied Fr. Edward to witness the inauguration and unveiling of the life-size statue of St. Ignatius.

During the month, we had the visitation of Fr. Provincial to PTEC. It was a very fruitful and enriching experience for all of us. Fr. Provincial met with all scholastics and members of the community and then offered a Thanksgiving Mass for all. The community sincerely expresses its gratitude for the visit and the blessings received from his visitation.

Now, PTEC and all schools are preparing to reopen physical classes for the students, but of course with a caution. St. Xavier's +2 High school is already offline and soon PTEC will also become offline. The rest all are well keeping a good health of body and mind.

St. XAVIER'S SCHOOL GURUWA: Fr. **Sibrus** was farewelled as the Principal, and Fr. **Silas** was welcomed by the teaching staff as the new Principal of St. Xavier's School Sitagarha on 22 June. Due to lockdown, the students couldn't bid farewell to their beloved Principal. Fr. **Sibrus** was much appreciated for his efficiency, generosity and availability to lead the school from the front. On 23, Fr. **Vincent** and Fr. **Silas** escorted Fr. **Sibrus** up to Jamuniatanr. Fr. **Silas**, the new Principal, took charge on 22 June and started working seriously with the documents. The new admission for class 11 is going on.

PTEC MIDDLE SCHOOL: The school gave a farewell to Fr. **Silas** from Middle school in the presence of Fr. **Vincent**, the superior. The teachers were busy distributing the books and rice to the students. All the teachers regularly come to the school and carry out their teaching. The new admission continues.

LOYOLA SCHOOL: Fr. **Philemon** joined the community on 14 resumed his school work from 16 June. The teachers were taking online classes from home, but

they started coming to the school and continuing their classes from the last week of June. Formative assessment II was conducted, and the result would be given on 15 July. Fee collection is a big concern for the school to pay the salary to the staff.

SHAHPUR, SAHODAYA

Prior to the 2nd lockdown, community members from Vivek Sadan, Jamuniatanr, and Churadohar gathered at Sahodaya to reflect on the Provincial's agenda on Xavier Sadan and Hutpa land. Everyone participated, and the final report was sent to the provincial. After much discussion and reflection, the Sahodaya community members concluded that the small piece of land adjoining the eastern side of the residence should be converted into a fruit garden. We have planted mangoes, papayas, lemon and litchi apart from other trees. On 27 May we had very heavy cyclone rain. After Fr. **Tom's** arrival as a minister of Sahodaya, an initiative of Fr. **Moris Ekka**, they have planted more trees. On 29 May, the community gave a farewell to Sch. **Ravidas** who will be eventually leaving for his Philosophy. On 30 May, all four Scholastics, including Fr. **Tom**, went to Hazaribag to make their annual retreat. Fr. **Pradeep Xalxo** completed constructing the boy's hostel and is waiting for the tin sheets to be fixed. On 31 May, Frs. **Arbind, Ajit** and **Packiam** went to Ranchi to meet their respective doctors.

On 1 June, the community was saddened by the sudden news of Fr. **Gyan Hembrom** at Medanta hospital. On 4 June, Fr. **Moris** felt that the trees that were existing in the high school courtyard could create a problem during the rainy season for the children, so some of the trees were cut off. On 8 June, the Scholastics' retreat got over, and the ambulance had gone to Hazaribag to bring the Scholastics. Fr. **Fredrick** and his companion welcomed the new Sch. **Sujit Besra**. On 13 June, we had second heavy rain all over Palamu and Garwa district. On the birthday of Fr. **Packiam**, all community members from Vivek Sadan, Churadohar, and Jamuniatanr had gathered for a special prayer service led by Sch. **Sujit Besra**. Fr. **Minister** provided a delicious meal to

everyone. We also appreciated the generosity of **Fr. Fredrick Gidh** and his sisters for giving mangos to the community. **Sch. Vivek** was the sole in-charge of renovating the piggery and looking after all the needs of the hostel. **Frs. Sushil, Packiam** and **Sch. Vivek** accompanied **Fr. Ajit Soreng** to Chiropath on 19 June. On 21 June, **Fr. Moris** and **Tom** went to Kundri, the forest department to collect more trees.

SITAGARHA, ST. STANISLAUS COLLEGE

On 24 June, 27 new Juniors arrived from Ranchi, Jamshedpur and Lucknow and they were welcomed by the 2 year novices. **Fr. Francis Lopez** went back to Bhurkunda after a couple of months' rest in SSC. After one week of quarantine the Juniors began their academic session on 1 July with three days of orientation. On 3 July 10 first probationers entered the Novitiate. The SSC staff had its first Staff Colloquium (Orientation/faith sharing) conducted by **Fr Michael T. Raj** (Dean) on 8 and the second Colloquium is due on 15 July. On 6, 18 novices were vaccinated covishield in Khirgaon, Hazaribag. The SSC had special evening prayer and mass for **Fr. Stan Swamy** on 5, 6 and 7 July. SSC began its paddy transplantation on 11 July and the Juniors and the Novices joined the hired women and field workers for this task. They all worked very hard till noon. **Fr. Arun Minj** and **Sch. Deepak Lakra** visited SSC on 10 July and stayed overnight to gather some bamboo saplings. SSC is preparing towards a meaningful celebration of the feast of St. Ignatius.

In SSC Sitagarha, Loyola Feast day football match was played between novices and juniors among the spectators of formees in the campus. **Fr. Manicam Irudayaraj** (GUJ), tertian instructor, joined the community on 22 and **Fr. R.C. Chacko** joined the community on 31 of July 2021. The Tertian fathers arrived on 30 July and after seven days of quarantine they were welcomed in the community on 7 August. **Fr. Vinod Kerketta** did his final vows retreat in Arrupe Niwas.

FROM JUNIORS

Twenty-seven newly approved scholastics from seven different Provinces arrived at SSC Sitagarha on June 24 and went into

quarantine for a week. These Juniors are from Delhi, Dumka, Hazaribag, Jamshedpur, Madhya Pradesh, Patna, and Ranchi Provinces.

There are 7 Juniors for Hazaribag, namely **Ashish, Deepak, Gulshan, Nitesh, Prem Prakash, Ranjit,** and **Sachin.**

The Provincial **Fr. Santosh Minj** inaugurated the new academic session on July 1, with a Holy Mass, followed by Orientation classes for three days, led by the new Dean **Fr. Michael T. Raj** SJ of Jamshedpur. **Fr. Sandeep Lakra SJ** (MAP) is our new English teacher.

We had a Seminar on IPP by **Fr. PJ. James SJ**. Our Juniors and the Novices were also involved in paddy transplantation. Amidst the Pandemic, we all are hale and hearty. Our classes are as usual. We continued the Ignatian Novena to prepare ourselves for the feast day.

Gulshan Toppo SJ

NEWS FROM R.C, CHACKO

[Back in the Province](#)

I said goodbye to Nairobi and Pedro Arrupe Community on July 5, 2021, after completing a three-year term at Mwangaza Jesuit tertianship. Fr. Kizito, the Provincial of East Africa Province, at the farewell get-together in the community did not spare any words in appreciating and thanking the Hazaribag Province for its spirit of collaboration and generosity in responding to their need of the hour by appointing me to help out in the tertianship programme. For me, too, it was truly an experience of the three most important aspects of our Jesuit Charism viz. universality, mobility, and availability. Above all, as GC 35 and 36 emphasized, interprovincial and inter-Assistancy collaboration is at the heart of our governance and way of proceeding!

The tertianship programme went on as scheduled despite being overshadowed by the Pandemic and lockdown in the last two years.

We were forced to adapt the programme in many ways as the tertians couldn't travel for experiments or couldn't travel back to their provinces as planned, especially the last two batches. Last year their stay had to be

extended for two months due to travel restrictions. Every cloud has a silver lining! Innovation and adaptation were the fruit of the lockdown, and a "new normal" way of doing the tertianship emerged!

I was lucky to be able to travel back. There are no direct flights yet between Mumbai/Delhi and Nairobi. So, I came via Doha and New Delhi to Ranchi. Travel protocols were cumbersome and travel documents to be produced were numerous. Imagine 400 people arriving on that flight at New Delhi airport at 2.00 AM from Doha and lining up at that hour of the night for the Covid test again on arrival. And as usual, everyone was in a hurry to get away as soon as possible! Thank God I arrived safely in Hazaribag!

The last leg of my re-entry was the most pleasant experience. I spent a week doing the mandatory and customary quarantine at Arrupe Niwas, where I could unwind while enjoying the hospitality of the Provincial House. Happy to be back in the province

FROM DIASPORA

AHMEDABAD, PREMAL JYOTI

In the last few months, we were blessed with a series of events in our community. As "coming and going" is Jesuits' way of life, our Premal Jyoti community was happy to bid farewell to **Fr. Charles Kispotta**, the house minister. He was a man of a motherly heart, always busy with household chores. He served the community for almost 6 years, and all the fathers and brothers enjoyed his generosity. We all gratefully appreciated his activeness and diligence during the mass. In place of him, we were also privileged to welcome **Fr. Sudhir Beck** as a new minister, so young and full of spirit.

We were given an entire month of vacation from the college, following the state government strategies. We got the chance to get vaccinated from the nearby hospital with a certificate. We all experienced certain kinds of body pain and fever the following days. But we managed to regain our strengths. We also had a yearly written evaluation of our stay based on the three major points, Academic life, Spiritual Life, and Community

Life. Fr. James, the superior, had a very positive feeling about our evaluation.

As a community, we witnessed the Golden Jubilee celebration of **Fr. Abraham** on June 21st. Though we didn't invite anyone from outside, we celebrated meaningfully. During the Mass, **Fr. Abraham** was the main celebrant along with **Fr. Superior** and few fathers. We all actively participated in the celebration and marked the colorful day as memorable. We prayed and wished **Fr. Abraham** long life in the society.

Our online classes resumed on June 07th, and for a couple of days, we were fully busy with our exams. We broke our heads to do our best. Now we feel proud of completing our 1st year and slowly entering in 2nd year with 3rd Sem. We feel content and satisfied with ourselves for what we gained and pursue greater improvement in the next Sem. Many are facing lots of issues as we are not fully updated with the online teaching mode.

We were delighted to welcome our new comers **Schols. Sandeep** and **Rahul**, along with **Sch. Samuel** from our province. They arrived safely on June 14th after one and a half days of the journey. They have finished their quarantined period and are following normal life.

The month of July was full of various activities, which left us filled with joy and happiness. July 1 was a graceful day for all of us to pray with sincere hearts to heavenly father for the repose of all our loving Jesuits companions' souls, who passed away recently because of coronavirus or other sicknesses. On July 15, the memorial mass was presided for one of our present prophets **Fr Stan Swamy**. On this occasion, we were addressed of his notable works among the Adivasi and the Marginalized in Jharkhand. We felt inspired by his life and works, and at the same time, we were challenged to become the voice of the voiceless.

We started the Orientation session from 14th to 17th for the new academic year, 2021-22. In these three days of orientation classes, we dealt with various points such as the community life, spiritual life, and the MAGIS by different resource persons. On the

17, newcomers were officially welcomed into the community. On the following day, the Ignatian tournament began. In this tournament, each one of us tried to show our talents in the playground.

We began the Novena prayer on the 22nd to prepare ourselves for the feast of our founder, father St Ignatius of Loyola. It was a great privilege for all of us to have a monthly recollection by the Most Reverend Archbishop **Thomas Macwan**. He gave an inspiring talk during the Holy Eucharistic celebration. We are strengthened spiritually by his reflection.

The first-year collegians have not done their admission so far. Only registration has been done. Most probably, college admission will begin soon. Apart from this, we have completed taking the corona vaccine. But the viral fever has entered our compound. Because of this some of us are having cough and cold. We have a great hope that God will take care of us all. Happy Feast to all!

Sch. Rahul Xalxo, SJ

FROM OVERSEAS: FRANCE, PARIS

We are keeping good health, and we feel much relieved with the pandemic slowly calming down. Most of us are on the verge of getting fully vaccinated. This assures us better protection from contamination. The nationwide lockdown has been lifted, and people can even stay outside without a mask. Overall, life seems to have become normal even though there are certain restrictions. The month of June was a time of intense and tiresome academic works. We invested most of our time making our “end of

the year file” called “dossier de fin d’année”. This academic file gives an account of our entire year’s academic growth and progress. This file is also significant for our final evaluation (exam), where we are questioned and evaluated by at least two professors.

On June 9th, all the Indian Jesuits had a get-together to bid farewell to outgoing Jesuit students. It was the lone occasion this year to meet together since the pandemic started. After having submitted our academic file, we started our final exam on June 15th. Each student had a different day for his/her exam and academic meeting with the Dean of the studies. All the students belonging to the first cycle finished their exams by June 18th. Since then, we are on an extended summer vacation. **Raymond** also completed his language classes at the Catholic University of Paris. He will be part of one-month intensive language classes organized specially for the Jesuits in one of the communities. From August onward, he will also be on summer vacation till the beginning of September. **George** and **Amit** flew back to the province for their summer vacation on June 27. On their arrival at Arrupe Niwas on the 28 afternoon, they spent one week of mandatory quarantine. They are thrilled to be back in the province after three years.

During their vacation, they will visit some mission stations in the province and spend some time with their families. After spending almost two and half months in the province, they will fly back to France on September 10 to continue their integrated cycle of Philosophy and Theology.

By Schols. Raymond, George & Amit

DEATH ANNIVERSARY

JULY

03/1993 Michael Mulhearn
08/2019 Savarimuthu Irudayam
30/2016 Brian Slack
31/2002 Leonard Forster

05/2019 Barry John
12/2020 Gaudentius Kongari
15/2020 Augustine C. Tigga
17/1971 John Rush
17/1992 Steven Daly
24/1990 John Wijnant
29/2019 Gavin O'Sullivan

AUGUST

01/1992 Andrew Thottunkal
02/1992 Bp. George Saupin

KINDLY REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

June 23rd, 2021	Mrs. Josephina Xalxo (79) , elder sister of Fr. Barnabas Xalxo
June 29th, 2021	Br Francis Basumatary SJ , (DAR) (68/35).
July 05th, 2021	Fr. Stanislaus Lourduswami , SJ (Stany Swamy), (JAM), aged 84, passed away on, Holy Spirit Hospital Mumbai.
July 06th, 2021	Fr Devasia Vellapani (GOA) 82/59 passed away, in Belgaum.
July 07th, 2021	Fr. Shyam Kishore's nephew Ajay Tudu.
July 14th, 2021	Fr. Abraham Enthemkuzhy SJ (JAM) (70/52) died due to cardiac arrest.
July 19th, 2021	Fr Stanislaus (Stany) Miranda , (KAR) 91/68, passed away in Mangaluru.
July 31st, 2021	Fr Paul Valappila SJ (Guj), 78/60, passed away in Vadodara.
August 1st 2021	Fr. Placie Fonseca SJ (BOM) 84/62, died of cancer.
August, 8th, 2021	Fr Ananad Beck's (Haz) nephew, Deepchand Kispotta (16) died of snake bite.
August 9th 2021	Fr. Gregory Naik (GOA) 88/70

“I am not a silent spectator”

A TRIBUTE TO FR STAN SWAMY SJ

I had met Fr Stan about thirty years ago for the first time and I was glad to know that he was actively involved in social work. I came to know him more closely during the last six 6 years, as I used to go to Bagaicha quite regularly for the training programmes and workshops in relation to Jan Netritva Pahal, Lok Manch and the zonal level social action meetings.

Six years ago, I was quite new to social ministry and was very eager to learn more

about the dynamics of this ministry. In this context, Fr Stan became a living example for my engagement in social apostolate. In my interactions with him, I had not had any lengthy conversations as such with him. But I was lucky to participate in meetings, related to Justice in Mining (JIM), with him. I attended a few workshops, in which he addressed the participants on social issues and motivated them. I used to read his writings. That gave

me an opportunity to know his views and understand his thinking.

I found the following characteristics in him:

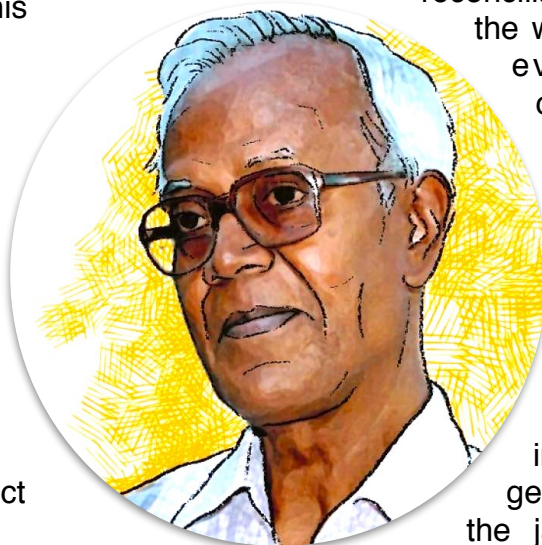
1. Well disciplined
2. Prioritizing his works
3. Critical thinking
4. Committed to the marginalised
5. Research oriented
6. Communicating through his writing
7. Punctual
8. Clarity in his thinking
9. Upto date with Acts related to the Social issues and human rights.
10. Every morning, spending time at Pathal Gadi at Bagaicha and praying to God through the intercession of the martyrs and paying respect to them.
11. The ability to be in touch with so many people and influencing them.
12. Special interest towards people's movements.
13. Doing not what pleases others, but doing what pleases God.

He used to spend the morning hours in prayers and reflection. He was a man of few words. He was available for people at any time. He followed the routine strictly. He appreciated my interest towards social work and encouraged me to join the team at Bagaicha. Over these years, I recognized his uncompromising attitude towards any oppressive step taken by the government or officials and he tried to communicate his views to the concerned the persons in various ways.

Fr Stan's preoccupation has been the welfare of the dalits and tribals. He was much disturbed by the decisions of the government, which ignored the PESA Act, according to which no common land can be acquired by the government without the consent of the Gram Sabha. According to the laws, any minerals belonging to the owner of the land but this was not being followed by the government in mining areas. So he

looked for an opportunity to communicate these concerns to the people during the workshops.

I can imagine the amount of sufferings he went through in the jail, being old and sick and not having the necessary basic facilities to lead a life. God continued to bless him to spread his kingdom, even from the jail. He communicated the values of justice and reconciliation all over the nation and the world from the jail more than ever. I am realising the commitment and the sacrifice of the other 15 human rights activists more after Fr Stan's going to jail. Let us continue to pray for all the 15 of them, who are still in custody that they may be freed.



All of us have done our best in order to play our role in getting Fr Stan released from the jail through Friday prayers, other prayers, post card campaigns and other activities. Now that Fr Stan has passed away, we have lost in him an eminent social activist, a person who worked for peace and reconciliation and who accompanied the underprivileged. We continue our campaigns as many other innocent activists are still languishing in the jail. These days zonal, national and international level programs are being organized as condolence and motivational meetings for Fr Stan.

At the province level too, we will organize programs in order to take forward the legacy of Fr Stan; as we get opportunity at various levels. We all will support these activities and take initiative to organise programs in our own centres/institutions. The ashes of Fr Stan was buried at Jamshedpur on 3rd August (30th day) of his passing away.

Fr Stan said, "I am not a silent spectator" and played his prophetic role in bringing peace, justice and reconciliation. Let us not be quiet when unjust things happen but raise our voice for justice and pay the price. May Fr Stan's soul Rest in Peace.

Fr Maria Louis SJ, PSJES 10.07.2021



INAUGURATION OF IGNATIAN YEAR – 31ST OF JULY 2021

BY FR PROVINCIAL

Most Rev. Bishop Anand Jojo, Bishop of Hazaribag diocese; Provincial Superiors, Sr. Rosily Holy Cross; Sr. Lissy Thomas, FCC; Sr. Josmi, CMC; priests, religious, friends, lay collaborators and my dear Jesuit friends.

I thank you for joining us online to inaugurate the Ignatian Year 2021 – 22 in Hazaribag Jesuit Province. It is a grace filled year for all of us. The theme for the Ignatian year is 'To see all things new in Christ', invites us to have a new vision of our life and mission. Guided by the theme of the Ignatian year, the Society of Jesus hopes to encourage everyone to draw inspiration from the example of St. Ignatius and his inner struggle to conversion which led him to a close familiarity with God. This familiarity, in turn, led him to find God in all things and to see all things new in Christ.

Fr. Arturo Sosa Superior General has asked Jesuits the world over to focus on the twin objectives; Spiritual renewal for Jesuits and Sharing the richness of our heritage with others.

By these two objectives in mind the Society of Jesus dreams a better future for the people we serve – a new world. How do we bring about personal renewal in our life? I think one has to make a conscientious effort to come closer to God, find deeper meaning in prayer, of the Eucharist and examine one's relationship with God and people.

St. Ignatius of Loyola called himself a 'pilgrim'- a towering imagery for constant search and conversion. The attitude of the quest for God and His Divine Will moulded him to be a mystic to be in close union with the Divine. That is what he wanted.

How can we develop the idea of being a 'pilgrim' in our actual life and live it? Certainly going through Ignatian resources; the Autobiography, the Constitutions, the Spiritual Exercises, and the documents of GCs and the letters of Fr. General etc. prayerfully can enthuse in us a new hope and bring renewal.

Secondly, revisiting our cannonball experience and life in the Society will enfold many God experiences and blessings God has bestowed on us. This exercise of introspection will help our Jesuit life for personal conversion. And one can be confident that a true personal conversion will lead one to a greater communitarian and institutional transformation in turn and inner joy in life.

Dear brothers and sisters, we Jesuits have ample opportunities to share our Ignatian heritage in many places. Every encounter with the other can be an occasion to give and share. And we share it with you directly and indirectly through our life and ministry. This is a very good occasion to express our gratitude to those who collaborate with us, especially the various Religious Congregations that are involved with us in our schools and in our socio-pastoral ministries.

Once I asked the staff of St. Xavier's School, Hazaribag, "How much do you know about our spirituality and do you know why we live such a life?" The prompt reply was "Fr. we know it to some extent we are already living it out."

Some of our lay collaborators are thirsting for the Ignatian spirituality. The province has given them taste of its richness. We have many schools and a few big institutions by which we are reaching out to 25000 students. Dear lay collaborators you are not just teaching or carrying out errands; but share in the mission of creating a just and life-promoting Society. What makes me happy and proud to admit that you are our mission partners and without you we can achieve very little. I would like to underline and appreciate the services done by our dear Alumni-Alumnae after inheriting the values you have received from us you are proactive in whatever way you can in reaching out to others.

St. Ignatius was very close to the poor and his life of poverty was an expression of his deeper intimacy with God. It had transformed him to have total trust in Him. Most of our mission works are in the villages. I can say that the province has opted to work for the poor.

On the occasion of the Ignatian year province has to go through personal, communitarian and institutional renewal in practicing the vows of poverty. Each Jesuit as well as the community will have to think big to do something concretely for the poor as many of us journey with them very closely and others will have to look for chances to be with them.

I thank Fr. Arbind Beck, SJ who is the coordinator of the Ignatius Year and his team who has meticulously designed at various levels to share our legacy with others. The province apostolic plan describes our commitment to share Ignatian vision and charism with the laity and the youth.

I would like to thank St. Xavier's School, Community and the Hoxans for the installation of the life size statue of St. Ignatius of Loyola in St. Xavier's campus on the occasion of the Ignatian year.

I am also very grateful to everyone who was involved in getting ready for the inauguration of the Ignatian Year without naming them – thank you everyone. I would like to conclude my sharing with the words of Fr. Arturo Sosa, the Superior General of the Society of Jesus, "It is my desire that at the heart of this Ignatian year we would hear the Lord calling us, and we would allow him to work our conversion inspired by the personal experience of Ignatius." (From Fr. General's letter - Rome, 27 September 2019) May St. Ignatius continue to inspire and challenge us to walk in his footprints. Thank you very much!

Fr. Santosh Minj, SJ

Provincial Superior



31st July, 2021

MESSAGE FOR THE IGNATIAN YEAR HAZARIBAG PROVINCE, 31 JULY 2021

BY FR EDWARD MUDAVASSERY

Rt. Rev. Bishop Anand Jojo, the bishop of Hazaribag diocese, and the administrator of Daltonganj Diocese, Fr. Santosh Minj SJ, the provincial of Hazaribag Province, Fr. Rosner Xalxo SJ, the principal of St. Xavier's School Hazaribagh, the staff and students of St. Xavier's School, respected parents, distinguished guests, friends and collaborators of Jesuits and my dear Jesuit companions,

This morning we have gathered here to inaugurate the Ignatian Year to commemorate the defeat that triggered the conversion (transformation) of St Ignatius. For good reasons we are two months behind to inaugurate the Ignatian Year. The celebrations in the Society of Jesus will take place between 20 May 2021 to 31 July 2022.

On 20th of May 500 years ago, Ignatius was wounded by a cannonball, while defending the fort of Pamplona against the powerful French army of 12 thousand, with thousand soldiers. The cannonball not only shattered the bones of his one leg and wounded the other, it blew to pieces also his grandiose dreams to earn name and fame and the admiration of his masters, and the other admirers especially the women of noble birth.

We, in Hazaribag Province, had to defer the date as the 2nd wave of corona virus hit our beloved state of Jharkhand quite hard, infecting scores of people and killing many. Hazaribag Province lost 6 Jesuit companions due to covid-19, apart from the many near and dear ones and collaborators and friends including some priests and religious. Many of us are still trying to come to terms with these losses and are also looking out with anxiety, into the bleak and uncertain future, wondering what is in store for us in the coming months and years. Some are also questioning in their minds, how we could celebrate the Ignatian anniversary, when the prevailing mood is one of despondency, anxiety and uncertainty? But it is my belief that the

Ignatian year, incidentally, coinciding with the pandemic might offer us some spiritual insights and practical wisdom to face our present predicament.

During his long convalescence Ignatius was in a lockdown situation in his bed in the castle of Loyola similar to the situation of the world during the pandemic. His normal life too came to a standstill just as ours. We had to stay at home, work from home, we had to keep social distancing, wear masks, desist from embracing our beloved children; the schools and colleges were closed, so were the factories and all forms of traffic; and the places of business and entertainments, and the places of worship; the roads were empty except for health workers and the ambulances moving around frantically carrying the dead and the dying, many couldn't attend even the last rites of their loved ones. Neither the scientists nor the medical experts could assure us, when this ordeal would end, or what the future has in store for us.

Though Ignatius was confined to his sick bed, he was still hoping to go back to his old 'normal' life. Therefore, in order to kill time he asked for some romantic novels that would fuel his worldly daydreams. But his loving sister-in-law could find only the Life of Christ and a collection of the Lives of Saints in the house. Finding no other way out, to entertain himself, Ignatius spent his time partly in daydreaming about his former worldly life, and partly by recalling to his mind the stories of selfless love and service of the saints he had read. Gradually his mind began to change, it dawned on him that there was a difference in what he felt; though he enjoyed immensely both these activities, the former left him empty and sad afterwards, but the latter filled him with joy and lasting peace and a strong desire to follow them to do great things for God and humanity. After his convalescence, he was determined to pursue this new way. He realized that his former way of life had no lasting value, just as we have realized it during the lockdown.

Ignatius left the castle to pursue this new way, which he believed was God's own way for his future life; and he was ready to pay any price for it, leaving his family, friends, his possessions and his worldly ambitions for name and fame. The cannonball that injured Ignatius had brought a battle to an end, but it would initiate a new interior battle in his soul; it will transform him from a self-seeking individual to a humble servant of God; enlighten him **to see all things from a new perspective**, from a divine perspective. A thing seen as a catastrophe at one moment would turn out to be a moment of grace and personal transformation, to see all things new with the eyes of God!

The little book in which he carefully jotted down his inner pilgrimage is known as the Spiritual Exercises which has been used as God's instrument for personal, community and institutional transformation for the past 500 years. St. Francis Xavier was one of the earliest beneficiaries to experience this transformation. He was sent to India and to the East with the message of God's Love and Service of humanity. Ignatius' conversion also led him to found the Society of Jesus, which has been in the forefront for the Church renewal, spread of modern education and helping the poor and the marginalized in the far-flung corners of the world. Late Fr. Stan Swamy is an epitome in our own days for championing the cause of justice, displacement of the indigenous people and the destruction of the environment especially in the Tribal and Dalit heartlands.

St. Ignatius has also given us two very important methods in the Spiritual Exercises for effective personal, community and institutional transformation, and for making good choices. They are known as the examination of consciousness, and the rules for the discernment of the spirits, or tendencies that are Godly and other-centered or worldly and self-centered. These two precious gifts can help us to make good choices as we embark on the "new normal", to rebuild a fraternal, inclusive and just world. Just as St. Ignatius could not go back to the 'old normal' life, we too cannot go back to the old normal because the present catastrophe, is the cumulative effect of the cutthroat competition, unbridled consumerism and the destruction of the environment.

Prior to the pandemic the SJ had started a process of diagnosing and discerning its life and mission, seeing the sad plight of our society and the environment. After a yearlong process of study, analysis and discernment, the Society of Jesus had come out with 4 universal apostolic preferences. Fr. Arturo Sosa, the superior General of the SJ, presented these to the Pope as the Society's preferences for the next ten years. Pope Francis then approved these and confirmed them. He felt that the SJ had made a true discernment to arrive at these to renew their life and mission in the current deteriorating world situation. Contextually applied with creativity and discernment, these can help us to jumpstart the 'new normal' and rebuild a fraternal, just, ecologically healthy and inclusive society.

Pope Francis has insisted that the foundation for the 'new normal' must start with an internal processes of prayer and discernment as shown by St. Ignatius in the Spiritual Exercises, leading to commitment and solidarity with the poor, migrants, displaced and marginalized people; and accompanying the young by giving them hope for a bright future; providing quality education at all levels without neglecting the poor; restoring the integrity of the cosmos and working for peace and reconciliation in collaboration with all people of goodwill. May the Ignatian Year inspire us to see all things new with the eyes of God and collaborate with one another to make this dream come true and save (rebuild) our common home for us and for the future generations!

May I wish you a very happy feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola!

Edward Mudavassery, SJ

31-07-2021

