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OFFICIAL

APPOINTMENTS BY POPE

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| Fr Stephen Chow, SJ | The new Bishop of Hong Kong |
| Fr. Visuvasam Selvaraj, SJ | Administrator of Port Blair Diocese appointed as the new Bishop of Port Blair Diocese on 29 June 2021. |
| Fr Linus Pingal Kujur, SJ | Prof. of St Albert's College, Ranchi, has been appointed as the Diocesan Administrator of Gumla after the demise of Bishop Paul Alois Lakra, DD |

APPOINTMENT BY POSA

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| Fr Jason Furtado, SJ | Revisor of ISI, Bengaluru and Satya Nilayam, Chennai. |
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APPOINTMENTS BY PROVINCIAL

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| Fr Joe Kalathil | Puri | Sahavikas, Phulbani | Social work | 10 Aug 2021 |
| Fr Biranchi Soreng | Loyola Bhavan | Sahavikas, Phulbani | Social work | 10 Aug 2021 |
| Fr Alex A. | Loyola School Snakhabhanga | Loyola School Sankhabhanga | Treasurer - Additional | 16 Aug 2021 |
| Fr Jyoti Ranjan Sanga | Gandedungri | Basahatu | Teacher | 16 Aug 2021 |
| Fr Henry Albert | Guidera Residence | Inigo Niwas, Lupungutu | Teacher | 16 Aug 2021 |

PROVINCIAL'S PROGRAMME IN AUGUST 2021

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| 3 | 30 th Day Commemoration of Fr Stan Swamy |
| 5-12 | Annual Retreat |
| 15 | Final Vows at Loyola School, Jamshedpur |
| 23 | GB at XIM University, Bhubaneswar |
| 28 | GB at XLRI Jamshedpur |
| 28-29 | Consult |

INFORMATION

Province Congregation

In preparation for the 71st Congregation of Procurators, Provincial has convoked the Jamshedpur Province Congregation to begin on **5 November 2021** at **5 pm** at **XLRI, Jamshedpur**. The members attending our Province Congregation should arrive at the venue of the Congregation well in time for the opening and should be prepared to stay at least four days, i.e., until 9 November.

Final Vows

Father General has approved the Final vows of **Frs Augustine Surin** and **Niranjan Minj**. They will pronounce their final vows on 15 August 2021 in Loyola, Jamshedpur, at the Holy Eucharist at 5.30 pm.

STAN SPECIAL

Memorial Mass for Fr Stan and Memoir release

Gerald Ravi D'Souza

On August 03, 2021, the representatives from Central Zone Provinces came together to commemorate the 30th day of Fr Stan Swamy's death. This coming together made a moving experience that brought the memory of Stan alive. The 30th-day memorial Liturgical Celebration was organised in Jesu Bhavan, Mango, at 6:30 am. The Holy Eucharist was presided over by **Archbishop Felix Toppo, SJ**; and concelebrated by **Bishop Telesphore Bilung, SVD, Fr Stany D'Souza, SJ (POSA)**, the Jesuit provincials of Jamshedpur, Ranchi and Hazaribagh, and **Fr Joe Xavier (Director, ISI, Bangalore)**. Fr Xavier Soreng, SJ who was the secretary of Bagaicha and who worked with Fr Stan, in his homily described Fr Stan's death as a death that took place in most unexpected



death so much as he is known today and lives in the hearts of thousands of people. His death is a wake-up call to all of us to live the values lived by Fr Stan and work for truth and justice. After the Holy Eucharist, the ashes of Fr Stan were interred at the cemetery at Jesu Bhavan.



In the afternoon, the Central Zone Provinces organised a public program at XISS, Ranchi during which the memoirs of Stan Swamy were released. Welcomed the gathering, Fr Joseph Marianus Kujur, director of XISS, said: "The title of the memoirs is very apt because we all know that it is indeed true that Fr Stan was never silent when he was alive. He is not silent even after his death. Through his writings, friends, associates and admirers, his voice is still reverberating everywhere. We

circumstances. Imprisonments and death have become a life issue for all of us. In his death, he gave his life for the tribals, Dalits and the deprived at the margins of society. He dedicated his life to the well-being of tribals, Dalits and the marginalised. Though Fr Stan is no more with us, our faith is that he continues to live in spirit, in thoughts, in legacies he has left behind. He was not known before





hope to keep his spirit alive amongst us as we come together to release his memoirs.”

Fr Stanislaus Jerome D’Souza, SJ, POSA, in his address delivered as the guest of honour, said: “There are two types of memories, one type which happen and the other which are made. We all stand here because Fr Stan’s memory has touched us and moved us. His enemies want us to believe that he was against the law... but the truth is he believed in the court of law and died fighting for the poor and the marginalised.”

Fr P.M.Tony, Director of Bagaicha, announced the scholarship of Rs 25,000 to be given in the name of Fr Stan to the children of two tribal undertrial prisoners. Fr Stan had been conferred the Mukandan

C. Menon Award last year and since Father was in prison, it was received by Fr Joe Xavier. Fr Stan expressed the wish that the amount be distributed among the children of undertrial prisoners. Fr PM Tony said that they had selected two deserving children – Kiran Barla, a seventh-grader at Rajkiya Madhya Vidyalaya at Lapung in Ranchi, and Sandhya Oraon, a sixth-grader at St Mary’s Girls Middle School, Kanke. They were handed over the scholarship by **Fr Jerry Cutinha** our Provincial.

During this short program, a few eminent personalities, activists and friends of Fr Stan were invited to speak. The development economist and social activist Jean Drèze said in a video message: “Fr Stan while leaving for prison had said that he is going to pay the price for fighting for social justice. The right tribute would be to carry forward his movement for social justice.”

Mihir Desai, Fr Stan’s legal counsel and senior advocate in Bombay



High Court, pointed out: “He was penalised not for any crime he committed but for raising his voice for justice to Adivasis and the poor.”

Fr Jerry Cutinha, the Provincial of Jamshedpur expressed his thanks and gratefulness to the gathering and to all those who helped him in Taloja jail, Mumbai Jesuits, Fr Joe Xavier and his legal team, and for all friends and supporters of Fr Stan for their continued support and solidarity. He expressed his special thanks to **Frs Gerald D’Souza, KM Joseph, Donald D’Silva, Mukti Clarence, Anil Dang, Ajit Soreng, Gyan P. Kujur, Alex G, Jubin Nath, Binay Kerketta** and others who took care of every minute detail of the program and ensured that the program was very impactful.

My Last Stand With Stan

Alex Mascarenhas SJ

Savior of the Dalits, poor Tribals
Terror for the rich power dalals
Angel for the oppressed & faint
Nemesis of the moneyed taint
Dveshpremis silenced a saint

Wily are bailed, with lightning speed
Innocent are jailed, to rot and bleed
Taking stand failed, hefty price paid
Hitler hailed; Hatriotic tunes played

Shall we remain spectators and silent
Take stand, pay a price, don’t relent
A frail body of Stan may be no more
Not his spirit; it is now our folklore

STAND WITH STAN
STAND HINDUSTAN
UPRIGHT WE STAND
TILL FOE UNDERSTAND



People of All Faiths in Jamshedpur Pledge to Pursue Stan's Legacy

Gerald Ravi D'Souza

On 28 July 2021, the progressive denizens of Jamshedpur City and its vicinity observed National Justice Day with unique gusto and grandeur. Avidly reminiscing the incredible legacy and contributions of Fr Stan Swamy, people from all walks of life and faiths demonstrated their solidarity for Stan with luminous and evocative

candles, posters and banners across the Steel City. In fact, it was a clarion call by the urbane and cognizant citizens to stand in solidarity with the marginalised, deprived of basic human rights and justice.

The silent candlelight demonstrations reflected growing inequalities, violence, atrocities, discrimination, cries for justice, and liberation from oppressive structures in the Indian Republic. Besides, the observation of National Justice Day beckoned the general public to pursue and further the inspiring legacy of Fr Stan Swamy, "Not to remain a silent spectator" and more significantly, join hands with the like-minded to protect the secular, democratic and cultural integrity of our nation.

Fr Stan's custodial death is an awakening and a clarion call for all Indian citizens amidst gross human rights violations. It is worth remembering that Fr Stan Swamy worked tirelessly for the exploited and dispossessed, displaced and convicted, vulnerable and voiceless irrespective of caste and creed. Throughout his life, he incarnated the egalitarian values of peace, love, equality, justice and truth, braving all the odds and challenges of state absolutism. Undoubtedly, the entire nation consisting of the Adivasis, Dalits and other backward sections of society has lost a daring, dedicated, committed and gentle priest-activist. He has left behind a legacy of the in-depth Christian

faith as an inspiration for all generations to come.

This candlelight demonstration urged one and all to demand justice for Fr Stan Swamy and all the accused in the Bhima Koregaon case. The assembly of all the concerned citizens demanded that the Central Government free all



Sakchi, Jamshedpur



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Loyola School, Jamshedpur



Loyola School, Jamshedpur



Mercy Hospital, Jamshedpur



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SJH, Bilai Pahari



SJH, Bilai Pahari

the human rights defenders and under-trial prisoners languishing in jails for years now. They called on the government to defend democracy, repeal sedition law,

Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act and repressive state laws and restore citizens' right to dissent. The entire assembly sang the song of Rabindranath Tagore unitedly

and in unison, "Into that heaven of freedom, my Father, let my country awake."

GRATITUDE AND GOODBYE

Thanks A Lot, Ozzie and Kiran

We bid a fond farewell to **Fr Ozzie Mascarenhas**. He spent a week in XIM University enjoying the company of **Fr Abe**, and left for Bangalore on 7 July, for his next assignment.

Not many people got the opportunity to enjoy the company of **Ozzie** as we at Jamshedpur Province did. It is hard to say goodbye, but yes, we are open to God's mission anywhere, at any time! At the end of the day, Karnataka Province's gain is Jamshedpur Province's loss. XLRI and the entire Jamshedpur Province thank you and the entire Karnataka Province for your generous services to the Jamshedpur Province in General and XLRI in particular. In fact, we cannot thank you enough,

Ozzie. Our sincere appreciation and gratitude to you for your commendable and generous services at XLRI Jamshedpur from 1976 to 1983 and then from 2013 to 2021. XLRI will certainly miss you and Jamshedpur Province will remember your contribution in various capacities. Your talks to the province Assemblies, evaluation of the province through SWOT analysis and your retreats before the Final Vows are a few to mention with gratitude. Your talks, masses were very inspiring, your company was always warm and welcoming, and indeed we loved your company. It was nice to hear from the XLRI faculty about missing your walks, care and concern you showed to their family members and counselling them when they were in trouble.

Really a great witness value of love, compassion, empathy, availability, and acts of generosity. May you have a pleasant and apostolically fruitful assignment in Bengaluru. We assure you of our prayers Ozzie as you embark on your new assignment.

We bid farewell to **Fr (Dr) Kiran Coth** who was part of the XIM community for the last 5 years. Besides his Doctoral studies, he helped the community and the university in various capacities. Kiran was the first Jesuit to complete his PhD at XIM University. **Fr Kiran's** Doctoral Thesis was "**Jesuit Style of Education, Qualities of Ignatian Educators and its influence on faculty members: An exploratory study**". He left for his province on 7 July 2021.

NEWS FROM OUR HOUSES AND AROUND

CHAIBASA AREA

Amda

John Sumbrui

Amda and Basahatu Jesuits had a community mass at Basahatu on 29 June at 6.30 pm which was followed by dinner. On 1 July, SRA Sisters celebrated their

congregation foundation day at Amda at 6.30 am. **Fr Nelson** offered the mass. Again on 2 July, **Fr Nelson** offered mass for the birthday of Sr Bebista SRA. On 8

July, **Nelson** and **John** took part in the mass offered at Basahatu to welcome Sr Priya and Sr Savita SRA, followed by a fellowship meal. On 13 July, Fr Camil on the

way back to Chota Nagra, dropped in to meet his 'YAAR' (Fr John Sumbrui). On 15 July, we joined the Golden jubilee celebration of **Fr Alex Misquith** at LPG. On 19 July, **Fr Somy** on his way back from LPG to Jamshedpur dropped **Fr Alex Gnanapragasam** early in the morning at Claver Bhavan. **Fr Alex** took an aerial view of CSWC. On 22 July, we joined the Birth Centenary

Celebration of **John Deeney** at LPG. On the same evening, Amda and Basahatu Jesuits came together at Basahatu for the first day of Novena to St Ignatius Loyola. Thereafter, on the following days we had the Novena prayers separately in our own places. On 23 July, **Fr Nelson** went for the village mass for the faithful at Bada. No improvement in **John's**

health, he says he gets blackout and the giddiness continues.

After the Second wave of the pandemic, we see an increase in the number of OPD patients at CSWC, with a daily average of four to five. The second phase of RCS will be held on 8 and 9 August. We are expecting eight patients for the RCS.

Basahatu

Joseph Surin

Basahatu Parish News

The marriage preparatory classes were arranged in the Basahatu campus for 5 living-in couples before the rectification of their marriage. Along with the marriages, 3 children were also baptized.

Fr Joseph Surin has started moving out to the villages offering masses. He offered 2 new house blessing masses, 3 masses for the repose of the souls in different villages and just began offering *Hero' Porob* (an agricultural tribal feast celebrated mostly in June-July after the paddy/crops have sufficiently grown) mass in one village.

The Basahatu catechists along with some school staff got the first dose of vaccine against Covid-19 at Basahatu Community Health Centre.

Community News

The Amda and Basahatu Community Members had the requiem mass at Basahatu for the Jesuits, relatives and coworkers who died during the Covid-19 pandemic. Later on, the Amda-Basahatu Jesuits once again

gathered at Amda to attend the province mass for Fr Stan.

Joe Surin attended the three days Conference on Apostolic Planning Meeting of Faith Secretaries of the South Asian Provinces organized by the Secretariat of Faith, Delhi from 1 to 3 July. **Joe** also attended a meeting at Lupungutu regarding Fr Deeney's Birth Centenary Program.

Frs James Samad and **Joe** along with the SRA sisters attended the online mass for Fr Stan Swamy organized by the Ranchi Archdiocese.

We have got a new cook once again for the community, Mr Birs Mahali, a non-Christian from Porloyong, Mahalibasa village. The previous one has quit the job.

After a long gap, because of the Pandemic, we resumed our daily mass with the SRA sisters at our residence.

Joe and **James** attended the Diamond Jubilee mass of **Fr Alex Misquith** at Lupungutu.

James along with the catechists and school staff went to see a

former student who is suffering from cancer.

Sch Nitish Xaxa has started taking English classes for a few 9th and 10th class girls on the campus while **Sch Sanket Kumar** supervises the ground digging work going on to find out the fault in the underground power supply cable. We have been having problems with the power supply from the School building to our residence for a couple of days now. The fault has been detected. However; we need to put a new underground cable for power supply from School to our residence.

Distinguished Guests/Visitors

Fr Basil Sanga, the candidate director, brought six would-be novices to know the mission and work at Basahatu.

Frs Valerian Mendonca and **Somy Mannoor** spent a few hours with us.

New Arrivals

Basahatu Parish got a new sister for pastoral work, Sr Priya Kandulna, SRA. She joined the Basahatu SRA community on 27 June 2021. However, soon after arriving here and a couple of village visits she

fell sick and is still recuperating from Typhoid. Later, on 6 July 2021, Sr Savita Dias, SRA joined their community at Basahatu. She

is appointed person-in-charge of the girls' hostel.

New Development

Contractor Ibrahim's workers have started the work of cooks' quarters adjacent to the hostel dining hall.

DHANBAD AREA

DNS – Bhuli

Bhincent Bhengra

De Nobili School Bhuli bears 100% result in ICSE result. Congratulations to **Fr Sebastian**, Teachers and students for their hard work and effort.

Online classes are going well in full swing. Teachers are trying their best to impart knowledge from home. Teachers and staff paid tribute to Fr Stan by protesting with placards near the school gate.

Fr Sebastian organized a half-day seminar on **Ignatian Legacy** for the teachers. Mrs Sujata Bose the History teacher passed away on 25 July. She was suffering from Leukemia. The School was suspended for one day in her honour and a small prayer service was organized in her name. **Fr Sebastian** said, "She was a committed and lively teacher; It is a great loss for the school". We

bade farewell to **Fr Pancras** and wished him best wishes for his new mission as the Principal of Chandrapura School.

Guests of the month

Fr Emile made his thirty days long retreat. He went back to his community with renewed vigour and zeal. Frs Nicholas and Raj were here for a short visit as Fr Nicholas was transferred to Chaibasa as the Parish Priest.

DNS – Chandrapura

Anthony Pancras

Fr Vijay, Mr Sebastian Horo and the staff welcomed **Pancras** with a bouquet at the school entrance on 09 July. At the CTPS parish, on 11 July **Pancras** was welcomed and Fr Mukti, the Parish Priest, celebrated his birthday. The dean of Bokaro deanery graced the occasion. **Vijay** and HM sisters were also present. On 14 July, **Pancras** took over as the Principal of De Nobili School Chandrapura and paid tribute to Late **Fr Stan Swamy** with a heavy heart. He was accompanied by Vice Principals **Fr**



Vijay Kachchap, Mr Sebastian Horo, Sr Clementina Lakra and Mr Kunal Banerjee. The teachers sang the 'Welcome Song' and 'Abide with me,' which was led by Mr Rohit Sinha. The prayer service was prepared by Sr Jeewan Lata and Mr Dinesh Albert was the MC for the program. CTPS fathers and sisters visited Chandankiyari to share the birthday joy of Jerry Kujur and spent a memorable

evening. CTPS Jesuits began the Novena to St Ignatius on 22 July at the Principal's residence. The ICSE result of the year was excellent, 114 students appeared, and all passed, the topper scored 97.8%; 78 students scored 80+ per cent. We congratulate Mr Kennedy and the team for their hard work on this result.



DNC Digwadih

Emile Coelho

On 3 July, **Sunny Jacob** visited DNS, Digwadih. It was a homecoming and an opportunity for one and all to come together in unity. **Sunny** met the Alumni Association members, and teachers who are residents on campus. The Alumni gave umbrellas to our co-workers—showers of blessing anticipated.

On 14 July, **Oscar Horo**, **Sebastian Puthenpura** and **Jerry Kujur** went to attend the funeral ceremonies connected with the sad and sudden demise of **Abraham Enthemkuzhy**. They made use of the occasion to meet the men in Guidera Residence, XLRI.

The Community gathered together for the Eucharist to share about the life and work of **Stan Swamy** on the one hand, and **Abraham Enthemkuzhy** on the other. A meaningful testimony to life and work by both giants in their own right.

The Community went to Chandankiyari and Tundi to celebrate the birthdays of **Jerry Kujur** and **Prabhakar Odipilli** respectively.

Tid-bits: Amaladoss went to Raipur to inspect a school that hopes to be accredited to the CICSE. Amal shared the fruit of his trip: two packets of salted cashew nuts. Good to the last 'nut'! **Amal** is in the thick of preparations for 31 July. Among his many commitments, **Niranjan Minj** found time to go to Ranchi for an anniversary Mass. **Francis Bodra**, with his customary devotion, offered Requiem Mass for all those who died due to Covid 19. On 21 July, **Emile Coelho** returned from his 30-Day Retreat in DNS Bhuli. He's all in praise of the closeness to nature that he experienced in Bhuli: trees, more trees; birds, more birds – that's Bhuli for you. The hospitality of the

Bhuli Jesuits is what **Emile** enjoyed most, and, for ten whole days, post-retreat.

On 28 July, the De Nobili School, together with St Mary's Parish, held a modest and meaningful gathering in front of the school gate in honour of **Stan Swamy**, on the occasion of National Justice Day. The Press Release of the Provincial of India was read out in Hindi, by **Francis Bodra**, and in English, by **Emile Coelho**. The meeting opened with the inspiring words of **Oscar Horo** and concluded with his closing remarks, which are a presage of more such action to follow. The tempo of speaking truth to power must be kept up and brought to a crescendo until all those unjustly languishing in jails throughout the country, be unconditionally released.

St Xavier's Tundi

Prabhakar Oddipalli

Our perennial problem of long power cuts and supply disruption came to an end with the installation of solar systems. Thanks to **Fr Walter** for initiating this project, now we are having 24 hours power supply for both boys' and girls' hostels. We celebrated the birthday of **Dn Prabhakar** on 3 July;



on the same day we also gave send off to our regent **Sch David**. Thank you **David** for being an integral part of our community and contributing to the mission in many ways. On the following day, we reached him to Jesu Bhavan, where he joined his friends to begin his theological studies. We wish him all the very best for his future mission. On 5 July, **Fr Sushil Jojo** went to Jamshedpur to meet his doctors, and he underwent a few tests. Thanks to XLRI and the Guidera community for taking good care of **Fr Sushil**. **Fr JP** is taking care of the

needs of the parish in the absence of **Fr Sushil**. On 22 July, we began the Novena to our founding father St Ignatius with a "theme-based" Eucharist and evening prayers. We observed the social justice day on 28 July with a special Eucharist and prayer service. We attended as a community the online prayer



service on Manresa experience which was an enriching moment for us. **Fr JP** is busy with the affiliation work of the school for which he is running up and down to

Ranchi to get the work done. The class ten JAC board result is out and all sixty-one students from our school secured first division. Two of our students, Puja Kumari and

Sriti Raj, secured eighth and tenth place respectively in the district. We celebrated Inigo day with a special Eucharist and get-together.

JAMSHEDPUR AREA

Chaira

Thomas Nelliakunnel

The community had a recollection after listening to the talk of Fr George Pattery. It is decided that the Feast of St Ignatius will be celebrated along with the teachers and local priests and religious, keeping the Covid-19 protocols in mind. **Frs Tom** and **Mike** had gone to Tata to pay

homage to **Frs Stan** and **Abe. Niral** and **Tom** gave recollections to the Claretian brothers and SSA sisters respectively. **Gulshan** and **Tony** were in Tata for the audit. Three girls of the locality who had undergone a tailoring course in TRTC have started stitching various items to be sold in the

market under the guidance of **Mike**. School is having the novena in honour of St Ignatius before the classes start. The teachers are busy with online classes as well as preparation for the celebration of 31 July.

Guidera Jesuit Residence

George Cheradayil

The month of July 2021 was bad for Jamshedpur province. We lost two outstanding and well-known Jesuits - **Frs Stan Swamy**, a social activist and **Abraham Enthekuzhy**, a management expert. **Fr Stan Swamy** accepting justice, peace and reconciliation as his mission worked hard to get justice for the exploited and poor tribals of Jharkhand; he eventually got arrested and died in judicial custody in Mumbai. **Abe** was the Director of our two top B-Schools in the country - XIM Bhubaneswar and XLRI Jamshedpur for several years. He worked hard to influence the policymakers and the leaders of the corporate world to promote justice and ethics in business. He died of a massive heart attack. **Stan** and **Abe** made outstanding contributions to the building up

of a just society in their own way. Their contribution will always be remembered.

Fr James Kalapura, our minister-infirmarian-coordinator made a short trip home to see his younger brother, Thomachan, suffering from pancreatic cancer. Please remember him in your prayers. **Fr Romanus Tete** has gone to St John's Hospital, Bangalore, for a check-up after completing the chemotherapy. Please continue to pray for his speedy recovery. **Fr Sushil Jojo** has been here to take care of his complicated dental problem. **Fr George Fernandes** spent a few days here to consult a dentist to extract a decaying and painful tooth. **Fr Henry Albert** has taken **Br Maxi** to Shankar Netralaya, Chennai, to treat his left eye which is badly damaged due to

his high diabetic condition. **Frs Alex Misquith** and **Anselem Dungdung** were here for eye treatment and surgery. **Fr Felix Tellis** is weak and is practically bedridden. Please remember him in your prayers. **Frs Edward D'Souza, KC Anthony** and **Br Pascal** are fine under the loving care of **Fr James Kalapura**, our infirmarian.

Fr James Kalapura gave a much-appreciated recollection to AC sisters of Sacred Heart Convent, Jamshedpur, in preparation for the celebration of the feast of Mount Carmel. He gave another recollection to the Benedictine sisters in preparation for the celebration of the feast of St Benedict. He is the official spiritual father of the AC sisters of Sacred Heart Convent and the Benedictine sisters. Incidentally,

he is my spiritual father, too. **Fr Somy Mathew** gave two online recollections to scholastics in preparation for the feast of St Ignatius. He attended a two-day online meeting of all PCFs for apostolic planning. It also included online spiritual conversation which was very interesting and enriching, he says. He conducted a one-month online basic Spanish course for religious and missionaries, organised by the Capuchin fathers where he was a regular Spanish teacher. There were 30 participants mainly from India and African countries. Great Job, **Somy!** Keep it up!

Fr Jerry Cutinha, our provincial and **Fr Gyanprakash Kujur**, our socius, organised a special mass to mark

the birth centenary celebrations of **Fr John Deeney** who spent 55 years serving the people of the HO tribe in the Kolhan area. It was held in St Xavier's High School, Chaibasa, where he spent several years as headmaster and a maths teacher. Bishop Telespore Bilung presided over the mass and **Fr Jerry Cutinha** concelebrated. **Fr C R Prabhu** gave an inspiring homily highlighting the life and work of **Fr John Deeney**. Fr Provincial announced that there will be some public functions in the Kolhan area when Covid 19 subsides and the restrictions of Covid-19 are relaxed.

In view of shifting the curia residence permanently to Loyola Niwas, Sakchi, **Frs Jerry Cutinha** and **Gyanprakash Kujur** have

started living in Loyola Niwas along with two scholastics, **Jubin Nath** and **Binay Kerketta**. Loyola Niwas is more approachable and accessible than the XLRI campus for visitors. It is a wise decision!

Fr Valerian Mendonca, teaching Philosophy at Satya Nilayam College, spent a few days with us before heading for his tertianship in Shembaganur. **Fr Somy Mathew** took him around the province. **Vally** came to the province after a break of 8 years. He was highly impressed by the phenomenal growth and development of our apostolate, especially the rural apostolate. We thank you **Vally** for your visit and wish you all the very best in the school of love.

Jesu Bhavan – Mango

Eric Cassel

The first day of July began with a bang with the arrival of a new Bolero – white in colour – after a long wait and having to put up with the Bolero that was gifted by XIMB, seventeen years ago. The new Bolero was blessed by the Administrator, **Fr Rajesh Ddungdung** while Scholastics **Rockey, Vikram** and **Rohit** distributed “rasagullas” and “gulab-jamuns” to mark this auspicious occasion.

CASSOCK DAY – was a red-letter day for Jesu Bhawan. After a 13-day-probation-period, it was the turn of the freshly arrived First Year Novices to take the limelight. They were well-groomed by their Guardian Angels – **Kamal Kerketta** and **Rahul Honhaga**. The Eucharist was celebrated by the Socius, **Gyan Prakash Kujur**, in a friendly and homely manner that made

the newcomers feel completely at home.

MAKE-OVER – The Scholastics at Upasana then got cracking on 19 July for the renovation of the Main Chapel and Sacristy. In less than two hours their combined efforts left the chapel bare – gone were the tabernacle, the statues, wall hangings, the wall-to-wall carpet just peeled off like the peeling off of a banana skin - without any difficulty.

Simultaneously, work commenced in fitting screen doors for the Novices Chapel, the rooms of the Master, Socius and Minister.

With the carpenters, electricians, and masons working on the inside, the Novices and Scholastics joined hands in operation down-sizing of the Ashoka Trees, the bushes, leaving the lawn with a clean green

look. The animal farm was moved out with the chicks and cats finding new homes.

To ground our First Year Novices and a Refresher Course in *Phonetics* for Second Year Novices, Master Ajit Soreng gave his nod for **Scholastics Cajetan** and **Pravin Jose** to conduct 45-minute sessions on three consecutive days in the afternoon.

In the meantime, **Master Ajit** and **Socius John Mundu** are taking classes as if there was no tomorrow. In addition to taking classes on *the Constitution, the History of the Society, Sacramental Life*, **Fr John** is not shy to spend time with the Novices in giving a clean and green look to the garden. He is there in his shorts, encouraging and guiding them in their efforts. **Minister Rajesh**

Dungdung is getting into his 3-in-1 job as Minister, Administrator and Treasurer, cool as a cucumber, puts his hand to work and sees to the shopping, even to the collection of Amul Milk from the shop near Mango Chowk soon after Mass.

The funeral of **Fr Abraham** was done with precision and good grace. The Novices were outstanding as they did a thorough clean-up of the entire front section of Jesu Bhawan – a good stretch

under the MC-ship of **Sanjay Jojo** and **Rahul Honhaga**.

We were pleasantly surprised by the visit of **Fr Valerian Mendonca**, a Professor of Philosophy, from Satya Nilayam. He was making a quick visit to JB after a full 10-year gap. His eyes popped to see the vast changes that had taken place since then. Happier still was he to meet **Frs Ajit** and **Rajesh**, who were ordained together in Loyola School, Jamshedpur in 2010.

the First Year Novices taking an active role in every phase of the Novena. They have come of age sooner than expected – a welcome change for the better! The climax arrived by a timely screening of one of the latest movies on the life of St Ignatius, the point of his conversion from a soldier in the King's army to a soldier for Christ.

While at Upasana, a similar exercise was conducted in honour of St Ignatius. The last three days



of 4 hours of sweat and toil – that left every visitor who came to pay their final respects, feeling good when they arrived to bid a fond adieu to **Fr Abraham** in the Jesuit Cemetery in Jesu Bhawan. **Frs Ajit** and **John** worked side by side with the Novices, encouraging them with their presence and applauding their efforts.

The birthdays of **Fr Eric** and **Novice Akhilesh Palhe** were celebrated

The Jesuits of Jesu Bhawan saw a welcome addition. A lot of work was done in the corridors to install **Wi-Fi** connections. Soon after, work began in right earnest to install **WiFi** for Upasana. **Fr Joe Njara** and Scholastics are moving into the age of easy access to the Internet.

The Novena to St Ignatius was carried out with singular devotion. It was wonderful to see and hear

witnessed the scholastics using PPT and video clips to put the entire community of Novices, Scholastics and Fathers – in the right frame of mind and heart.

For a person like me, who belongs to the “old school”, it’s heartening to see the Novices splitting up into pairs for their night recreation before going to watch the Evening TV News.

The Scholastics were given a day of Recollection on 24-25 July by **Fr Jilson**, now stationed in Divya Bharati, Chaibasa, on the theme of 'Finding God in Corona Times: a Faith Perspective' that made an impact and helped them to deepen their faith dimension. **Fr Jilson**, assisted by **Fr James Bara** and **Fr Eric** were available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Fr Eric's health check-up took him to Mercy Hospital, to Dr Bahadur in XLRI and, finally, the Specialist Dr Saurabh Choudhary, (an Alumnus of Loyola School when he was Principal), in Apex Hospital. It was too great to see the patience that **Fr Rajesh Ddungdung** showed to drive **Fr Eric** to all these points, accompanied by **Sch Arun Deep**. He even made time to visit **Br Benji**

in the Cabin at Mercy while **Eric** was getting checked out.

The 28 July was **National Justice Day**. A small gathering was staged which was made up of the community of Jesu Bhawan, PDDM Sisters and their Candidates, a few from other nearby communities, Fr David Vincent from Bhilai Pahari, and Fr Suresh, the Parish Priest of Kutkutungri. The silent protest with lit candles, banners, and placards, helped to highlight the injustice done to **Fr Stan Swamy** that led to his custodial death. It was to keep the local people in the loop of this dark period of a Draconian law that led to many raising their voices in protest. There was a small posse of police to maintain law and order.

The climax of the Novena arrived when the Community of Novices

and Scholastics came together in the Hall of Upasana for the Titular Feast Day Mass.

Gratitude by the Scholastics

We, the scholastics residing at Upasana, are grateful to **Fr Eric Cassel** for his constant help and support. He has been helping **Sch Cajetan** in editing the 'Ave Reflections' – a monthly published by Vidyajyoti, Delhi. He also assists in proofreading DNC Times, Pune, a quarterly magazine by the scholastics. Besides, he is the man behind the scene in the upcoming scholastics' yearly magazine 'The New Leaf'. He has helped in correcting, and recorrecting the articles and proofreading them. We are grateful to you, **Fr Eric**. We are also grateful to **Fr James Bara** for offering Mass for the scholastics and accompanying us.

Jilling

Sylvester Ekka

At the beginning of July, all the class teachers were given the task to contact the students and update their WhatsApp numbers for online-class and to encourage them to write the first term exam. Only half of the students have turned up and submitted the answer papers despite the information sent online and phone calls by the class teachers. On 12 July, the headmaster conducted an online staff meeting and shared about the work on Students-Teachers Profile asked by ERC, U-DISE form fill-up and on Ignatian Year and Celebration of Loyola Feast day. They were instructed to take the new norm of 'Work from Home' for employees a little more seriously and with responsibility during the lockdown period. On 20

July, the result of the Madhyamik Examination 2021 was declared in West Bengal. All the 14 students of our school have passed, each securing more than 80 per cent of marks; the highest being 91 per cent secured by Birbaha Tudu who is used to getting 1st rank in her class.

Fr Praful was in Jamshedpur from 30 June to 3 July for an Audit of the accounts and for servicing of the vehicle. He returned on 3 July evening before the start of the weekend lockdown in Jharkhand. On 22 July, the community meeting was called to discuss the Staff Service Rule, the Novena and the Celebration of the Feast of St Ignatius in the community and the school. The priests and religious

of the Purulia deanery were given the invitation but all of them expressed their inability to join in the celebration. It was not so with our local staff who turned up for the celebration of the feast on 31 July. There was a short prayerful hour of singing and of paying homage with flower petals and scent sticks in front of the statue of St Ignatius near the school entrance. Our Vice-Superior **Fr Praful** enlightened the august gathering on the significance of the feast during the Ignatian Year. In the end, all the staff members were invited for 'high tea & snacks' to mark the joyous celebration of the feast day.

LCE Telco

C Gautam & Anthonyraj P

Community

After a long wait, LCE community finally got rid of the old vehicle after getting a new Scorpio with the help of the Province. The blessing was done before securing the name-plate number. The effect of its use could be seen now in the activities of our everyday life. Staney, skilfully began his pastoral ministry for the Sisters of JJNS, giving Masses, confession and recollection etc. He has taken care of a certain portion of the boundary wall that



was damaged by rain and is looking after the laying of a new electrical cable together with Sushil. Sushil made sure of completing our new Internet connection for our daily use. He was down with fever and cough, recovered and was ready for celebrating the feast of St Ignatius of Loyola. As preparation for the feast, we had the Nine-day Novena to St Ignatius. For the real celebration, we had lunch for the maintenance staff on 31 July, arranged by Staney, and Dinner in the evening for the community including our parish priest.

Tony made his annual retreat from 2-10 July at Sankhabhanga School Community, an ideal place for retreat. On 28 July, “National Justice Day,” he represented the LCE community at St Joseph’s Cathedral where about 50 people gathered for a candle-lit silent demonstration. On 29, he as the PCE paid a visit to St Xavier’s School, Bashahatu, Paul Miki School, Pandabir and St John’s School, Tepasai to make a need-analysis in view of the possible NEP 2020 compliance. On 26 July, ERC hosted the first webinar with **Vinod Fernandes** – “Ignatius Knew” and another on 27 July by Fr Jossie DMello – “Cannon Ball Moment of Ignatius”– which was hosted by JEA in collaboration with the PCEs. **Tony’s** work on a research paper – “Perception and preferences of High School students in Jamshedpur Industrial City towards mode of learning in the wake of covid-19” was submitted for publication.

School

The office in the school remained open for the parents and stakeholders for a fixed amount of time to take care of fees submission, and other works by the Secretary. **Sushil** is keeping in touch with her and he goes to the office when needed. The last part of the construction work

done by contractor Yuvraj Singh is completed. But the remaining work of contractor Venugopalji is going slow, therefore, he is asked to give in writing when he would complete the work in order for the building to be fully functional.

College

The final **B. Ed.** academic courses, including Semester IV Practice Teaching, has been completed through virtual mode by the Method Teachers accompanying



their groups. On 28 July, the announcement of Semester IV Exams brought some relief to the students as they were asked to fill the forms online from 5-18 August 2021. In all probability, the exams would be conducted in the last week of August 2021. Hence, **Gautam** carefully handed over the pending Mark Sheets of Semester-III Exam, needed for the filling of forms, to the concerned students.

Loyola School –JSR

Pius Fernandes

“Waterwater everywhere, not a drop to drink” seems to be true in our situation. Our Auditorium is being

used by the Govt. Administration for over a year, initially for COVID check-up and now for the last two

months to vaccinate about 4000 to 5000 people. We requested the authorities to help us in

vaccinating our support staff and teachers (merely a 100 plus). The answer was an emphatic NO. The most unkindest cut of all! Not discouraged, **GRD**, our Administrator, made an alternative arrangement for all of them at other centres.

The Loyola Campus Sewage system is under repair. Please follow the instructions of the signboards or else you may find yourself down under!

Leslie Sawhny Center, a Mumbai based NGO is organising a series of online soft skills sessions for our support staff for 40 minutes a day. This package is geared towards empowering them in various coping mechanisms during these difficult times.

A tearful farewell was given to Ms Elizabeth Antony, our Hindi school teacher. "She has sincerely worked continuously for 30 years and she will be missed by her students and colleagues," says Headmaster **CG Thomas**.

Registration for the Matric Exams is going on as well as new admissions for various classes too is on the anvil.

The main School teachers had a staff meeting to discuss the strategy of continuing online classes, as there are no signs of regular classes beginning. Teachers have assured us that in spite of challenges, learning goes on uninterrupted. Well well, we will take this with a pinch of salt, as we know that everything is not hunky-dory.

We had two funerals this month – of **Stan** and **Abe**. Rector **KM** and the community made all the arrangements necessary for Mass and burial. **Br Benji** took care of the visitors and guests.

A Silent candle-light procession was held from Loyola to Beldih Triangle on the occasion of National Justice Day. Parishioners, Alumni, Fathers and Sisters spontaneously joined together in expressing solidarity with Stan and other activists.

St Ignatius' Feast was Celebrated class wise online by the main school. The Hindi School had a live show in the School Hall. The main attraction was a quiz based on the life of our founder organized by our Scholastics.

XITE Gamharia

Dayanidhi Bisoi

Xavier School

Two Rotaract Club members, Isha and Jeet Dawn, of our School participated in the Doctors' Day celebration organised by the Rotary Club on 1 July. The G.K. and Hindi clubs conducted quiz and essay competitions on 1 and 26 July respectively. Four students of our School made the institution proud by securing 4th position in Quiz Competitions organised by Motilal Nehru Public School on 17 July 2021. The teachers of K.G. sections organized Virtual Fancy dress competitions and the little champs were given a chance to display the same on the Feast of St Ignatius on 30 July. In addition, a short cultural programme was organised by the Entertainment club in honour of St Ignatius. The

entire program was Live-streamed for parents and students to watch online.

The First Term Exams were held online from 12 to 23 July. On 18 July, six ex-students of the first batch who are now studying in various parts of the country spoke to our senior students during the Xavier Alumni Association of Gamharia (XAAG) interactive session, on choices available for higher studies. An online survey of 2000 students conducted by the School Office revealed that 50% of students were happy with the present arrangement of online classes. After long anxious moments, finally, the ICSE results were announced on 24 July but it left some good students disappointed because of the low

scoring in some subjects forcing **Fr Kuruvilla**, the Principal, to make a formal request to the Council for a re-evaluation.

XITE College

The Faculty and Staff celebrated the birthday of **Fr Francis Ezhakunnel**, the Principal, on 14 July and wished him many good wishes. It was followed by extensive meetings to discuss concerns like the assessment of the academic year, proposed one-semester internship in collaboration with Adityapur Small Industries Association (ASIA) for the students of 3rd year BBA and B.Com, new admission, subject allotment, etc. The College has registered with MoE as one of the Higher Education Institutions to introduce National Innovation and

Start-up Policy (NISP). The College will be starting BA English (H) from the current academic year, 2021-22. In order to meet the University/Government requirements, the Management has recruited three new Faculty members. New admissions for this year seem to be getting a good response due to the new initiative of the Certificate Program on Corporate Soft-skills. One of our final year students has

made the College proud by getting selected in Microsoft, even before completing her Bachelor's degree.

Community

The Community along with the CTC Sisters celebrated the birthday of **Fr Francis Ezhakunnel** on 14 July. From Basahatu, **Fr Joe Surin**, the Province Coordinator for Service of FAITH Secretariat made use of the facilities in XITE campus to

attend the Conference Apostolic Planning online meeting organised by the Secretariat of FAITH, Delhi from 1-3 July. **Fr Mukti Clarence** made a trip to Bhopal to attend the wedding of one of his relatives on 13 July. The Community had the pleasure of inviting the Priests and Religious of nearby Houses for the Holy Eucharist and get-together on the Feast Day of St Ignatius.

ODISHA AREA

Kalinganagar

Pascal Burh

On 6 July, **Fr Ozzie Mascarenhas** came to visit us, accompanied by **Fr Augustine Vatta** from Bhubaneswar, before he left for Bangalore. He was extremely happy to be here in Kalinganagar. He exclaimed, "At last my long desire to visit Kalinganagar is fulfilled today! What a lovely and beautiful place." He was very much fascinated by the natural beauty and environment that surrounds our vicinity. "This is a very conducive place for retreat and rest," he said. He liked the place so much that he expressed his desire to come here and make his annual retreat in future.

After a long anxious wait, at last, on 7 July, we all managed to be vaccinated with the second dose of Covishield vaccines.

After the hustle and bustle of the environment day celebrations in June, the online activities came to a freezing stage as the students got ready for their first CCE. Online exams on digital platforms are no substitutes for the traditional classroom mode (paper and pen), but then something is better than nothing. While the students were busy taking their exams, **Fr Jaison** went to Bhubaneswar to meet the government officials in the education department for the NOC

related work. It's a herculean task to obtain the NOC. One needs to be patient and be ready to make a few shuttles to their offices and keep cooling the heels till they come. The communication of the Babus is ingenious with nonverbal intent- "understand first and move quickly."

After a long wait, we finally got a high speed dedicated leased line for the internet. **Fr Pascal Burh** says that he can now send the news items for the province newsletter on time from his computer and he doesn't have to type it on his phone as he was doing it so far.

Loyola Bhavan – Bhubaneswar

George Anthony

Br Tony Stevens was delighted to have our Jesuit brethren from Kandhamal, **Frs Sanay, Victor Joseph, Blacius, Benedict Kujur** and **Isidore** come to Loyola Bhavan for various Medical checkups and stay in Loyola Bhavan for

their treatment. Sr Ashrita from Berhampur also came with the Minjaponka team to have her medical check-up and went back with samples of Horticultural plants for their garden. **Fr Biranchi** made sure of their visits being

comfortable and a fruitful ones. With **Biranchi** taking his second vaccination he is ready to face the future bravely and is also looking forward to the final lap of his PG Exams beginning in August.

George was out in the first two weeks of July surveying the 21 new village tuition centres in Minjaponka Parish and Pajikeri area for the VRO new project. The sudden demise of **Abe** left us in a shock. The community offered Mass for his memory, thanking God for the service he rendered in Odisha, especially as the Odisha Delegate and Director of XIM, Bhubaneswar. **George** went to visit the Community members in the Western side of Odisha. With a short stopover in Tangrain on the 16, he spent two days in

Khalijharan to be with **Santosh** and **Mahesh** and returned on 19 July. With public pastoral services being suspended in both places, our men are busy with repair and maintenance work and reaching out to the rural flock in their own small ways. Lack of rain is a cause of concern in many places and if the situation continues, the crops will be lost creating a drought and starvation situation.

Joe Kalathil continues to remain in Puri, which is completely sealed during the month of July due to

Covid Restriction in the Rath Yatra period. Despite his own ill health, he continues to reach out to the poor and the marginalized in Puri, especially those who depend on the Tourism industry for their Livelihood. We pray for his well being and all the poor affected by the Covid 19 restrictions.

The Loyola Bhavan Community started the Novena to St Ignatius' on the 22 July as a Spiritual preparation for the Feast of the Founder to be celebrated on 31 July.

Loyola School – Bhubaneswar

Gilbert Menezes

Khurda District, under which Bhubaneswar comes, is one of the ten districts where the weekly lockdowns and weekend shutdowns still continue. Yet there are more relaxations; offices are functioning at full strength. The schools are now permitted to start offline classes subject to following all the guidelines, for classes X and XII from 26 July.

On 24 July, the Council declared ICSE and ISC results. Loyola School is glad to get 100% results.

In ICSE it is 198 out of 198 and in ISC it is 92 out of 92. In the ICSE five school toppers scored 99% and above, the highest being 99.8%. In the ISC – Arts three toppers scored 96%, the highest being 96.75%. In the Commerce section, the highest score was 92% and in the Science section, the highest score was 95.5%. Congratulations to the principal, the students and the teachers.

Again this year the feast of St Ignatius was a low key celebration;

no students, no teachers, no stage programme, no public mass. But some teachers came together to put up online programs of dances, songs and messages. In the evening the city Jesuits after a long hiatus, came together at Loyola Jesuit Community to celebrate the feast of the 'Founder' and the 'Patron'.

The Odia School building is still being used as the vaccination centre and food grain distribution centre.

Pajikeri

Ranjit Bilung

The end of June brought good news for our students who had appeared in the Matric Board Exams—out of 16 students, 6 got grade B1, 6 got B2, 2 each scored grades C and D respectively. Congratulations and thanks to our Headmistress and her staff who worked hard to guide and prepare the students. On 29 June, **Fr Sanay** went to submit the school

documents to Bhubaneswar and came back on 2 July. He had the 2nd dose of Covaxin in Bhubaneswar. Regarding VRO works **Fr George Anthony**, our delegate, came to our place on 3 July and **Fr Anthres Dungdung** accompanied him to the villages where 7 VRO centres have been opened. On 19 July **Frs Anthres** and **Ranjit** had 2nd dose of Covishield

Vaccination in Pajikeri. **Fr Sanay** went to Bhubaneswar on 20 July to bring Fr Siji Chacko SJ and his two associates. They visited one of the VRO centres while coming to our community. **Fr Balacius**, our superior, accompanied them. Fr Siji highlighted and discussed some issues regarding non-formal education, sustenance and livelihood of the people of this area

and how to organize the program for them. All community members

agreed upon the program and each one of us said 'Yes' to initiate the

same for Government school-going children.

Sankhabhanga

A Alexander

Fr Provincial's much-awaited annual visit to our community was finally cherished on 22–23 June. It was a truly grace-filled day. The very presence of **Fr Sunny Jacob** at Loyola School, Baripada campus from 27 to 30 July brought in many visitors. Diocesan priests, sisters, students of past and present, parents and teachers who knew him visited. **Fr Sunny** encouraged

Jesuit residence in February this year, **Fr Tony P** occupies the first place in the list of making the annual retreat from 2 to 10 July. On 23 July, a good number of students from the 2019 pass out batch gathered in the school premises and organized a delicious meal for all teaching and non-teaching staff. On 24 July, **Fr Alex** conducted a one-day recollection for Sisters.

all and the winners were declared on 31 July during the online feast day celebration. Last 15 days in July, **Fr Alex** shared the Ignatian insights and values daily through class-wise WhatsApp groups. On 29 July, one and half hours of practical teaching on "Ignatian classroom" was conducted for our teaching staff, by **Fr Vinod Fernandes**. We are grateful to **Fr**



former students to form Alumni and be in touch with the school management.

The gift of life to **Sch Akhilesh** and Sr Shubranjali SAL was celebrated in a very grand way on 1 July. The death of **Fr Stan** shook not only us Jesuits but everyone who followed up the news of his arrest and thereafter. It spontaneously gathered all of us religious people in this region to come together on 7 July evening for a Eucharistic celebration in memory of **Fr Stan**. After the inauguration of our new

On 26 July, our Sisters celebrated their congregation's feast.

This year being the Ignatian year, ahead of Ignatius' feast, a lot many programs were conducted for students, teachers and parents. Two competitions were also conducted for students. 1) For students of classes 1 to 5, we had a "Dress like Ignatius" competition (fancy dress). 2) For students of classes 6 to 10, we conducted a singing competition on "Loyola Anthem" with creativity. Participants were appreciated by

Vinod for inspiring our teachers.

On 31 July, the feast of St Ignatius was celebrated in a meaningful way. Students and teachers had a google platform of celebration with a digitally animated program. Later at 11:30 am, the local religious and clergy gathered for the Eucharistic celebration followed by Lunch. **Fr Joe** meticulously took care of every need during the celebration. Planting of trees goes on in monsoon as long as **Br Francis** lives.

Tumudibandha

Blacius Ekka

VRO Teachers' Orientation

The pandemic is adversely affecting the education of children in the interior villages for more than one and a half years now. These villages lack internet connectivity. VRO, through **Fr George Anthony**,

therefore, were instructed to carry on the tuition with the support of the villagers. They were also told to apply innovative methods of teaching the kids so that they would grasp the subject matter better.

recollection talk to the Salesian Sisters of Kurtamgarh on 17 July. For **Gregory**, the hectic work of boundary wall construction continues. He is almost at the finishing line. Well done, **Gregory!** The paddy transplantation in



Adipadar Tuition



Bandiguda Tuition



Mandelimaha Tuition

the Area Director, Odisha has opened 13 new Tuition Centres in such rural villages. Target beneficiaries would be the kids studying from standard I to V. The teachers who are selected by the village - councils were called for one-day orientation to Tumudibandha on 2 July. Though there is no government order yet to start schools, some villages, with their own initiatives have started tuition classes. The teachers,

Visit to VRO Tuition Centres

Fr George Anthony visited the tuition centres on 5 and 6 July. He met the children, teachers and also interacted with villagers in their respective places. Both the children and the parents are enthusiastic and optimistic about the future programmes of VRO. It is very encouraging that most of the Centres, with the initiative of the teachers and the support of the community, have already started classes in July. Congratulations to **Fr George Anthony!**

the farm is underway which is expected to be over by the end of July.

OCI

Blacius participated in the online meeting of MAIN on 26 June that was in continuity with the meeting held on 20 June. He also visited Phulbani on 30 June. We had an online meeting with the core team of MISSION VISHWAS on 1 and 22 July to discuss ways to help the



Covid Awareness - Karakudpa GP

Community

The Jesuits (Tumudibandha and Pajikeri) met on 10 July to discuss the Pajikeri residence which day by day is becoming more and more unsafe to live. The walls' cracks are widening. Those living in the north wing were suggested to move to the hostel building. The community also discussed how to celebrate Founder's Day. **Blacius** had his 2nd dose of covid vaccine on 16 July. He also preached the



Training on patients' rights - Jagadi



Covid Awareness - Marlanga GP



Training on patients' rights - Marlanga



CLs training - Shanti Matree

school children of interior villages in their education. Similarly, we discussed livelihood issues. Some basic information about the need for children's education, and the need for processing and marketing linkages support to farmers for their produce have been given to the team of MISSION VISHWAS. Despite being the season of agriculture for the farmers, the Odisha Unit of Lok Manch was able to conduct training programmes in July. For OCI, the training for the CLs was held on 10 July in Subarnagiri.

Visit of the CDO Team

Fr Siji and two other staff from Conference Development Office (CDO), Delhi were in Kandhamal for two days in continuation of the first meeting with the Kandhamal Jesuits on 18 February 2021. On 22 July, we visited two villages, Supamaha and Kutiguda, for the team to have a first-hand experience of the Kandhamal villages. In the interaction with the villagers, they came to understand people's existential problems

which Fr Siji summarized later in a meeting with the Pajikeri Jesuits in three points – a) survival or the issue of livelihood, b) there are schools in the villages. Everything is provided to the children for free, except good education, and therefore, need to provide quality education for those village children (std I to Std V) who are deprived of it. c) there is a need to address the livelihood issue of the people by way of marketing linkages for their produce for a better price; skill training for youth, as well as those who do not possess land so that even if they migrate, may get better work. On 23 July, we visited Dagamaha village in Rutungia area. The pressing needs of people are similar to that of the Pajikeri area. Later there was a meeting with the Rutungia Jesuits (Rutungia and Minjaponka combined). The community shared similar types of people's problems as people themselves had expressed in a



CLs training - Subarnagiri

meeting earlier in the day. The meeting concluded with the agreement that each of the four Jesuit houses in Kandhamal will take up 10 SANKALP centres for the quality education of the interior villages. It was emphasized that SANKALP should be different from being a mere tuition Centre. Our facilitation to SANKALP should help it become a platform and linkage to build different forums within the community/village to discuss/raise issues related to socio-political and economic life, welfare schemes meant for people as to why they do not reach the stakeholders etc. People should feel that the programme is theirs and they take ownership of it. Similarly, it has to be planned to upgrade the skills of the landless and the youth for better employability even if they migrate, and processing and marketing linkages for the farmers' produce (turmeric, Arhar and Urad Dal) so that they get a fair price. Our heartfelt appreciation to Fr Siji and his team for their wonderful facilitation!



Paddy Transplantation - Tumudibandha



Shradhanjali Diwas - Gumudumaha

XIMB

Arockia & Benjamin

With the state government announcing that employees are allowed to come to the office for work in the first week of July, our faculty and staff started coming

to the campus. We inaugurated the academic year 2021-22 for the first year MBA-BM, MBA-HRM, MBA-RM, EMBA and PhD programs in the online mode. **Tony**

John started his Doctoral journey at this inauguration. Before all these arrangements, **Tony Uvari**, our VC, convened several online meetings with academic deans,

admin teams and the Admission Promotion Team for the smooth running of the various planned activities. As of now, **Tony Uvari** is busy with review meetings of the faculty personally on the online mode. **Abe** had planned the Alumni Executive Body election but it was executed under the guidance of VC.

We bid farewell to **Kiran Coth** who was part of the community for the last 5 years. Besides his Doctoral studies, he helped the community and the university in various capacities. Kiran was the first Jesuit to complete his PhD at XIM University. **Ozzie** spent a week with us on his way back to Karnataka Province.

Though the students are not on the campus, yet the Social Responsibility Cell (SRC) of the new

campus conducted some relief work through the localities. We had a memorial service in honour of the Institutional Martyr **Fr Stan Swamy SJ** on both campuses.

The whole community was shocked at the sudden demise of our acting superior **Fr E. Abraham SJ** on 14 July. The same day, his body was taken to Jamshedpur by our university ambulance. Most of the community members witnessed his burial. We organized a condolence prayer service in honour of **Fr Abe** on both campuses. It was well arranged and executed by **Arock, S. Tony** and their teams. Thanks to **Vivan** and **Don** for creating a heart-rending video on the final journey of Fr Abe. We are slowly recovering from the shock of the sudden demise of **Fr Abe**.

The acting superior, **E. Augustine**, called for an online community meeting to discuss the founder's feast day, special mass for the repose of the soul of Fr Abe, and the provincial's visitation. As part of the tradition, we had a special holy mass on the 11th day of Fr Abe's death which was celebrated by **Augustine Vatta**, Abe's companion from the very early stage of formation. We also planned to have a month's-mind celebration.

Jerry C our Provincial was here for the visitation. Invariably, his visitation now boosted our morale physically and spiritually. He enthused and enhanced us through his interaction to give our best in the mission entrusted to us and continue to be a joyful community.

NEWS FROM ABROAD

JRS, Afghanistan

Jerome Sequeira

I thank you for your WhatsApp message and for assuring your prayerful support. We, four of us, are blessed by the prayers of hundreds of people. This keeps our morale high and encourages us to commit ourselves to this collectively shared mission during these challenging times. The four decades of sustained religious fundamentalism and terrorism dominate the country, though, majority of Afghans bubble with humanity in their silent suffering. We feel like quitting while consuming the environment of violence and negativity day in and day out. By then we also feel for

millions of innocent people who are suffering for no fault of theirs. When I think of options before me to quit and they have none, the only option left for us is to be with the suffering masses, especially, the youth who long to settle down in peaceful life. Media presents a lot of rhetoric and little reality.

Taliban is not a new reality in Afghanistan and at the same time, Afghanistan of today is not the Afghanistan of two decades ago. Indeed, the country is experiencing dramatic changes and uncertainty is growing with each passing day. The opposition groups are making sustained gains and have

territorial control over more than 50 per cent of the districts of the country. The penetration into the district headquarters is faster than expected and they are able to put enough pressure on the government. The Taliban is testing the power of the state structures, political will and national unity.

With the dramatic gain of Taliban in the country, there is an environment of nervousness, fear, displacement, increased public force with weapons and an incremental degree of uncertainty. The dark clouds of the past are overshadowing many parts of the country. The wheels have started

taking unknown roads for finding a safe place as more than 50 per cent of the districts of the country are controlled by opposition groups. Thousands of displaced persons are adding up to the existing IDP and returnee population in cities. Since the capital city is heavily guarded and considered the green zone of the country, the inflow of IDP population is increasing every day. Already, there are more than 4 million internally displaced persons, in addition to the returnee population from neighbouring countries. The neighbouring countries are trying to push out another three million Afghan refugees from their countries. And now we hear, the Afghans are denied visas for travelling to other countries too.

The rapid territorial gains of the Taliban show the lack of willingness of the government to control the opposition groups. Having more than 200,000 national army personnel trained by international forces, ANSF is frustrated and disappointed with the lack of military freedom and protection for their family members. This has led many army personnel to either voluntarily surrender to the opposition groups or cross over to neighbouring countries. Since the government is not throwing all its cards on the table, this has given the upper hand to the opposition groups for penetrating prominent locations of the country and also for destroying public assets and killing targeted personalities. A few days ago, they fired mortars on Salma dam, a symbolic gift of India – Afghan friendship. India spent almost \$300 million and it has become a major source of electricity and

irrigation in the Chesht district of Herat province in Afghanistan.

The infrastructural gains that have been made in the last two decades are losing dramatically. The country is losing army personnel as well as its public infrastructure. The developmental projects gave a lot of hope to the citizens of the country, especially to the female population. At the moment their enrollment into educational institutes has reached 40 per cent at the national level and it may take a hard hit at any time. Today, the youth are nervous because the public systems established in the last two decades are considered to be sacrilege to the philosophy of fundamental



groups. Many international state agencies are withdrawing their decades-long intervention in the country due to the withdrawal of international troops considering it is the responsibility of Afghans to build and secure their own country. The hope of all those returnee populations is shattering as Taliban ascendancy is gaining momentum.

Due to the withdrawal of international forces as well as their associated partners, unemployment is growing rapidly and the country's economy is in very bad shape. Drought in some parts of the country, unemployment,

internal displacement due to arm clashes between opposing groups, inflation, brain drain, insecurity and ongoing clashes, emergence of anti-Taliban groups and civilians picking up guns, including women, indicates that Afghanistan is all set for civil war. There is a feeling that world superpowers have betrayed and democratically elected government has failed them. In addition, the national staff working for foreign state agencies are applying for visas for evacuation. This has affected the functioning of other private organizations as local staff have started requesting their personal safety by evacuating them to another country.

It is a challenging time and as a humanitarian organization, our commitment is to accompany our beneficiaries and keep their hopes for a better future alive. We are challenged every day to be creative and courageous to accompany and serve the people that JRS Afghanistan has opted to serve through the support of many generous donors. For taking forward that dream, our staff has taken the battle of service in a very creative way. Through online demo classes, the teaching staff empowered one another through various teaching skills and learned teaching approaches. Many young teachers overcame the fear of online teaching and engaged in teaching online during the lockdown. Of course, we can't reach out to all due to internet connectivity and non-availability of mobiles. Thinking out of the box and doing things differently enabled teachers and students to be engaged in learning and relieving them from emotional

paralysis and energizing them to energize others. In one month our teachers have learned how to make videos, do some research and organize a session meaningfully. According to one of the female staff, "If Talibans prohibit female education and prevent them from taking up work away from home this tool will be used to keep our daughters and sisters educating."

The JRS Afghanistan continues to work in close collaboration with communities and government agencies, irrespective of the external environment. JRSs are aware of the negativity and dark

clouds of uncertainty crippling the physical, emotional and spiritual energy of thousands of students and educated youth. JRS team has been journeying with the youth of Afghanistan, beginning with the sufferers of religious fundamentalism and then with the children of the post fundamental regime. We have been giving them a dream, a dream of hope of a prosperous and peaceful nation. With whom we journeyed, now, they are journeying with their younger generation accompanying more than 25,000 young boys and girls. The moment they see a lot of

foreigners leaving the country, they are hopeful that the Jesuits who accompanied them in good times will also accompany them in bad times. The presence of Jesuits is a presence of hope for the people that they serve.

At the moment, Talibans are not disturbing the activities of NGOs, instead, they are requesting them to carry out the activities as they used to be. However, all INGOs, including JRS, have developed contingency plans for protecting their staff as well as for keeping the operations active.

FORMATION HOUSES

Loyola Sadan, Lucknow

Markus Telesphore

In June we were blessed with good rain. On 21 June, our thirteen young Jesuits pronounced their first vows in the presence of Fr Soosai Mani, the provincial of Delhi province. Many fathers from different places came to join the vows mass. Sisters from all the neighboring communities joined the holy mass which was followed

by a fellowship meal. The following day those who took vows went to their respective juniorates at different places. On 29 June, the 2nd year novices started giving introductions during the holy mass. On 29 June, 6 probationers came from different places. On 1 July, probationers started the fifteen days of probation journey guided

by Fr Master and guardian angels – Sujit and Amardeep. On 2 June, we had the evaluation of our old and new offices. On 5 July, Fr Mani (PAT) arrived at Loyola Sadan. We are grateful to God for giving him to our community. On 29 June we started our normal timetable. We are busy in preparation for the feast day of St Ignatius.

SSC Sitagrah, Hazaribagh

Roshan Kerketta

27 Juniors from seven provinces arrived at St Stanislaus College, Sitagarha on 24 June and were quarantined for a week.

The Hazaribagh Provincial inaugurated the new session on 1 July which was followed by 3 days of orientation led by the new dean, **Fr Michael T. Raj** of our province.

7 juniors of Hazaribagh, 6 of Ranchi, 4 of MP, 3 each of Patna and Delhi and 2 each of Dumka-Raiganj and Jamshedpur (**Sch Sunil** and **Sch Roshan**) make up a total of 27 juniors at Sitagarha Juniorate, Hazaribagh.

The IPP (Ignatian Pedagogical Paradigm) on 5 & 6 July by Fr P.

J. James SJ, the principal of St Xavier's Bokaro, gave a fresh start to the academic year. The novena to St Ignatius of Loyola, conducted by us, prepared us well for the feast of St Ignatius of Loyola.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

ACROSS THE BRIDGE

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| 5 Jul | Fr Stan Swamy, SJ | (JAM 84/64) |
| 6 Jul | Fr Devasai Vellapani, SJ | (GOA 82/59) |
| 14 Jul | Fr Abraham Enthemkuzhy, SJ | (JAM 70/52) |
| 19 Jul | Fr Stanislaus Miranda, SJ | (KAR 91/68) |

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| 20 Jul | Mr Varghese, eldest brother of Fr PD Thomas, SJ | |
| 31 Jul | Fr Paul Valappila, SJ | (GUJ 78/60) |
| 31 Jul | Fr Placie Fonseca, SJ | (BOM 84/62) |

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES IN AUGUST

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| 04-08-2009 | Fr Robert Sequeira |
| 04-08-2017 | Fr Edward H. McGrath |
| 05-08-2013 | Fr Mathew Thadathikuzhy |
| 11-08-2015 | Fr Robert J. Dullahan |

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| 15-08-2020 | Fr Augustine Tigga |
| 18-08-1979 | Fr Kenneth M. Judge |
| 28-08-1957 | Fr John E. Holland |

BIRTHDAYS OF AUGUST

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| 07 | Gerald Ravi D'Souza |
| 07 | Don Prem Lobo |
| 08 | Dayanidhi Bisoi |
| 08 | Romanus Kerketta |
| 09 | R Anthonyraj |
| 10 | Gulshan Kujur |
| 11 | R Amalraj |
| 11 | Kuruvilla Verunkal |
| 12 | Bipin Kumar Kujur |
| 12 | Joshy Xavier Kunnel |
| 13 | Amrit Kujur |
| 27 | Bernard Surin |

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| 18 | Emile M Coelho |
| 22 | Joseph Anthony |
| 22 | Joseph Puliparampil |
| 23 | Woolsie Rodrigues |
| 24 | Polidor Kujur |
| 25 | Romanus Tete |
| 25 | Niral Deogam |
| 26 | P M Anthony |
| 27 | Ajit Soreng |
| 29 | Sunil Xess |
| 31 | Alex Gnanapragasam |



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