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UAP-PAP and the International Day of the Indigenous Peoples

The second Universal Apostolic Preference (UAP) “To walk with the poor, the outcasts of the world, those whose dignity has been violated in a mission of reconciliation and justice” has a special significance this year for the Jesuits working for and with the Indigenous peoples around the world. With Fr. General, as stated in his letter “Universal Apostolic Preferences of the Society of Jesus, 2019-2020”, the whole Society has resolved “to walk with the individuals and communities that are vulnerable, excluded and humanly impoverished.” The letter spells out our commitment to “Care for indigenous peoples, their cultures, and their basic rights which occupies a special place in our commitment to reconciliation and justice in all their dimensions.”

In the PAP 2, our Province has committed itself “to assert, protect, preserve and promote all the natural and constitutional rights of tribals, dalits and other marginalized communities.”

The theme of the International Day of Indigenous Peoples 2021 is “leaving no one behind: Indigenous peoples and the call for a new social contract.” This theme calls for the Indigenous peoples’ inclusion, participation and approvals in the constitution of a system with social and economic benefits for all.

A social contract is an unwritten agreement that societies make to cooperate for social and economic benefits. In most countries, the social contract is made among the dominant populations. In almost all 90 countries where the Indigenous peoples live, they are displaced from their lands, their cultures and languages and are marginalized and excluded from political and economic activities. This has been the fate of the Indigenous peoples because they are excluded from the social contract and its benefits.

The UAP is both a challenge and an opportunity to create a new social contract in which the Indigenous peoples are given a voice and are made important part of the process of the social contract. All Jesuits, especially those working among the indigenous peoples must take specific steps to give the indigenous peoples their due rights and space in the process of social contract. As we gear up for the implementation of the PAP in our Province, this must be our priority in all our apostolates.

Fr. Ranjit Tigga, S.J.



PROVINCIAL'S PROGRAMME

August, 2021		September, 2021	
2	Final Vows, Fr. Binod Toppo & Fr. Casimir Ekka (T), Bhopal	1-4	Loyola Niketan, Bilaspur
3-5	Visitation, Campion Bhopal, Bhourri and Mariado	6-8	Visitation, St. Xavier's Ambikapur
6	XIDAS, Jabalpur	9-11	Visitation, Khrist Milan Ashram Namna
7-13	Loyola Niketan, Bilaspur	15	AGM Meeting, IGSSS, New Delhi
14-15	Final Vows, Fr. Casmir Ekka (G), Umaria	18-19	Province Consult, Loyola Niketan, Bilaspur
17-20	Loyola Niketan, Bilaspur	22-24	Visitation, Loyola House, Kunrkuri
21-22	Province Consult, Loyola Niketan, Bilaspur	25	Visitation, Shantibhawan, Jashpur
23	PAP Core Committee Meeting, Bilaspur	27-30	Loyola Niketan, Bilaspur
26	GB Meeting, XIDAS, Jabalpur		
30	Meeting of Pastors , XISA, Raipur		

APPOINTMENTS BY FR. PROVINCIAL

Fr. Jerome Minj, S.J.	Acting Superior & Administrator, XIDAS, Jabalpur
Fr. Milyan Xaxa, S.J.	Acting Vice Principal, St. Xavier's Hr. Sec. School, Ambikapur

Congratulations & Best Wishes



FR. AMRITLAL TOPPO, S.J.

Presently Fr. Amrit is the Province Development Director, Consultor to the Provincial at Bilaspur and Rector of St. Xavier's Ambikapur. वर्तमान में फादर अमृत प्रोविंस डेवलपमेंट डायरेक्टर, प्रोविशियल के सलाहकार और सन्त जेवियर्स अम्बिकापुर में रेक्टर के रूप में पदस्थ हैं।

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हार्दिक शुभकामनाएं।



-:With Best Wishes

**FR. PROVINCIAL,
MAP JESUITS and Friends**

Loyola Niketan, Bilaspur

The community participated in the online funeral service of Fr. Stan Swamy, SJ, Social activist, on July 6. He died on July 5, in a hospital in Mumbai. He was under trial on UAPA for 9 months. The Central Zone Jesuit Provinces paid their tribute to Fr. Stan on 12 July. We participated in it virtually. A Short tribute message was flashed online by Fr. Provincial along with the sharing of Fr. Yacub Kujur and Fr. Sebastian Lakra followed by a Song sung by Scholastics at Bilaspur.

The novena prayer before the feast of St. Ignatius was wonderful and a moment of grace. It was on the special occasion of the Ignatian year. The Prayers were streamed on YouTube for the reach of many people. The sharing and conducting prayers by different communities were very inspiring. Our community had the opportunity to lead the prayer on the last day, on 30th July. The theme for our Prayer was "Finding God in All Things". All the community members had very active parts in making the prayer meaningful and full of devotion. Fr. Provincial gave his final message at the end of the prayer. Fr. Arvind Vinay had a great role to collect the materials for Novena from different Communities, compile, edit and present them every day.

On 28 July The community participated in a silent and peaceful protest rally on National Justice Day. The Community members and St. Joseph Sisters of Lyons stood with banners and posters on the road in the



city of Bilaspur near Nehru Chowk. We had a one-day recollection with the sacrament of reconciliation on 29 July helped by Fr. Pankaj and Fr. Thomas, Diocesan priests.

The feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola was celebrated in Campion Jesuit Community, Raipur. The joy of the celebration was doubled as Fr. Tej Kumar Minj, S.J. pronounced his final vows. All the community members joined the celebration whereas Fr. William stayed at home.

Fr. Arvind Vinay, S.J.

Nirmala Catholic Church, Pipersatti

The month of July was the month of joy and gratitude. There were around 50 families who struggled to earn their meals twice a day during the recent lockdown. By the effort of Fr. Emilius Ekka we were able to tap the project for dry ration- "ISI Covid Emergency Relief Project." We distributed the dry rations for 80 families on 10 July. As many as 30 families utterly depend on begging for daily meals. Over 60 families could not go out to earn this time due to the lockdown. The beneficiaries were very happy to receive the

ration items Rice, Dal, and Oil. They exclaimed, "Donors are God for us." Scholastics, Fr. Pradeep Ekka, and Fr. Arvind Vinay also had come from Loyola Niketan to distribute under the project banner prepared by Fr. Arvind Vinay.



The Sunday service was resumed on the first Sunday of July. The faithful were very happy to attend Sunday Holy Mass. The faithful proposed to celebrate the feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola together in the parish with their contribution. The Holy Eucharist was started at 9 am on July 31 followed by a cultural programme and a festive lunch. It was the first such celebration on the feast.

Fr. Herman Joseph, S.J.

Jeevan Vikas Maitri, Patahalgaon

The Christian community of Pathalgaon along with the people from the town paid a tribute to Fr. Stan Swamy, the voice of the voiceless at Indira Chowk, the centre of the town on 10th July, at 6.00 PM. Fr. Robert Tigga garlanded the picture of Fr. Stan, lit the candle,



and offered flowers, followed by other people. Meanwhile, Fr. Yacub Kujur highlighted the contribution of Fr. Stan to the marginalized. "A caged bird still can sing", was the message of Fr. Stan from the prison. He was not afraid of anything till his last breath. He was singing the plight of the tribals and Dalits of Jharkhand for more than three decades. He became the voice of the voiceless concerning displacement, land banks, under-trial prisoners, and other tribal issues. So in the pretext of Bhima Koregaon's case, he was put behind the bars by NIA. He breathed his last in Holy Family Hospital on 5th July. It was not a normal death but institutional murder. Justice delayed is justice denied. The singing of the bird will resound in the minds and hearts of the marginalized to be free from all sorts of dehumanizing forces to establish a Kingdom of justice and peace.

Fr. Yacub attended a meeting along with his colleague Mr. Junas Tirkey, on *Chhattisgarh Bachao Andolan*, to save Jal,

Jangle, Jamin held from 3-4 July at Rajnandgaon.

Frs. Chandu, Amrit, Yacub attended the programme of a tribute of Stan at Bagaicha Ranchi, held on 15th July in the presence of Mr. Hemant Soren, CM. They represented Madhya Pradesh Province. There was again a tribute to Fr. Stan on 17th July at the deanery meeting at Pathalgaon. Fr. Silas Kujur, the Dean, garlanded and offered flower petals to the picture of Fr. Stan. Frs. Yacub and Silas spoke on the life and contribution of Fr. Stan. As an action plan, Yacub proposed to conscientize people to oppose the public hearing on the environmental impact of M/S Maa Kudargarhi Energy and Steel Private Limited to be established at Tangargaon-Kansabel. For the same, there was a meeting of Surpanches and four representatives on 21st July from ten affected villages at a community hall near the village Pemla. Different aspects of environmental impact due to the proposed plants were explained by Fr. Yacub. All the people present agreed to oppose the Company. But due to the misunderstanding, the signature of the BDC could not be obtained on the memorandum at the meeting. Yet it will be signed at the village level and be submitted to the Collector. The BDC did not agree on forming a working committee for a further action plan. He volunteered to lead the movement. He seemed to be guided by one of the groups and party. Members of BAMSEF also affected the right atmosphere of the meeting. Fr. Yacub was actively involved in the issue, making people aware of the devastating environmental and social impact of power and steel plants witnessed at Raigarh and Korba.

There was a programme of tree plantation at Patrapali



village on 20th July by JVM with the help of six SHGs representatives from the groups came out for plantation. They promised to take care of the plants till they would become trees. Animators-Hemant, Jerome and Ashadeep motivated and guided the women.

Fr. Yacub Kujur, S.J.

St. Joseph's Niwas, Kerakachhar

The month of July was very special for the Jesuits residing nearby Pathalgaon. There was a one-day recollection on 20th July organized at St. Joseph's Niwas, Kerakachhar. Due to Ignatian Year all the Jesuit Priests, Brothers, and Scholastics were well disposed for the recollection. Fr. Agapit Tirkey was the resource person for the recollection. He emphasized on Ignatian way of discernment in the Society and at the community level. After the recollection,

there was a short gathering of the Jesuits.

Fr. Dilip Minj, conducted a Triduum to the Sisters of Banea Parish from 18 to 20 July and the Sisters of St. Joseph's Parish Kerakachhar from 21 to 23 July. The main theme for the Triduum was "Servants in the Footsteps of the Master".

St. Joseph's Parish slowly opened the Church. People of God started coming in small numbers. In July, three babies got baptism. The Parish Priest was busy completing the Baptism register. Step by step all the sacraments are being administered by the parish priest and the co-pastors.

Loyola School, Gorrapara waited tirelessly for the students but due to the Covid-19 Pandemic parents and students were of Following the instruction of the government the Headmaster and the staff conducted *Mohhalla* classes. Teachers found it difficult to teach the students because quite many students were absent from the *Mohalla* classes. Keeping in mind the future of the students they tried hard to call the students for the *Mohalla* classes.

31 July was the day when the community celebrated the feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola. The celebration was simple, spiritually enriching, and vocationally strengthening. On that festive day, Montfort Brothers and Sisters from Banea Parish, Teachers from Loyola School, Gorrapara, and Sisters of Kerakachhar Parish joined us for lunch.

Fr. Dilip Minj, S.J.

Prakash School, Pathalgaon

The Admission to Prakash School was complete by the end of the first week of July. As the Corona Pandemic continued, the school decided to go for online classes till the situation improved. The school opened online classes for the students from July 7.

The 'Lok Manch', Pathalgaon organized a programme to render a tribute to Fr. Stan Swamy on July 10, under the leadership of Fr. Yacub Kujur, Director of JVM, Pathalgaon. The programme was well planned and executed at Indira Chowk Pathalgaon with a good number of Jesuits, civil authorities, and residents. Fr. Amrit Kumar Kujur participated in the program from our community.

The community started the sharing of an autobiography of St. Ignatius of Loyola on July 12, during the Holy Eucharist as directed by the committee of the Ignatian Year of the Province. Fr. Arvind Tirkey initiated the sharing as the main celebrant.

Fr. Michael Tirkey, the new PCE paid his first official visit to Prakash School on July 12. We had a day of fruitful time with him and gathered important information and directions regarding academic matters.

The Jesuits of Pathalgaon zone gathered for the common recollection at St. Joseph Niwas Kerakachhar given the spiritual preparation for the feast day of our founder Father St. Ignatius of Loyola on July 20. Fr. Agapit Tirkey spelled the points of the day 'The Discernment of the Spirits. All the participants were ignited by his experiential talk.

Fr. Silas Kujur, the Parish Priest of Taragarh and the Dean of Udaipur Deanery called for the Deanery Meeting on July 17. Fr. Amrit Kumar Kujur represented the meeting from our community. Fr. Eugene Toppo, Principal organized the staff meeting on the same day to discuss the online classes.

The paddy transplanted of our fields was completed successfully with the help of the Scholastics, residing in Asha Deep under the guidance of Fr. Amrit Kumar Kujur.

Sch. Arvind Kujur, S.J.

Khrist Milan Ashram, Namna

July 2nd became a historic day for Khrist Milan Ashram Namna Ambikapur when two of St. Anne's Sisters, Sr. Angela and Sr. Scholastica came to Khrist Milan Ashram,



Namna to render their service to the sick and the old fathers and brothers of the community.

Despite getting dialysis twice a week, Fr. Marcel Ekka gets seizures now and then which is scary. Scholastic Anjay has put on a lot of weight over the past two months. All the same, there is steady progress in his condition. Despite his right leg and right hand being motionless some time he tries to get up by himself from the bed and sit in the wheelchair with the help of his left leg. Till now his speech has not yet come back. We are very much hopeful about his progress specially Anjay's mother who is always rendering her motherly love and care for him. We salute her for her commitment.

On the 21st of July, there was a community meeting and the agenda for the meeting were, (a) how to celebrate the feast of St. Anne's Sisters' feast day since they are in our community, (b) how to celebrate the Feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola, (c) Any other points. There were a lot of cordiality and understanding and the smile on everybody's face while sharing and discussing the first two agendas.

This year the Novena prayers to St. Ignatius of Loyola were prepared and telecast by the Province which was a great help to prepare oneself for the Feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola. All the 9 days' novena prayers were displayed on the bigger screen with the projector for the community. Everybody in the community was so happy and keen for the Novena prayers. We express our deepest gratitude and appreciation to all the communities that had prepared meaningful Novena prayers. Moreover, we had community recollection on 30th of July. The Feast Day Holy Eucharist was offered by His Grace Arch Bishop, Pascal Topno

Emeritus. We started the Feast Day celebration with the cake cutting by Scholastic Anjay.

Fr. Isaac Kujur S.J.

St. Xavier's School, Rajpur

We feel very grateful to God at the end of this month. Our life at St. Xavier's School Rajpur was filled with many new experiences that left us enriched. On June 21st the community members flocked together to have a small meeting, where Fr. Polycarp Xalxo, Superior reminded all members about their works and responsibilities, community timetable, and our Jesuit way of proceeding. It was a good opportunity for us all to come to know one another in the community.

The school activities kept Fr. Sebastian busy throughout the month. He attended various Webinars and workshops. June 26th Webinar, on Jesuit education for life, was really good. Dn Virendra also had the opportunity to listen to Jesuit education specialist Fr. Sunny Jacob, Mr. Devendra Singh, and Mr. Sandeep Singh stressed the points: making global citizens, holistic development, and continuous learning through Jesuit education. Amidst the recent lockdown and challenges on our way, we worked together to maintain the good standard of the school in the area.

Dn. Rakesh, Dn. Virendra, and Sch. Ashwin started to prepare Video clips for the Novena of St. Ignatius with much joy, but because of a technical error, we had to reshoot the videos. Though there were hurdles before us we completed the work under the able guidance of Fr. Sebastian. It was a joyful moment for us all to work together. The shooting helped us to prepare ourselves for the feast of St. Ignatius. On 20th of July, the whole community came together in Jhingo to celebrate Fr. Bernard's birthday. Fathers, Brothers, and Sisters wished him a happy birthday. All enjoyed the delicious meal prepared at Jhingo.

On July 28th we celebrated 'National Justice Day' by showing our solidarity to late Fr. Stan and human rights activists of the country. From our school, we went to



participate in a short 'Dharna' near Gandhi Chauk in Jhingo. All stood together with placards in their hands and showing unity. It was an occasion to join hands with each other and fight for justice and human rights together.

Dn. Virendra Tierkey, S.J.

AICUF, Bhopal

The month of July was grace-filled. Gradually, AICUF came back to life after a long period of lockdown. On 9th July, a prayer session was organized by AICUF to pay a tribute to Fr. Stan Swami. Fr. Maria Stephen, the P.R.O. of the Arch-diocese of Bhopal was invited as the special guest on that day to share his reflection on the life of Fr. Stan. Fr. Panka Toppo, and Mrs. Kripa Lata, one of the champion teachers, also were invited to share their reflections. It was an inspiring tribute to Fr. Stan Swamy. All the religious communities residing close by were invited for the prayer session. A good number of religious turned up to pay tribute to Fr. Stan Swami. Keeping in view, the ongoing pandemic havoc all the safety measures were observed.

On 14th of July, an online tribute session was organized by AICUF National Advisor Fr. Benji. The members of AICUF from all over India actively participated in the session. There were some very enlightening and fire-packed sharing in the session, done by the AICUF members. It was enriching and inspiring to see the youth with that kind of superior mentality and zeal for commitment for the just causes of society.

There was a short meeting invoked by the new core committee on 7th August, to plan out for the online National Council which will be held on 13th and 14th of August. The members of Bhopal AICUF unit actively participated and the various tasks were assigned to the members in view of the upcoming National Council. Thanks to all the members of the core committee.

Fr. Alok Toppo S.J.

Campion Community, Raipur:

Fathers, Scholastics, community, and school staff took the first and second dose of vaccination at the vaccination camp organized at St. Baptist Church, Kapa, Raipur on July 10, Sunday. They were privileged to get introduced to Mr. Azad Dhebar, Mayor, Raipur who came to monitor the medical camp. Scholastics began attending online classes on Philosophy Pune from the first week in the morning hour. The community took an active part in video recording the Novena on "Walking with the excluded" as part of celebrating the year of St. Ignatius of Loyola.

National Justice Day was observed at XISA with about 30



participants including teaching and non-teaching staff of

Campion school and XISA observing the Covid 19 protocol. Since it was drizzling the whole day we had our program inside XISA building. Fr. Stanislaus Tirkey was the main speaker on the occasion who highlighted the purpose of the National Justice Day; mentioned the human rights defenders and martyrs for the excluded; elaborated the life and works of late Fr. Stan Swamy, S.J. and paid floral tribute to him with candle lights. July 31, Saturday was the day of Fr. Tejkumar Minj, S.J. to pronounce Final Vows on the auspicious day of the Feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola. Legal formalities before pronouncing the Final Vows were completed on the eve of July 31. Fr. Ranjit Tigga, S.J. officiated the Holy Eucharist and received the Final Vows at 11.00 A.M. with 6 concelebrating priests at the altar and 7 priests and 11 Scholastics including from Bilaspur, participating in the Mass. Fr. Provincial in his homily



reminded that it is only the Jesuits who do impossible things possible in the most innovative ways. Video clipping on the life experience of Fr. Tejkumar Minj, S.J. was very enriching

for the young-old Jesuits. After Mass, there was short felicitation of Fr. Tejkumar Minj, S.J. followed by festive lunch.

Fr. Alexander Ekka, S.J.

Loyola House, Kunkuri

This July was indeed joyful. All Community members are healthy and happy. During the lockdown, We have cleaned and levelled vegetable gardens both in apostolic and in the hostel. Old plants were uprooted and

new fruit-bearing ones were planted under the guidance of Fr. Theodore Kujur, our minister. In addition, Fr. Theodore is giving a new face to TAC by renovating and making it spacious.

We began classes in offline mode for Hindi medium students in the campus, first we called 10th and 12th students on 12th July, then 11th class students on 19th July and then the rest of them on 26th of this month. All students and teachers were present for the teaching-learning process with requirements of Covid-19.

There is an initiative taken by Loyola college Kunkuri to

transform Guria Bagaan into a botanical garden with a variety of herbal plants. On 7 th July, there was an awareness programme in college campus about the Covid-19 vaccination. It was a joint venture with SDM, Tahsildar, Vaccination Experts of Jashpur and Principal of Loyola College Kunkuri. The next day, There was

a mourning session for Fr. Stan Swamy in front of the College with poster expressing their sentiments. This was organized by Fr. Oscar Turkey, SJ, and Staff members. Fr.



Satya Prakash Tigga, SJ highlighted the life and mission of Fr. Stan Swamy, SJ to the gathering and then two minutes

of silence was observed and prayed for the repose of his soul.

Fr. Satya also gave an orientation talk for Apostolic Boys on 18 th July. Being in Ignatian year and month, he fittingly

pointed out different episodes of Ignatius' life to help them grow in their vocation. In view of the feast of St. Joachim and St. Anne, Fr. Santosh Tigga ,Fr. Ignace Kindo and Fr. William Tigga engaged in spiritual ministry giving Triduum to St. Anne Sisters in Kunkuri and Tapkara. Finally, the last ten days of this month were full of Ignatian

activities and preparation for the feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola.

Sch. Pingal Lakra, S.J.

St. Xavier's Community Boirdadar

St. Xavier's School, Boirdadar was chosen as the apt venue for the interview of Govt. Teachers for English Medium for successively three days 1-3 July. The staff under the leadership of Mrs. Karishma Panna fed the sumptuous lunch for the officials and interviewers. Though the expense was borne by them it allured them for such coming programmes i.e exam and interview for Navodaya Vidyalaya students on 29th July. The whole activities normalized ordinary life in a still sustained pandemic.

On the feast of St. Thomas, the Patron Saint of India, the Holy Eucharist in a family ushered for the Sunday Eucharist on 4th July. Though the few faithful participated in the Eucharist cautiously but opened for other sacramental life. The visit of the families needs

more clearance of the set of mind. The distribution of the Holy Communion for the needy gets more applause. Their lives have been curtailed by sickness and this odd situation. Frs. Stephen Xaxa, S.J. and Martin M. Turkey, S.J. also went through the general health check-up which both alarmed and satisfied them.

The annual visitation of Fr. Ranjit Tigga, S.J. Provincial was experienced as the time of grace. The unpredicted programme hindered his arrival but was confident for three members only. All went through the moments of grace for personal as well as community life. The exhortation highlighted all areas (pastoral & education) of Jesuit and community life. He also cautioned about health. The community was one of the centres for the task force during the pandemic.

After one and half years of hard-work and constant effort, St. Xavier's School Boirdadar, finally obtained the " **Minority Status Certificate**" from the Office of Commissioner Tribal and Scheduled Caste Development Raipur (CG) on 9th July 2021. Indeed it is a matter of great achievement for the School.

To keep up the spirit of teaching and learning of the students, the PT-1 Exam was conducted from 13-21st July. The maximum number of students appeared for the exam. The answer sheets were submitted on 27th July. Though the weather was not very favorable, yet many parents came and submitted the papers. To get the opinion of parents, whether the School should be opened or not on 2nd August according to the guidelines given by the Govt, the signature campaign was done. Fifty percent of parents are in favour and fifty not in faour of opening the School. The management has decided not to open it till all the Schools of the city are opened.

The CBSE affiliation process is going on. All the required NOC's are obtained except the Land Certificate. We are hopeful that it will be done and soon the online form filling will be completed. Kindly pray that we may get the CBSE affiliation as fast as possible.

The new student admission is going on but comparing to the other years, the number of new students is very poor. The pandemic Covid-19 had badly affected it. Till now only 110 new students have enrolled their names in the School. We are hopeful and working to increase the numbers.

The new School building work is in progress. The plaster and tiles putting work are going on. We hope and believe that the work will be completed by the end of December 2021.

Fr. Zacharias Lakra, S.J.

JESUIT MISSION IN MP

Article 39 (B)

"It is clear that I shall do whatever I can to prevent the confiscation of Ledha's fields. To begin, I shall write to the Political Agent. 5th December: I have just arrived at Ginabahar. There is terror in the village. The jungle-daroga is there, and has imposed fines under pretext that wood has been cut without permission. Three Christians have been beaten just before my arrival. I went to see the jungle daroga. The Christians pointed out the one that beat them. He and the jungle-daroga refused to give his name. It is a man in the service of the daroga. Both are extremely insolent towards me. About midday, the old Ledha gets a beating in the bhandar. As they took great care to eliminate unwanted witnesses, it is hard to institute a lawsuit. Moreover what would be the use? We know what would be the result." On 11th December, the Father sent more particulars. "The confiscations and acts of violence at Ginabahar, have no other aim than to prevent me from camping there. Ledha, who was beaten last Thursday, was told again: You have called the Father here, you have given him a place in the village, make him leave the village. I heard myself a sipoy say to Ledha, whilst he was pushing him in the bhandar: Because you have helped the Padri Saheb, don't hope that you will avoid punishment. The village is really in a state of terror and the people are afraid of having to go to Jashpurnagar, lest they will be beaten there."

The goats of Ginabahar had caused some damage in an urid-field of the bhandar. On account of the draught there was so little urid that the damage cannot have been much. A Babu came to inquire and told them they had all to go to Nagar on Saturday 7th December; but rather than to run the risk of being beaten, they agreed there to give as compensation 6 maunds of urid i.e. each house will give 12 seers which is nearly as much as the whole damage done. The people of Kunkuri, near Ginabahar, got more than a share in these sufferings. In the letter 27th November, the Father said: "A month ago a severe beating was administered to Christians of Kunkuri at Jashpurnagar. They had been called there. They were beaten to the point that they were unable to return to their village: they had to be carried in doolees (sort of beds). I shall go and see them next week, and will gather complete information."

In the next letter, of 11th December, he gave those further details. Three Christians of Kunkuri had been taken to Nagar by the police. Their names were Timpu, Ledwa and Lodro. There they were accused of not having gone for begari. The Diwan Singh ordered them to be taken to the hajat (lock up). At a certain moment Timpu was taken inside a place "phulwari" and told to squat down. Then Alkuri Singh Sipahi got hold of his hair and with Puran Sipahi they began to hammer him with their fists in the right and left side. After two blows of the first, one of the sipahis gave him such a violent kick in the side

that he fell unconscious and he does not know how much longer he was beaten. When he came to himself again, Puran Sipahi gave him some water to drink. Timpu had Rs.2/- in his cloth, which was open and the rupees gone! A sipahi who had not beaten him supported Timpu to go outside. Afterwards Lodro and Ledwa were also beaten but less severely. A pagan from Kunkuri, called Jauhram munshi, who had been to Nagar for the pagan Dasara festival, was asked to give news to the brother of Timpu have him carried on a bed to Kunkuri as he was unable to walk.

The Father met Jauhram munshi at Kunkuri, and ascertained from him whether truly Timpu could not walk. He answered: "He could not even sit in an erect position. Jauhram begged of me never to reveal his name to the Raja or his people: If they knew that I have come to you," he said, "they would make life impossible for me in Jashpur." Timpu was brought back to Kunkuri on a khatia (bed) on Saturday 2nd November. "I saw him on 6th December; he still complained of pain in the left side and I saw that it was still swollen 5 weeks after he had been beaten! On Saturday 30th November, the gomashta Tippu Sikar told Timpu that by order of Sarkar one of his fields would become manwar, in plain language, be confiscated! I could go on for several pages more, my Lord, to show that they want to make life impossible for some at least of the Christians, and the others know that their turn may come at any time. At present they seem to be set against those who are more influential: Ledha and Timpu are both of them ex-bhandaris of Ginabahar and Kunkuri respectively."

The Father then relates that the Kotwar of Ginabahar, a pagan, had heard the above Tippu Sikar say that the Raja had told to beat even to death, Ledha, Timpu, and a third man, Sukra, ex-bhandari of Gorea. He would like very much to ascertain the fact from the kotwar himself, but he does not dare come to me. Seeing how they beat an old man, Ledha, they might very well cause death. The Father says that he will send a report of these doings to the Political Agent. He adds: "Would it not be time, My Lord, to appeal now to Mr. Laurie? There may be some hope that Your Grace might obtain at least something from him, were it only for the present to stop these confiscations and violence. Your Grace will understand that if I make this suggestion, it is because I see from close by what our Christians have to suffer and what continual dread they live in. I cannot understand how they have courage enough to remain faithful, and do not ask me at least to leave their village that they may have some more peace, except through a special grace from Our Lord. If at least the scoundrels had the courage to attack me and leave the Christians alone. But it makes me suffer doubly to see what these helpless people have to suffer in my stead."

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12th Board Result 2020-2021

	Name of School	Total Students	First Division	Second Division	Third Division	Supp	Abs/Fail	Pass (%)
1	Loyola Hr. Sec. School, Bhaiswar	91	86	01		01	03	95.6
2	Prakash School, Pathalgaon	105	103	01			01	99
3	Loyola School, Bilaspur (CBSE)	155	140	15				100
4	Campion School, Bhopal (CBSE)	252	250	02				100
5	St. Xavier's School, Shantibhawan	33	33					100
6	St. Xavier's School, Baikunthpur	40	40					100
7	Campion School, Raipur	45	42	03				100
8	St. Xavier's School, Ambikapur	137	133	01	01	02		98
9	Jeevandhara H.S.S. Mauhapali	36	36					100
10	St. Xavier's School, Ambikapur	137	134	01	01	02		97.8
11	Loyola School Kunkuri (Hindi)	157	153			03		98

10th Board Result 2020-2021

	Name of School	Total Students	First Division	Second Division	Third Division	Supp	Abs/Fail	Pass (%)
1	Loyola Hr. Sec. School, Bhaiswar	92	92	00	0	0	0	100
2	St. Xavier's School Umaria	46	44	01	01			100
3	Campion School, Kota	21	08	13				100
4	Loyola School, Bilaspur (CBSE)	257	210	47				100
5	Campion School, Bhopal (CBSE)	324	306	18				100
6	St. Xavier's School, Baikunthpur	36	36					100
7	Campion School, Raipur	59	27	29	03			100
8	St. Xavier's School, Ambikapur	181	181					100
9	St. Xavier's School Pathalgaon	27	27					100
10	Jeevandhara H.S.S. Mauhapali	27	27					100
11	St. Xavier's School, Ambikapur	181	181					100
12	Loyola School Kunkuri (English)	121	46	55	20			100
13	Loyola School Kunkuri (Hindi)	174	168	04	02			100
14	St. Xavier's School Rajpur	62	62					100
15	St. Xavier's School Manpur	26	12	12	03			100

POPE'S INTENTIONS : August 2021



The Church

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

Rest in Peace	
01 July	Mrs. Manrela Lakra(75) mother of Fr. Dharam Kishore Lakra, S.J.
05 July	Fr Stan Swamy, SJ (JAM 84/64) at Holy Family Hospital, Mumbai.
05 July	Mr. Benjamin Kujur : father of Sch. Martin Kujur
06 July	Fr Devasai Vellapani, SJ (GOA 82/59) in Belgaum.
07 July	Mr. Stanislaus Minj : younger brother of Bishop Patras Minj, S.J.
09 July	Mrs. Thoedola Toppo (72) mother of Fr. Vipin Kishore Tirkey, S.J.
14 July	Fr Abraham Enthemkuzhy, SJ (JAM 70/52) at XIMB, Bhubaneswar.
19 July	Fr Stanislaus Miranda, SJ (KAR 91/68) at Father Muller's Hospital, Mangaluru.
31 July	Fr Paul Valappila, SJ (GUJ 78/60) at Our Lady of Pilar Hospital, Vadodara.
31 July	Fr Placie Fonseca, SJ (BOM 84/62)

BIRTHDAY	
AUGUST	
1	Panna Anil
3	Panna Kalyan Kr
5	Tigga Sushil (K)
7	Lakra Ravindra
7	Sandeep Lakra (B)
8	Kujur Kuldeep
9	Minj Herman Joseph
11	Tirkey Augustus
11	Tirkey Suresh
12	Tirkey Agapit
13	Tigga William
15	Beck Sylvanus
16	Ekka Stephen
16	Toppo Theodore
16	Xalxo Amritlal
17	Minj Petrus
19	Kispotta Alphonse
19	Kujur Christdhari
19	Xalxo Ignatius
20	Toppo Pancratus
21	Baxla Nazarius
21	Lakra Telesphore
24	Kerketta Blacius
28	Toppo William
SEPTEMBER	
1	Ekka Amardeep
1	Minj Alphonse
5	Ekka Anit
13	Bara Firoj Fulgence
15	Panna Boniface
15	Tirkey Vipin Kishore
16	Toppo Manoj
17	Lakra Fulgence
18	Ekka Avishkar
19	Minj Xavier
30	Minj Jerome



Death Anniversary : August

S.N.	NAME	DEATH	BIRTH
01	Fr. Louis De Raedt	05 Aug 1996	22 May 1914
02	Fr. Theodore Toppo (T)	08 Aug 2019	14 Sep 1939
03	Br. Junas Lakra	09 Aug 1990	09 Oct 1929
04	Br. Alois Toppo	09 Aug 2009	15 Jun 1933
05	Fr. Telesphore Kerketta	11 Aug 2013	21 Nov 1927
06	Fr. Jules Van Oostayen	19 Aug 2003	31 Aug 1908
07	Br. Stephen Soreng	19 Aug 2014	08 Feb 1944
08	Fr. John Baptist Wynant	24 Aug 1990	07 Aug 1909
09	Fr. Lawrence Van Roey	28 Aug 1997	13 Jan 1905
10	Fr. Luc Verstraete	31 Aug 1993	31 Mar 1923
11	Fr. Michael Van den Bogaert	31 Aug 2009	16 Oct 1928

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