



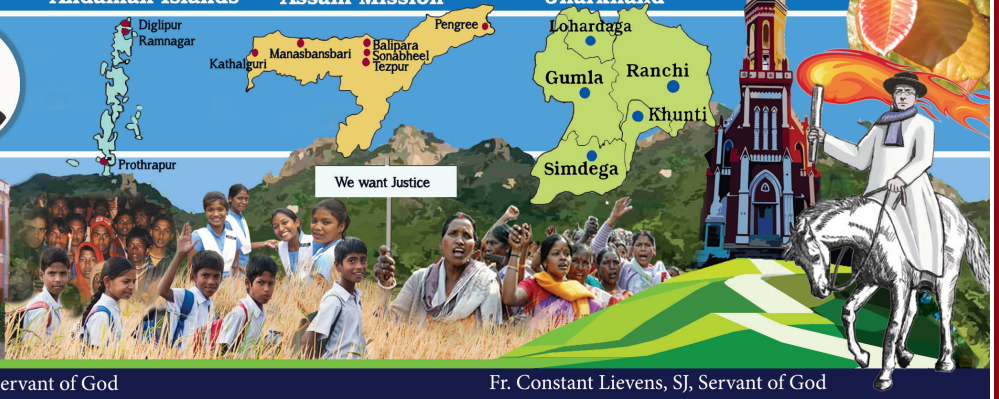
RANCHI BULLETIN

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POPE'S INTENTION: AUGUST

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

FR. PROVINCIAL'S PROGRAM : AUGUST 2021

- August 02 : To Jamshedpur with POSA
- August 03 : Entombing Ceremony of Late Fr. Stan Swamy in Jamshedpur (06.30 am)
- August 04 : Visitation – Catholic Church Kanke
- August 05 : Visitation – Khrist Jyoti Niwas Bingaon
- August 06 : Meeting of Registered Societies – Gumla & Samtoli (04.30 pm)
- August 07 : Province Consult (08.30 am – 01.00 pm)
- August 08 : Meeting of Registered Societies – Soso & Rengarih (10.00 am)
Meeting of Registered Societies – Tongo & Noadih (04.30 pm)
- August 10 : Visitation – Inigo High School Saparom
- August 11 : Visitation – Catholic Church Patrachauli
- August 13 : Meeting of Registered Societies – Khunti & Sarwada (04.30 pm)
- August 14 : Meeting of Registered Societies – Manresa House & Satya Bharati (04.30 pm)

August 16 : Visitation – Asha Niwas Keondtanr
 August 17 : Visitation – Loyola Training Centre Ranchi
 August 19 : Visitation – Andaman Mission
 Aug. 21 – Episcopal Ordination – Port Blair
 Aug. 22 – Visitation – Catholic Church Prothrapur
 Aug. 23 – Visitation – Catholic Church Diglipur
 Aug. 25 – Visitation – Catholic Church Ramnagar
 Aug. 27 – Canonical Visit to Bishop of Port Blair
 August 28 : Back to Ranchi

Yours in Christ,




Fr. Ajit Kumar Xess, SJ
 Provincial Superior

FR. PCF'S PROGRAM

August 2-7 : Class in RTC, Tarunoday
 August 17-31 : visiting the Regents in the Province

INFORMATION

Dear Father Superiors/Principals/Work Directors,
 Province Catalogue 2022 is in the process of making. You are kindly requested to send the following updated information to the Socius, Sadbhavna, Ranchi (office email ID: ransjsoc@gmail.com), latest by 15 August 2021:

- Phone No. & Email ID.
- Joining date & designation (for new members)
- For Schools/Colleges – ref. to Ranchi Province Catalogue 2021 (pp 78-83).

LEFT THE SOCIETY

Bilung Cyprian (2nd year Novice) - 13 June 2021

SADBHAVNA, RANCHI

Fr. Ashok Sandil, the new Secretary to the Provincial, joined the community on 1 July 2021. Since he came from the Andamans, Fr. Lalit John Tigga and Fr. Roshan Bage reached him and joined the community for dinner prepared in their honour.

Fr. Provincial inaugurated the Academic Session 2021-22 of Jesuit Theological Centre Kanke with the meaningful thematic Eucharistic Celebration at 6.30 am on 3 July 2021. In his homily, he insisted on the need of doing contextual theology with serious study and deep reflection. This was also an occasion to release the book *The Mystery of the Eucharist and the Economy of Salvation – An Appraisal of Dom Anscar Vonier's Insight into the Eucharist* by Fr. Sudhir Kumar Kujur.

All the community members were out in different directions for official works on 4 July 2021. Fr. Provincial along with Fr. Raymond Kerketta (Socius), Fr. Ashok Sandil (Secretary) and Fr. Claber Minj (Asst. Treasurer) went to Simdega to visit ailing Fr. Vinod Kumar Bilung and see the land proposed for St. Xavier's College Simdega. Firstly, it was a cheering moment to see the improvement in the health of Fr. Vinod. Secondly, the vast land for the college gave a better feel and picture of future buildings. Fr. Vijay Manohar Tirkey (Treasurer) and Fr. Medard Xalxo (PCF) visited Noadih, Tongo, Soso, Gumla and Saporom to furnish the office work related to Registered Societies. Fr. George went to Bingaon and Khunti to supervise his project work on tree plantations.

Fr. Visuvasum Selvaraj, the Bishop-Elect of Port Blair Diocese, made a courtesy visit to Fr. Provincial on 5 July 2021 and invited him for his Episcopal Ordination scheduled for 21 August 2021. He joined us for lunch when the community congratulated him with a tribal shawl.

Fr. Provincial headed several sessions on the proposed budgets for 2021-22 with the members of the Finance Commission of the Province and a few representatives from different zones from 12 July to 18 July 2021.

Several memorial services were organized for Late Fr. Stan Swamy in Ranchi. The Central Zone Provinces jointly organized two services: first, at XISS auditorium on 10 July 2021 and second, at Bagaicha Namkum on 15 July 2021 in which the honourable Chief Minister of Jharkhand, Mr. Hemant Soren, was present with his condolence message to the Jesuit family and especially to the tribals of Jharkhand.

Fr. Provincial chaired the Governing Body Meetings of St. Xavier's College Simdega and Xavier Institute of Social Service on 19 July and 20 July 2021 respectively and

contributed in the Governing Body meeting of St. Albert's College Ranchi on 28 July 2021.

As the pandemic situation seemed rather normal, Fr. Provincial started his customary annual visitation on 20 July 2021. So far, he completed the neighbouring communities, such as St. John's School Ranchi, St. Xavier's College Ranchi, St. Xavier's School Doranda, Prabhat Tara School Dhurwa besides his hectic schedule of review meetings of Registered Societies of the Province in between from 23 July 2021 onwards.

Fr. Ashok Sandil

MANRESA HOUSE, RANCHI

July 2021 began with special Evening Prayer as a preparation for Inigo Day and in view of The Ignatian Year. Fr. Rector lit the candle and garlanded the statue of St. Ignatius to show our respect and honour to our Holy Father Ignatius. Then the scholastics under the guidance of Fr. Edwin R. Dungdung conducted the evening prayer with the theme 'The Loyola Family'. Our Novena Prayer to St. Ignatius began from 20th July. Scholastics worked hard and gave time to prepare the prayer to make it creative, devotional and meaningful.

The scholastics had a virtual meeting with Fr. Provincial and Fr. PCF on 3rd July. The subject matter for the meeting was finance. Fr. Provincial and Fr. PCF gave them guidelines regarding finance and instructions to lead a life in the spirit of poverty in our daily life.

Fr. Medard Xalxo, P.C.F., made a visit to scholastics at Manresa house from 9th July. He made himself available to see each scholastic. On 24th July he addressed all the scholastics and encouraged them to excel in their studies. He concluded his visitation with Holy Mass on 25th July.

Deacon Nirmal Minj came back from Rome on 11th July. He stayed in Manresa House for a week as quarantine and left for Rengarih on 19th July for his diaconate ministry. Five scholastics also made a move to Trichy for their college studies on 15th July. We wish them many 'Good Wishes'.

As rain started, the scholastics of Manresa House started playing football from June. And in July, they were fortunate to have Prof. Ram Murmu, an experienced football coach of St. Xavier's College, who gave them instructions and taught them techniques of football.

This was a good opportunity to learn how to play football professionally and prepare oneself for future ministry.

On 17th July, scholastics had a fruitful recollection. They spent time to be with oneself and with the Lord fruitfully. Father Prabhat K. Soreng was their preacher and guide.

On 22nd July, Sch. Arpan Bara lost his elder brother, Sardhanand Bara. The following day, Father Dean and some of the Scholastics went to Tongo for the burial and to be with Arpan and his family members.

On the same day, Fr. Arvind Beck (Haz), who was in Manresa Infirmary for his treatment and convalescence, went back to his province to resume his ministry. He was profusely grateful to Ranchi Province and Manresa House. Bro. Patras Minj came from Rengarih for his treatment. He is now in the Infirmary.

Sch. Ishak Ekka, SJ

ST. MARY'S HIGH SCHOOL, SANTOLI

Meeting the guides for PhD studies: On June 25, 2021 Fr. Bruno and Fr. Anup went to Ranchi to meet their PhD respective guides and submitted the required study materials. They managed to fulfill the requirements but their vehicle broke down and they had to stay overnight in Ranchi to get their vehicle repaired. They came back to community on the following day with repaired vehicle hale and hearty.

Witnesses to handing over: Fr. Pius and Fr. Sylvanus went to witness the handing over ceremony which took place between Fr. Tejmati Bage, the outgoing Headmaster of Middle School, Sogra and Fr. Abraham Minj, the incoming Headmaster on June 27, 2021. We went through the list prepared by Fr. Tejmati Bage for handing over and the process was completed after a lot of clarification and queries. It was followed by meal which was enjoyed by all. Fr. Pius and Fr. Sylvanus came back to their community while Fr. Abraham went back to Maranghada with the Parishners who had accompanied him.

Reclaiming of rights over the land: Mr. Pratap Minj, the CO of Simdega and his team helped Apostolic School, Santoli and Mr. Pradeep Xalxo to reclaim their rights over their land which were illegally under the possession of Mr. Louis for many years. After measuring the land an announcement was made about the real owners of

land and red flag was planted in the land. Demarcation was done and a ditch was dug with JCB and owners were allowed to raise wall for the protection of the land. In the same evening, community members of St. Mary's raised the wall till 10.00pm with the support and help of the residents of Mariampur. Land owners were happy with this action but Mr. Louis was not happy and he approached the Magistrate to help him get a road for his entry and exit. Magistrate and CO came on June 30, 2021 to take stock of the situation and listened to complaints of both the parties. He suggested that remeasurement should be done to clear the doubts for the permanent solution and settlement.

Kitchen In-charge: Since there is no one appointed kitchen In-charge for the community and thus a big load has been resting on the shoulders of Rector and Treasurer. To solve this problem community came up with a suggestion to have two members from the community who will take care of kitchen for a period of one month. Fr. Pius and Fr. Sylvanus successfully took care of kitchen for the past month of June and Fr. Ephrem and Fr. Elias are offering their service for the month of July. This arrangement will continue until a permanent solution is found out.

Visitors: On July 3, 2021 Fr. Anup Kiranchand Minj came in the afternoon and stayed overnight and on the following day left for his community at Khunti. On July 04, 2021 Fr. Ajit Kumar Xess SJ, Provincial, Fr. Raymond Kerketta SJ, Fr. Ashok Sandil SJ and Fr. Claver Minj SJ came to Santoli. They first met Fr. Vinod Bilung SJ who is recuperating from stroke in St. Martha dispensary run by Ursuline Sisters. They paid a courtesy visit to the Ursuline Sisters who are taking care of Fr. Vinod Bilung SJ. Just after this they came to St. Mary's H/S community and along with the community members of St. Mary's proceeded to the site of SXC, Konmenjra to take stock of the situation. At the site, Fr. Ephrem explained the status of land and plan for SXC, Konmenjra. Site visit and explanation helped the visitors to understand the plan better and Fr. Provincial came out with some valuable suggestions and asked us to speed up the work. Fr. Ephrem drew the attention of the visitors to the problem of mutation of land which is causing obstruction to the boundary wall construction. After visit we came back to the community for meal and had our late lunch. Fr. Ashok Sandil, the new secretary to Fr. Provincial found himself busy doing his duty of collecting the bio data of each individual, Email address and clicking photos of each individual for the office purpose. They spent

some time with us and around 3.45pm left for Catholic Church, Sogra. Thanks Fr. Provincial and team for your encouraging visit! On July 12, 2021, Fr. Florence Kujur SJ and Fr. Pradeep Kerketta SJ came with Mr. Naweem Lakra, the Architect for site visit of SXC, Simdega with a view of drawing a map for the college building. Some members from St. Mary's community accompanied them and had the spot verification and had a look at the outhouse being constructed under the supervision of Mr. Charles Gomes, the Architect.

Finance commission meeting: Fr. Bruno Toppo SJ attended the Finance Commission meeting held on July 12, 2021 at Sadbhavna, Ranchi. In the meeting, budget proposals of Simdega zone were discussed and got approved by the Finance Commission for the FY 2021 - 2022. It was a happy news for all of us.

Blessing of column/pillar: On July 09, 2021 there was a blessing ceremony of column/pillar of outhouse at SXC, Simdega officiated by Fr. Pius Xalxo SJ, the Rector. Prayer of blessing was said by him in the presence of Fr. Ephrem, Fr. Anup, Fr. Bruno, Rajesh, Sch. Gabriel, Sch. Nitin and Mr. Charles Gomes, the contractor and his team. All the columns were blessed with holy water, incensed and coconuts were offered. It was followed by putting mortars in the column by all the Jesuits present there and distribution of sweets was done which was arranged by Mr. Charles. To mark this occasion three saplings were planted close to the building site. Mr. Charles hosted a dinner for us.

Relief camp: On July 09, 2021, Arouse Simdega under the leadership of Fr. Sylvanus Kerketta SJ organized a relief camp at Karangaguri and distributed dry ration to the migrant workers. There were 74 beneficiaries who seemed to be very happy to receive such commodities of their daily needs. On July 18, 2021 another relief camp was organized by Arouse Simdega under the leadership of Fr. Sylvanus SJ and dry ration, soap, face mask, vitamin and paracetamol were distributed to COVID cured persons, very poor and vulnerable people of Kharwatoli and Khinda villages in Kurdeg Block. Congratulations to Fr. Sylvanus for such a humanitarian work!

Installation of Broadband: On July 11, 2021 a new broadband belonging to the company of Alliance Broadband was installed in Jesuit residence. It was the felt need of the time for better communication and timely action. Fr. Fredrick Kujur SJ was quite instrumental in the whole process of installation of the broadband. Hope it will give us a good service and

enhance our performance.

Academic GB meeting: An academic GB meeting of SXC, Simdega was held on July 19, 2021. Rev. Fr. Ajit Kumar Xess SJ, the chairman of the GB presided over the meeting with a short prayer. Fr. Ephrem Ba'a, the Acting Principal and Secretary of SXC read out the minutes of the previous meeting. All points in the agenda were discussed thoroughly and necessary resolutions were taken for the better functioning of SXC, Simdega. All of us were happy and satisfied with the outcome of the GB meeting. Mrs. Dr. Latika Sharan attended the GB meeting online as the representative of Ranchi University. Fr. Pius Xalxo SJ proposed a vote of thanks and said the final prayer. Congrats to Fr. Ephrem, Fr. Rajesh, Fr. Anup SJ and Fr. Bruno SJ who did not leave any stone unturned for the success of the meeting. All the participants were served dinner at St. Mary's community where Fr. Alex Ekka SJ on his birthday was wished a very happy birthday and a cake was cut by him. Mr. Wiksal Kongari, the MLA of Kalebira joined us for the dinner.

Recollection: In preparation for the Feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola, community had its recollection on July 24, 2021. Jesuit friends of neighbouring communities of Rengarih, Jharain and Sogra were also invited to benefit from this programme but except Fr. Regenius SJ others failed to avail themselves. Fr. Sylvester Chermako SJ was the resource person for this recollection who spoke on the theme "Inigo's cannonball moment: A call for conversion to see all things new in Christ." His talk on this theme was very comprehensive, enriching and thought provoking. Talk was followed by Confession, Adoration and Novena prayer to St. Ignatius. Dinner prepared for this occasion was enjoyed by all. Congrats and thanks to you Fr. Sylvester Chermako SJ for accepting our request and enriching each one of us with your inspiring talk for the recollection! We, too, thank Fr. David Minj who accompanied Fr. Sylvester SJ and offered Holy Mass for the community on July 25, 2021. After the lunch, they left for their destination.

Fr. Pius SJ

PRABHAT TARA SCHOOL, DHURWA

All the four units, namely Middle school, High school, English Medium School and Prabhat Tara Parish

are functioning according to the protocol of the second wave of Covid-19 since April 2021. The online classes, unit and terminal tests are being held as usual. All the three units will start their first term exam from the first week of August. The teachers are taking the classes from their homes where as the non teaching staff are regularly coming to the school and rendering their services.

The pastoral needs of the faithful too are taken care according to the protocol of Covid-19. The sacraments are being ministered according to the requirements of the faithful. Recently we had two marriage blessings and few Baptisms in our community chapel. The faithful are requesting us to begin the Mass in the parish as well as in the unit but due to the protocol we are unable to fulfill their request.

The month of July is special as we celebrate the feast of our founder St. Ignatius of Loyola and this year being the Jubilee year, special attention is given for our spiritual preparation to celebrate the feast. In order to prepare ourselves we had zonal recollection on 17th July at St. Xavier's School Doranda. Fr. Ignatius Lakra helped us by sharing the Cannonball experiences of St. Ignatius to reflect our own such experiences. We have already begun our Novena Prayers from 19th July.

On 21st July, Fr. Swarn Tigga along with the sisters of Prabhat Tara School attended one day workshop at St. Xavier's School Doranda, organized by ASISC, Ranchi zone. The topic of the workshop was Jharkhand Educational Tribunal (JET), new policies, rules and regulation. Mr. Rahul Saboo (Jharkhand High Court Advocate) was the resource person. The workshop was very informative, enriching and relevant to the present situations. The organizers felt the need to arrange such workshops and seminars regularly in the days to come.

Fr. Swarn Tigga, SJ

ST. XAVIER'S SCHOOL, DORANDA

The month of July was loaded with many online and offline activities. The school conducted online Unit Test for the students from 30th June onwards. The students of KG, Prep and Std. I, wrote their exam in Test Copies and those copies were collected in school whereas the rest of the classes had online Test on 'Google Form'. On July 1, 2021 the sudden demise of Mrs. Bella Mohan (Coordinator) shocked the entire Xaverian family unexpectedly including many parents, students and well-wishers. Though her husband arrived on the

second day but the son came down all the way from USA which took time and so her body was kept in mortuary of Santevita hospital for five days. An entire day on July 5, 2021 her mortal remains were kept in St. Xavier's School to pay homage. Mrs. Kalpna Soren (wife of CM) and Mr. Madan Kulkarni IAS, also did not miss to pay homage to such a popular teacher along with DOX, many parents, students and well-wishers. Only with her close family members a meaningful Burial Mass was arranged in the evening for her departed soul presided over by Fr. Ignatius Lakra and Fr. Ajit Kumar Xess, Provincial gave the homily remembering her enumerable services in the school. Finally her body was taken to Namkum *Muktidham* for cremation. It was really a great loss for the institution. Her last 23 years of innovative and committed services will be always counted by St. Xavier's School. Later on July 10, 2021 St. Xavier's Doranda Community went to Bagaicha to pay a tribute to Late Fr. Stan Swamy, SJ, taking forward his contributions for the tribals and downcast to mark 'Ignatian Year'.

Along with the academics the elocution / speech rounds are going on for all the classes. Some special classes are held on Spoken English, GK, Drawing, physical exercises, dance and yoga on Thursdays and all these required ventures are much appreciated by the parents. These activity based classes have bought much interest in the online for the Children. On July 15, 2021 the community got the death news of Mrs. Theodore Ekka, the elder brother of Fr. Britius Ekka. Fr. Ignatius Lakra and Fr. Raymond Kerketta accompanied Fr. Britius Ekka for the burial ceremony to Behrinbasa and after the last rites all of them came back safely.

For a meaningful preparation of the Feast, Ranchi zone II had gathered at St. Xavier's Doranda on July 17, 2021 for zonal Recollection. Fr. Ignatius Lakra gave the points on 'Cannon ball journey & Ignatian Year'. On the next day Fr. Ignatius went to Bundu to help the Highway zone Communities for their Recollection and Confession. Under the umbrella of ASISC Ranchi organised a workshop on JET (Jharkhand Education Tribunal) for the Principals and teachers of ICSE, CBSC and JAC Boards which was very well hosted by St. Xavier's Doranda. Mr. Rahul Saboo, the advocate gave valuable inputs on RTE and recent Fee Regulations Acts. A unique Novena to St. Ignatius of Loyola was held this year with online platform in the evenings in which entire Jesuit Community, teaching and supporting staff and few parents took part very actively. It was very well conducted by the teachers and reflections were given by

the Fathers. Many were moved by the Ignatian Spirituality and the undertakings of the Society under UAPs. Amidst much uncertainty and delay the Board results have brought glory to the school scoring 97.8% highest in ICSE, ISC Science 96% highest and ISC Commerce 97.25% highest who even remained topper in the state as well. A meaningful liturgy was arranged on 31st July on the feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola for the teaching and non-teaching staff with the theme; 'To see everything new in Christ'. Happy Feast and Congratulations to all !

Sch. Patras Topno, SJ

ASHIRVAD NOVITIATE & JHARNA SPIRITUALITY CENTRE, NAMKUM

The month of July brought us into a new environment as the nature shifted from summer to rainy season. The whole campus looked green and created a beautiful atmosphere. As there was a transformation in the nature, our ministry of the community started with the transforming of our hearts.

From 3rd July, Fr. Edwin Dang, SJ was out for almost three weeks, to give class and retreat to Ursuline Novices in Kanke Road. On 4th July, six of our newly vowed scholastics departed to Kerala for their Juniorate.

On 7th July, the 2nd year novices began their annual retreat of eight days which went till 15th July and the 10 probationists had their triduum from 12th to 15th July. With the fresh and renewed mind and heart, the novitiate community welcomed the 10 probationists (first year novices) to the novitiate wing, on the very next day. It was one of the happiest moments welcoming 10 vigorous and enthusiastic aspirants in the Society of Jesus for Ranchi Province.

On 19th and 20th July, all the novices went through the general medical checkup in Sewa Nilaya Health Centre, Ara Gate. Low hemoglobin level is a concern for many novices but none of us is diagnosed with any serious disease.

On 21st evening at 5 PM, there was an inaugural programme of our newly constructed basketball court. St. Xavier's College Community and Fr. Raymond Kerketta, SJ from Sadbhavna were the guests for the event. After the blessing and a short cultural programme, there was a beautiful friendly basketball match between St. Xavier's Community (Fresh 1st year collegians) and

Jharna- Ashirvad Community (novices). Both the teams were very strong and therefore neither of the team was ready to let the match go to the opponent team, but however, the St. Xavier's team could not prove that they were stronger than the Ashirvad team. The programme culminated with a sumptuous dinner in the Jharna refectory just after the novena prayer on this auspicious day of newly blessed basketball court.

For last one week, we were busy in transplanting *MARUWA* in our football ground. As for the football ground is concerned, from last year, we have stoped playing there in order to control our neighbours from coming there as it was slowly becoming the public ground during the beginning of the pandemic last year 2020.

To prepare ourselves for the feast day of our founder St. Ignatius of Loyola, we had novena prayer from 19th to 27th July and 30th July was the day of recollection and confession.

The novices began their new office works with renewed and re-oriented desire and will, to love and serve God in all things. Over all, the community ran very well under the guidance of our new Superior Fr. Camil Kerketta, SJ and also through the co-operation of the community members including the novices.

NS Ajay Ekka

ST. XAVIER'S COLLEGE, RANCHI

The month of July heralded the good news of the excellent Ranking of St. Xavier's College, Ranchi in the Eastern Region as per the survey of India Today dated



July 5, 2021. SXC was placed in the First Position in Arts, Second in Commerce and Fifth in Science. Similarly, in the overall ranking it was placed at 26th position out of 162 colleges in Arts, at 34th position out 200 colleges

in Commerce, at 64th position out of 178 colleges in Science and at 26th position out of 178 colleges in BBA. But after this jubilant news, came the shocking news on 5th July of the untimely demise of Fr. Stan Lourduswami, SJ at the Holy Family Hospital, Mumbai suffering from multiple health problems including the Parkinson's disease and the pandemic corona positive while still as an under-trial. The community offered the holy mass in his honour on 6th July and organized a condolence meeting on 14th July with the Professors and the Staff of the college. Similarly, Fr. Rector Alex Ekka represented the college community at the funeral mass of Fr. Abraham Enthekuzhy, SJ – former Director of XLRI, Jamshedpur and founder Dean of XIM, Bhubaneswar – at the Loyola School chapel and the burial at Jesu Bhawan Cemetery, Mango in Jamshedpur on 16th July.

On a happy note again the community celebrated the birthdays of Fr. Ajay Anil Tirkey on 7th July and of Rector Fr Alex Ekka on 19th July after duly attending the Governing Body meeting of St. Xavier's College, Simdega along with Fr. Nabor Lakra and Fr. Roshan Baa. Of the 9 Juniors staying in the community, Thomas Purti and Amit Barla left for Ahmadabad for their college studies on 9th July thanking the community profusely for all the care and guidance they had experienced during their short stay. The same day Scholastics Shashi Samir Dhanwar and Owsald Ekka joined their colleagues in the community. Further the non-teaching staff of the college gave a welcome programme to the new Rector Fr. Alex Ekka and the new Jesuit Management on 20th July at 2.30 p.m. in the auditorium. The same evening the novena to St. Ignatius started in the community with great fervor. Next day the whole college community was invited to Jharna – Ashirvad for the blessing and inauguration of the newly constructed basketball court at 5.00 p.m. followed by a cultural programme and a basketball match between the scholastics and the novices. In the 20 minutes entertaining match the novices defeated their seniors. But all were happy with the evening's programme ending with the befitting dinner. And finally the visitations of Fr. Medard Xalxo, PCF to the scholastics took place on 21 and 23rd July and of Fr. Ajit Xess, the Provincial to the community members on 22 and 24th July. The climax of Fr. Provincial's visitation was the group photography of the college community including the scholastics during the day and his exhortation in the evening followed by the thanksgiving Eucharistic Celebration and the dinner thereafter.

Fr. Alex Ekka, SJ

ST. STANISLAUS JESUIT COMMUNITY, LOHARDAGA

Re-enrollment for the old students and the admission for the new students are still continuing in the School. The teaching staff faculty still continues conducting on-line classes for both the primary as well as the high school students. On 29th June, Fr. Philemon Ekka, SJ, the Headmaster of the School arranged a meeting for the staff members to discuss on conducting first terminal examination for the students and the marks allotment of the practical exam for the students of 2021 batch. Fr. Anuranjan Hassa Purty, SJ, the Arouse Director along with the community fathers celebrated anniversary of Vows in the Society of Jesus on 29th June. Fr. Pradeep Kerketta, SJ, the Hostel Perfect of St. Peter's Tongo had a flying visit to the Community on 30th June. Fr. Sushil Tirkey, SJ, Gumla Arouse Director visited the community on 1st July. He stayed here overnight. On the following day he along with Fr. Anuranjan made a trip to the villages; Sindur and Peshrar in Lohardaga. The community fathers warmly welcomed three Fathers of the Daltonganj Diocese who came to see Fr. Ignatius Xalxo, SJ on 1st July. Fr. Philemon along with the Sch. John F. Ekka, SJ, travelled to Majhatoli for the Holy Eucharist on 3rd July. He presided over the Holy Mass on the occasion of the death anniversary of his uncle.

Due to the Covid-19 Lockdown, the study centers run by the Lohardaga Arouse has been closed since April 2021. So, in order to resume again, under the guidance of Fr. Anuranjan the Arouse team arranged a meeting for the study guides to discuss on how to go about with the classes and to impart a value education to the village children. Without delay with a great hope and courage the classes are going to start. Everyone is highly encouraged to take either co vaccine or covishield in order to break the chain of Corona Virus and third wave of corona. So, keeping this in mind, three members of the community, Fr. Ranjit Lakra, SJ, has successfully been vaccinated with his 2nd dose, Fr. Anuranjan, Sch. John and Mrs. Alma (the house cook) too have successfully been vaccinated with their 1st dose with covishield on 6th July in Nigni Hopital, Lohardaga. On 9th July, Fr. Philemon had gone to Ranchi for his eye check-up and other medical treatment. After having gone through successful medical treatments Fr. Philemon returned to the community on 12th July. Fr. Anuranjan and his team conducted the prayer service for an hour in honor of Late Fr. Stan Swami, SJ on 9th July. Around 60 people from

the locality came to pay homage to Fr. Stan Swami. The community Fathers welcomed two Pallottine Fathers on 9th July. They stayed overnight in the community.

Fr. Chonhas Tigga, the Parish Priest of St. Bernadette Church Lohardaga with the help of Mr. Xavier; the youth Leader motivated the youth for the tree plantation in the church premises on 11 July. It was a wonderful initiative taken by the parish priest to give them some awareness towards the mother Earth. The youth came forward and contributed their helping hand in the tree plantation. Fr. Anuranjan, Sch. John and Miss Anima were also present for the tree plantations. The tree plantation campaign was done very successfully for beautifying the church premises. Fr. Elias Kullu, SJ, had visited the community Fathers on 11th July. Fr. Anuranjan and Miss Anima Panna had participated in the meeting at Gumla Arouse on 14th July. On the following day, they had made a trip to Bagaicha Namkum and participated in the prayer service in honor of Fr. Stan Swamy and paid homage to him. Fr. Ranjit, the Superior had gone to the Thakurain Dera for the Gami Mass. Fr. Anuranjan and his team distributed the food materials to the local poor and the needy on 19th July. Fr. Ranjit gave the triduum to St. Anne's sisters, Lohardaga from 21st July to 23rd July. Fr. Ranjit Lakra had participated in the meeting held at Doranda Jesuit Community on 21st July. Fr. Dharamsheel Kujur, SJ had made a trip to Sadbhawana Ranchi for his special work on 21st July. The community members began the novena prayer to St Ignatius of Loyola on 21st July. Moses Xalxo, the nephew of Fr. Ignatius Xalxo had come to see the community on 23rd July. Fr. Ranjit had gone to Mahua Toli, Katkahi for his uncle's burial ceremony on 24th July. Fr. Ignatius participated in the meeting held at St. Bernadette Church, Lohardaga on 24th July. Fr. Anuranjan gave one day recollection to Ursuline Sisters of St. Ursula Hospital, Lohardaga on 24th July. All the community members are enjoying the good health.

Sch. John Fabianus Ekka, SJ

RTC, TARUNODAY

The month of July marked the beginning of the Academic Year 2021-2022. This year 6 first years joined Tarunoday. Including the Deacons, this year we have representation from all the five Central Zone Provinces. On the 3rd Fr. Ajit Kr. Xess, Ranchi Provincial, presided over the inaugural Eucharist. Our formal classes commenced on 5th. This year the First Year Brothers

had online lectures by Fr. Agapit Tirkey SJ (MAP). The third years Brothers who could not go to Delhi, had the Mass of the Holy Spirit on 8th on online mode. The two days orientation followed for them. They began their formal classes from 12th onwards. On 8th we had a community meeting to talk about the upcoming events. We followed it up with another meeting on 9th to finalize the themes for the Novena to St. Ignatius. On 10th morning Fr. Biju (DUM) joined the community as a faculty. The students will surely benefit a lot from a young professor. On the same day the entire community participated in a prayer meeting at XISS to pay tribute to late Fr. Stan Swamy. It was an inspiring moment for all of us. On 13th Dn. Sandeep had a serious fluctuation in his BP and was admitted to Seva Nilaya. The following day he was brought to Orchid. Deacons Johny Kujur and Libin Kerketta were by his side taking care of him. On 11th a new Rahi team was elected from among the First Years. The Second Years tried hard to keep the monthly publication alive at a difficult time of the pandemic.

On 20th the community entered into a prayerful atmosphere and started the Novena in honour of St. Ignatius of Loyola. The Novena themes helped us to reflect on various aspects of Ignatius' life and specially the moment of conversion. The Deacons are breaking the word to us and helping us to go deeper into the themes. On 24th the community organized a One-day recollection as part of the preparation for the big day. This year too we are not going for the Apostolates for safety reasons. But the campus itself has managed to contain us. The newly built road and a beautiful new gate keeps us attracting. Our frequent walks in the campus, the discussions, the classes and the personal studies, all are helping us to theologize our life and recognize the moments of grace from God. The campus provided us so many seasonal fruits and we are very grateful to our Brothers who planted it while they were here.

Sch. Alok Ekka, SJ

BOMBAY, VINAYALAYA

On 21st June as soon as we, Schs Ajit Minj SJ, Nelson Hassa purty SJ, and Shailesh Khalkho SJ heard our names for Bombay Juniorate, we were extremely glad and excited. A big thanks to the whole Province. On the other hand, we were also a bit nervous because Bombay is well advanced. In the evening on June 25, we began our journey to Bombay. Schs Sunil and Bhushan accompanied us up to Hatia railway station. The journey was quite pleasant but taxing. We reached Juniorate on 26th June late at night. Fr. John SJ and Sch. Jijo picked

us up from Dadar junction. The next day was a day of relaxation for us.

In our batch, we are altogether 19 from 6 different provinces (BOM- 01, GUJ- 03, KAR- 02, PUN-02, PAT- 02, RAN-03, KOH-05 and NEP- 01). All of us are growing and keeping well under the guidance of Fr. Learoy SJ, our dean (BOM) and Fr. Aubrey SJ, our minister (GUJ). On 28th June we had a solemn inaugural Holy Eucharist of our Juniorate academic year 2021-2022, celebrated by Fr. Trevor SJ, the Socius to the Provincial and Superior of the house. Fr. Provincial Arun D'Souza SJ and Minister Fr. Joachim SJ were the co-celebrants at mass. The transition classes and ice-breaking sessions were the core themes of the first week of the academic year. On 05th July, we commenced our regular classes. Thus, we are busy with our studies. On 12th July it was a birthday celebration of Fr. Trevor and we had a lot of fun. On the same day, we had our 1st dose of vaccination. We are gradually adjusting ourselves with the environment and dishes. We hope we will be able to settle down by the end of this month.

Sch . Shailesh, SJ

JESUIT BHAVAN & GANA CHETANA SAMAJ, TEJPUR

Devastating Effect of COVID-19: After the Assembly Election the poor tea garden workers and villagers faced a devastating situation as they were badly attacked by the 2nd wave of COVID-19. The state government issued order to declare contentment zone and full lockdown to the districts whichever had more than 100 positive cases. Therefore, our district has been locked down for more than a month and we have been remaining in the house since then.

Our Guests: The Jesuit Bhavan community was privileged to have Bishop Gabriel Kujur, S.J. as a guest from 17th June to 2nd July for about 15 days. His presence was a moment of grace as he spent a lot of time in prayer sitting in the chapel every day. Fr. Nilesh, Fr. Jerry and Fr. Mukti Prakash were our occasional visitors from Arunachal Pradesh as they had come for marketing on different days.

Spiritual Ministry: Taking the advantage of lockdown, the Ursuline Sisters of Shanti Bhavan, (our neighbours) took immediate decision to have community retreat from 6th – 13th July. Fr. Cyril Guria was kind enough to preach and guide them in their spiritual journey.

Social Action: The Adivasis in the tea gardens and villages had refused for COVID-19 tests and vaccinations for a simple reason that they did not have faith in the government hospitals. According to them whoever were taken to the hospitals, their dead body were brought back. It was true that the facilities and care were minimal in the government hospitals as a result many died. Secondly, many negative videos were viral with regard to the vaccines such as vaccinated people are dying, vaccinated people will die after a year, vaccine is a means of birth control, etc. Thus the staff of Gana Chetana Samaj worked virtually for awareness building through personal phone contact, virtual meetings, circulating correct information, videos, songs, etc. Now people are willing to take vaccine but there is shortage of it. We hope and pray for the situation to become normal soon.

Fr. Thomas Barla, SJ

KATHALGUDI

The month of June was important from the agricultural point of view. The rain showed its unwillingness to come on time this year and kept us all waiting. Between this undesired game of hide and seek, we managed to do our paddy transplantation by the end of June. The weather conditions were so fluctuating that they changed with a blink and kept us all in suspense.

Fr. Lorentus and Fr. Amar came to Kathalguri community for a day outing. It refreshed us all as we found moments to exchange our mission experiences and 'Dukham Sukham'.

The Online classes, in both schools Loyola and St. Xavier's Tipkai, kept their rhythm. St. Xavier's Tipkai also distributed handouts notes to lower section students, whereas in St. Joseph's School students were called alternative days to attend classes in schools campus.

The big news about the 10th Matriculation result of Loyola School Kathalguri is a worry for all at this moment. Fr. Pradeep and Fr. Rakesh often went to attend meetings arranged by government schools authorities to finalize the method and procedure which according to them were illogical and partial. Those meetings never came up with a satisfactory conclusion rather it confused all especially the Private Schools. The new guidelines for updating the UDISE CODE was yet another quick demand which kept us mentally busy.

During this busy schedule class 9th students began their Online Registration.

The upcoming DIOCESE YOUTH SABHA in our Kathalgudi Parish is going to be a big event for all of us. If the LOCKDOWN is not extended till January 2022, as per the request of the Bishop we are going to host this mega event in our Parish. Therefore Fr. Kamal, the Parish Priest called an urgent meeting of council members to discuss and plan out its outline and procedures. Fr. Pradeep, the former Youth In-charge also enlightened us with his ideas and proposals.

The open book unit test for the students of all three schools started on the 19th July. The Students along with their parents came to collect the questions papers.

Amidst the hectic schedule, three members of the community (Frs. Pradeep, Rakesh, and James) went to Manas bansbari community for the weekend. This outing was also combined with the farewell of Fr. Rajesh Kullu who has been destined to Hazaribag (Sitagarha) for his Tertionship.

The novena to Saint Ignatius began in the community on the 20th July. We started this Novena not only as of the Preparation for the Feast day but also as to deepen our own CANNON BALL EXPERIENCES and to see all things new in Christ.

Fr. James Peter Balmuchu, SJ

JAKHAMA, NAGALAND

The Month of July crept in with the package of gaieties and jubilations. The air in and around Jakhama carried the fragrance of jollity whole through out the month.

To begin with on 2nd July the community celebrated the gift of life to Fr. Victor, the outgoing principle of Loyola Higher Secondary school, Jakhama. The invitees were our fellow Jesuit brothers from neighbouring communities. The day proceeded, the community was invited to take part in the handing over ceremony cum birthday celebration of Fr. Arul in Phesama. The program started at 10:30 am and it was followed by short felicitation program and fellowship meal. The next day, 4th of July was the momentous day not only for the Jakhama community but for the whole Jakhama parish. There was an installation of new parish priest. Fr. Cyprian Lobo SJ became the new parish priest of Mary

Help of Christian Church of Jakhama. The chancellor of Kohima diocese Fr. Jacob was there to grace the occasion and to officiate the rite of installation. The celebration was worth attending. Due to the Covid protocol only the catechists and village representatives were present to witness the historic occasion.

On 6th the July the community was blessed with the arrival of Dn. James. The Kohima region organised the special evening prayer to give tribute to Fr. Stan Swami on the same day in the evening. On 8th all the lights were put off to protest the death of Fr. Stan Swami. On 9th, the second Friday of the month, we had faith sharing as usual, schs. Xavier Xalxo (MAP) and Andrew (DEL) shared their story with the community.

The Jakhama community received Fr. William Pinto, the new Principal of Loyola on July 10. On the same day we also celebrated the birthday of two of our brothers namely sch. Xavier (MAP) and Benjamine (KHM).

On Wednesday, the 7th July our candidates from Phesama came to visit our community and had some interactions with the Pre-Novices of JTC (Jesuit Training Centre), Jakhama. They spent the day in the campus. We had a special tea with them and spent few moments of quality time.

We celebrated the feast of Apostolic Carmel on 16th July. The mass was held in the campus church at 6 pm. The following day there was an inauguration of a new basket ball court in the campus. The deputy commissioner of Kohima, the alumnus of Loyola school was the guest of honor. The next day, on 18th Jakhama parish said adieu to the former parish priest Fr. Victor D'mello S.J. On 21st community organised the farewell party for Fr. Victor and Fr. Ashulli and wished them best of luck for their future endeavours. On 22nd we began our virtual Novena to St. Ignatius at the region level and the whole community is gearing up spiritually for the July 31st.

Schs. Pingal & Anand, SJ

LOYOLA COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, NAMCHI

The month of July was rather hectic because the final Field Based Activity (FBA) report had to be submitted to the college. We could complete the FBA report on time due to hard work. After submission of the FBA report, the Viva Voce (Oral) exam that took place in

the online mode kept us occupied. It is through online classes the second semester course was completed. As the Covid continues to prevail, the Sikkim University has cancelled the second semester end term exam and very soon by August 10th, we are returning to our respective provinces / dioceses because there is very little hope for off line classes till next December 2021.

The incessant rain also continues in Namchi making the entire vegetation green. We all took the first dose of Covid Vaccine on 15th July and all are keeping well. The community organized the Ignatian novena on various themes in preparation for the Inigo Feast. On 28th July, a prayer service was held remembering Fr. Stan Swamy, SJ and marked the NATIONAL JUSTICE DAY.

To make the community lively, the sports in-charge organized a badminton (Shuttle) tournament in the community. The community members played very enthusiastically and this brought lots of joy and relaxation after hectic academic activities. The final match is kept for 31st July.

Fr. Rozario Mosahari, SJ

DIGLIPUR, ANDAMANS

This afternoon on 29th June 2021 around 3.00 P.M. Rev. Fr. V. Selvaraj, the Diocesan Administrator sent an important and thrilling message informing that at 3.30 P.M. Pope Francis will make an announcement regarding the appointment of New Bishop for Port Blair Diocese. In accordance with the law of the Roman Catholic Church, His Holiness Pope Francis has appointed Rev. Fr. Visuvasam Selvaraj as the new Bishop of Port Blair Roman Catholic Diocese. The formal announcement of this appointment was made today 29th June 2021 at 3.30 P.M. The date and time of consecration and taking charge of the Bishop will be communicated later, president A & N Catholic Association (ANCA) informed today. The appointment of Rev. Fr. Visuvasam Selvaraj as the new Bishop has been hailed by various Catholic institutions in the islands. CONGRATULATIONS DEAR BISHOP AND BEST WISHES!

Community members as usual prayed Holy Rosary and had evening prayer and in a special way they remembered Fr. Stan Swamy, SJ who was seriously ill and put in oxygen support according to some reliable source on 4th July, but very next day on 5th July came to know that he has reached his heavenly abode. His sudden demise shocked us all. The courageous and dedicated life of Fr.

Stan who fought for justice and peace, always inspires and challenges us to be the messenger of good news to the poor, marginalized, downtrodden and voiceless and carry forward the principle and legacy of his life. Hope many young will march on the same road following his footsteps and keep the ideas and dreams alive. We are thankful to God for his love and concern he had for us tribal. Parish pastoral sisters Srs. Ignatia DSA and Kusum DSA representing the community went to Mayabunder on 13th July 2021 for the burial of Mr. John Hembrom, father of Sr. Emrencia Hembrom DSA from Rampur village under the jurisdiction of Mayabunder parish, to be with Sr. Emrencia and the bereaved family members. After two days of stay they were back to Diglipur.

Today at 3.15 P.M. joint committee members of Catholic Sabha, Mahila Sangh youth and sisters attended the special and urgent meeting with regard to Episcopal Ordination of Rev. Fr. V. Selvaraj who is appointed the Bishop of Port Blair diocese. Initially parish priest said the few words of welcome and appreciation. Then he read out the letter sent by Fr. Dharampal Turkey, the coordinator of the Episcopal Ordination Programme, thereafter congregation discussed the matter and the contribution from the parish for that programme. Finally they came to conclusion that they are not in position to contribute as Catholic Sabha does not have fund whereas Mahila Sangh and youth have very less fund. Consequently we are forced to look for some contribution from the villagers and it is prohibited to go to door to door due to present situation of pandemic. Thus meeting was concluded with short prayer and tea. Thanks to one and all for their cooperation and contributions.

The urge to expand the knowledge of Andamans inspired Fr. Alex Ddungdung to go to Mayabunder. He was accompanied by Fr. Cyprian Xalxo and made a trip to Mayabunder on 15th July 2021 and was able to come back to Diglipur on 19th July after a few days of visit to have the idea of the various works running there. Fr. Cyprian a generous and goodwill man, the diocesan priest arranged for his accommodation and other necessities very well. Thanks Fr. Cyprian for your generous heart and hospitality.

As the St. Anne sisters of Ranchi prepared themselves to celebrate the feast of their patron saint St. Anne, Fr. David assisted them through his talks which began from 19th July onwards for three days. Both the fathers Alex

and David moved to DSA convent, Magarnala on 20th July for the celebration of Eucharist on the occasion of the birthday of Sr. Abha, the superior of the community. Prior to that Fr. David gave a talk for sisters as the preparation for the celebration of forthcoming feast of St. Anne. Around 12.00 p.m. the celebration of Eucharist started and Fr. David was the main celebrant whereas Fr. Alex concelebrated with him. Two of the St. Anne sisters from Ramnagar represented the community to show their love and share the joyous moment.

Month of July was marked with transplantation of arecanut and paddy. In order to make use of the hilly land available there we planned to cultivate areca and banana in collaboration with care taker Mr. Prakash and family members. It is quite expensive to clean the bushes and prepare it appropriate and suitable for cultivation and it is very stiff to carry and reach the plants and other things. Though it was very hard and difficult but managed it to certain extend. After tsunami hit the islands in December, 2004 and retirement from their jobs many faithful from Katchal wanted to settle down in South, Middle or North Andaman with the family members, consequently some of them purchased the land property in North Andaman, Diglipur islands in R. K. Gram (Ramakrishna Gram) and made their permanent shelter. One can easily make out the people of this kind by their simplicity, generosity, availability, cooperative and hard work. They have the tremendous amount of social responsibility by assisting one family and other by all the faithful come under that specific location of R.K. Gram. The family members decide the date and timing and one after the other they finish the work and the wages are simple meal and they are fully satisfied. All appreciate their unity and ways and means of works.

We pray and hope they would continue to have the same spirit and enthusiasm of belongingness.

Fr. David Bara, SJ

INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE OF GESÙ

After the successful conclusion of the final exams, the month of July started with a great feeling of relief, satisfaction and gratefulness. Kuldeep and Sandeep were happy to complete one year of their theological studies, whereas, Nirmal Minj was grateful to his Professors and his fellow Ranchi Jesuits in Rome for extending all possible help and continuous encouragement to

complete successfully his three years' of theological studies in Pontifical Gregorian University. On 7 July, he was rendered a fitting farewell by his fellow Ranchi Jesuits on the beautiful terrace of Gesù Community. William Keith Abranches, new Rector of Collegio Gesù, too joined Ranchi men in thanking him for his valuable contributions to Gesù Community. Kuldeep and Sandeep had already for Genova; nonetheless, both of them joined the fellow Ranchi Jesuits via Online Platform in applauding him for his achievements and wishing him all the best for his future mission. Both of them expressed their gratitude in a special manner for being their elder brother in the community, who guided them in their studies and helped them in times of need. Nirmal left for Ranchi on 9 July and is assigned in Rengarih for his Diaconate ministry.

For the summer vacation, both Kuldeep and Sandeep are in northern part of Italy, where they are exploring the religious, cultural and historical sites. Such exploration would be a great help to deepen their knowledge of Italian language and make them familiar with the rich cultural heritage of Italy. All the other Scholastics too have moved out in different places for the summer holidays according to their plans and projects. The prevailing Covid-19 situation has allowed the arrival of only 9 new community members, mainly from the European countries. All others are expected to join the community by the end of August.

Collegio San Roberto Bellarmino

July, the month of St. Ignatius of Loyola, remained rather quiet here in Bellarmino, for most of the members of the community were already out to their respective Provinces. A good number of Bellarmino inmates have opted for some pastoral ministries in different places during the summer holidays. Although until the fourth week of July, as many as 20 inmates were still present in the community; most of them were supposed to leave for the summer vacation to different places by the end of July. Most of the community essential commodities and activities will remain suspended for the month of August. Kulwant has firmly decided remain at home and to dedicate his full time and energy in giving a concrete form to his argument. Deepak has combined his summer vacation with his studies. In July, he visited *Citta' di Castello* (known as a city of Saints) and Franciscan Sanctuary of *La Verna*, where St. Francis of Assisi was blessed with stigmata. Later, he went to *Napoli* for a few days. He is busy at present with the preliminary work of the final paper, which is expected to be submitted towards the end of the second year. In

that way, he is well ahead of time in completing the academic requirements. A good move indeed!

General Curia

Anselm Ekka writes from the General Curia: With the start of summer vacation in Curia, a lot of personal planning undergoes for the optimum use of this time. Each one is encouraged to make a detailed personal planning and instructed to submit it to the Superior. Many have gone back to their Provinces with the purpose of reconnecting themselves with the Province men, family members and be familiarised with the mission works of the Province. They also visit the doctors and have a thorough check-up, so they are aware of their sicknesses and pay a special attention what to eat and what to abstain from. Others make use of this time for improving their Italian language. The new comers who have joined the community recently have gone to Italian Jesuit Communities to practice and improve their language.

To celebrate the Ignatian Year in a worthy manner, many of us have planned out to make Group Retreats either in Spain or Italy. Some others are visiting the important places of St. Ignatius both in Spain and Italy with a view of replenishing their life with the spirit and life of St. Ignatius. I hope, the Ignatian Year will bring a lot of blessings in our personal and community life.

In this time, even the Ecomonato members, both Jesuits and lay staffs, are out for their summer vacation. I shoulder faithfully all the office works, taking care of all the financial transactions, responding the queries raised from different Provinces and many other day-to-day's works. Even the Curia House Minister handed over to me some responsibilities of the community to carry out. It was a great pleasure and joy for me to serve and fulfil their needs.

On 10 July, we the Indian Religious Group working in Rome, arranged the Holy Eucharist in Curia in remembrance and gratitude for Late Fr. Stan Swamy for his life of service to the poor and marginalised, which was officiated by R.P. Arturo Sosa. A great number of Indians as well as non-Indian faithful attended the Holy Eucharist. I am extremely grateful to the Province men in Rome who arranged a Holy Eucharist in remembrance of my elder Sister Mary Alma Ekka who went to heavenly abode on 20 July.

Pontifical Gregorian University

Linus Kujur has a peaceful and restful life in the

residence of Saint Peter Canisius as the Gregorian Jesuit community closes all its services during the holidays. The house of Saint Peter Canisius, known shortly as Casa Canisio, is open for those who would like to come here. It is next to the Jesuit Curia and the Vatican City on a small hill top with nice view over ancient yet ever modern city, Rome. One of the rare cities, used even after more than two thousand years of its nonstop existence. The air conditioned cool atmosphere is good for summer holidays here. The place is well chosen for the elderly who have been giving their life-long service to the Society in various fields.

This time has become useful to continue the work on the beatification of the Servant of God, Father Constant Lievens SJ, since the journey during the period of pandemic is not advisable. The only difficulty is that it is not possible to consult archives, without which the historical data is not valid. So far from India, no documents have been available on Father Lievens. Wish that the Province keeps its archive and officially appoints an archivist, lest no document become valid and cannot be quoted. It is advisable that the discourses, homilies, homages, etc. given during any celebration in honour of the Servant of God in the Diocese and in the Province, be archived systematically.

On 19 July, Prem started an intensive Online course for the students of DVK Bangalore on the theme *Communication Ethics: Moral Theological Appraisal in an Age of Diversity*. The course will conclude on 30 July and the online oral exams will be held on 31 July. Another successful year of *Joint Diploma in Integral Ecology* was completed on 8 July with the submission of the written assignments by the students. The Joint Diploma is a joint venture of the Pontifical Universities of Rome coordinated by Prem and its primary aim is to promote and spread the message of *Laudatosi'* and to initiate a sort of cultural revolution, creating ecological awareness among people. It consists of class room lectures, conferences and workshops. A group of 19 Professors from 11 Pontifical Universities and Athenaeum along with Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development has maintained an exemplary spirit of inter-University collaboration and mutual support to run the course for 4 consecutive years. The enthusiasm, dedication and active participation of the students in all activities shed light on the bright future of the Diploma Course.

Fr. Prem Xalxo, SJ

ROME, VATICAN RADIO & CANISIO

On Sunday afternoon, 4 July, Pope Francis having done his Angelus prayer with the faithful went to A. Gemelli Policlinic in Rome where he underwent a successful surgery for a symptomatic diverticular stenosis of the colon. He remained eight days for his recovery in the hospital but even this convalescence period also could not prevent him doing his usual programme and he conducted Angelus prayer on 11 July from the Gemelli hospital. On 14 July, he was discharged from the hospital and returned to Vatican.

On 19 July, Fr. Linus kujur joined the community of Fr. Sanjay, San Pietro Canisio for his holidays. He is doing well with his health. He says that he has regained his appetite and thus has gained three kilos. Fr. Linus is making the most of his break in writing the dossier for the sainthood of blessed Constant Lievens. As we are close by Fr. Anselm, we get out for evening strolls to St. Peter's square and share our life experiences and various concerns, enriching one another.

On 25 July, the first ever world day of grandparents and the elderly persons was celebrated in the Vatican. Due to health reason, Holy Father did not preside over the holy mass but in his written homily read by Archbishop Rino Fisichella who celebrated the mass, insisted on the significance of profound relationship between young people with grandparents.

Fr. Sanjay Dilip Ekka, SJ

GUYANA

The special memorial Holy Eucharist was celebrated by Fr. Anthony D'Souza with his parishioners on 18th June, in St. John the Baptist Church Plaisance, East Coast Demerara for late Fr. Anil Kishore Tirkey, SJ who passed away on 27th March in Ranchi. They will always remember him as a kind, very friendly, hardworking and a cheerful person.

Sr. Rosemarie, Missionaries of Charity (57) from Dighia, Ranchi, passed away on 23rd June in the city hospital Georgetown due to Corona Virus. She was among the first batch missionaries to Guyana in 1988. She served the people of God here in Guyana for 33 years. May God grant her Eternal Rest!

On July 1st Fr. Anugrah Amar Bage, SJ visited Ursuline Sisters – Sosan A. Kujur, Helena Soreng, Crecencia Toppo and Nishi S. Kujur in Karasabai and celebrated the Holy Eucharist with them. They had the opportunity to share their profound missionary experiences during this covid-19 pandemic.

From June 11th to 11th July, Guyana – Jamaica Jesuit Regional Superior Fr. Peter McIsaac, SJ visited us for a month from Jamaica. The Regional Conference was held on 6th July in Arrupe House, Queenstown, Georgetown. It gave opportunities for us to deliberate our commitment to the Church in Guyana and discuss how we could carry forward the Jesuit ministries with special reference to Universal Apostolic Preferences.

Fr. Anugrah Amar Bage, SJ celebrated his birthday on July 9th in Arrupe House, Georgetown. Along with Fr. Boby Joseph, SJ, he went to Charity in Essequibo for his annual retreat and holidays.

Fr. Paul Martin, SJ celebrated his 25th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood on 13th July. He celebrated the Holy Eucharist at the Missionaries of Charity home in Houston, Georgetown.

From July 19th to 20th, North Pakaraimas District Council (NPDC) Meeting was held in Kurukabaru for the newly elected Toshaos (Village Leaders) and their counselors. Fr. Elias Surin, SJ actively participated in it and learned about the village governance and the Amerindian Act 2006. It was organized by Amerindian People's Association (APA). The resource persons were Mrs. Laura George, Mr. Jimmy James and Mr. Michael McGarrel.

Novena to St. Ignatius, 'To see everything new in Christ', (2Cor. 5:17) was started on July 22nd. Most of the places, the novena prayers were online.

Fr. Elias Surin, SJ

CAMBODIA

The pandemic situation in Cambodia is worse than last year. The number of new cases and people dying of covid-19 are increasing day by day. All the offline religious and social gatherings including schools and colleges are closed until the announcement of the Royal Government of Cambodia. The Catholic Church is trying to help the people during this difficult time in

whatever and wherever possible. Fr. Manoj with his Health Center staff donated many boxes of masks to the provincial quarantine centers, provincial and district headquarters. He also distributed emergency rice package for 60 poor Catholic families in his parish on 10th July, 2021.

Frs. Manoj and Rajat got first dose of vaccination on 27th June, 2021 and the second dose on 11th July 2021. They felt the reactions of the vaccine as both of them felt giddiness, laziness, weakness, headache and hunger. Now they are happy that there will be less problems to travel around even though the vaccine does not give 100% guarantee of safety. Fr. Manoj was finally able to submit his application in the Indian Embassy Cambodia to get his new passport on 28th June, 2021. Following the order and the guidelines from the Ministry of the Religion and Cult Fr. Manoj started celebrating Mass online since 27th June, 2021. In response to the strange situation caused by pandemic covid-19 Fr. Manoj and Fr. Rajat availed rice to support the poor families in their respective parishes. Fr. Manoj with the help of St. Elizabeth Health Care Center planted corns, *zhinga*, *bhindi* and *baigan* in the parish vegetable garden. He is highly satisfied with the outcome of rice cultivation done by newly bought sowing machine. He called for a meeting of the youth of his parish to listen to the sharing of the advantages and challenges of e-learning supported by him. He said the sharing was fruitful and the outcome the e-learning is quite satisfactory.

In this pandemic situation Fr. Rajat wanted that his birthday was to be celebrated in the simplest way possible on 17th July, 2021 just with simple Cambodian style Indian chicken curry and a birthday cake. Thanks to Fr. Manoj for arranging the birthday celebration as the plan and wish of Fr. Rajat. During the pandemic time, as a good shepherd in order to get the smells of his sheep, Fr. Rajat spent more time and energy in his parish. Having seen the immediate needs of the poor people Fr. Rajat employed 20 people to uproot grass from the rice fields. It was in the line of Fr. Rajat's plan to give work opportunities to 20 people for at least 10 days per month during the pandemic situation. At the same time he also strongly thinks that the people should help themselves rather than he helps them. He says that he should give fishing nets to the people rather than giving them fish. He should teach them rearing chickens and planting vegetables rather than giving them chicken and

vegetables. His plans and ideas have been accepted well so far. Many families started rearing chickens, planting vegetable, corns and ground nuts. He also plans to go back to the roots of the systems of rice cultivation in the olden days namely transplanting instead of sowing including "System of Rice Intensification" (SRI), uprooting grass rather than sprinkling chemicals to make grass dry so on and so forth which give job opportunities to the people. Fr. Rajat gets many wisdom being close to the people more and more. He realized that parish setting has ample opportunities to do research and experiments in many areas.

Fr. Rajat Hassa Purty, SJ

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Fr. Stanislaus Lourduswami, SJ (Stan Swamy), (JAM 84/64), on 5.7.2021 at HF Hospital, Mumbai.

Fr. Devasia Vellapani, SJ (GOA, 82/59) on 6.7.2021 in Belgaum.

Fr. Stanislaus Miranda, SJ (KAR, 91/68) on 19.7.2021 in Father Muller's Hospital, Mangaluru.

Fr. Abraham Enthemkuzhy, SJ (JAM, 70/52) on 14.7.2021 at XIMB, Bhubaneswar.

Mr. Theodore Ekka (c.83), elder brother of Fr. Britius Ekka on 15 July 2021 at home.

Sch. Arpan Bara's brother (29 years) on 21.7.2021 in Tata Hospital Jamshedpur.

Fr Paul Valappila, SJ (GUJ, 78/60) on 31.7.2021 in Our Lady of Pilar Hospital, Vadodara.

Fr. Placie Fonseca, SJ (BOM, 84/62) on 1.8.2021.