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Happy New Year 2021

OFFICIAL

Appointments by Fr General

Fr Brian Paulson	The President of the Jesuit Conference of Canada and the US
Fr Karl Kiser	The Provincial of the USA Midwest Province
Fr Leonard Chiti	The Provincial of the new Province of Southern Africa (SAP). He will assume office on 25 March 2021.
Fr Miguel Garaizábal	The Regional Superior of the Jesuits in Thailand. He will assume office on 1 January 2021.
Fr Roberto del Riccio	The Provincial of the Euro-Mediterranean Province. This Province was erected in 2017 which includes Italy, Albania, Malta and the Mission of Romania.

Appointments by POSA

Fr Arjen Tete, SJ (CCU)	The New Conference Delegate for Formation (CDF), w.e.f. 1 January 2021.
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Appointments by Father Provincial

Name	From	To	Status	W.e.f.
Fr George Antony, SJ	Loyola Bhavan	Loyola Bhavan	Superior	1 Jan 2020
Fr Jaya Prakash D'Souza, SJ	St Xavier's Tundi	St Xavier's Tundi	Superior	1 Jan 2020
Fr Anselm Dungdung	LCE, Telco	GJR, XLRI	Rest and Recuperation	5 Jan 2020

INFORMATION

Scholastic **Prabhakar Oddipalli** is approved for Deaconate Ordination. Details will be provided later.

Provincial's Programme

7-8	Loyola Bhavan / Human Life Centre - Visitation.
9	Phulbani Visit
14 (am)	Pastoral Commission Meeting
14 (pm) to 16 noon	Meeting of the Superiors and House Coordinators
16 (pm)	Consult

AWARD

Fr Stan Swamy selected for Mukundan C Menon award

Jesuit Father **Stan Lourduwamy**, now languishing in a Mumbai jail, has been selected for an award honoring Mukundan C Menon, a noted journalist who founded non-governmental human rights organizations such as People's Union for Civil Liberties.

Father **Stan Swamy**, as the Catholic priest is popularly known, has spent several decades fighting for tribal rights in Jharkhand state in eastern India.

He was arrested on October 8 from his residence near Ranchi, Jharkhand capital, by the National Investigation Agency, India's anti-terror force. He was jailed the following day.

Accusing the priest of Maoist links, the agency arrested him for his alleged role in Bhima-Koregaon case nearly three years ago in Pune, western India. He is among 16 activists, writers, poets and thinkers arrested in the case.



The award was instituted by the National Confederation of Human Rights Organisations (NCHRO) in honor of Menon soon after his death in 2006.

The annual award is given to human rights defenders, artists, writers and environmental activists involved in defending the rights of the people.

Menon, who was a leading human rights activist for more than 35 years, was the first general secretary of NCHRO.

The jury made up of J Devika (Thiruvananthapuram), Ibnu Soud (Chennai), Prof. Amith Bhattacharya (Kolkata), NP Chekutty (Kozhikode) and Advocate Jaya Vindhya (Hyderabad) selected **Father Stan Swamy** among many nominations received from all over India.

Courtesy:

Matters India, 16 December 2020

NEWS FROM OUR HOUSES AND AROUND

CHAIBASA AREA

Amda

Fr Benedict Soreng made his Annual Retreat in Claver Bhavan Amda from 4-12 December. GB meeting of CSWC was held on 7 December at 11.30 am in Claver Bhavan Amda. **Fr Jerry Cutinha** the Provincial chaired the meeting. On 10 December **Fr Nelson** and Mr Juel attended a meeting at Jan Vikas Kendra Sundarnagar. **Fr Nelson** and **Fr John** joined the birthday celebration of **Fr James** in Basahatu. We celebrated

the birthday of **Fr Nelson** on 17 December. Fathers, Sisters and neighbouring faithful had novena in preparation of Christmas from 11-20 December. It was concluded by confession, Eucharistic celebration and Christmas gathering agape on 20 December. Many thanks to **Fr Benedict Minj** from Basahatu who was available for the day. CSWC celebrated the Christmas Milan on 21 December. There was half an hour prayer

John Sumbrui

service, then followed Christmas gifts distribution and Christmas meal. Amda and Basahatu Jesuits and SRA Sisters gathered together to celebrate Christmas Milan on 22 December at Basahatu. There was Carol singing, exchange of Christmas gifts, agape and cultural dance. **Fr John** met his doctor for his routine medical treatment. **Fr Nelson** is running up and down to Jamshedpur and Chaibasa for bank related works.

Basahatu

Parish: The Confessions and Masses were arranged in different areas of Basahatu Parish from 9-22 December as the preparation for Christmas. **Fr Benedict Minj** was a great help in hearing the confessions.

A group of Catholic men, women and youth came to promote some Ayush Mantralaya Products and medicines for cancer, paralysis, diabetes etc in our parish on second Sunday of advent. The Society of St. Vincent De Paul (SSVP), Conference, Basahatu, organized a Christmas Gathering for the Krusveer Children and Youth of the Basahatu parish. It was a whole day program with a fellowship meal for all and gifts for children. About 100 children and youth were present for the Gathering.

SSVP members also went about visiting sick and praying for them, distributing medicine, clothes and blankets to the poor of the parish.

As the spiritual preparation for Christmas, a day of Recollection, confessions and Mass were arranged for the parish youth on 22 December. Srs Suchita and Seema, SRA and **Frs Basil Sanga** and **Anil Dang** were the resource persons. The Parish youth stayed on for the singing practice and decorations till 24 December.

This year we had a grand Christmas Vigil Mass concelebrated by 8 priests. **Fr Kishore Lugun** was the main celebrant. **Fr Alex Misquith** preached a very nice and inspiring homily in Ho language. Before the vigil mass at 11 p.m. we had a film show on Jesus (According to the

Joseph Surin

Gospel of St. Luke) dubbed in Ho language. Meanwhile, **Frs Alex Misquith** and **Rajesh Ddungdung** sat for hearing confessions at our residence. **Fr Staney Furtado** supported us with his gracious presence. The faithful from Chaibasa and Chakradharpur Parishes also came for vigil mass at Basahatu.

School: The feast of St. Xavier, the Patron of the school, was celebrated with the teachers, Catechists, SRA Sisters and a few students from the close by villages. All our collaborators-Religious, teaching and non-teaching staff was present on that day. On this occasion, we had the Eucharistic Celebration presided over by **Fr James**. It was followed by a short cultural program.

Though it is covid-19 period, the teachers and some of our students came to the school to celebrate the feast. They sang swagat gaana and performed some cultural programs which definitely made the day more meaningful. Those who come to me will not go empty-handed said **Fr Bene** and gave the children some Sev-Bundiya at the end of the program. On the same day, we gave a farewell to Miss Shanti Lata Ichagutu, one of our teachers. She was one of the most active, disciplined and committed teachers as observed by **Fr Joe**, the secretary of the school. While thanking and appreciating for her contribution to the school for the past five years, he also said that the school is going to miss such an active and committed teacher. She resigned due to health reason. Our Catholic children had confessions

and the Christmas gathering on 23 December.

Community: **Joe** attended a meeting on Human Rights at XLRI on 28 November. He also attended the GB meeting of CSWC, Amda on 7 December. **Joe** played a mediator's role in bringing back the 15 girls and boys from the textile Company, Thirupur, Tamilnadu with the help of **Fr Henry Albert** who is based at Chennai to help out the migrant workers. **Fr James Samad** joined the holy mass and celebration on the occasion of *Fr John Deeney Centenary Celebration* at Pandavir on 29 December. **Fr James'** birthday was celebrated. The whole Basahatu community was invited for the mass and festive meal to Queen of Apostles (SRA) Sisters' Convent, Amda for the Feast of Immaculate Conception of Virgin Mary. **Fr Joe**

offered the feast day mass.

Distinguished Guests/Visitors: **Fr Romanus Jojo** from Rengra spent a day with us and offered the Second Sunday Advent mass at Basahatu Parish for the faithful. Diocesan Clergy Frs Edwin Coelho and Edward Saldanha dropped in at our place on the way to Karaikela Parish on 9 December. **Frs Paul Fernandes, Paul Juilan Ekka** and **Donald D'Silva** visited us on the way back from Chaibasa on 12 December. **Frs Kishore Lugun** from St. Xavier's Lupungutu and **Fr Sunil Xess** from Divya Bharati, Chaibasa came for their different purposes and had lunch with us on 13 December.

Inigo Niwas

Since there were no students in the schools and hostels the candidates become the special participants in the celebrations in the school. On 3 December, they led the choir for Xavier's Day Eucharistic celebration and on 19 December, sang carols in the Christmas gathering. On Xavier's Day, there was a basketball match between Jesuits and candidates. Candidates gave a very good fight

and the match ended in a draw. Candidates participated in the carol singing along Lupungutu *Chhoti Kalisiya* and went around to all the families for four days. On 17 December, Inigo Niwas celebrated Christmas gathering with Fathers and Sisters. In this programme candidates put up a beautiful skit named "Virus Infected Christmas". 18-19 December were the result days for XI and

Ranjit Roshan Minj

XII respectively. On 20 December, they joined Lupungutu *Chhoti Kalisiya* for Christmas gathering and performed some items like skit, *kawali* and carols. After all the pre-Christmas celebrations, on 21 December, they left for home for Christmas vacation and will be back to Inigo Niwas on 3 January 2021 to start their offline classes from 4 January.

Lupungutu

School: This year the feast of St. Francis Xavier was celebrated on 3 December in a very simple way. The fibre statue of St. Francis Xavier was painted beautifully by **Sch Oliver** for the occasion. This newly painted statue was

blessed and garlanded by Superior Woolsie. There was a small entertainment programme for the teachers in which they played fun games. Later at 11 am there was the feast day Eucharist in which **Fr Basil** was the main celebrant.

Ranjit Roshan Minj

Inigo Niwas candidates led the choir. The celebration ended with a festive meal with the teachers and co-workers. The result of the second term exam was distributed from 16-19 December for High School and intermediate. On 19

December, After the distribution of result, there was a small Christmas gathering for the staff. Candidates sang carols and **Ranjit** gave a Christmas message. The eight hostel boys were given Christmas gifts in recognition for their service in keeping the campus neat and clean. Though Christmas holiday was declared from 21 December due to the government's notification the school was open till 24 December. The school is already open for Std X students after Christmas. Inter-college will have offline classes for Std XII from 4 January 2021. The aided teachers are coming regularly to teach the students. Opening of Hostel is not yet permitted. Hostellers have to find out for their stay outside and come to school.

Community: The LPG community with its attached communities—

Rengra and Divya Bharti—celebrated Christmas gathering on 18 December. On 20 December, Lupungutu Unit (*Chhoti Kalisiya*) celebrated Christmas gathering. The entire community joined this gathering as it was held in the school campus. **Kishore** was the main celebrant of the Eucharistic celebration whereas **Basil** was the Chief Guest for the cultural celebration. **CG Thomas** gave a recollection to St. Xavier's Middle School teachers on 21 December in the first half of the day. In the second half, he went to Jamshedpur to give Triduum to the scholastics at Upasana. All the community members went to different parishes for the Night Mass. **Woolsie** and **Xavier** celebrated night Mass in the House with the Lupungutu Unit while **Alex, Kishore** and **Staney** went to

Basahatu. On 24 December itself, **Basil** received the sad news of his uncle's death and had to rush home for the burial. **Ranjit** went to his village to celebrate Christmas Night Mass as village units were not allowed to come to the Parish for the Night Mass on 24 December. During Christmas vacation, **Alex, CG Thomas, Staney** and **Basil** went to visit Dhanbad area.

Xavier is making his retreat at Border. **Kishore** went to Kutungia to bless a marriage and other programmes. **Ranjit** went to Kurdeg, Simdega to visit some of the candidates' houses as well as to attend a friend's marriage. Meanwhile, in this vacation, **Woolsie** remained in the House and has been visiting the Christian families every day.



DHANBAD AREA



DNS, Bhuli

De Nobili Bhavan: De Nobili Jealgora in collaboration with Ratna Sagar publications organised a workshop on NEP 2020 in all units of De Nobili schools. **Michael Fernandes** was the resource person on behalf of De Nobili Jealgora and Mr Vivek Kumar was the resource person from Ratna Sagar publications. The workshop was conducted from 14 to 17 December.

De Nobili Jesuit Community, Bhuli: **Pancras** had gone to Jamshedpur on 20 November for a health check-up. After all the diagnoses it was recommended to have a triple operation namely Hydrocele, Hernia and Gallbladder by Dr

Harprit Singh. The operations were done on 1 December night at Steel City Hospital and discharged on 5 December. From 5 to 15 December, he stayed at Guidera Niwas for recuperation. And, finally, he returned to Bhuli on 16 December. **Pancras** gave his M. Ed. first semester exams from 17 to 22 December.

Fr Provincial spent 19 and 20 December at Bhuli for his annual visitation. It was a time of grace and the members were enriched to go ahead with the apostolate with a renewed enthusiasm. On 21 December, **Michael, Sebastian** and **Pancras** had gone to Digwadih

Anthony Pancras

to participate in the concluding ceremonies of the visitation. **Micheal** visited Jamshedpur for a couple of days to participate in the province FCRA seminar.

Alex A. spent a week at Bhuli to prepare and write his M. Ed. Examinations. **Sushil S. Kerketta** and **Stany Furtado** visited Bhuli for a couple of days. **James Tharaniyil, Sushil Ekka, Sushil Balmuchu, Sanjay Ekka** and Gomoh sisters visited Bhuli on the Christmas Day to share our joy. **Sebastian** celebrated the mid-night Eucharist at MC sisters Bhuli while **Michael** celebrated the morning Mass at MC sisters Bhuli and **Pancras** was

the celebrant for the Mass at Bhuli.

De Nobili School, Bhuli: As we prepare to close the year, we can confidently claim that despite the infinite challenges posed by COVID-19, the IGNATIAN SPIRIT once again emerged triumphant after battling all odds. We at De Nobili explored techniques in the virtual classroom set up and with our undeterred spirit were able to successfully execute all our new ways of functioning. The decision of conducting subjective examination was widely appreciated by the parents and

garnered a very positive response. The school, therefore, converted into a hive of activities with teachers busy as bees in trying to help the parents in preparing PDFs, sending them on time and later submitting the hard copies on scheduled dates. Although the teaching-learning process was carried on with a constant pace, something which was greatly missed was the Christmas Celebration. The auditorium reverberating with the Christmas Carols, the nativity skit heralding the arrival of the Lord, the arrival of Santa which made

children jump in boundless joy and excitement and the lingering taste of togetherness relished in the lunch which Christmas brought with it remained a distant dream. All this had to be incorporated in virtual wishes in the form of songs and PowerPoint presentation posted in the official group created by the school. To conclude, we finally saw the light at the end of the tunnel when the state administration passed an order to open the schools for the students of Std-X.

DNC Digwadih

Both the community and the school involved itself in different activities besides the preparation to celebrate the Nativity of the Lord. On the one hand, the whole community joined St Xavier's Tundi to celebrate the feast of St Xavier on 3 December, while on the other, we accepted the invitation of DNS-Gomoh for the farewell ceremony of **Romanus Tete** on 10 December. The Provincial was on his annual visitation to Dhanbad Area from 16-21 December. His visit commenced and concluded with the Holy Eucharistic celebration in our Digwadih community. His visit combined the GB meeting as well. It was a time of grace to every Jesuit in Dhanbad Area. He particularly stressed in his feedback on the enormity of the mission and professionalism in its administration as almost 50% of the students we serve as a province are concentrated in Dhanbad area alone. His presence was enriching and energizing, inspiring and elevating the spirit of enthusiasm to a new height. This visitation

has shown the way to grow in a deeper bond of fraternity and love to strengthen the mission of the Lord and be effective instruments in his hands.

Niranjan attended the treasurer's meeting at XLRI and a seminar on FCRA at Patel Bagan, Jamshedpur. **Amal** went to Loyola School, Jamshedpur to attend GB meeting on 15 December accompanied by **Sebastian Puthenpura**. **Oscar** recently lost his brother-in-law and **Francis** lost one of his relatives as well. **Emile** volunteered to look after the house library and was also the responsible person to fill in the google form for "mapping of seven thematic areas of our mission" sent by JCSA.

Amal organized a seminar for the teaching staff on New Education Policy on 14 December. DNS-Sindri staff joined the seminar. The school continues to offer online classes, video posts and assignments as usual. On the occasion of Christmas, a virtual programme was presented by

Niranjan Minj

the students and posted in the class WhatsApp group and school website. Christmas break began from 21 December and the school office will resume on 4 January 2021.

Francis and team organized Christmas Gathering for the faithful on 20 December. The gathering began with the Holy Eucharist followed by a cultural programme put up by the area-wise groups. At the end of the programme, there was a provision of a fellowship meal. The participation was encouraging and the day was full of happiness. Fr Ajay Tiru from DSW Dhanbad was the main celebrant on this occasion. **Francis** and team were further actively engaged in preparation for the Christmas Vigil Mass. The campus and church were illumined, Cribs were made, the choir was tuned-up and the whole congregation was waiting for the day to come. DNS-FRI wishes you all a Merry Christmas and a grace-filled New Year 2021.

The students of class X started to come to the school for the clarification as per the government guidelines. The students looked serious about their studies since they were away from school. **Fr JP**, the headmaster kept himself busy guiding the students and the teachers. On 11 December, **Sch David** went home to say

goodbye to his grandmother who passed away after a day. 25 youth attended Triduum before Christmas which was well guided by **Fr Amos** and Sr Shalini. All had very fruitful spiritual nourishment as they prepared to receive new-born King in their lives. On 24 eve, there was Christmas vigil mass at 6:30 pm for the parishioners. A handsome

number of faithful turned up for the mass despite severe cold weather. After the vigil Mass, the youth presented a short amazing cultural program. Christmas Mass was held at Karmagoda with the villagers. **Fr Sushil** went on to other villages too to celebrate Masses. On 28 December, **Sch David** went to Jamshedpur for the Triduum.

JAMSHEDPUR AREA

The Chaira school had second terminal exams and most of the students gave the exam online. The B.E.O of Dhalbhumgarh inspected the school in connection with the process for recognition of the middle school and checked all the documents. He found the documents in order. The teachers of Chaira celebrated Christmas on 22 December and all the fathers and sisters joined. They enacted a skit depicting the birth of Jesus. With the Christmas celebration, the school closed for Christmas holidays. The following day **Fr Niral** left for Chaibasa for Christmas ministry. The boys' hostel building is under repair and painting. The B.E.O of Gudabandha inspected Rerua School in connection with the recognition. The C.O. had ordered for the measurement of the Rerua school land and when it was measured it was found that the school had encroached upon 19 decimals of forest



Golden Jubilee celebration of **Fr Tom Nelli**

land. **Frs Michael** and **Tom** took part in a demonstration organized by the village heads of 12 villages of Sarascona block of Orissa demanding separate "sarna code". **Fr Michael** was immobile for about two weeks as he had hurt himself with a fall. On 20 December, the community had recollection. **Fr Somy** gave a nice talk on the incarnation. We ended it with confessions.

On 24 December, the whole community joined for Christmas Mass in Mahubandar Parish. On 25 morning Mr Walter Bhengra the Magistrate of Ghatsila Court and his family visited our campus for Mass and fellowship meal. The Christmas celebration was doubled by the *Golden Jubilee* celebration of **Fr Thomas Nelliakunnel** as he completed the fiftieth Golden Years as Religious life in the Society of Jesus. It was more apt for him to celebrate his religious call



and committed life on the feast of the Holy family. Provincial **Fr Jerome Cutinha** along with **Frs Somy, Gerald, Pawan, and Raphael** from Jamshedpur graced the Jubilee celebration. We had local

guests from Mahubandar Parish, Mosaboni and Kashida Sisters and the entire community made this celebration a colourful and joyful one. **Niral** was in Chaibasa to bid the old year 2020 with *Choti*

Kalisa at Midnight. **Binod** was in Sundarnagar, Patel Bagan for Regents Triduum. On 1 January, on the feast of Mother of God the three communities came together for a fellowship dinner.

Guidera Jesuit Residence



George Cheradayil

The month of December 2020 saw a lot of movement of the members of the community. It started off with the departure of **Fr Jerome Sequeira** after handing over his responsibility as Socius to the provincial, to **Fr Gyanprakash Kujur**, our new Socius, and the responsibility of the coordinator of Guidera Jesuit community to **Fr Somy Mathew**. He went to Mangalore for a short home visit before he left for Afghanistan to take up his new mission as the country head of the Jesuit Relief Service. He spent five years as the Socius to the Provincial. During his term as socius, he started streamlining and digitalizing the office of the Socius. We are grateful to him for the wonderful work he did as Socius to the Provincial and coordinator of Guidera Jesuit Residence. We wish him several years of fruitful and fulfilling ministry in his new mission in Afghanistan.

Fr Somy Mathew took over as the coordinator of the Guidera Jesuit Residence as an additional responsibility. He went to Jesu Bhavan, Mango, to give a one month retreat to a group of sisters from Hyderabad as part of their Tertianship. His points were highly appreciated by all the sisters who made the long retreat. Congratulations to you **Somy** and Keep it up!!!

Fr Pascal Dhanwar, our B.Ed

Student who was staying in Guidera Residence during his holidays, went for a short home visit followed by annual retreat. **Fr Pawan Toppo**, the other B.Ed student, moved out to Loyola School. He will be there till the end of January 2021.

Sch Anjum went to Tangrain for a short home visit and his annual retreat. He will return in the first week of January 2021. **Sch Prabhakar** went to Jesu Bhavan, Mango, to make his diaconate retreat with a group of eleven Scholastics from Central Zone. They will be guided by **Fr Fabian Toppo**. **Prabhakar** will finish his retreat and return to Guidera Residence on the 8 January 2021. Both **Prabhakar** and **Anjum** did a wonderful job taking care of the seniors in the infirmary especially **Frs Felix Tellis** and **K C Anthony** with great love and affection. In the absence of **Prabhakar** and **Anjum**, **Somy**, our PCF, brought Scholastics **Sanket** and **Ashis Kumar** to help the seniors of the infirmary. They are doing an excellent job of taking care of them.

Fr Romanus Tete went back to Bangalore after Christmas for another month of treatment. Please continue to pray for his speedy recovery. He is much better now. **Br Francis Tiru** spent a few days in Mercy hospital to take care of the complication developed after his hernia surgery. He is back

in the residence and is much better now. The health of **Fr Felix Tellis** is slowly deteriorating. He needs assistance to move around even in his room. Please continue to pray for all of them.

Fr John Mundu went to Ranchi Press to supervise the printing of the new translation of the Bible into Ho language. Meanwhile, **Fr Gyanprakash Kujur**, our Socius, took a short break and went home to see his near and dear ones. Before **Gyan** left for a home visit, he organized a Christmas celebration for the curia members and the curia employees in Loyola Niwas. We had cake cutting, carol singing, excellent lunch, distribution of Christmas gifts to the employees and a short Christmas message by **Fr Jerry Cutinha**, our Provincial. All enjoyed this wonderful and meaningful celebration. Thank you, **Gyan** for organizing the celebration.

Fr Saleth, Br Pascal and **Br Maxi** made their annual retreat in Guidera Residence guided by **Fr James Santhanam**. **Fr C L George** also made his annual retreat on his own under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

All the seniors in the infirmary are fine with the loving and motherly care provided by **Fr Somy Mathew, Br Pascal Kerketta** and the Scholastics **Prabhakar** and **Anjum**.

The Long Retreat: Just as a mother hen gathers her chicks under her wings, so also did our Novice Master, **Fr James Kalapura**, as he journeyed with our First-Year Novices through 30 days of the Long Retreat, sowing the seeds that would make these six novices outstanding Jesuits—AMDG.

Fr James Bara is gradually working his way back to fitness. He looks fresh and ready to go.

No sooner did he come back from his Annual Retreat, **Fr James** was back in the garden and potted plants. These home grown flowers set the ambience both for the chapel and refectory.

Fr Ajit Soreng is beginning to feel the strain of being here, there and everywhere. Human as he is, **Ajit's** beginning to tire after wearing so many hats at the same time – Socius, Administrator, Treasurer,

Scholastics-in-Charge. What more can be said than in the words of Winston Churchill, the PM of England during WW II “Never was it known that so *many* would owe so *much* to so *few*.” What better way to show his gratitude than for **Fr Ajit** to take the core group for an outing to AMDA - Chaibasa on New Year’s Day.

A week after the Long Retreat, **Fr James** himself took off for XITE to get re-charged. After 8 days, he was back with high praises for XITE’s congenial ambience for a retreat, not to mention the TLC of **Fr Kuru** and Community.

Visitors: We were blessed with many. It was great to see **Fr Fabian Bhuyan** back in JB, directing a retreat for 11 would-be-Deacons from the Central Zone Provinces, including our one and only, **Sch Prabhakar**.

Christmas preparations were a shade lower keeping in mind the pandemic. The Novices rose to the challenge of decorating the Chapel and Refectory. The evenings went in Carol Singing – be it Loyola School and XLRI , Nirmal Hriday, Sacred Heart Convent near Beldih and Carmel College and Balvihar, Sonari, and as close as PDDM. In all venues, they were warmly welcomed and appreciated.

The Feast of Epiphany saw the conclusion of the retreat to the would-be-Deacons by **Fr Fabian** as well as for the community to greet him on his 65th birthday **Fr Eric** came under the spell of the Deacon-to-be **Prabhakar** in three short sessions and, using a special technique used by Chiro Practors, he was able to set **Fr Eric** free from his sprays, ointments, pain relieving medication and *pillow!*

College: It was on 3 December **Tony** represented the community and college for the inauguration of the new school building at Tangrain. He visited Loyola School, Sanghbhanga on 13 December. On

24-31 December, he stayed at XUB to rest as well as to work on some assignments.

Tony facilitated in understanding “NEP 2020: CONTENT AND

INTENT” to the 30 Heads of Diocesan and some religious-run schools in our diocese. It was held at Catholic Charity, Sundernager, Jamshedpur on 5 December. On request, the same sessions with



NEP at St Mary's Hindi School



NEP at St Mary's English School

a Hindi version were offered to 30 teachers of St. Mary's Hindi School on 17 December and at St. Mary's English Medium School on 22 December for 80 teachers. The participants had a great appreciation for the content and the presentation.

World Constitution Day was observed on 10 December, by a Virtual Talk on Human Rights Issue by Advocate Mr Akhilesh Shrivastava (PUBL). On the occasion, we made it a platform to the Human Rights violation meted out to **Fr Stan Lourduswamy**.

On 15 our staff took a day-out and spent a relaxing yet educative

programme at St. Joseph's Hospital campus, Billaipahari and then to Thriveni Earthmovers Pvt. Ltd. It was a great learning experience on how mining is done at Joda and far out in Singapore – which is remotely monitored from the workshop. It was also seen how unique machines are constructed there.

In the first semester result of batch 2019-2021 that was declared by KU LCE bagged 100%. The star performer was a Santhal girl, Ms Sunita Marandi, with 79.14%.

As customary every year, a Christmas message is delivered on the eve of Xmas. This year

Fr Norbert Menezes SJ, PCE cum Rector of St. Michael's School, Patna gave a powerful Christmas message on 21 December via Google Meet platform. The college observed the Christmas celebration virtually on 22 December. Dr Antony Gnanamuthu, Regional Operations Manager, International Federation of Red Cross & Red Crescent, New Delhi was the chief guest and gave a Christmas message. This was followed by an agape meal for our staff and Thriveni Co core team were our honoured guests to share our fellowship meal.



NEP at JDES



LCE Staff visit to Thriveni

Loyola School – JSR

The partial return of normalcy from COVID restrictions brought life to the Loyola campus. The Alumni clinic finally resumed its healthcare services after long nine months of halt. **Fr Pius Fernandes**, the Principal conducted Staff meetings of both Junior and Senior sections to take stock of the academic activities. Now that the State government has permitted to conduct classes for senior sections who are going to appear

Board exams, a sense of relief could be seen in anxious parents and students. The maintenance staff were given a blanket each as a token of our appreciation as a Jubilee gift organized by **Fr Gerald Ravi**, the Administrator. **Fr Pius Fernandes**, through the generosity of LAA distributed blankets to the most-needy at the temple premises, next door.

Fr KM Joseph organized a small Christmas get-together for the

Dayanidhi Bisoi

youths of the parish under the leadership of **Fr Dayanidhi** in which a good number of youths took part. The effects of this were seen in the melodious singing of the Christmas choir. The Infant Jesus Parish council, through the initiatives of **Fr KM Joseph**, reached out to the needy by distributing blankets to them. **Br Benjamin Ekka** made a five-day trip to Dhanbad to renew his contacts and came back rejuvenated. **Frs Victor Misquith**,

George Thana and **Michael Fernandes** were our guests during the Christmas season. The ever-willing for spiritual ministry, **Fr James Santhanam** preached an

annual retreat to the Brothers in Guidera Residence. **Fr Dayanidhi** preached a triduum to the Regents of our Province at Divya Bharati, Patel Bagan. The visit of his

nephews and niece brought cheer to **Fr Raphael**. **Fr Pius** found an excellent student in **Fr Raphael** who is seriously engaged in Mastering Urdu.

XITE Gamharia

Community: The XITE approach road is now fully lit by floodlights thanks to the generosity of JUSCO and a thoughtful initiative of Principal **Fr E. A. Francis**. The community celebrated the birthdays of **Br Amal** on 2 December and of **Sch Alok** on 10 December respectively with a mass and a fellowship meal. The Feast of St Francis Xavier was solemnly celebrated in the residence on 3 December with variety of items: a surprise entrance dance by CTC Sisters, melodious singing



Career Counselling Resouce Persons

by scholastics, an inspiring Mass and homily by **Fr Savari** and a grand dinner. The next day on 4 December, Fr Savari left for Guntur to complete his long-pending B.Ed. Examination due to pandemic and returned to XITE on 21 December. **Fr James Kalapura** from Jesu Bhavan, Mango, made his annual retreat in the house from 15–22 December.

School: Xavier day was celebrated in school on 3 December. All the staff members were invited to the programme. The students were



Birthday celebration of Br Amalraj

given the link on YouTube to watch the programme live. Students showed their love and affection for the Jesuits with a well-prepared cultural programme directed by the staff members. **Br Amalraj's** birthday was celebrated in school on 2 December in the presence of teachers who had to come to school. The Second terminal examination was conducted from 4 to 12 December. The first term report cards of Std XI students were distributed on Saturday 12 December. Xavier Alumni Association, Gamharia (XAAG) organised a Career



Christmas celebration

Hilary Lobo

Counselling session for students of Std IX-XI on 13 December. Dr Kushagra Choudhary, Mr Rajiv Ranjan, a retired engineer of Tata Steel, Koyesha Mukherjee and Mihika were the resource persons for the session. 367 attended the online yoga class conducted by a specialist in yoga on 15 December. Second unit test for Std XI was conducted from 16 December. Maths Quiz competition was conducted online on 19 December. All the staff members were present for Christmas celebration held in



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school on 22 December. A well-prepared cultural programme was arranged in school to celebrate Christmas with a help of a few students and the staff. On the occasion, Fr Edwin Coelho from Bishop's house, Golmuri gave a fitting and inspiring message to all. At the end of the programme, Santa went around cheering the staff and students. The YouTube link for the programme was given to all students so that they could watch the programme live on YouTube. **Fr Kuruvilla** attended the online annual meeting of the

ASISC on 18 December where Jerry Arathon and his team from ICSE Council gave a lot of information regarding the Board Exams. A meeting of the Principals of ICSE schools was held on 21 December at Dayanand Public school, Sakchi where it was decided to begin the session 2021-22 in March 2021.

College: The XITE College students celebrated online the feast day of their patron saint, St Francis Xavier on 3 December with a variety of programmes systematically orchestrated by Prof Sushmita Choudhury. An inspection team from the Kolhan University visited the college on 15 December to assess the viability of introducing English Honours in

the college, thereafter, affiliation has been granted to start the course from 2021. The BBA and B.Com students of 2017-2020 batch made their college proud by their spectacular performance in KU final examination: While all candidates achieved the first-class pass, three BBA students secured first class with distinction, similarly, eleven students of B. Com stream were outstanding with first class with distinction. Kudos to the Principal, Faculty and students on their well-deserved success. The college signed on December 19, MoU of CSPL with Universities and Educational institutions in Jamshedpur to streamline the XITE student skill

development. On 22 December, the college celebrated Christmas Day with a variety of programmes performed by students in the senior school hall. The college organized Alumni Meet-2020, on Sunday, 27 December. This year, the chief guest was Mr Rajiv Talwar, an illustrious alumnus of Jesuit run Loyola School, Jamshedpur. He spoke on the objectives of the meet. There was an overwhelming response from Alumni as over 100 persons had registered for the event. It was indeed a grand success. Their joy knew no bounds when the Alumni came together. An Ad-hoc committee was formed at the programme to carry forward the Alumni Meet.

ODISHA AREA

Kalijharan

St. Ignatius Parish: We were blessed to have the provincial and the delegate for the annual visitation of our community in the first week of this month. Marriage camp was organized in the parish for sixteen days under the able leadership of our parish priest **Alfred**. The sessions were conducted on various themes by **Santosh**, **Mahesh** and some laypeople. All the participants were content with the program and wished the same to be conducted in the coming years. Three days youth camp was organized under the guidance of **Santosh** with the theme "*Masihi Jivan aur Mera Yogdan*". **Biranchi** came all the way from Bhubaneswar and

filled our youth with new energy with his creative audio-visual presentations. **Mahesh** assisted them in various sessions. They also made a pilgrimage to the Calvary pahad, a shrine of the parish and Mass was celebrated for them on the holy hill. Christmas was celebrated with much vigour and joy as the main celebrant **Biranchi** captured the attention of the people with his homily in fluent Sadri and Odia.

Loyola School, Tainsar: The school is slowly blooming with students. The people in the area are slowly becoming aware of our new school. There are 25 students in the first batch of the nursery. The tuition classes for them are held

Santosh Minj

in the Jesuit Residence because of the lockdown and hence our residence is noisy with laughter and cry of the children. The first parent-teachers meeting was held on 14 December at the Hurtado Jesuit Residence, Kalijharan. An audio-visual presentation was shown to the parents on Jesuits and their contribution to education. The parents were enthused and felt fortunate to have the Jesuits in their area. The construction of the new school building is in full swing at Tainsar and, hopefully, it will be ready to accommodate the next batch of students.

On 3 December **Fr George Fernandes** and **Fr Pascal Burh** were in Tangrain to witness the inauguration cum blessings of the newly built palatial School building. It was jointly inaugurated and blessed by Bishop Kishore Kumar Kujur, the Bishop of Rourkela diocese and **Fr Jerry Cutinha**, the Provincial of Jamshedpur. On their return journey, they decided to go to Jamshedpur from Tangrain. While on the journey they decided to reach Jamshedpur, venturing the new route. Therefore, they came to Jamshedpur, en route to Orga, Jaldega, Lachragarh, Bano, Konsode (Pascal's village) and Kamdara. **Fr George Fernandes** was extremely happy to discover this new way from Tangrain to Jamshedpur.

On 11 December, the BIO of Sukinda block came to Loyola School, Kalinganagar for inspection along with two other officials. This inspection was done to fulfil the requirements for the NOC of our

School. They visited the school building and all the facilities that are in the school. They were all happy and quite satisfied with all that they saw in the school. In the end, **Fr Jaison** served them a sumptuous meal. Being happy with this treat the BIO assured **Fr Jaison** to give all the required helps for the NOC of the school.

On 15 December, **Fr Jaison** went to Jamshedpur for the education commission meeting, which was held in Loyola School. **Fr Victor Misquith** was kind enough to give him the lift up and down from Kalinganagar to Jamshedpur. A big thanks to **Fr Victor** for his concern and generosity shown to our brother, **Fr Jaison**.

On 19-20 December, we had our recollection in order to prepare ourselves for the Christmas celebration, which we concluded on 20 December noon with Eucharistic celebration. On the same day, we had four Jesuit-

guests (**Frs Joshy, Anil Dang, Jerome Kerketta** and **Benjamin Lakra**) to share the agape meals with us. They were happy to enjoy our hospitality. In fact, they came to reach **Fr Anil Dang** to Duburi, who was to give recollection to the Sisters of Holy Spirit there.

On 22 December, we had the Christmas celebration cum farewell program in the school. One of the teachers of the school, Mrs Sunita Tiwari, a Hindi teacher left the School. We wished her well and bright future ahead in her life in Jamshedpur. On Christmas Eve, we had a high and solemn Holy Mass, celebrated by **Fr Pascal Burh**. The Holy Mass was in Hindi but the hymns were sung in English. **Fr George Fernandes** was the choir master on this solemn occasion. Soon after the Holy Mass, Christmas celebration followed with a cake cutting and cheers!!

Br Tony Stevens was delighted to get guests from the North, East, West and South coming to the House and made sure all had a comfortable stay, **Fr AXJ Bosco**, Former Andhra Province Provincial stayed here before leaving for Vijayawada, **Frs Jerome Sequiera, Henry Albert** from Chennai and **Amaladoss** from Dhanbad spent a few days here.

Fr Biranchi Soreng went to Khalijharan Parish for a Youth Animation and help out in

Christmas Ministry with a short visit to Home to assist his father who had eye surgery. **George** was in Khalijharan and Tangrain during the Visitation and also attended the Blessing of the new School Building and the FC Sisters Convent blessing on the 3 December which Bishop Kishore Kumar Kujur, Bishop of Rourkela Diocese blessed along with **Fr Jerry Cutinha**, Provincial. Along with **Jerome Sequiera** he made a short visit to Kandhamal communities

and later also attended the Migrant Facilitation Net Launch on the 17 December. Loyola Bhavan has been registered as a State Hub to facilitate the Process. He also visited the various VRO Centres in Odisha to take stock of the works, meeting the VRO Staff and collecting reports.

Pajikeri

The months of November and December were full of festivals and activities. **Fr Anthres** was busy visiting the faithful and celebrating the Holy Eucharist in different villages. As a result, perhaps, on 27 November he was down with malaria. In his absence, **Fr Ranjit** celebrated Odiya Mass in different villages. Now **Fr Anthres** is, back to his normal life, conducting some programmes for the faithful. On 1 December **Fr Sanay**, along with

Sch Binay, went to Bissamcuttack for his eye treatment but the treatment was not so successful. So on 5 December **Fr Sanay** was accompanied by **Fr Victor Joseph** and **Sch Binay** to L.V. Prasad Eye Institute Bhubaneswar for his eye checkup. Now his eye is getting better as before. On 3 December it was a joyous moment for the Kandhamal Jesuits to gather together and celebrate the feast of St. Francis Xavier at

Binay Kerketta

Minjaponga. On 10 December **Frs George Anthony** and **Jerome Sequeira** came for a short visit to Pajikeri. Tumudibandha's Superior **Fr Blacius Ekka** celebrated his birthday on 17 December. On 24, the midnight Mass was held at Bandiguda, the sub-center and the following day **Frs Anthres** and **Ranjit** went to different units to celebrate Masses.

Tumudibandha

Community: **Greg's** patience is being tested, for a very long time now, by our forefathers. We are yet to find any solution to the monkey menace. The Apes invade regularly, destroying whatever **Greg** has been trying to grow in the community campus. Never give up **Greg!** **Fr George Anthony**, the Provincial's delegate, and **Fr Jerome Sequeira** paid a quick visit to Pajikeri and Tumudibandha on 10 December. **Fr Isidore** made his annual retreat at Tumudibandha from 10 to 17 December. Thank you, Fathers, for gracing our community. God bless **Fr Jerome** as he proceeds to the frontier mission in Afghanistan.

Parish: After almost 9 months, the faithful had the Christmas Mass in the Parish Church on 25 December at 11 am. Understandably, all were excited and filled with Christmas joy. Glory be to the King of Joy and Peace!

OCI: December was full of activities. We had one training each for Community Leaders (CLs) at Ora, Sartul and Subarnagiri. During the training, though the topic was different for December, yet the village community showed their solidarity with the farmers who are protesting around Delhi borders against the new farm laws.

Blacius Ekka

Of late, the intensifying demand of the villagers in the Kotagarh and the Tumudibandha Blocks is for mobile network facility. People from interior villages come to Kotagarh bank for withdrawing their wages for MGNREGS works. There will be never-ending queues at the bank. Many days there will be the link failure and the poor daily wagers will have to return home, after waiting for the whole day without having withdrawn their money from the bank. Children of big towns and cities are enjoying the benefits of online classes, whereas rural children where there are no mobile networks are missing these



In support of the farmers fighting for their rights



Community leaders meeting the MP Achutayya Samanta at Kotagarh



Participatory Training Module Preparation and Material Development



Workshop: Cheering up the hearts

opportunities. On 10 December, the CLs and Sarpanches of 10 Gram Panchayats met the Kandhamal MP, Mr Achutaya Samanta at Kotagarh, pressing their demand collectively for mobile towers in the interior Panchayats.

We conducted a state-level “Participatory Training

Module Preparation & Material Development” workshop on 14–15 December. The LM staff not only developed the training modules but also sharpened their skills of how to creatively conduct the training/meetings in the villages. All of them actively participated in two days of arduous sessions,

group works, presentations, skits, awareness songs etc, and enjoyed the participatory method of doing things. On 18 December, we had a quarterly review and reflection meeting. Happy Christmas and the grace-filled New Year Wishes to all our collaborators!

XIMB

University celebrated the feast of the patron St. Francis Xavier by maintaining social distancing in both the campuses. **Don Prem** delivered the feast day message, **Arock** and **S. Tony** translated the message in Odia in the respective campuses, and **Augustine Ezha** anchored the program and **Tony Uvari** wished the august gathering. On the feast day, the catholic staff and faculty joined us in the Mass and shared breakfast with us. We had the festival lunch on the new campus and dinner in the old campus. This year, we had a basketball match with the Padanpur Seminarians on the feast day. The Jesuits used their brainpower to defeat the young and energetic horse-powered seminarians.

Tony Uvari chaired the online province Higher Education Commission meeting to discuss

UAP, CAP, ZAP, and LAP at the higher institution level. As usual, a couple online and offline meetings were held for the smooth functioning. We had an online Christmas celebration organized by PG and UG students of the university. Indeed, it has taken to a different level of Christmas celebration! However, we too had offline Christmas celebration for the staff and the faculty by maintaining social distancing in both the campuses. **Benjamin** delivered an inspiring Christmas message. City Jesuits came together at Xavier Residence to celebrate Christmas with festival dinner.

At the request of some of the diaspora Syro-Malabar Catholics, there was a vigil mass conducted in Malayalam for them. **Joshy** was the main celebrant and **Augustine Vatta** and **Augustine**

Arockia & Benjamin

Ezha concelebrated, and **Raj, Tony** and **Abe** participated in Eucharistic celebration.

Abe went to Bengaluru accompanied by his caretaker Mr Rajanikanth to attend the board of Directors’ meeting of XIME. There they surprised him by naming the MDP block after him. This was a way of expressing their gratitude for 30 years of association with XIME starting with the Foundation of XIME.

Augustine Ezha went to Jamshedpur to attend the first Alumni meeting of XITE College. **Tony Uvari** made a flying visit to his hometown to sign in a legal document. **Kiran** has gone to Bengaluru to meet his provincial and province men. **Benjamin** has gone home for a week to be with his near and dear ones. **George Sebastian** from XLRI Jhajjar

campus has spent a couple of days with us. **Tony P** made a quick visit to Bhubaneswar and travelled with Vivian Richard and Don Prem to Puri and spent a day with **Joe Kalathil**. **Augustine Ezha** narrowly escaped an accident but caused severe damage to the Innova car that he uses for his office.

Congratulations to **Tony Uvari** for solving the XIMB land problem once and for all. He had to make several trips to meet the concerned Secretaries of the Government and after several rounds of meetings, the Chief Secretary handed over the papers. Thanks to all those who were involved in helping **Tony**

to finally clear it. He was also successful in straightening up the PF accounts of all the employees. The faculty and staff expressed their gratitude to him and others who were involved in solving the PF issue.

FORMATION HOUSES

Dhyan Ashram, Kolkata

It was a day of grace for Jamshedpur Province on 12 December 2020 when **Sch Rocky Mallick** pronounced his first vows at Dhyan Ashram in Kolkata. It was a solemn celebration of the first vows as well as the 83rd birthday of Fr Pierre Jacob the spiritual father of the juniors. **Fr Jerry Cutinha**, the provincial of Jamshedpur, presided over the Eucharist concelebrated by Frs Pierre Jacob and **Fr Ajit Soreng** and received the first vows. Soon after the First Vows Mass,

there was a postcard campaign to Prime Minister and the home minister to release **Fr Stan Swamy** and the co-accused prisoners.



Ajit Soreng

Jamshedpur province is grateful to the Jesuits of Calcutta Province for accommodating our Novices who were on their experiment in West Bengal and were stranded during the lockdown period at Dhyan Ashram. All our five Jamshedpur Juniors are doing their Juniorate in Dhyan Ashram. **Fr Jerry Cutinha** took this opportunity to combine his visitation of the Juniors. All our Juniors are very happy and content in Dhyan Ashram.

SPECIAL MISSION

ERC

ERC News: ERC textbooks have gone into print and will be made available on time. **Tony**, the PCE has chaired an online meeting with Heads of Schools (Where ERC Books are used) to get a broader opinion on going into book printing. This year the book printing is given to another agency. The three-member team: **Tony**, **Michael Fernandes** and **Alexander A** have

met online and offline to finalize the project.

An in-person, Secondary Education Commission Meeting was held at Loyola School, Bistupur on 16 December with a Singular agenda of laying down the implementation plan on UAP. Of 18 members, 13 Heads of Schools attended the meet and had the overriding

Anthonyraj P

opinion that UAP preferences will be put into practice once we get the normalcy to return. **Jaison** presented the UAP template and **Tony** gave a brief input on **“NEP 2020: Content, Intent and Compliance”** and mooted the idea of working together to familiarize our faculty and stakeholder on NEP.

Birthdays in January

01	Alwyn Rodrigues
03	Fabian Bhuiyan
03	Xavier Ekka
04	Cajetan A
05	Biren Baa
11	Santosh Minj
14	George Cheradayil
17	Ajit Kumar Bahala
18	Kiran Coth
19	George Anthony
19	Roshan Kerketta
23	Bikant Kullu
28	Stanislaus Kujur
31	Joseph Surin

Death Anniversaries of January

01	Eugene J. Power
03	John C. Prabhu
12	Thomas E. Peacock
13	Michael K. Love
14	Simon C. Kirsch
14	John K. Bingham
18	John J. Deeney
24	James M. Collin
29	Joseph R. Lerch
29	James V. Keogh

Across the Bridge

01 December	Fr Augustine Lopes, SJ	(BOM, 75/49)	Mumbai
02 December	Br Desmond Dias, SJ	(BOM, 87/65)	Mumbai
03 December	Fr O.P. Mathew, SJ	(KER, 75/54)	Kozhikode
07 December	Br Ephiphanio Dias, SJ	(GOA, 99/77)	Goa
08 December	Br Basil Tirkey, SJ	(RAN, 73/46)	Simdega, Ranchi
13 December	Br Saul Abril, SJ	(GUJ, 89/73)	Ahmedabad, Gujarat
17 December	Fr Cyprian Andrade, SJ	(GUJ, 74/56)	Ahmedabad, Gujarat
19 December	Fr Stanley D'Souza, SJ	(DEL, 88/63)	Delhi
29 December	Fr Linus Dungdung, SJ	(RAN, 69/47)	Ranchi



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