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**PATNA JESUIT MISSION CENTENARY YEAR  
(1921-2021)**

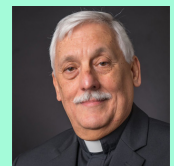
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## OFFICIAL

### FR GENERAL HAS APPOINTED

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| Fr. Miguel Garaizábal, SJ   | - | Regional Superior of the Jesuits in Thailand                             |
| Fr. Leonard Chiti, SJ       | - | Provincial of the new Province,<br>the Province of Southern Africa (SAP) |
| Fr. Roberto Del Riccio, SJ, | - | Provincial of the Euro-Mediterranean Province                            |



### POSA HAS APPOINTED

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| Fr ArjenTete, SJ (CCU) | - | as the New Conference Delegate for Formation (CDF),<br>w.e.f. 1st Jan, 2021 |
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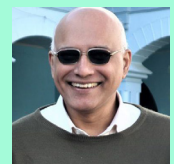
### FR. PROVINCIAL HAS APPOINTED

#### With effect from January 2021

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| Seraphim John | - | READ, Bettiah |
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#### With effect from April 2021

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| Prakash Anthony | - | St. Xavier's, Patna<br>Full-time Vocation Promoter & Youth Animation |
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#### New members to Province Commissions

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| Vocation Commission | : | Cebin Sebastian                |
| Higher Education    | : | Jose Kalapura, Norbert Menezes |

## PROVINCIAL'S PROGRAMME

### January 2020

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| 01 - 04 | - | Province Office                     |
| 05      | - | Sitagarha, Hazaribagh, Visitation.  |
| 10      | - | Shahpur                             |
| 12 - 17 | - | Bengaluru Visitation                |
| 17      | - | Pune Visitation                     |
| 22      | - | Province Office                     |
| 23      | - | AGM St. Xavier's, Gandhi Maidan     |
| 28      | - | Diaconate Ordination, St. Michael's |
| 30      | - | Province Consult                    |

## February 2021

01 – 06	–	KR and READ Visitation
07 – 08	–	Sakri Visitation
16 – 18	–	Varanasi Visitation
22 – 26	–	JCSA Online
28	–	Province Consult

## CONGRATULATIONS & THANKS

Patna Jesuits congratulate His Grace **Most Rev. Sebastian Kallupura** who was installed as the Archbishop of Patna Archdiocese in a Solemn Eucharist attended by bishops, priests, religious and lay people at St. Joseph Pro-Cathedral on 29 December 2020. Patna Jesuits wish him all the best and assure him of our prayers and support.



Patna Jesuits are grateful to His Grace **Most Rev. William D' Souza, SJ**, the retired Archbishop of Patna! We thank God for his leadership as the Archbishop of Patna and especially the collaboration with the Patna Jesuits in mission for the past 13 years. The Emeritus Archbishop will reside at St. Stephen's Church, Danapur.

**USA MIDWEST PROVINCE:** **Fr. Karl Kiser, SJ**, is appointed the Provincial of the USA Midwest Province on 27 November 2020. Fr. Kiser will assume his leadership role in 2021. He succeeds **Fr. Brian G. Paulson, SJ**, who was named provincial of the Chicago-Detroit Province in 2014 and became provincial of the new USA Midwest Province when the existing Chicago-Detroit and Wisconsin Provinces came together in June 2017. Patna Jesuits congratulate Fr. Karl and wish him all the best as he assumes office.



**Fr. Brian G. Paulson, SJ**, has been appointed as the next president of the Jesuit Conference of Canada and the United States on 30 November 2020. Patna Jesuits congratulate him and especially thank him for his collaboration with us as the Provincial of Midwest Province. Fr. Paulson will assume his new position in 2021. Fr. Paulson will succeed Fr. Timothy Kesicki, SJ, who has served as president of the Jesuit Conference since 2014.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**Schs. Rajeev Rajan, SJ**, and **Jeevan Prakash Isahak, SJ**, will be ordained as deacons by His Grace **Most Rev. Sebastian Kallupura**, Archbishop of Patna at 5.00 pm on 28 January, 2021 at St. Michael's, Patna

**Raymond Xalxo**, a first year novice of Patna Province left the Novitiate on 30 December 2020

**House Histories 2020:** Superiors and Community Leaders or their delegates are requested to send the house histories to the Provincial's office by 31 January 2021. The Guidelines for writing have already been emailed to all the Local Superiors and Community Leaders.

**Province Catalogue 2021** has been sent to all the Province members. North Zone Catalogue 2021 has been sent to all the houses / communities and coordinators. Welcome to draw the attention of the Socius towards any mistake that needs correction.

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## LOCAL REPORTS

**Ara:** On 03 December, all the priests from the community attended the inaugural house blessing mass of the Ursuline Sisters in Karisath. **Most Rev. Sebastian Kallupura** was the main celebrant. There was a fellowship meal after the mass. **Fr. Alwyn D'Souza** went to Buxar to reach the auditors after twodays of auditing. **Sch. Amul Jacob** had his first semester Theology online exams from 14 to 18 December. It was altogether a new experience for him. **Fr. Sylvester Dungdung** directed a day of recollection to the Sisters in Jagdishpur and prepared them spiritually to welcome the new-born Baby Jesus. On 20 December, we had Christmas get-together with the parishioners. It was a joyful experience as we had the Carol Singing together and wished one another a hope-filled Christmas. We also had Christmas get-together with all the teaching staff of our schools on 22 December. We shared with one another the joy and peace of the Baby Jesus. In the evening of 24 December, we had solemn mass offered by **Fr. Jacob Olickathotty**. A good number of the faithful attended the mass. The celebration of Christmas was a new hope-filled experience for us amidst the pandemic. On 29 December, **Fr. Francis Palliparambil, Fr. Sylvester Dungdung and Sch. Amul Jacob** went to Patna to attend the installation of the New Archbishop. Sebastian Kallupura. On 31 December, **Fr. John Bosco** presided over the Holy Eucharist and prayed for a prosperous New Year. On 01 January, we went to Jagdishpur for a day of picnic along with the Ursuline Sisters and the teachers of St. Xavier's School. It was a day of joyful celebration for us.



- Amul

**Jeevan Sangham, Bodhgaya:** On 18 December 2019, **Sumit Edwin** had gone to the Lord, when we were waiting downstairs for him to come down from his room upstairs with his guitar to go for carols. Much the same way, Amar Jyoti Sisters came to us in the morning on 24 December 2020 to sing a few carols for us. An hour later, at about 10.30 am, **Sr. Sabila SRA** went to the Lord in a quiet manner sinking us into deep sorrow and disbelief. All of us priests, religious sisters and brothers, and friends stood together and supported one another to surrender Sr. Sabila into God's hands as she desired. **Fr. Antony Osta**, the Parish Priest led us into the funeral service on the same day.



Celebration of Guru Nanak Jayanti in early December was 'Editor's Pick' for the news item for the month. Inter-Religious Friends Association, Bodh Gaya, organized a wonderful interreligious celebration of Guru Nanak Jayanti. On the first day of the two-day celebration, speech Competition for High School Students was organized. Nearly 24 students from different villages and schools in Ilra Panchayat, Bodh Gaya, had registered for the competition and 17 of them participated. The speeches delivered by the students dwelt primarily on the life story of the Guru. The public function organized in the Government Middle School premise on the second day was attended by students, village youth, elected representatives, and representatives of many religions. During the function, Gurudwara Prabadhan Committee representative preached, with much passion, on the teachings of the Guru. He was so overjoyed to share about the Guru to an audience he had never dreamt of. He said that for him and his companions it had been a unique honour. He said, "Guru Nanak lived and preached universal brotherhood, compassion and love for the poor". **Fr. Eucharist Lawrence** who coordinated and organized this celebration received much praise for his effort to bring together all religions to build peace and harmony. The presence of 6 Jesuits including **Fr. Saji** and **Fr. Joseph Thadavanal** from Aurangabad shows that the Jesuits consider peace building and promotion of



universal brotherhood are integral to their mission today.

A boy studying in a government school received the first prize which included a cash award of Rs. 1500 and a shawl. Besides the winners, all the participants in the competition were presented with a traditional shawl by the Gaya Gurudwara Prabandhan Committee. The youth, children, teachers, and all who participated in the function had an experience of the true spirit of an India enshrined in the constitution. In the future, if ever, in their later life the idea of India is threatened by religious bigotry and violence, at least a few of these students would surely retell this event!

We and our mission received God's Providence immeasurably. We had much financial difficulty through the year due to the pandemic; but as the year came to a close, our mission received much financial support. We are thankful. A good harvest of paddy, workshop for village teachers, participation in farmers protest,... we kept going!

- Anto Joseph

**Kurji Parish:** God has been very gracious to us - the Parish Jesuit community and the Parishioners throughout the months of November and December, 2020. We, the pastoral team, have been enjoying good health and are constantly on our toes to reach out to the people for all their spiritual needs. We are also trying to be creative in order to be at the service of the faithful because of Covid-19 restrictions and we are trying to beautify the campus in all possible ways. The Advent preparation through daily prayers sent to the faithful through their whatsapp groups was really appreciated. We had common Carol singing in groups instead of having in families. We were blessed to have a lot of people coming for the sacrament of reconciliation before we celebrated Christmas. Due to Pandemic, we increased the number of Masses for the celebration of Christmas Vigil. Though the number of people was much more than expected, we have been blessed with the strong support of the faithful, youth and the religious of the Parish in all our endeavors. We were blessed to have Archbishop Emeritus **Most Rev. William D'Souza, SJ**, for celebrating one of the Christmas Vigil masses with us and Archbishop **Most Rev. Sebastian Kalupura**, for one of the Vigil Masses of the New Year. We used these occasions to welcome and to thank both the Archbishops. We had a short thanksgiving meal for all the volunteers, youth and the choir groups for to appreciate all their efforts during the preparation and celebrations of Christmas. We thank God for His outpouring blessings on the Parish and all our people during Christmas and the New Year. **Fr. Junas** left on 01 January, 2021 for home visit combined with Vocation Promotion.



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- Rajesh Somepalli

**Loyola Sadan, Lucknow:** We entered the month of December enthusiastically with different experiences of our experiments. In preparation for the feast of St. Francis Xavier, we had novena on different themes. The feast was celebrated with a solemn Eucharist. To mark the day, a special basketball match was conducted and a sumptuous lunch was shared in fellowship. On the feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a special rosary with procession was conducted which drew us more closer to Mother Mary. To attune the first years to the affective language and to the charity class, two second year brothers set the tone prior to the classes. We had the charity classes from 09 to 16 December. In order to welcome the Prince of Peace, Infant Jesus, in the manger of our hearts, we prepared ourselves with a triduum and the Sacrament of reconciliation. With Angels' hymns of Gloria, we received the Babe Jesus with great jubilation during a solemn Eucharist that was presided over by **Fr. Christopher**. **Frs. George Nedumattam** and **Sudeep Chacko** from Kaiserganj and **Fr. Felix Marshal** joined us in sharing the joy of Christmas. In addition, the neighbouring religious sisters also participated in the Christmas Vigil and exchanged the joy of Christmas with us. The joy of Christmas was doubled as the





birthday of Fr. Christopher was celebrated on the same day. As a symbol of sharing the joy of Christmas, there was a fellowship meal with our co-worker Ram Sagar and his family and the cook, Deepak Toppo. On 26 December, the novices went to the places of their ministry to greet people. The Christmas celebration continued with cultural programmes, basketball and volleyball matches.

- *Ralph Rajesh*

**Prabhat, Sakri:** The Christmas celebrations were simple but very inspiring and meaningful with the residential children. The short term residential programmes were organized for boys from 03 to 17 December and for girls from 19 to 31 December. They were from different CRCs. The main purpose of the residential programme was to generate among the children an environment of education, discipline and good behaviour as well as to develop leadership among them. We conducted the monthly examination in all our 6 CRCs. There was monthly evaluation of the project staff of Manos and Caritas. We also organized a speech competition on 31 December for our CRC students on the topic of the life and works of Dr. BhimRao Ambedkar which was very fruitful for our students. The winners were given prizes. This was very motivating and inspiring for those students. A Training for teaching English was conducted on 12 December for our CRC teachers. The core committee of Prabhat continues to meet every week for reflection, evaluation and planning. The Caritas team consisting of three members from Patna was with us for three days to conduct an impact study of Caritas involvement in Sakri. **Fr. Anand Kerketta** guided them in their visit to the villages. They were impressed by the development among the Musahars due to the implementation of the project.

- *Dilip Kumar*



**READ, Bettiah:** The Christmas season brought lots of joy and cheer to our READ Campus. On 13 December, the Veterans of READ **Frs. Kurian, Jose Kariakatt, Satyaprakash & Sr. Florin I.C.M** were at READ to celebrate the 25 years of Sadbhavana Colony. On 22 December, we had Christmas Milan with our children, staffs and co-workers. **Fr. Paul Varickamthotty** was the chief guest; the children

presented a meaningful cultural program depicting the Christmas message through carols, mime, dance and skit. **Sch. Arockiasamy** along with our B.A students illuminated the READ Garden with creative decorations and a crib. The students went for the Christmas & New Year vacation on 23 December. One of our senior students, Hanisha Kumari, scored distinction in B. Ed. exams. We were very much saddened by the untimely death of our Class XI student, Rahul Manjhi. On 29 December, we visited Don area and shared our joy with the students; it was indeed a memorable picnic for us!

- *Arockiasamy*

**Sanjivan Niwas, Patna:** We began the month preparing internally and externally for the coming of the Lord. On 04 December, we had community meeting to plan for the month. On 08 December, we had the memorial mass for **Fr. Lourdusamy** and the candidates were part of the choir led by **Sch. Jeevan. Br. Manoj** and **Sch. Gnana** accompanied Br. Marcus to Gaunaha as he left for his new assignment. On 12 December, **Fr. Josey Mathias** guided our co-workers for a half-day of recollection. The candidates enjoyed fishing and fellowship meal at Tarumitra. Thanks to **Fr. Tony Pendanath** and Team for encouraging the candidates. On 18 December, we had the common birthday celebration. On 19 December, we had recollection for the Jesuits and the candidates led by **Frs. Prashant Pius** and **Junas Kujur**. The candidates had their holidays from 22 December. On the 22 December, we began the Christmas decoration and crib making under the guidance of the regent **Sch. Gnana**. The candidates went for carols to various religious communities around. On the 23 December, we had the Christmas celebration with our co-workers. On the eve of Christmas, we participated in the vigil mass in Kurji parish. On the Christmas day, we had the





Holy Eucharist in the evening followed by cultural program and dinner. On 27 December, some of our candidates went to Beur Jail with a short Christmas program. Sch. Asim went to his province for a short visit. Thanks to **Fr. Susai Raj** and his team for giving the candidates a unique and meaningful Christmas celebration with prisoners. On 29 December we were invited by the Xavier Bhawan community for a high tea. Sch. Gnana went on 30 December to Bettiah to celebrate the New Year with his novitiate companions. The candidates were part of the parish choir both for the Christmas and New Year.

- *Candidates Anuj and Don Bosco*

**Seva Sadan, Ratanpurwa:** The month of December was very eventful. On 22 December, we had a short Christmas programme in the school as a Thanksgiving Day in which **Fr. Stephen Raj** gave a Christmas message for the children and the staff - he called us to protect and promote life and to have right relationship with one another for building a harmonious and healthy world for everyone. We had a meaningful Christmas with our small Christian community. The children of our long-term residential programme joined us for the mass and for a short get-together. On the occasion of Christmasan Inter-Faith Prayer Service was organized at Seva Sadan in the form of Christmas Milan. Mr. Manoj Kumar, SDO-Electricity department from Bagaha graced the occasion. All our teachers, staff and invited guests were present for the Milan Samaroh. Mr. Shakeel Khan a local Maulavi and Acharya Arvind from Ratanpurwa and **Fr. Stephen Raj** as representatives of different faiths gave their messages of unity, tolerance, love, peace and brotherhood in the present context of religious fundamentalism, migration, Human Rights violation, Farmers' protest and imprisonment of Fr. Stan and other Human Rights activists, etc. Fr. Provincial's annual visitation to our community on 26 December doubled the joy of the Christmas season as he joined the children for a short cultural programme and danced with them freely. Sharing of Christmas joy continued as all the Jesuits of West Champaran district came together at K.R. Bettiah on 27 December with **Fr. Provincial** for a Christmas gathering in the evening. We had a meaningful conclusion of the year 2020 as we shared our joy and solidarity with the neighbourhood elderly people with the distribution of blankets. Thanks to **Frs. Peter Arockiasamy** and **Francis Chinnappan** for mobilizing the resources. **Br. Vijay Cherubim** is as usual ever busy in getting the farm ready for the next crop after harvesting sugarcane and paddy. We hope to reopen the school for the high school sections on 04 January 2021.



**Shanti Sadan, Allahabad:** The month of December was filled with hope, joy, love with our preparation internally and externally to welcome Christ the babe and the redeemer into our hearts. On 03 December, we celebrated the feast St. Francis Xavier with special mass offered by **Fr. Robert Athickal**. On the same day, we had basketball match. We had evening prayer at 7:00 pm and so the day was very interesting and exciting to us. The Regent Sch. Anish brought two puppies to our house to be nurtured. We were happy seeing those puppies. On 18 December, we had exam on phonetics. We had half a day recollection in preparation for the celebration of Christmas guided by **Fr. Joy Pulikunnel** on 19 December. On 22 December, English Grammar exam was conducted by Sch. Anish. From then on, we were busy in decorating the house for Christmas. The crib was excellently made by the pre-novices. We had the vigil mass at 10:30 PM in the Parish Church. **Frs. Joy, Jose Elampassery** and Harman from St. Paul's were the celebrants. As the mass got over we distributed homemade cakes and sweets to the parishioners. On 25 December, **Fr. Jose Elampassery** celebrated the mass in the parish church at 9:00 AM. We had our community Christmas gathering in our basketball court followed by a sumptuous lunch. On that day, everybody received our Christmas gifts. After lunch, we danced with our community members. On 26 December, there was an online Christmas

gathering and carol singing organized by the Patna Scholastics. We gave a beautiful and melodious carol singing performance. On that day the Bishop of Allahabad came to visit Shanti Sadan community. We, the pre-novices, had the opportunity to interact with him. On the same day, some priests from Allahabad Diocese also came to evaluate our crib for the diocese level Crib competition. **Fr. Joy Pulikunnel** left for Patna to animate the Chapter of the AC sisters. Four of our co-workers left for home visit on different days.

- Vishwajeet Kumar

**St. Xavier's School, Patna:** December 2020 was indeed an eventful month for us in the school. English Literary Fest was organized in our school. It was kicked off on 11 December with Story Telling Competition for the students of Class VI and Elocution for the students of Class VII. It was followed by Declamation and Debate Competitions for classes VIII and IX respectively. The Fest closed on 18 December with the Extempore Competition for class X. **Frs. Christu Savarirajan and Devashish** gave away the prizes to the winners. On the occasion of Christmas Gathering, We had a meaningful Eucharistic celebration on 20 December in the school hall with Christian students and parents. We also had Christmas Gathering with teachers and staff on 22 December with creative games and carols followed by a sumptuous meal. **Fr. Vinoy and Br. Tony Dias** took care of the material needs for the celebrations. **Fr. Alwyn Vaz** left for Mumbai for a break on 14 December. On the same day, we welcomed **Fr. Thomas Anthonysamy** to our community. **Fr. Joseph Sebastian** went to Varanasi to give a programme to the OLP juniors on 26 December 2020 and returned on 02 January 2021. We have resumed online classes from 02 January, 2021.



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- Devashish

**Vidya Niwas, Varanasi:** **Fr. Joseph Dungdung** participated in the Clergy Recollection organized by the Diocese. He also joined the Prison Ministry Team to visit the Remand Home on the occasion of Christmas Celebrations. We were supported by some friends and parishioners to procure cap, socks, toothpaste, brush and soap for 180 remand home boys and distributed along with Diocesan Prison Ministry Team. He and **Fr. Prakash Louis** helped out in the confession of BLW Church and Nagwa parishes. **Fr. Prakash Louis** along with **Fr. Anand Mathew IMS** in collaboration with CRI Varanasi Unit and civil society organized a solidarity meet for the protesting farmers. **Fr. Prakash Louis** conducted a 3 day Spiritual Journey for the Novices of SRA in Varanasi. He prepared the nurses of St. Mary's Hospital and FMM sisters through recollection and reconciliation for Christmas. He also prepared the parishioners of Mughalsarai and Lohatta parish. He was one of the speakers in the Inter-Religious Harmony meet at Jan Vikas Samiti of IMS at Saranath and spoke on the theme, "If Christ were to be born today, what he would have done".

- Prakash Louis

**Xavier Bhawan:** Christmas has been a season of sharing gifts. Just as the Father gifted us with his son Jesus, so too many communities of Religious Sisters in Patna brought us plenty of cakes and other goodies. On the 23 December, Magi from St. Michael's came here bearing gifts and sang carols for us and joined us at tea at 3.30 pm. Members of the XTTI community joined us for Christmas dinner. They too gave each one of us a useful gift. They invited us for New Year celebration in XTTI. We are very grateful to all our benefactors and pray that the Child Jesus may bless them throughout the New Year. On the very same day of his installation **Archbishop Sebastian Kallupura** chose to have supper with us and prayed for us. Some time ago he had made his personal retreat here and was inspired by the Xavier Bhawan community. We pray to the Lord that he may bless the Archbishop with all that he needs to shepherd the flock entrusted to his care.

- Joseph Vellaringatt



**XTTI Campus, Patna, St. Xavier's Colleges:** On 10 December, Social Awareness Committee conducted a web talk on the theme "Achievements and Challenges of Human Rights" to mark and commemorate Human Rights Day. The keynote address was given by Mrs. Nivedita Jha. On 21 December, Faculty Development Program was conducted. Mr. Ajay Kumar presented the book "Slums of Patna" authored by Mr. Furquan Ahmed, Mr. Sarfaraz Ahmed and Mr. Zaheeba Ajmal. On 23 December, Christmas get together was organized at the college. Carol singing and sharing of gifts and cakes marked the occasion. Youth For Free India (YFI) members with the guidance of **Fr. Martin Poras** distributed blankets and woolen clothes to slum children near Digha and at Chetnalaya, Rajgir. The college community prepared meaningful crib near the gate depicting the plight of migrants. People from neighborhood visited in large numbers. **Fr. Joy Karayampuram** and members of the community are enjoying good health in the New Year. We shared the New Year joy with the members of Xavier Bhawan community with supper.



- *Alphonse Sebastian*

## DIASPORA

**Gesu, Rome:** Many projects of the house during summer vacation got affected on account of COVID-19. Some programmes are postponed. During the months of July and August the new deacons managed to go back to their respective provinces. 17 new students arrived in the community of Gesu in different



months. A few students could not arrive. The delegate, Fr. Johan Verschueren, SJ, appointed Fr. Francesco Occhetta, SJ (EUM) as a Prefect of Studies to the theologians of the Gesu community. The new academic year began from 07 October. The online classes continue. Fr. Cecil Azzopardi, SJ (spiritual father) and Br. Jan Laska, SJ celebrated their 60 year in the Society of Jesus on 24 November. The annual projects for house were presented in the month of November. In December, some important activities took place. On 16 December, the community organized Christmas get together for the house co-staff with a

fellowship meal. The Christmas Vacation started from 18 December. The community had triduum as a preparation for the Christmas. The space for confession was created and our vows were renewed. On 23 December, a thanksgiving farewell was given to the minister of the house, Fr. S. Edward Fassett, SJ, by the community. The Italian government decided to keep lock-down in all the regions of Italy during festivals, especially from 24 to 27 December and again from 30 December to 05 January. The Christmas vigil mass was celebrated in the church of Gesu. The Christmas cultural programme was performed by theologians by showing the richness of their cultures in Christmas evening. The vigil mass of the New Year 2021 was celebrated early in the evening followed by the community supper. The new minister (Fr. Gonzalo Silva Marino, SJ) took over his job on 02 January 2021. The 03 January, on the Feast of Holy name of Jesus, Fr. General Arturo Sosa, SJ offered holy Eucharist in the church of Gesu.

- *Dinesh Toppo*

## VARIA

### Social Action Commission Meeting

We, the Jesuits of Patna Province engaged in Social Action took time out from our hectic schedules to introspect on our life in mission. For the first time after the pandemic, Social Action Commission members





came together to have a meeting in Asha Deep on 11 December. The meeting commenced with a short prayer led by **Fr. Anand Kerketta**. After the prayer, he welcomed all the participants and introduced the agenda and dynamics of the meeting. **Fr. Anto Joseph** led the group dwelling deeply on the perspective plan of Social Action Commission based on the Discernment statements approved in the Province Meeting on Apostolic Planning at Atmadarshan. After spending sufficient time on the commission's perspective plan, we were divided into three groups pertaining to each approved DS. Each group followed the method of spiritual conversation before coming to the subject matter and spent enough time in discussion and reflection of the matter and came out with concrete plans for implementation. After the presentation by each group the members spent time in reflection and meditated on the deliberations. Each of us actively participated in the deliberations and finalized our Perspective Plan for the coming five years. Once again the meeting made our bond strong and intimate. It gave impetus to relook at our dedication and commitment to journey with the masses.

- Anand Kerketta

### **Patna Youth Commission**

The Youth commission was active in bringing together AICUF students of St. Xavier's College, Patna Women's College and St. Xavier's B.Ed. College. Online meetings were conducted to thank the office bearers and elect new office bearers for the Academic Year 2020-2021. It was decided that till COVID situation becomes normal, Holy Eucharist will be organized on first Fridays and a webinar on current trends in the society will be organized on the last Sundays of the month. Both will be conducted online. On 20 December, Christmas get-together was organized at Tarumitra Ashram. For the first time members of AICUF came together in this year. **Fr. Jesu Raj**, director of LTS/YCS Patna diocese



gave the Christmas message. The Jesuits of the campus joined the celebration and encouraged the youth. The celebration concluded with the Holy Eucharist. Thanks to **Fr. Alphonse Sebastian** for his efforts.

- Antony Prakash

## **REQUESTING YOUR PRAYERS**

### **For the Sick:**

**Fr. Joseph Maripuram** returned to K.R., Bettiah, after six weeks of radiation at CMC, Vellore. Joe is looking his positive self.

**Fr. George Karamayil** is undergoing chemo treatment at KHFH, Patna. He is his usual cheerful self.

### **For the Departed:**

Mr. Xavier (75), **father of Fr. Selvin Xavier, SJ**, died of cancer on 07 December 2020 at Nagercoil.

Br. Basil Tirkey, SJ (RAN 73/46), passed away on 07 December 2020 in Ranchi

Br. Saul Abril, SJ (GUJ89/73), died on 13 December 2020 in Ahmedabad.

Fr. Cyprian Andrade, SJ (GUJ 74/56), expired on 17 December 2020 in Ahmedabad.

Fr. Stanley D'Souza, SJ (DEL 88/63), died on 19 December 2020 in Delhi

Br. Saul Abril, SJ (GUJ 89 /73) on 13 December 2020 in Shelby Hospital, Ahmedabad.

Fr. Linus Dungdung, SJ (RAN, 69/47), passed away on 29 December 2020 in Medica Hospital, Ranchi.