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Appointment By Father General

Congratulations Fr Jerome Cutinha & Fr Joseph Christie!



Fr. Jerome (Jerry) Cutinha, the new Provincial of Jamshedpur Province will take up his position on 31 July 2020. We thank Fr George Fernandes for his commendable leadership and successfully completing the term.

Fr. Christie P. Maria Joseph, S.J.(MDU), Director of XLRI, the new Secretary for Higher Education in the place of Fr. Michael J. Garanzini. He will be officially inducted into the job on August 4, 2021.



The Pope's Monthly Intentions for JULY 2020
Our Families: We pray that today's families may be accompanied with love, respect and guidance

The Provincial and the Members of the Curia wish you all a very Happy Feast of St Ignatius of Loyola.

PROVINCIAL'S PROGRAMME - JULY 2020

30: Consult

31: Installation of the New Provincial & Final Vows of Fr Nelson D' Silva

Prayer for the Jesuits died of Covid-19...and here after lockdown!

"O Holy Mother of God" ... with sorrowful hearts we come to you to prayer for our departed Jesuit brothers.



Turn your merciful eyes towards **forty-six Jesuits** from different provinces and communities around the world and the names of those we do not know as yet. Bless them with prayer for their contribution to the Society of Jesus, the sacrifices they made for the humanity, and the legacy they left behind as a whole. We too include our associates, friends and relatives and others who lost their loved ones. May **all rest in peace** now in the promised kingdom...!

Strengthened those Jesuits who

are involved, concerned with the vulnerable and the spread of the virus, **especially Jesuits** who are trying to help the affected by taking risks. Bring back hope in overcoming uncertainty of the future soon. Plead with your Son, as at Cana, so that the families of the sick and the victims be opened to trust in God and confidence in doctors, nurses, health workers, police and volunteers who are still risking their lives to save others.

Brighten the minds of scientists in research to find **the vaccine** required to overcome Covid-19. Guide WHO and the leaders with wisdom and love to continue helping God's people inspired by solidarity. Touch the consciences

of world leaders to invest funds in human development in preventing similar tragedies in the world. Help the world population accept our global family in a spirit of unity and solidarity to remove all endless miseries through strong faith, constant prayer and generous service. We entrust the whole universe to you, O Clement, O Loving, and Sweet Virgin Mary...**Amen.**

by Fr Gautam C, SJ

News from our Houses and Around

CHAIBASA AREA

Amda

Solar Water Heater that was successfully installed on June 12, at Claver Bhavan Jesuit Residence, is now functioning well. In June Birthdays of Sr. Sujata SRA, Sch James Xalxo, Benedict Minj and Gyan P Kujur

were celebrated on four different days respectively. When the eagerly awaited name of the next Provincial was announced, we wished Fr. Jerome Cutinha in spirit to stay healthy and wise. Our referral leprosy hospital was kept open during the lockdown having one or two

John Sumbrui

patients coming for treatment every day. All our staff were on duty from June 2 onward. Only one ulcer patient was admitted in the month of June. Due to Lock down our activities were affected and still it continues.

Basahatu

School: We watched on TV the plight of the migrants desperate to return to homeland during the lockdown. We offered our strong support and our school turned into a quarantine center for 83 migrant workers including women and children from Kolkata, Chennai, Bangalore who landed on 28 May...3 more arrived on 18 June. Actually, it was an opportunity for us to show solidarity by giving them accommodation and basic minimum facilities. The first group remained for 18 days and none was found positive from the center. SRA Sisters who were next to the school building vacated the residence and moved to their main community in Amda. No outsider was allowed to enter the campus for 20 days. **Fr. James Samad**, met the BDO, Khuntpani on 22 June for permission to take new admissions

and for take the first installment of old students. Permission was granted to do all school related works for 16 days, the teachers returned to the school to work and the admission started from June 24, 2020 at St. Xavier's Boys' Hostel away from the School Building.

Parish: All through the lock-down, to overcome Corona Pandemic, precautions like putting masks and social distancing was maintained. **Joseph Surin** and **Nelson Castilino**, quietly visited all the Catholic families of Basahatu for Easter House Blessings, the blessings of the seeds for sowing and making survey of the Catholic Families. Nelson blessed a new house in a village, offered family mass and visited a few families. Joe went for the burial of an Old Catholic lady in a village.

Community: **Joseph Surin** was out of activities for many days due to pain on his right lower back and went through Natural Treatment which is doing well. **Nelson** is making use of free time to learn "Tally" from

Joseph Surin

Mr. Joel, accountant of CSWC, Amda - A new treasurer is in making! Sch. **Rashawn Toppo** went to Tepasai to learn a few more computer skills from Sch. **Sanjay Bodra**, regent at St. John's Tepasai. New Solar Heaters are set up in Jesuit Community. Following instruction on physical distances, we celebrated the birthdays of **James Deep Xalxo** and **Benedict Minj** respectively sanitizing our stomachs with alcohol. **Fr. Savari** and CTC Sisters from XITE, Fr. Raphael Montero, a Regent and a Holy Cross Sister from Chandil, and Fr. **Somy Mannoor** with Sch. **Prabhakar** visited us. Somy met our new regent **James Deep**. Sch. **Sanjay Bodra** from Tepasai, stayed at the Community for a couple of days and Sch. Oliver was reached to St. Xavier's Lupungutu.

Lupungutu

Xavier Schools in Chaibasa collected good amount of money

and gave to District Collector's Fund for COVID-19 relief work. Since March end, during

Ranjit Roshan Minj

lockdown, the campus here has been deserted. However trees,

plants and grass turned green and the air fresh and clean. School office remained open during lockdown. Admission for Class VII is almost over and Inter College forms is in great demand. So far a good number of forms has been issued for Science, Commerce and Arts streams of Class XI. Under the supervision of **Staney**, construction of toilets for High School and shower rooms for hostel is in progress and white washing-painting of Inter College and High school buildings are going on.

The community had its share of relief work funded by the province. Under the guidance of **Woolsie, Jubin** and **Binay** planned the entire relief work.

Then together with the SCN Sisters distributed dry ration to the needy and nutrition packets to lactating mothers and pregnant women in Lupungutu, Guira, Ganjda and other identified villages. **CG Thomas** has been going up and down to Chaibasa for the paper evaluation of JAC Intermediate Board Examination. **Ranjit** made his Annual Retreat in the second week of June. **Eric** was stuck in Jesu Bhavan during Lockdown and then transferred to Jesu Bhavan. He came to Lupungutu for an overnight stay in June and shifted his luggage to Jesu Bhavan. The community gave a farewell to **Binay** and **Jubin** on 14 June and then both left for Bhubaneswar in a hired vehicle. New members of the community **Basil** and **Sch. Oliver** have already arrived. On arrival while being in self-quarantine, **Basil** made his annual

retreat.

Year 2021 would be the birth centenary of **Fr. John Deeney** who was known as the Apostle of Hos and left indelible mark on Ho society-culture in Kolhan. For this centenary celebration the core committee has been formed having **Fr. Walter Kongari** as the moderator. The committee had a meeting on June at Divya Bharti. The inauguration of the centenary celebration would be held on July 22, 2021 at Divya Bharti and various programs would be conducted on Ho language and culture, highlighting the contributions of John Deeney.

TRTC

The distribution of ration from Azim Premji Philanthropic Initiatives ended with great satisfaction. The targeted families were covered and concerned people expressed their happiness while some have promised their support and collaboration in the future. The volunteers were a big help in this work. The Lok Manch animators continue to spread awareness among the villages about their rights and Government projects. **Renny**, the Co-coordinator is in touch with the animators through monthly review meetings. During the lockdown, Lok Manch and TRTC had to play a

role to motivate the poor people to work through MNREGA...a bigger role need to be played from outside.

After a long wait, **Fr. Walter Kongari** managed to come out of Tumuribandha, narrowly escaped through Saraikela-Jharkhand-Odisha border. Sanay and Cyprian courageously risked quarantine and reached Walter up to Jharkhand border where he was picked up by TRTC vehicle and put in home quarantine. Now cheerfully ready for his new mission. On 16 June, Ranjit celebrated his birthday. Both the communities joined in the Eucharist and family dinner. On the same day, Walter was officially welcomed in the community. This day enters into the history of TRTC, because two of the Veteran, Mr. Simon Sundi and Mr. Ganesh Birua who worked with **Fr. Matthew Areeparampil** from the beginning

Rajesh Ddungdung

at TRTC, were given a meaningful farewell in the presence of their families. Both of them expressed satisfaction giving credit to TRTC and the Guru, **Fr. M Areeparampil**, from whom they learnt to live a life sharing hardships and struggles as well as joy in their commitment. During the month, Savari from XITE visited to say hello. Sch. Cajetan is adding colours to the community putting heart and soul to beautify the campus with flower plants, especially money plant. After a long wait, KCC is taking a slow start hoping to improve things soon.

DHANBAD AREA

Bhuli

Micheal and Pancras were received at Bhuli Jesuit Residence by Fr. Gregory on June 2. The warmth was well experienced at the welcome dinner. Fr. Sebastian was given a fitting farewell by the DNJ Director at the Principal's meet at CMRI Dhanbad on June 3. The strategies for the lock-unlock down period were discussed and from then on Frs. Micheal and Pancras started visiting the schools together to get some first-hand information.

Frs. Provincial, K. M. Joseph and Benjamin Lakra came to Bhuli for Saby's Birthday and on June 10, the celebration began with the Eucharist taken by Saby. The 'Kolanchal Jesuits' joined us for lunch. **Sushil Suman** arrived on 12 June to celebrate the Birthday of Gregory. He took Pancras to koradih village to and introduce him to the Mukhijas of the respective villages and got him acquainted with the maintenance staff. In the evening Francis Boadra and Niranjana joined Bhuli Jesuits for the Birthday dinner. Micheal and Pancras were welcomed by the staff on 11 June. The teachers are in and out for their online

A Pancras

classes and to collect assignment of the students from the school. Micheal was at Loyola Jamshedpur for a week and Gregory visited the curia office. Pancras along with Sr. Pratima Kandulna visited the Jharkhand Academic Council Ranchi to know about the follow up on De Britto Gomoh, St. Xavier's Tundi and De Nobili Hindi, Chandrapura.

Digwadih

Fr. Alex was given a simple but fond farewell by the administrative staff on May 27th and by the community on May 30th. DNS, FRI and De Nobili Jealgora will remain ever grateful to Fr. Alex who rendered selfless service especially in streamlining the Accounts of DNJ Society.

Fr. Michael Fernandes, Director and Secretary De Nobili Schools and DNJ, **Fr. Niranjan Minj** – Treasurer, and **Fr. Pancras** – Vice-Principal of DNS Bhuli were officially welcomed by all Principals at CMRI, Dhanbad on June 5th. Fr. Michael has begun his work with lots of enthusiasm and has started visiting all the unit schools.

Jesuits working in the coal field came together after a gap of four

months to celebrate the birthday of birthday of Fr. Sebastian on June 10th. Fr. Provincial George Fernandes and Fr. K.M. Joseph, the Rector of Loyola school Jamshedpur were also with us to celebrate life.

Fr Emile is busy in giving online talks to groups of under privileged students at Rajnagar and Persudih who are under CSR of Tata steel. **Fr. Francis** is taking advantages of the lockdown and trying to complete the pending maintenance works.

Meanwhile, **Fr. Amal** ensured that show must go on for our students. In parallel to Lockdown 1, 2, 3, 4.... Life is slowly and steadily inching back to normalcy, especially for our students and teachers. One large body of unsung heroes, our teachers took up the herculean task of unlearning the traditional chalk and board method of teaching and learning how to teach online, making video tutorial, uploading the same on youtube, making assignments, preparing self-assessment tests, online tests with multiple choice questions, etc. Videos were

Oscar Horo

also made by our teachers on Art and Craft, games like- football, volleyball; athletics. Dance videos, yoga and many other co-curricular activities. All these were done to keep our students physically and mentally healthy and fit during the lockdown period. After completing the first round of virtual teaching and completing about four to five chapters in each subject, 20 marks self-assessment test was conducted by our school for our students under the strict supervision of parents at home. Needless to say, parents have played a praiseworthy role in ensuring that the tests were answered by the children with utmost honesty and sincerity as far as possible, as is expected of our morally upright Nobilians.

Gomoh

The Circle Officer of the Topchanchi Block had proposed to have De Nobili School, Gomoh as a Quarantine Centre for the Covid-19. The school administration was willing but the local residential families and guardians of the students wrote a petition against it to the Circle Officer. With the request he cancelled the idea. However, our response to Covid-19 did

not stop with it. With the able leadership of **Fr. James**, the community together with the school staff and some parishioners contributed valuable time and energy for the cause of Covid-19. With the support of well-wishers, the Alumni and JJS Relief Fund, Rs. 167200/- was raised by **Fr. James**, the coordinator. About 543 poor and needy were identified by the help of Mukhijas and local leaders from eleven villages, mostly orphans, widows, lactating and pregnant women and vegetable sellers. The

Romanus Tete

beneficiaries were given dry ration, PPE-Kits, hand sanitizer, gloves, masks, etc. in four phases. Indeed, the tears of joy was noticed among the beneficiaries as they received the packets of ration and other materials. The contributors and the volunteers received their blessings and appreciation in abundance.

JAMSHEDPUR AREA

GJR, XLRI

The community celebrated the Golden Jubilee of **MK George and Pius Fernandez** with other Jesuits in and around Jamshedpur city. During the mass, both shared touching stories on Jesuit vocation, life and ministry in the Society, and were congratulated with wishes for many more years of happy life and fulfilling ministry. **Fr. Provincial**, continued to make regular visits to our communities during Covid-19 crisis to support and encourage the

Jesuits facing various problems in their areas. He visited Dhanbad with **K M Joseph** and Jilling with **Jerry Cutinha and C L George. Jerome Sequeira**, our socius and the novice master, **James Kalapura**, went to Dhyana Ashram, Kolkata for the first vows of seven of our novices who completed their novitiate in Kolkata with the novices of Calcutta province. Congratulations to **Somy Mathew** who conducted an excellent one and half hour webinar – “Pilgrims in Uncertain Times: Spiritual Orientation” – with lot of new insights and challenging ideas that was highly

George Cheradayil

appreciated. **Walter Kongari**, the Province Development Director, transferred to Tribal Research centre, Chaibasa, succeeded raising fund for several province projects. The province is extremely grateful to him for the great job he did as PDD. We wish him all the very best in his new mission. **John Nag** has been admitted to mercy hospital with kidney problem and high blood sugar, needs our prayer. Others in the infirmary are fine

under the loving care of **Br Pascal**. We had a special celebration on the feast of St Anthony, the feast day of **K C Antony**. **Br Maxi** baked a special cake for K C. Sch. **Alok Toppo** was here undergoing

physiotherapy for his replaced knee cap and doing well. Sch. **Prabhakar Oddipalli** is with us and in great demand attending to fathers admitted to hospital with healing touch. With his expertise in massage he has fixed up the neck and back problems of Frs. George Fernandez,

Jerome Sequeira, Somy Mathew, Ozie Mascarenhas, Nelson D'Silva, C L George and some more! He loves to help people suffering from physical pain... Wonderful ministry to keep up!

LCE, Telco

Community: On 9 June, keeping the spirit of Covid-19 pandemic, **Tony's** birthday was celebrated in the community with the Holy Eucharist, followed by a party. As it appears, things are in good shape. **Jerry** is managing with the old cook while the buyer cum housekeeper is gone on annual leave till July 17 with the understanding of replacing the cook on Saturdays. On June 24, we had **Sch. Binod** from Chaira and **Fr. Cyprian MSFS** from Seraikala to say goodbye to Telco and move to Odisha with new assignments. **Sch. Pravin Jose** spent three days with us to do some work in the college. With the awareness of the further extension of lockdown till July end and the Covid-19 situation in Jamshedpur, we are **more careful** about maintaining social distancing. Forgetting about what the Ayurvedic doctor at Chaibasa did and said to **Anselm**, he is back

again to the dialysis center to continue with his treatment. He continues visiting fruit garden here enjoying fruits he likes, plus what Jerry provides. **At the school: Sushil** made a few visits to meet the DEO at the office to pursue the movement of NOC for the school, which is forwarded to Ranchi from this office. Sushil is confident to have the job done soon. Apart from his little office work and housekeeping with support staff, he is removing all crackpots and replacing them with new flowerpots cum plants in the garden without a Gardner. The construction work goes on with its normal and slow speed. However, the new initiative of making rainwater harvesting system is going well by the help of Mr. Anil Kumar, contractor from XITE...Reported by **Gautama**.

College: had a two day webinar on 4-5 June – with a team of speakers on board and the topic was “Learning to lead learners through virtual platform”. Dr. A. Jha, the Proctor of KU gave the Key-Note address and **Tony Uvari**, VC, XUB delivered the valedictory address to conclude. Tony P has been attending various webinars through the month keeping the office in on and off mode during this lockdown. The team is in

Sushil & Tony P

summer break without giving any certainty of the commencement of 2020-21 sessions. Efforts were made to convince the HRD to allow selection of candidates in the college itself but the government is in a fix to give a decisive answer as the final year degree students have not finished their exam and no results. As online teaching has become a platform, the IGNOU study center at LCE has undertaken 96 online counselling sessions for the students of IGNOU B.Ed. and MA (Edu) courses, completing in two phases by June 30, 2020. For the present, the center has 50 B.Ed. and 22 MA (Edu) students. The next admission is scheduled to begin by 1 July, 2020 through online forms from IGNOU Regional Office, Ranchi. Jesuits interested in these courses may apply.

Loyola School

The uncertainties and anxieties about the reopening of the schools have left us with no options but to go for virtual teachings while the senior and junior School teachers adapted well to online teaching and learning despite some shortcomings in the process. The cancellation of ICSE and ISC exams have been a big blow to aspiring students whose overall percentage could be hampered. Adding to the financial woes, most of the parents stopped paying fees and left it to the school to find solution to pay the teachers from next month onward. The School

office opened after lifting of the lockdown which brought relief in the campus. As Loyola School was one of the swab sample collection centers for quarantine, the district administration occupied Fasy Auditorium for 40 days making use of it 24X7 in usual government style. On June 20, the city Jesuits gathered at Loyola to celebrate the golden jubilee of **Pius Fernandez**, to join him in thanking God for 50 golden years in the Society. On June 20, **K. M. Joseph** and **Hilarious Kongari** concelebrated birthdays in the Eucharist at the Parish Chapel. **K. M. Joseph** spent strenuous two weeks in Easter house blessings of the Parishioners that was laudable as he ventured into every nook and corner through the area leaders. Anticipating bleak days ahead, **Pius** managed to get the teachers for a

Dayanidhi Bisoi

day's meaningful interaction. **James Santhanam** keeps himself busy taking online classes for the Tenth and Eleventhers. **Michael** is see-sawing himself between Dhanbad and Jamshedpur to settle office transitions. **Dayanidhi** uses his time updating, upgrading and uploading his videos and songs. In the absence of our minister, **Benji** is all around to make sure that the needs of the community and guests are met to the satisfaction. **Raphael** is more active with his walks and presence in the community.

XITE

Community: On 3 June, the

community celebrated the 80th birth day of

Hilary Lobo

Hilary with a Eucharist and dinner.

Scholastics **Bikant Kullu, Alok Toppo** and **Anuranjan Dungdung** came to reside in the community till their college reopens in Ahmadabad. A community meeting was held on 15 June to propose an indicative name to be the Province Consultor and to discuss some other community issues.

School: Teachers are conducting online classes for all students. They use several ways of communicating with the students. Principal conducted an online staff meeting for the staff members on Monday 22 June and then conducted an online parent meeting for the parents of Std. X to get their feedback on online teaching on 24 June. A meeting of Std. X teachers was arranged in school on 25 June to

streamline online teaching. A meeting of Std. IX parents was arranged on Saturday 27 to get their cooperation for online teaching. The school library is open every day during the week. Students and teachers are allowed to borrow books for reading during the pandemic. The inspection of the school for RTE registration was done by the Block Education Officer on Friday 26 June. An online English essay competition was organized by the Linguistic Club on Tuesday 30 June. Principal met with Senior Moderators on 3 June to evaluate online teaching-learning.

College: Principal **Francis** and **Mukti** paid a courtesy visit to the newly appointed Vice-Chancellor of KU, Dr. Gangadhar Panda on 5 June. On 6, XITE organized a National webinar in collaboration with XLRI on “Becoming Aatma Nirbhar Bharat: A Management Perspective.” The resource person was Professor Sanjeev Varshney from XLRI, the

participants registered were 850, were awarded certificate of partition. The College is truly grateful to the following institutions for displaying its flexes in their respective premises: LCE, Lupita Hall, LFS, St Joseph's, Golmuri, Loyola School, Sacred Heart School, Carmel Junior School, St Mary's Church & School, Jesu Bahaman, Mango, St Xavier's LPG, ST Xavier's boys and girls, Divya Charity, Chaibasa, Christ the King parish, St Xavier's, CKP, DNS, Carmel School, Digwadih, CMRI Dhanbad and Holy Cross School, Chandankiyari. The above contacts were made by the magnanimous contribution of **Savari** and **Mukti** for possible marketing.

ODISHA AREA

Khalijharan

With the coming of **Fr. Mahesh Kr. Nayak**, the Jesuit Community makes four in number. Pastoral care during the lockdown continued in a special

manner. The second phase of Covid-19 relief work was completed under the guidance of **Fr. Alfred**. In this phase 10 more families irrespective of religion were added to the list – those who are most in need – and were

Santosh Minj

given dry ration. This project will continue for three months, financed by the Catholic diocese of Samblapur.

Loyola Bhawan

After ages, our guest master, Br. Tony Steven had the joy of welcoming **Fr Charlie** and Mr. Rajesh, the contractor, on their way to Pajikeri and on their return trip to Sankhabhaga for supervising the construction work in both the places. Finding the trip a golden opportunity, Charlie picked up sufficient medicines from Bhubaneswar in this uncertain COVID-19 situation.

Biranchi is preparing for his exams for which dates are yet to be announced. To manage this anxiety, he has established “Krishi Vigyan Kendra” with varieties of vegetable plots, making sure the Community eats healthy organic food and stays healthy.

Gerry, along with giving final touches to the OJS/LES audit, is fully involved in the spiritual care of Religious and Laity with farewell parties. In the first week of July, he plans to move to Jamshedpur, amidst all the COVID-19 uncertainties.

George Anthony

George is busy in home. With the VRO work programs are not taking off, due to travel restrictions. Documentation and reporting work of the VRO Volunteers is going on. He welcomed the new arrival of the Community like Bipin and Jubin, who'll be taking up their new assignment in HLC, BBSR.

Rutungia

Kandhamal was a part of Green Zone till the end of total National Lockdown, but as the migrant workers began to come in, it started recording Corona-19 +cases. Those tested positive were a matter of concern and just a few were put in quarantine. As a matter of fact, most of our parishioners who were outside

the State got their job and planned not to return now, even after relaxation of lockdown. The lockdown in the villages had very little effect; people kept doing agricultural work freely because they do not have TV to watch news and be anxious. Social distancing has no meaning in the villages where the houses are small. God is immensely kind to them who are living undisturbed by city life and seem to be happy

Romanus Kerketta

with whatever they have. The only negative experience they had was that they could not go out to town for usual village marketing or earning wages. Because of the support and supply of government ration the need for food was met along with their produce from the field. **Romanus**, the Parish priest,

visited all the Mass centers and every family got annual blessings. **Silverius** is continuing ordinary maintenance in the school and

hostel to keep the campus clean with the help of support staff. **Victor** is planting trees in the campus and feeds surplus jackfruit to the neighborhood cows that come in the evening without fail expecting jackfruit and take

night shelter in the playground. In return we get cow dung for our garden. The admission in the school is not steady due to a lack of public transport.

Tumudibandha

Covid-19 relief...2nd round: Till May, Kandhamal witnessed just a few Covid-19 positives, but by 20 June, the virus made its way to the rural areas numbering 24 positive cases in Tumudibandha. To continue our second round of relief work, our Jesuit Community together with two Sisters from Pajikeri and the OCI staff prepared relief packets from 8 to 10 June. Each packet of ration contained eight different food items and washing soap worth Rs. 400.69. From 11 to 15 June, OCI with the generous service of community leaders, distributed relief packet to 418 selected families, “the most vulnerable among the poor households” in four Gram Panchayats. A big thank you to

OJS for without the timely help and generous contribution of Rs. 1, 94,661.00, otherwise the relief work would be incomplete.

However, since it was raining at that time, the distribution was a bit difficult. On 13 June, the team was just about 5 km off from Tumudibandha to Sartul, the back wheel and the axle of the loaded vehicle came off but the well experienced driver controlled the vehicle causing no injury to anyone. After about one and half hour, we got another vehicle, shifted the relief materials to that vehicle and reached the place for distribution.

Farm: Gregory was happy to sell some of his farm-grown vegetables for a good price as the market had less quantity of food commodities due to lockdown. Saninga, our main farm worker and Greg are busy in the farm as the paddy seedling is growing. After many phone calls, the Tiller mechanic who

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stays close to Bhawanipatna, has promised to come and repair the Tiller machine. Greg is quite anxious as the fields have to be ready by the next two weeks for the transplantation.

Community: Thank God, so far we are safe from Covid-19 attack. Our community boundary wall had to face the fury of storm which uprooted the Mahuwa tree just outside our entrance gate and fell on the boundary wall. It took about a week to clear the thick trunk and the branches. Immediately after the misfortune Greg got the boundary wall repaired. His hands are full with many other minor maintenance works in the campus. May he stay strong and live long!

XIMB/XUB

We began the month by conducting online interviews for all the Undergraduate and for some of the Postgraduate programs. The responses of the would-be students were encouraging. We hope to get an increased number of students for the UG programs. Some of the schools conducted online recruitment process for the new faculty. The **VC, Fr. Tony R. Uvari**, convened a number of online and offline meetings with different departments to plan for the routine works. He also had meetings with different committee to discuss the Standard Operational Procedures (SOP) for the Post **COVID 19** Lockdown and to sort out the pending issues in the Employees Provident Fund Organization (EPFO). According to the order of the Govt., on 22 June onwards our faculty and staff

started coming to office. Some of the schools in the University conducted online webinars on current issues and concerns. Xavier University also received some good news in recognition of its quality education and service to the society.

Augustine, Tony S and Arockia held meetings with the administrative team, the mess contractors, the security persons, and the student's representatives to chalk out the modalities of moving ahead smoothly after the Post **COVID 19** Lockdown. **Donald** and **Arockia** were busy with accounts teams to rework on the budget based on the fee reduction in view of COVID 19 in the respective campuses and they are getting ready for the board meeting with the audit report and the revised budget for 2020-21. **Kiran** has gone to province to collect some more data for his research work. **Joshy** attended two conferences organized by Association of Information Systems: **ECIS** (European Conference of Information Systems) and **PACIS** (Pacific Asia Conference of Information Systems). Though his paper got accepted for PACIS 2020 Doctoral Consortium

Alwyn / Arock

to be held in Dubai, it went online mode due to COVID-19.

Abe, Alwyn and Jesurajan who are under medication are improving day by day in their health. **Abe** started his physiotherapy. **Alwyn** has gone back to Faber Residence after six months in Xavier Residence though not fully fit. He will come back to meet his physiotherapist. After waiting for a long time, **Benjamin Lakra** reached his new destination. He will join the community formally after the quarantine period. **Alex Mascarenes, Bipin Kujur, Jubin Nath, Binoy Kerketta** are also in quarantine along with **Benjamin** in the new campus of Xavier University. **George Anthony** stayed with us for a few days to attend the online Province Consult.

Today, if not all, most of our schools as well as other educational institutions are reflecting with their teaching staff, educational consultants and other stakeholders to introduce online teaching-learning processes for the learners. Fr. J. Felix Raj, the Vice-Chancellor of St. Xavier's University Kolkata, while writing on higher level of education, suggested to maintain a blend of balance between online and offline modes of teaching-learning and evaluation processes for the benefit of the learners who are not fully used to this system.

From his experience, Fr. J. Felix Raj, indicated twofold solutions for the higher level of education – one is a short-term solution and the other long-term – both are thoughtfully planned and systematically worked out making them practical and acceptable for the learners and educators. With due consideration, this approach could be applied to school level education. He also suggested that the educational institutions need to have a short as well as long-term perspectives plan to face the challenges posed by the Covid-19 in the field of education. It is our responsibility to convert these challenges into opportunities. That is what, I guess, many of us perceived and experienced during the last two and a half months while being in lockdown.

Hence, the school heads, teachers and other educators need to contemplate and study what would be the prospects and the possible outcome of the combination of On-Offline teaching that an institution can adapt for the benefit of the students and at the same time ponder over a manner that will be effective for future teachers and educators.

It could be that to face the crisis caused by Covid-19 and the consequent lockdown, most of the

institutions were not prepared and equipped with infrastructure required to face these challenges for the benefit of students. All the same, their genuine initiative and attempt must be acknowledged by the teaching staff, parents and students to cooperate in their endeavour. The whole process needs to progress with sound planning for the satisfaction of all concerned. Further, all must bear in mind that people concerned need to be encouraged and stay motivated for a new future. The uncertainty of the immediate future must help to stay positive and move towards this direction.

No doubt lockdowns have slowed down causing a huge set back in the entire academic atmosphere – both higher and lower level – in the country. It has caused a strong sense of negative emotion, deep anxiety and uncertainty among teachers, learners and their parents about learning, testing and academic progress. These factors need to be addressed together with concerned teachers and parents systematically and find realistic solutions to the satisfaction of all. While working out the perspective plan, one must bear in mind that technology and innovations are the product of human mind. After all teaching online is a virtual reality, which cannot replace offline, interactive mode but can definitely supplement it enriching the whole process of educating in schools.

The educational institutions may have to plan in a way to do justice to all our learners. While we assure our students of all precautions and required measures to prevent the potential danger of Covid-19, we need to ensure that students do not face any problem in future related to their academic standards.

Hence, to maintain the academic atmosphere, every institution needs to collectively reflect with its teaching staff and educational consultants to gradually find a permanent solution to make education student-friendly and productive. Therefore, the proportion between online and offline teaching-learning could be met on the basis of infrastructure and facilities available in a school at the moment without taxing the parents.

Lately, we see the mushrooming of online education start-ups promising various digital platforms to educational institutions and offering themselves to handle the activities in the institutions. Here we need to ponder, study and find what would be the best combination – online

and offline – that each institution could choose for the benefit of our future student community.

The Covid-19 with its attack has changed our day to day life affecting our physical health and bodily needs, bringing a new pattern and a new normal is emerging. As a result, it is important to identify and prioritize these issues and address them effectively. Hence, each and every institution need to be prepared to face any eventuality and turn every crisis into an opportunity for new change. Our academic plans could be drawn up in a flexible manner that could be modified for any situation by going beyond the classrooms and assist the students in their personal, emotional, and mental health to promote both health and hygiene in our schools.

Having a social identity, our school heads could collaborate with one another, sharing resources and making progress with collective wisdom, bearing in mind that students are the primary beneficiaries and the agent of society's growth. Hence every plan that we make for them, meant to be the inspiring ideology of all our endeavours in the field of education.

Technology is evolving fast and would play a major role in our future teaching-learning process. We cannot restrict ourselves to mental rigidity any more. Our challenges are no more local but global, which should involve our whole being, uplifting the content of teaching-learning to ensure improvement of educating and transforming our learners. That is our mission today – the emerging Post-Covid-19 experience.

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20 - Fr. Marcus Murmu, S.J. (DUM, 63/38), Dudhani, Dumka
 28 - Mr Ambrose (80), elder brother of Br. Pascal Kerketta, S.J