

RANCHI BULLETIN



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MESSAGE OF THE PROVINCIAL

Dear brothers in Christ,

We are in the midst of continued lock down. The emergence of this unfortunate situation, involving deadly COVID-19 corona virus, has already wrecked incalculable losses to human life all across the world. We have been caught off-guard by this hideous virus which is presenting us with sorry pictures and sad reports of deaths from round the world. Moreover, it is creating new worries and larger anxieties for us with the dawn of each day. We are thus certainly concerned about our wellbeing and our life in future in general.



This is indeed a unique and queer war against a formidable adversary which knows no creed and does not differentiate among the races of people. There isn't a nation that is not alarmed by the insidious designs of this virus. Hence, in times like these, it is good to remember God's promise for us:

"Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." (Isaiah 41:10)

God is the most loving creator. He made us in his own image and gave his own Son for the salvation of the world. He will never abandon his children in this time of need. Always remember brothers that through fear Satan wants to separate us from the love and care of God. He constantly seeks moments to instill fear in our hearts - like a roaring lion to devour us. However, let

us remind ourselves that the presence of God in our hearts, in our communities and in our nations can and will always withstand this onslaught of Evil.

Therefore brethren, view the COVID-19 pandemic as an opportunity, rather than just a challenge. COVID-19, if taken as an opportunity, will bring us abundant occasions for knowing God's love in our life. We would be able to see the truth and beauty of life in the view of current perspectives. Besides understanding life better, this will definitely draw us closer to the love of God.

Let us therefore take up some small acts to brighten the day of someone. Think of something very gracious to motivate the life of those who are losing hope in God. This is the best moment to sow the seed of Faith. In doing this, our efforts would be like those priceless little drops which make the vast oceans when added together.

Now is the moment in Time to stay focused on the spiritual discipline in our life. Now is the time to recall and live the prayer of St. Francis:

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let me bring love.

Where there is offence, let me bring pardon.

Where there is discord, let me bring union.

Where there is error, let me bring truth.

Where there is doubt, let me bring faith.

Where there is despair, let me bring hope.

Where there is darkness, let me bring your light.

Where there is sadness, let me bring joy.

O Master, let me not seek as much

To be consoled as to console,

To be understood as to understand,

To be loved as to love,

For it is in giving that one receives,

It is in self-forgetting that one finds,

It is in pardoning that one is pardoned,

It is in dying that one is raised to eternal life.

It is indeed heartening to see many of our men and institutions responding generously and ingeniously to alleviate the sufferings of the people in distress. We need to pray more to support them. Let us be sensitive to the signs of the Times. Let us hear the call of God. Today, he is calling us all to reach out to those who need us.

We all know that the present circumstances have forced us to cancel or postpone many of our province-level programmes scheduled from April 2020. But this is only a small sacrifice compared to what many of our brethren have been undergoing. Let us then be messengers of hope and work for peace and general good of everyone.

Wish you all a very Happy Feast of St Ignatius of Loyola.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Ajit Kumar Xess, SJ
(PROVINCIAL SUPERIOR)

PROVINCIAL'S PROGRAMME

JULY 2020 :

17-18 : Province Consult

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

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 and collaborators.

INFORMATION

Fr. Florence Purty, SJ successfully defended his Doctoral thesis, titled "Friendship, Study Habits and Cognitive Self-Management of Higher Secondary Students" on 30th June 2020.

CONGRATUALATIONS, Dear Fr. (Dr.) Florence Purty, SJ!

Fr. General has appointed FR JEROME CUTINHA, SJ the next Provincial of Jamshedpur Jesuit Province.

Until recently, Fr. Jerome (Jerry) has been the Dean of Admin. of XLRI, Jamshedpur.

Ranchi Province wishes Fr. Jerry prayerful best wishes for his next responsibility.

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To: Frs. Rectors, Superiors & Work Directors,

With this note, kindly be informed that the process to prepare the RANCHI CATALOGUE 2021 for the press has begun.

By now all the transfers & new status have been announced; even though the students in the schools and colleges have not yet arrived, their names have been enrolled in your faculties. Hence you are in a position to submit the lists of the new community members with their contact Nos/email Ids & No. of students and staff.

Please send the soft copy of your updated list by 31 August 2020 to the Socius' office email Id <ransjsoc@gmail.com>.

Raymond Kerketta, sj
Socius

Ordination to the diaconate in the age of the Coronavirus

"This year, the number of people admitted to churches for ordinations was limited because of the pandemic. And ordinands were not always able to return to their country or region of origin. But they were creative in making it possible ... remotely. **Eleven new deacons were ordained at St. Ignatius Church in Paris on 20 June 2020...**" (SJ News). We are glad that our man deacon Subodh Lakra was one among the eleven to be ordained a deacon.

Congratulations Deacon Subodh and best wishes for your fruitful ministry.

ATTENTION - DRIVERS!

All our drivers are kindly requested to follow all the traffic rules strictly. Violation penalty is incurred heavily and has increased in the office of the Province Treasurers.

The Province Treasurers

Toppo Binod	-	Promotor of Vocations & Director of CLC, High Schools
Xalxo Medard	-	Province Coordinator for Formation

Province Commissions : Coordinators and Members: 2020

BROTHERS

Barla James	Ekka Isidore	Kullu Ferdinand
Horo Telesphore	Tigga Blacius	Toppo Binod

BUILDING

Kerketta George	Kujur Florence	Horo Ranjit
Lakra Ignatius	Tirkey Vijay M.	Toppo Bruno
Soreng George		

COMMUNICATION

Tirkey Alex	Baxla Emmanuel	Dungdung Joachim
Ekka Cyprian	Horo Sibil Joseph	Lakra Amrit
Lugun Bipin	Kujur John Jyoti	Toppo Alexius

DIALOGUE

Kujur Sudhir	Ba'a Ephrem	Lakra Christopher
Minj Francis	Tirkey Amrit	

FORMATION

Xalxo Medard	Barla James	Chermako Sylverius
Ekka Praful	Kerketta Raymond	Minj Francis
Saras Ajit	Toppo Binod	

HEALTH

Raymond Kerketta	Horo Telesphore	Kerketta Michael
Lakra Amrit	Tigga Blacius	

PRIMARY EDUCATION

Brice Bilung	Barla Gilbert	Ekka Anthony
Kerketta Xavier	Kindo Alex	Kullu Alphonse
Minj Abraham	Xalxo Jerome S	Xess Gabriel

SECONDARY EDUCATION

Minj Erentius	Beck John A.	Ekka Philemon
Kerketta Sanjay	Xalxo Isaac	Khoya Manohar
Kujur Fredrick	Kullu Pradeep	John Tirkey

HIGHER EDUCATION

Kerketta Pradeep	Barla Emmanuel	Bilung Vinod
Ba'a Ephrem	Kujur Marianus J	Lakra Nabor
Purty Florence	Tete Nicholas	Toppo Erenius

APPOINTMENTS (w.e.f. – August 1, 2020)

01. Bara David Parish Priest, Diglipur, N/ Andaman
02. Baxla Suman Joseph Parish Priest, Ramnagar, N/ Andaman
03. Tigga Lalit John Parish Priest, Prothrapur, Port Blair, S/Andaman

PROVINCE OFFICIALS: 2020

- Bilung Vinod Kumar** - Moderator of AICUF
- Horo Ranjit** - Province Representative for JYMSA
- Kerketta Michael** - Coordinator of PWP
- Kerketta George** - Province Development Director
- Kujur Florence** - Province Representative for JEA
- Dungdung Samir** - Province Representative for JEPASA
- Toppo Bruno** - Revisor of Province Fund
- Lakra Ignatius** - Coordinator of Jesuit Alumni Association
- Tirkey Vijay Manohar** - Member of COJET
- Minj Erentius** - Province Coordinator for Education and Ecology
- Soreng Prabhat Kennedy** - Director of CLC, College Section
- Tigga Mahendra Peter** - In charge of Prov. Properties and legal matters
- Tirkey Amrit** - Coordinator, Protection of Minors & vulnerable Adults
- Tirkey Sushil** - Coordinator of the Apostolate among indigenous People

PASTORAL APOSTOLATE

Dungdung Samir Bage Kamal Chand Bara David
 Burh George Dungdung Anthres Dung2 Christopher
 Kullu Clement Toppo Christopher R

PROTOCOL

Tirkey Amrit Dang Edwin K.C. Philip
 Kujur Sudhir Kr Minj Francis Minj Ignatius
 Xavier Soreng Navchand Leona, OSU

SOCIAL AND HUMAN RIGHTS

Soreng Xavier Barla Thomas Kerketta Sylvanus
 Hassapurty Anuranjan Minj Ignatius Soreng George
 Tirkey Sushil Tigga Mahendra P

IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY

Chermako Sylvester Brys Aurel Beck Suman
 K.C. Philip Lakra Nabor Lakra Ranjit W
 Minj Walter Xalxo Medard

TEMPORAL ADMINISTRATION

Tirkey Vijay M Ba'a Roshan Ekka John
 Kerketta George Kullu David Kujur Hemant R
 Tirkey Amrit Toppo Bruno Tirkey Anil

YOUTH

Horo Ranjit Beck Walter Baxla Tej Kumar
 Bilung Vinod Dungdung Joachim Ekka Anup Arvind
 Soreng Prabhat K Tirkey Pradeep Tirkey Bipin

Please Note: -

1. Commission Coordinators are requested to connect the members of Commission and prepare a plan of action for 2020- 2021. A report of the same is to be submitted to the Provincial's Office.
2. Commission Coordinators are requested to convene the meetings as per the need at different times of the year.



Fr. Ajit Kumar Xess, SJ
 PROVINCIAL SUPERIOR

Manresa House Ranchi

June 2020 commenced with the feast of Our Lady, Mother of the Church. And this auspicious day brought us rain and made the weather pleasant.

Fr. Edward Kerketta, who was recuperating in Manresa House and waiting for the new assignment, went to Keondatanr on 5th June to take over as the new Parish

Priest. Sch Pradeep Bara came from St Mary's Samtoli after his Regency to begin his Philosophical studies. Sch Davit Tirkey, who was stranded at home due to lockdown, also came back to Manresa House.

On 13th June, we had our Community Mass to thank and praise God for the service of Fr. Camil Kerketta, Sch Sanjay Tigga and outgoing juniors, and to invoke God's blessing upon them and for their new mission. In a short felicitation program, we wished them all good luck for new assignments. Fr. Camil Kerketta left for Jharna on 29th June and Sch Sanjay Tigga on 1st July for Tarunoday, Kanke. Juniors are busy preparing for their forthcoming exams.

On 15th Fr Provincial, Fr Socius and Fr PCF visited the Infirmary and had a short meeting with the Infirmary staff. They explained some guidelines to them in order to take better care of our senior citizens.

On 19th June, the Feast of Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, we, the community members and co-workers, came together at the entrance near the statue of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus and consecrated our house and families to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.

The scholastics from Loyola Chennai and Satya Nilayam and Fr. Ajay Arun Minj were in home quarantine for more than fourteen days in Minor Seminary. They went through medical check-up and all of them were found hale and hearty. Scholastics joined Manresa House on 25th June and Fr. Ajay Arun Minj on 27th.

Health News: On 2nd June Fr. Severius Ekka was admitted in Ranchi Urology Centre treatment. After a week, he was shifted to St Anne's Hospital Ulhatu for better care medical assistance. On 22nd he was brought back to Manresa House. Now he is keeping well and moving around in the campus. On 6th Fr. Benjamin Kerketta was brought to Manresa House Infirmary for rest and convalescence. When he gained strength and felt better, he went back to Bundu on 6th July to resume his work.

On the last day of the month the management had a meeting with our co-workers. The management thanked workers for their service and requested them to be on time and faithful in their duties. Fr. Rector gave them instructions and guidelines to keep oneself and others safe from coronavirus.

Amrit Lakra, SJ

Assam Mission

JESUIT BHAVAN AND GANA CHETANA SAMAJ, TEZPUR

Burial: An official burial Mass of Fr. Augustine Panamkatt (87 yrs), Tezpur diocese was held on June 03, 2020 in

the cathedral at Bishop's house, Tezpur presided over by his Lordship Michael Akacius Toppo DD. Complying with the government rule and directives for the burial rite, the number of participants was restricted and social distancing was observed throughout the burial rite. Fr. Pius was invited to represent the Jesuits working in Tezpur diocese and in the same way only the representatives from other religious congregations were present. Soon after the burial Mass his mortal remains were laid to rest in the diocesan graveyard after the final rite was performed by Bp Michael Akacius Toppo. Fr. Augustine was fondly remembered for his missionary zeal, pioneering work and promoting local

vocation. May the good Lord grant the departed soul an eternal rest!

Awareness campaign & distribution of food material: After a long wait for the permission from the local administration, GCS under the leadership of Fr. Thomas resumed his work of awareness campaign against corona virus, distribution of food materials and masks to the poor people of different villages and Tea Estates on different dates of the month. Good number of people attended the awareness campaign and drew profits from it. Fr. Xavier Lakra also joined the group and gave his moral support. Details are as follows:-

Date	Village/Tea Estates	No. of HH benefited	No. of persons attended awareness meeting	No. of items delivered per HH
06. 06. 2020	Kolabari	57	60	Rice 10kg, Dal 1, Potato 2kg, Mask
11.06. 2020	Borpatgaon	35	45	Rice 5kg, Dal 1/2kg, Potato 2kg, Mask
14. 06. 2020	Belsiri TE	325	60	do
„	Hugrajuli TE	215	250	do
„	Panbari TE	225	251	do
„	Singri TE	225	210	do
15. 06.2020	Mansiri	8	32	do
„	Rowmari	17	11	do
16. 06. 2020	Tiniguhuria	30	33	do
„	Berajan	14	14	do
18. 06.2020	Borghuli	26	37	do
„	Kochubil	34	35	do
21. 06. 2020	Adabari TE	39	64	do
„	Sessa TE	41	78	do
22.06.2020	Bakola	13	42	do
„	Molanpukhuri	23	30	do
24.06.2020	Tarabari	15	17	do
„	Phuloguri	31	35	Do
Total	1373	1304	Rice 7150kgs, Dal 715kgs, Potato 2746kgs	

Congratulations to Fr. Thomas, GCS Staff and Fr. Xavier for their commendable jobs!

HSLC Results, 2020: Hearty congratulations to all the Principals (Fr. Pradeep Kullu, Fr. Laurentus Kiro, Fr. Suresh Aind and Fr. Patrick Xalxo), Jesuit

friends, teachers and all the students of Kathalguri, Manas Bansbari, Balipara and Pengaree for excellent performance in the HSLC examination. Keep up the spirit and grow in the spirit of Magis. The details of results are as follows:

Schools	Appeared	Dist.	Star	1st Div.	2nd Div.	3rd Div.	Fail	Overall
Loyola School, Kathalguri	20	01	02	09	07	01	X	100 %
St. Xavier's School, Manas Bansbari	26	X	01	04	11	04	06	77%
St. John's School, Balipara	65	X	01	21	40	04	X	100%
St. Xavier's School, Pengaree	27	03	01	13	14	X	X	100%

Results of H.S (SXC), 2020, Sonabheel : Hearty congratulations to Fr. Ranjit Kujur, the Principal, Fr. Ashok Sandil, SXC community, Teachers and students for their performance in the H.S examination! The details are as follows:

Streams	Appeared	1st Div.	2nd Div.	3rd Div.	Fail	Absent	Pass	Overall
Arts	104	14	34	37	19	0	85	82%
Commerce	51	07	19	22	02	01	48	94%

First Vows: The First Vows solemn celebration of Rohit Toppo and Shashi Samir Dhanwar was held on June 21, 2020 at 6.15 P.M. at Xavier Sadan, Balipara. Fr. Pius presided over the Holy Mass with concelebrants – Fr. Xavier Lakra and Fr. Benedict Lakra. It was attended by 26 Jesuits working in Assam Mission, 2 Jesuit Novices, two Holy Cross Sisters and few co-workers. Fr. Pius in his homily addressing Rohit Toppo and Shashi Samir Dhanwar said that Jesuit life is Christ centered and therefore, we need to be the true followers of Jesus Christ. He further said that Christ calls us to be with Him, to know Him, to imbibe his teachings and life principles and to be joyful witnesses. Fr. Pius received

their First Vows and soon after this they were felicitated in the Church. Both the newly professed Jesuits were congratulated through singing, offering of Assamese and Boro gamosas, flower bouquets and loving embrace. Dinner was served in the residence hall where sumptuous meal was enjoyed by one and all.

Annual Retreat: Fr. Xavier Lakra SJ had his Annual spiritual journey in Jesuit Bhavan, Tezpur from June 23 to June 30, 2020. Though this place is not ideal for the Retreat but he managed to complete his spiritual journey quite successfully. Congrats and happy new life, Fr. Xavier!

Pius Xafxo SJ

Foreign Mission

Egypt

Cairo (Egypt): The month of June brought a bigger relief connected with Covid-19. Semi-lockdown is almost over. It has many things still on hold like many other countries. All educational Institutions are

closed down for an indefinite period of time. Classes and Exams were held through various online service methods. Higher secondary students are half the way to finish their final exams. Final year University students are to begin their exams soon following all the norms and preventive measures suggested by the World Health Organization.

Now all over Egypt, after the completion of the academic year 2019-2020 summer vacations for the students from Kindergarten to Class X have been announced officially. It's a long vacation like European

countries BUT the parks, theatres, beaches, gymnasiums, sports clubs, all summer activities, etc. are still closed. It's been heavy for the students to stay at home since March. Road, rail, metro and all private and public transport services have begun. It will give some air to breathe through these movements.

To keep the elderly community members safe, strict social distancing is being followed in the chapel and in the dining room. The Jesuits of other communities are not allowed to have meals or stay with us till

the improvement of Covid - 19. Ours is a full working community. Our Principal Fr. Nader Michel is also a practicing medical doctor. He takes extra care to safeguard himself and others yet he was infected by

covid-19. He was diagnosed early hence managed to recover in due time. Due to the virus and no air travel facilities Fr. Provincial Dany Younes had to cancel his canonical visit. The manifestation was done

through different video method services. His completion of term as a Provincial was near so he had to announce the new status/transfers on 27th June, a month before usual traditions. He successfully completed his term as one of the youngest Provincials in the Society. The handing over ceremony was on 28th June through an evening Eucharistic celebration in Beirut. Fr. Michael Zammit, originally a Maltese is the new Provincial. Fr. Bimal Kumar Kerketta has a new responsibility now.

After serving for 18 years in Egypt he will move to Amman – Jordan for the services there.

Bimal Kr. Kerketta

Rome

Anselm is content and relieved with the exercise of preparing budget, discussion with the Economato Generale and final approval of the Budget for the Financial Year 2020- 21, which begins from July. The Budget 2020-2021, now in a book form, would be a reference point for all the income and expense. All are expected to follow the budget sincerely. A Meeting of all the Economato staff members was held on 19 June to evaluate life and works, to explore various ways to improve the efficiency, and to avoid errors and mistakes.

The month of August is the summer vacation in Italy; and therefore, according to the Government's directives, the co-workers will have one-month holiday. The Economato has outlined a work plan in such a way that the Office works are not hampered during the holidays. Anselm will remain in the office to carry out the normal functioning of the office and bank works, whereas the others will move in and out either for their holidays, retreats, medical check-up or meetings. Before the start of the summer vacation, a day of prayer, reflection and sharing was organized for all the Curia members. The theme was "My Life during the Lockdown." After spending some time in prayer, all dispersed two by two to share their positive as well as negative experiences; which was followed by sharing in the larger groups. The day concluded with the Eucharistic celebration, an Agape meal for the co-workers, and the usual best wishes in Italian BUONE VACANZE.

For Nirmal and his companions of Collegio del Gesù, June was the month of exams and serious personal studies. In the COVID-19 era, the modes of exams were either online oral exams or the written assignments. However, some Professors preferred to conduct oral exam in the physical presence of the students. All the exams were over by 26 June. On the same day, the community organized a special evening prayer for the 18 would be Deacons, who were to be ordained on the following day. On 27 June, the Diaconate Ordination ceremony commenced at 15.00 presided over by His Em. Cardinal Michael Czerney, SJ along with R.P. Arturo Sosa, Superior General, and his Delegate for the Roman Houses, R.P. Johan Verschueren. Following the age-old tradition, the Ordination was planned immediately after the Easter; however, the COVID-19 forced the Gesù community to postpone the ceremony to 27 June. And hence, the long awaited and the most

desired event for the community brought great joy to one and all despite the presence of the limited number of friends and well-wishers. Out of 18 Deacons, there were 7 newly ordained Deacons from the South Asian Assistency. The Ordination ceremony was followed by a refreshment for all the participants in the open courtyard of Collegio del Gesù. A selected number of guests were invited for the festive meal in the community. Both R.P. Rector Luis Orlando Torres and R.P. Minister Edward Fassett expressed their happiness and satisfaction for the successful conclusion of such a great event of the year for the community. From the following day, some community members started moving out to their Provinces or other destinations according to their summer programs approved by the Rector.

As Nirmal awaits his Province men – Kuldeep Linda and Sandeep Bage – to join Gesù community, some members from European countries have already arrived and started the Italian language course. All together 19 Scholastics from different counties are expected to join the community for the theological studies from the next Academic Year. At the end of the period of fatigue and the long-awaited beginning of the holidays, R.P. Rector of Collegio San Roberto Bellarmino recommended everyone to continue with the attitude of attention to the indications of health security wherever one goes for one's own good and for the good of the community. COVID-19 has caused a serious and critical economic critical situation, and brought about a notable change to the idea of holidays. Since many families are constrained to cancel their holiday trips to cope up with the financial situation, R.P. Rector invited all the community members to reflect and make proper discernment as far as the trips and expenses are concerned. Taking into account the prevailing situation, the community made some adjustments and decided to keep the House open in July, August and September. All are encouraged to utilize their stay at home to accompany and help one another and the others through prayers and all-possible sacrifices.

After the conclusion of all exams on 26 June, the summer holidays began for the students of Gregorian University. However, the Offices will continue to function normally until 30 July. Respecting the requests of students of Joint Diploma in Integral Ecology, Prem agreed to extend the submission date of the final written assignments from 30 June to 7 July. For the Oral exams, he had formed 5 Commissions comprising of 2 Professors from

different Universities. All the Professors expressed their deep satisfaction over the overall performance of the students, and their remarkable high level of intellectual capacity to grasp, assimilate and integrate the teachings of *Laudato si'* with their daily life activities. Vinay Ekka (MAP), and two MGES Sisters from Jharkhand – Nutan Minj and Sushana Kispotta – successfully completed the Joint Diploma Course. Joint Diploma 2019- 2020 was the third consecutive year of successful inter-university collaboration! In the absence of the normal didactic activities, the huge palatial building of the University stands as a sign of “Intellectual Apostolate” of the Jesuits, entrusted to them by the Holy Father in order to do ‘Research, Teach and Give formation’ to the students hailing from all over the World. It had a humble beginning in 1551 by St. Ignatius of Loyola himself. Initially, it was called the Roman College, but renamed Pontifical Gregorian University in 1873 by Pope Pius IX. At that time classes were held in the actual building of Collegio di San Roberto Bellarmino, still known officially as Palazzo Borromeo.

The life history of Fr. Constant Lievens reveals that he was destined to study in Gregorian as a Seminarian. As one of the students, he would have studied in the present building of Collegio Bellarmino. Linus is getting healthier day by day and has no more special diet as prescribed by the Doctors. Keeping the spirit of the Institution, he is exploring in the field of Liturgy and Missiology, trying to understand how secular and religious feasts bring out the values of the community that celebrate them. He is convinced that if one wants to understand the spiritual heritage of a society, he or she has to know the origin and meaning of its feasts. In the strict sense, there is no secular and religious feast, for they both are born of the spiritual experience, repeated year after year, first as a ritual, and then, expressed in singing and dancing, eating, and drinking. Exaggeration at all levels is allowed while celebrating the feast, avoiding immoral acts. Celebrate peoples, and you will have their spiritual values in you!

Prem Xalxo

Munich, Germany

Life in Munich seems to be coming back to its normality. Something new that happened in the month of June was opening of Churches. The regular Holy Eucharist started with some precautionary measures like wearing masks and keeping the distance. It is of course an

uncomfortable feeling to attend the Holy Mass with masks because it disturbs the singing, but still participating in Mass and praying together is a source of joy and hope to the people. We can witness this in the big number of faithful, who regularly attend the Church Services. Due to Corona our college had to switch to online mode. We are still attending online lectures on philosophy. Good thing about online learning is, one can attend the lectures whenever one finds it conducive. Both of us find it very good in some way because we can pause the parts of lectures we don't understand and watch it several times. We can also be flexible with time table and have some break to stretch out, get some fresh air and the resume our study. The sad part about online learning is that we have less contact with other students. We miss it. Sameer is busy writing his last assignment. Paulus had to write one seminar paper, he completed it and is a bit relaxed. After these assignments we have oral and written exams. Kindly remember us in your prayers as you have been remembering us. Soon we hope to be back to the province. Our plan is to come back in August, but twice our booking got cancelled. Hopefully we can fly back in August, if the Indian govt. resumes the international flights. If not, we will have to wait till September. At present all the future plans look very uncertain, so we can only hope for the best. We are extremely excited about our return to the Province. We miss the Province very much. There are comparatively very few cases of Covid-19. The life in Munich seems to have come back to its normality. We continue to pray for our country India that the Pandemic gets over in India too.

Paulus and Sameer

GUYANA

The Covid-19 has disturbed the whole movement of the people. However, Fr. Amar Bage, SJ though it is risky giving his time and energy to share his knowledge with his students who are part of the learning facilitator's course online and onsite. Students found the course extremely good and useful for teaching and also for management. Especially in lesson plan or for unit plan Backward design was found very meaningful. Network is the problem for some but they are trying their best to complete the course successfully.

Amidst the quiet, stillness and fear of the virus the Religious Family of the Incarnate Word (IVE) in Charity, Region 2, Guyana, has through the inspirations of the

Holy Spirit, continue to be a vehicle for the people to receive as many graces as God can send through their hands. The Blessed Sacrament was processed along the Pomeroun River and Essequibo Coast by engine boat, on the feast of Corpus Christi, June 14th.

On 19th June, the solemnity of the most Sacred Heart of Jesus, the Holy Father Pope Francis has appointed as bishop of the diocese of Mandeville, Jamaica, the Reverend Fr. John Derek Persaud, of the clergy of Georgetown, currently vicar general, vicar for the clergy and administrator of the Cathedral and judge at the East Antilles Tribunal. The diocese of Georgetown will miss him very much. We wish him all the best for your new mission in Jamaica and reassure you of our prayerful support.

The memorial of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, was very special this year as Pope Francis added the three new titles in the litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary- Mother of Mercy, Mother of Hope and Solace of Migrants, effective from 20th June, 2020.

The Fathers' Day was celebrated on 21st June, on the feast day of St. Aloysius Gonzaga, SJ. Fr. Elias Surin, SJ offered the Holy Eucharist in St. Ignatius Mission Lethem, Rupununi. He thanked God for the gifts of all the fathers and asked God's abundant blessings. He also remembered and prayed for all 11 fresh Juniors of the Province who pronounced their First Vows in three different places- Namkum, Sitagarh and Balipara. All the Sunday Masses are live streamed in the social media. Many people are participating in it and are getting enriched by it.

From 23rd-25th June, all the clergy of the Diocese of Georgetown gathered for their first virtual clergy conference. The conference focused on the implementation of the Synod on the Amazon. The realization in Guyana of Pope Francis' dreams in the Synod's exhortation- Querida Amazonia (Beloved Amazon) requires the active involvement of each member of the Church.

Our Ursuline Sisters of Tildonk - Sr. Helena Soreng, Sr. Nishi S. Kujur, Sr. Crecencia Toppo and Sr. Sosan A. Kujur are keeping very well and accompanying their parishioners in this difficult situation in Karasabai, South Pakaraimas. They are making the best use of their time and energy in prayers, readings, reflections and gardening.

Elias Surin, SJ

Let us pray for the dear departed

Fr. Paul Jackson, SJ (83/64) died this evening at 6.45 (Sunday, 05 July 2020) at Kurji Holy Family Hospital, Patna.

BIRTHDAY

JULY

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| 01 | Ekka Sanjay Dilip,
Tirkey Anup |
| 04 | Dungdung Joachim
Lakra Mark Mukul
Tigga Mathew |
| 05 | Barla Arvind |
| 07 | Tirkey Basil
Tirkey Ajay Anil |
| 08 | Toppo Pratap S.
Ekka Sebastian
Lugun Bipin |
| 09 | Bage Anugrah Amar
Kerketta Libin
Xalxo Sushant |
| 11 | Tirkey Sikander |
| 13 | Minj Anupchand K. |
| 15 | Topno Dominic
Tirkey Amrit |
| 17 | Kerketta Ajit
Hassapurty Rajat
Kandulna Anil
Kujur Vinay |
| 19 | Ekka Alexius
Kullu Alphonse |
| 20 | D'Souza Gilbert |
| 21 | Kerketta Sunil |
| 22 | Sandil Ashok Roshan |

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| 24 | Kullu Rohit | | Hassapurty Anuranjan |
| | Baxla Alfred | 06 | Bilung Cyprian |
| | Tirkey Bipin | 08 | Tirkey Pradeep |
| 25 | Xalxo Isaac | 09 | Dhanwar Fabian |
| 26 | Purti Zacharias | 10 | Ekka Cyprian |
| | Horo Ranjit Kr. | 11 | Ekka Noel |
| | Minj Vijay Kr. | | Ekka Ashwin |
| | Kujur Ignatius | 12 | Lakra Telesphore |
| | Minj Nirmal | 13 | Dungdung Linus |
| 27 | Bilung Vinod | | Xalxo Prem |
| | Dadul Ritesh | | Lakra Anuj P. |
| 28 | Francken Louis | 14 | Tirkey Modestus |
| 29 | De Brouwer Marc | | Soreng Vicky Roshan |
| | Sinduria Valentine | 15 | Kerketta George |
| 30 | Lakra Benjamin | 16 | Hassa Purty Florence |
| 31 | Ba'a Theodore Ignatius | 18 | Kujur Rohit |
| | | 22 | Minj Rajen |
| | | 23 | Beck Irenius |

AUGUST

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| 01 | Minj Robin | 26 | Xess Ajit Kumar |
| 04 | Ekka John | 28 | Dungdung Emile |
| | Toppo Suman Prabhat | 30 | Kullu Jayprakash N. |
| 05 | Barla Rajenius | 31 | Barla Ajay Roshan, |
| | | | Balmuchu James |

Many many Happy returns of the day !



**A VERY HAPPY
FEAST OF ST
IGNATIUS TO
ALL !**

