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FR. GENERAL HAS APPOINTED:

Fr. Agnelo Mascarenhas, SJ (GOA) - Provincial of Pune Province. Presently he is the Superior and Coordinator of Youth, at Pedro Arrupe Institute, Raia, Goa.

Fr. Fabien Gasigwa - Regional Superior of the Rwanda-Burundi Region.

Fr. José de Pablo (ESP) -Vice Ecclesiastical Assistant of the World Christian Life Community (CLC).

FR. GENERAL HAS APPOINTED:

✚ **Fr. Francis Marian** as the new Treasurer of the Province,

✚ **Fr. Vincent Hansdak**, as the new Consultor of the Province,

✚ **Fr. Anil Aind** as the new Consultor of the Province.

We are deeply indebted to the outgoing officials of the Province; who assisted Fr. Provincial namely **Fr. Gyan** as the Treasurer of the Province and **Frs. George Thomas** and **Dilip Ekka** the Province Consultors.

FR. GENERAL has approved the appointments of the following Local Superiors:

- **Fr. Shyju Thomas**, as the Superior of Prerana Resource Centre, community.
- **Fr. R.M. Packiam**, the Superior of Vivek Sadan Community
- **Fr. Saju Bastian**, the Superior of Bhurkunda Community.
- **Fr. Pius Kerketta**, the Superior of Kajarkilo Community.

FR. PROVINCIAL'S PROGRAM- NOVEMBER-DECEMBER- 2020

NOVEMBER - 2020

02-04 Visitation – Arrupe Niwas
 05-00 Meeting Prerana directors of work
 13-00 Final Vows- Mahuadanr
 17-00 Province Commission Meeting
 18-20 POSA Consult Delhi
 21-00 Final Vows Arrupe N. 10.30 a.m.

27-28 Visitation Ranchi, Schols. Manresa; & RTC
 29-00 Province Consult. 8.30 a.m. A.N

DECEMBER - 2020

05-06 Young Priests' Meeting
 13-00 Local Superiors Meeting 8.30 to 12.30 p.m.
 20-00 Formation Commission meeting 09 am. AN.
 28-00 Golden Jubilee Mass at Sahodaya, Shahpur

FR. PROVINCIAL HAS APPOINTED:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Fr. Gyan Savari, SJ as the new Director of Hoffmann Catholic Self Supporting Cooperative Credit Society Ltd. Mahuadanr. (HCSCCS Ltd.) He will reside at St. Xavier's College residence. ❖ Fr. Roshan Kerketta, SJ as the Asst. Teacher of St. Joseph's +2 High School. Mahuadanr and Asst. Director of HCSCCS Ltd. ❖ Br. David Xalxo, SJ to Alert Centre, Pakripath. ❖ Fr. Christopher Kujur, SJ the Asst. Director of Prerana Resource Centre. ❖ Fr. Thomas Joseph, SJ to St. Xavier's Community Hazaribag as a Minister. ❖ Fr. Anthony Herbert, SJ to Prerana Community, as the director of Prerana Resource Centre. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Fr. Rajendra Tete, SJ to Prerana Resource Centre, as the Treasurer of Xavier Education and Development Society. (XEDS) ❖ Fr. Shyju Thomas, SJ as the Secretary of Xavier Education and Development Society. ❖ Fr. Xavier Tigga SJ, to Arrupe Niwas as the Asst. Province Development Director. ❖ Sch. David Kerketta, SJ to Chiropath Asst. Hostel In-charge. ❖ Fr. Sebastian K.A. SJ, to Vivek Sadan, Daltonganj, as the Asst. Teacher. ❖ Fr. Victor Lakra, SJ to PTEC, Community Sitagarha, as the farm in-charge. |
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Congratulations to Fr. R. M. Packiam & Fr. Francis Kurien
 on the occasion of their Golden Jubilee in the Society of Jesus
 [20 Nov.] 1970 - 2020

Note: This year there will be no common celebration of the Jubilarians at the Province level.

FROM AROUND THE PROVINCE

BHURKUNDA:

We completed our Online Half Yearly Exam on 22nd Oct. and closed for the Puja Vacation. High School 78% of students participated the exam. Entire school 64%. They will get the result before Deepawali. The missing students are a concern. During Puja, **Saju** went to Sitagarha Juniorate for four days of seminar on 'Care for Our Common Home'. **Suman** went home for few family functions. **Kishore** had a neighbour's funeral in his village. He also had a chance to spend a few days at home. **Christopher** organized All Souls Day Celebrations in six centres. We are clearing the old well area to expand the Football field. **Basant** is busy looking after the New Hostel building. **Francis Lopes** spends an hour with the Primary

teachers. We completed the 9th Class admission and registration.

BOKARO, ST. XAVIER'S :

On October 29, **Fr. Arun's** beloved brother, Bipin Kishore Minj (50), died at around 10.40 PM at Medanta Hospital, Irba, Ranchi. The next morning, **Fr. Arun** accompanied by **Fr. Tintus** rushed to Medanta Hospital. The bereaved family members and relatives present there including Sr. Vijaya H.C. and Sr. Pratima H.C. **Fr. Tintus** accompanied **Fr. Arun** to Mahuadanr for the burial. Since all arrived late that evening the burial took place the next day. A large gathering of villagers, friends, and relatives, Holy Cross, Ursuline and St. Joseph's of Tarbes Sisters were present. Four priests; **Fr. Arun's** friend, **Fr. Alphonse T.O.R., Fr. Kamal, Fr.**

John Tirkey, Fr. Tintus joined **Fr. Arun** for the funeral mass at his house. Though busy attending meetings on that day, the Mahuadanr community found time to pay a visit to the family. Bipin Kishore left behind his wife, a son and a daughter. **Fr. Arun** remained for a few days at home and came back on November 5 to Bokaro. May God give Bipin eternal peace, and condolence to the family members who also had lost their beloved mother on August 14.

On the pastoral front **Fr. Tintus** is visiting families and masses are held on demand. In the villages there is no sign of Covid-19. Sr. Anandi, the Headmistress of Koto, the teachers and **Fr. Xavier** faced the four inspectors who came for the physical inspection of Nirmala Middle School, Koto, Patratu on 06.11.2020 in preparation for the recognition of the school. The inspectors were immensely satisfied and gave positive hints that Nirmala Middle School is very near to getting recognition.

On Oct. 24th, **Fr. James** participated in **Fr. A.T. Thomas** Memorial Day celebration, accompanied by Sr. Lisy FCC, at Punyabhumi. In the absence of the students, the school is taking its chance for the complete replacement of the electrical wiring in the school building and also replacing the old ceiling tube lights with LED tube lights. We were encouraged by the friendly visit of **Fr. Santosh Minj** on November 05.

[**Fr. Arun's Mob. No. 7903161315**]

MASI MARSAL, PATKI

Keeping all the norms of lockdown and unlocking, pastoral and sacramental services were rendered on demand. Post unlocking, our parish team of **Fr. Anil, Dn. Simon**, catechists Fabiana and Raska, planned to resume normal pastoral activities. After a short meeting with our local superior, **Fr. Arun Minj**, and **Fr. Tintus**, along with the parishioners, the team also looked after the vegetable garden. **Fr. Anil** spent some quality time to get acquainted with school activities and the needs of the school and the hostels. **Dn. Simon** generously contributed to improve the standard of English in the school. Before the hostellers came, **Fr. Gyan** was busy with repair work and creating green belts around the boy's residence. **Dn. Simon** and **Fr. Anil** went to Chankiary to plan out for his ordination.

Simon was at home for a couple of days to finalise the plan. He will be ordained priest in his home parish, Tilaya, by his Bishop, **Rt. Rev. Kurien Valiakandathil**, on 14 January, 2021. **Sch. Gulshan** was glued to desk due to online classes and exams. Despite study pressure, he finds time to delight us with tasty curries and curd. The boys' new kitchen is coming up. Mr. Guddu, the contractor, says that he would complete it before Diwali.

CHARHI, MASI MARSAL

The community members are all keeping well. **Schols. Prakash Baskey** and **Amardeep** are kept busy with on-line classes. The campus cleaning drive has begun by **Birendra** and scholastics after the purchase of new grass cutting machine. Sunday mass for parishioners has begun from this month. Some baptismal masses and marriage blessings were held. **Fr. Birendra, Schols. Amardeep** and **Prakash Baskey** participated in the silent protest against the arrest of Fr Stan Swamy held at Hazaribag. On 15th of October scholastic **Dilip Kujur** joined Charhi community as a regent. On 17th of October **Prakash Baskey** went to Hazaribag to write his Net exam. In the same evening **Birendra** went to make his annual retreat under the guidance of **Fr Ignatius Tete** at Sitagarh. On 23rd **Gregory** and **Prakash Baskey** went for house blessing to one of the relatives of **Gregory** at Bokaro Steel. A marriage seminar was held under the guidance of **Emile Ekka**, catechist Gunjan and **Nicholas** at Charhi for ten pairs. **Schols. Prakash, Amardeep** and **Dilip** went to Hazaribag for monthly recollection.

HAZARIBAG, ARRUPPE NIWAS

Arrupe Niwas had a very pleasant surprise when **Sch. Patrick Tirkey's** family arrived to wish **Patrick** a happy birthday and join in the midday meal. Shortly after this, **Patrick** and **Markus** were transferred to St. Xavier's community, a big loss to our community. For five months, they made our community younger, bolstered our crossword team, helped in cooking, organised our dining room, and were ever ready to help, while still following on line classes. All the scholastics of the province gathered here on 31 Oct. to have their recollection under the able

guidance of **Fr. Tony Herbert**, accompanied by the PCF.

Fr. Santosh, the Provincial has been touring the province according to the convenience and has been attending to the needs of the province' works and personnel. He also set aside some time to meet the community members as part of the Visitation and encouraged everyone to be available to serve the needs of the province and be hospitable to everyone that comes to our community. He also pointed out certain concerns and encouraged us to keep working on them. Thanks **Fr. Santosh** for giving us your valuable time to listen to us!

The scholastics studying philosophy have been moved to St. Xavier's School Community to better facilitate their studies. We are happy to welcome back **Fr. Rajendra Tete** who flew in from Australia after completing very fruitful tertianship there. **Sch. Raymond Hansdak'** is with us waiting to get his papers ready to fly out to France for his studies. Now he is admitted in Holy Cross Hospital, Tarwa for urinary infection. **Sch. Praful Bage** came down here to fix his problematic teeth with a dentist.

With long hours of online classes, studies and working on the laptop, **Shyam** found himself with a swollen right hand and shoulder and both feet. He went down to see Mr. Kishore, one of the teachers of Masi Marsal Middle School, Kajarkilo. Besides massage he has recommended morning tea made of Harsingar (*Nyctanthes arbor-tristis*) leaves but very strict observation of study routine with ten minutes break every hour and a total prohibition of broiler chicken, egg and fish! International gossip mongers had it that **Shyam** was suffering with a liver problem! Well, liver depends on the liver! **Shyam** is gaining his health with the medicine he is using and living a normal life!

On 10th Nov., 2020 the Arrupe Niwas Community had a thanks giving Mass for **Fr. Gyan Savari** who is going to join Mahuadanr Community. The superior of the community **Fr. Sushil** underlined the fact that besides serving the province as Asst., Treasurer for three years **Gyan** served the province for thirteen years as the treasurer. **Fr. Gyan** shared some of his experiences as treasurer: He was directly

connected to **Fr. General**, all the treasurers of the Society, the province and the co-workers of the province and that was a wonderful experience. He could experience God at work at different levels and whole experience was a wonderful experience of brotherhood in spite of some of the challenges that he as a treasurer faced. **Fr. Gyan** is moving to Mahuadanr to take care of the responsibilities of running the Catholic Co-operative Bank, Mahuadanr. As the community we thanked the Lord for his life and mission as a treasurer and we also prayed for God's grace and blessing in his new responsibility. For some time, things will not seem the same in Arrupe as **Gyan** has been here for the last 16 years looking after the Province's finances and working with four Provincials. Kudos! to **Fr. Gyan**.

Fr. Provincial was the main celebrant for the mass on 24 Oct., at Punyabhumi. Due the lockdown guidelines very few participants came for the Mass. But, we had the Sitagarha Tertians who blessed the place with their presence on that day. *The large number of Priests at the side of the altar filled the air with a sense of sacredness and awe.* One of the members of the local group shared his emotional bond and fond memories of **Fr. AT., Thomas** which touched everyone. After the Mass all the fathers and the sisters and some faithful, went to Rajhar hostel for the special Lunch. From there **Frs. Provincial, Bob** and **Sushil**, went to attend the wedding ceremony of Mr. Kalyan Bara, our cook. (Hario Parish)

Mr. John Kujur, who worked in Hazaribag Jesuit Province Curia for 32 years, passed away on 31 Oct. 2020 at his home in Korra, Hazaribag. He left behind his wife and two sons. He was in his 70s. May his soul rest in Peace!

HAZARIBAG, PRERANA COMMUNITY

On the 1st October Manjhiladih teachers started tuition for the children from 12.00 to 1.00 p.m. daily. **Fr. Shyju** went to Gomia to hear confessions of CMC postulants. **Fr. Christopher** went to Bagaicha for the lokmanch meeting. On the 10 Oct., we had an online meeting to finalise the modus operandi to protest the arrest of **Fr. Stan**. And a human chain was organized on the 12th spreading over two kilometers from district

mor to the new bus stand. **Fr. Christopher** went for this retreat before his final vows to SSC and is back. Sr. Provincial of the Samaritan Sisters came to discuss some land problem with **Fr. Shyju**. None from Prerana could attend the Punyboomi Eucharistic Celebration this year. **Fr. Shyju** along with **Fr. Tony** went to Lawalong.

Fr. Thomas Joseph was admitted in Shanti Bhawan Hospital Biru on 3rd November to be treated for his long standing urological problem by Dr. Guanraj from Velore. While attempting to identify the procedure for prostate and bladder, a new issue came up, namely narrowing of urinary track. This finding raised further concerns, as a result the specialists suggested prolonged stage by stage attempt to dilate the urinary passage. This would mean a repeated visit to Biru hospital. He returned to Hazaribag on 9th November.

TARWA, ST. JOSEPH'S

All the teachers of the school were called in to collect the details of the students since 2016, as it was demanded by the education department. Meanwhile **Fr. Theodore** and regent **Raja** were busy filling in the forms of the 9th standard students for their 10th board exams. This year we have filled the forms from a school at Daru.

Fr. Francis Marian visited us and he insisted on better upkeep of our buildings and school records. One afternoon we together with our staff went to Hazaribag to make a human chain in support of Fr. Stan Swami. On 15th October we celebrated the birthday of **Fr. Maria Louis**.

One day a group of Hazaribag Xavierians came to our school and distributed note -books and pens to our local students. Our scholastics **Raja**, **Sumit** and **Naveen** attended their monthly recollection at Arrupe Niwas. On another day the juniors of SSC Sitagarha came to our campus to have a picnic. All the teachers of Ankur tuition centres gathered at Hutpa to have their monthly meeting.

HAZARIBAG, ST. ROBERT'S

Due to lockdown no major activities took place in October. As usual the teachers were

busy with their online classes. To upgrade their teaching skill in Google classroom, teachers were given online training by Mr. Abhishek from Pune. Now they take tests through Google classroom. Now we have a new problem of admitting students in 11th section because of the sudden restriction of the numbers. **Fr. Albinus** is running up and down to Ranchi JAC office to solve this problem. Now the registration process of 9th and 11th classes for board exam is going.

Fr. P.O. Chacko made a visit to Bhurkunda to supervise the building construction work. The construction work of the Administrative Block in our school campus is progressing well and the toilet block is nearly finished.

Sch. Augustine went home to look after his nephew who had met with a bike accident. Meanwhile he fell ill and was diagnosed with typhoid, he was admitted to Holy Cross hospital. When he was about to return after recovering from typhoid, his uncle passed away. Finally he returned back to the community and is under quarantine. **Fr. Amod** went to Sitagarha to do his retreat before the final vows, under the guidance of **Fr. Ignatius Tete**.

HAZARIBAG, ST. XAVIER'S

One spin off from corona time is that our community has grown, and has become, at least till next summer, a house of studies. A number of our student scholastics have been unable to reach their places of study and like thousands of other students they too are doing on-line classes. Nine Hazaribag scholastics engaged in on-line studies have occupied the upstairs rooms of the guest wing. They are:

Marcus Murmu: 1 st Yr. Phil, DNC
Patrick Tirkey: 1 st Yr. Phil, Satya Nilayam
John Kerketta: 1 st Yr. Phil, DNC
Sushil Kumar Bage: 1 st Yr. Phil, DNC
Nelson Lakra: 1 st Yr. Phil, DNC
Sujit Besra: 3 rd Yr. BA, SX Coll. Ahmedabad
Samuel Nagesia: 2 nd Yr. BSc, SX Coll Ahmedabad,
Paulus Soren : 2 nd Yr B.Sc. Loyola, Chennai
Antony Dungdung: 1 st Yr. BA, Loyola, Andhra.

Fr. Provincial has appointed **Fr. Manoj Roshan** as the In-charge of the scholastics. On

20th October **Fr. Manoj** paid a quick visit to the Tata Cancer Hospital, Kolkata. He picked up some medicines and his health reports. Two days later he flew to Bangalore to consult Dr. Rakesh, a surgical oncologist at St. John's Medical College. He was advised to continue his present medication, and it was left to him to return to St. John's for surgery in the New Year.

Having finished his exams in Mangalore **Schol. Jivan Baxla** had gone to Bangalore, and accompanied **Fr. Manoj** to St. John's Hospital. They returned together on 27th and **Jivan** rejoined the community. **Jivan then continued** his service as *sathi* (a companion) and accompanied **Fr. Thomas Joseph** to Shanti Bhavan Medical Centre, Simdega. **Tom** underwent a urethral dilation procedure, and has returned with **Jivan**.

To conclude the month 18 scholastics from around the Province stayed for a night with us while attending their recollection in Arrupe Niwas.

The school has bought a new, grey colour, eight seater Toyota Innova. In the presence of the community, **Fr. Bill** blessed it after Mass on 7 November. Invoking the blessing of Our Lady of the Way, the scholastics led us in singing "Be with us, Mary, along the way". About 250 books culled from the Province library are now on the shelves of the library of St. Xavier's College, Mahuadanr.

MAHUADANR, ST. JOSEPH'S

The month of October was a very busy time for the Parish. This year *Tusgo* Feast was celebrated in a grand way in the villages. The concluding *Tusgo* feast was celebrated in the Parish on 25th of October. These days **Frs. Suresh** and **Kamal** are very busy offering *Tusgo* masses for the villagers.

The rectification of marriage seminar was organised in the circles. All together, 62 marriages were blessed. Another 42 couples are waiting. The Church is opened for the public and we are having normal activities. The Sacramental administrations are held in the villages as well as in the Parish. **Frs. Dilip** and **Anil** took great interest to construct four Badminton courts. Now all the Fathers are regularly playing more than an hour.

This month we had some distinguished visitors; **Rev. Bishop Anand Jojo** made a surprise visit to Mahuadanr Community on 30th of October and stayed with us overnight. **Fr. Provincial** made a visit to Mahuadanr on 17 Oct., for the manifestation of some members, and also had a Consult meeting in St. Xavier's College for which **Frs. Sushil Lakra, Patras Tirkey** and **George Thomas** also came.

Fr. Arun Minj came from Bokaro for the burial of his elder brother Bipin Kishore Minj who died on 29th October. **Fr. Tintus** accompanied him.

The registration of classes IX and XI is done in St. Joseph's +2 school. Except a few students all have done their registration. Repair work of the broken walls inside the building is being done continuously during the lock down period. Some teachers are involved in painting desks and benches. Some repair work in the hostel has been done. Now, there are Some boys and girls in the hostel to study. **Sch. Praful Bage** went to Hazaribag for the monthly recollection.

Fr. Sebren went to Chiropath for the School Managing Meeting. On the feast day of St. Alphonsus Rodriguez, we greeted and prayed for **Bro. David Xalxo**.

Our Mission Bank is functioning very well. People are taking a lot of loans and getting benefits. **Frs. Peter Jones** and **Roshan** are very much satisfied with these developments.

SHAHPUR, SAHODAYA

The construction of the boys' hostel bathroom is progressing and the last stage of the work will be completed after Deepavali and Chat Pujā. Some of the 10th class hostel boys have been called to the hostel for special classes. The teachers are always available and they come regularly to the school works. Though the school is not opened during this lock down period due to corona, our school was chosen as one of the centres to conduct Madrasa exams. The teachers were available to supervise the exams. During the month, we had managed to conduct the school managing committee meetings separately both for high school and the middle school. One of the main agenda was to open an English medium section under Jharkhand board along with the Hindi medium in the same campus. All the

subjects will be taught in English as a medium, the school will be named Sahodaya English medium school.

After Madrasa exams got over, again our school was chosen as one of the centers for the departmental exams. We are eagerly waiting for the order from the government to reopen the schools. This year the catholic community of Birsanagar wanted to have a separate Eucharistic celebration in Sahodaya campus and celebrate Nayakhani, and the parish priest of Daltonganj was the main celebrant apart from **Frs. Moris and Tom**. On 19 the Oct. **Fr. Provincial** made a quick visit to Sahodaya to discuss more about the prevailing situation on school and community. On 20th Oct. all the members of Vivek Sadan community gathered at Sahodaya for a special meeting, prior to the meeting the scholastics conducted a very meaning full prayer service which was appreciated by all. Our scholastics are very punctual to attend the monthly recollections held at Hazaribag. **Fr. Tom** accompanied **Frs. Sibrus and Jugal** went to Jamshedpur to meet **Bro. Maxi Lakra** who is sick and unable to move around. On 8th November all the Vivek Sadan community gathered at Vivek Sadan to give farewell to **Fr. Victor Lakra** who will be moving out to TTI, Sitagarha on 15th Oct. **Fr. Victor** was in Vivek Sadan for last three years as the minister and garden in-charge. The community is grateful for **Sch. Nelson Lakra** for his service to the hostel and school for last one year and four months. **Frs. Fredrick and James Dungdung** occasionally drop in to Daltonganj for any meeting and birth day celebrations. Otherwise they are keeping themselves busy with pastoral activities. [healing mission]: Now **Fr. James** has managed to find some sort of medicine to cure the cancer patient. Many sick people come daily to visit him for various illness. Of course the **Sch. Ravi** helps both **Fredrick and James** in various ways. **Fr. Marianus** is busy visiting Paton block regularly in order get necessary documents for the school opening permission. At the moment he has gone to his own block in Barway.

SHAHPUR, VIVEKSADAN

In the middle of this month the Pre-Novices had 1st semester exam to evaluate

themselves. We spent a day in Jamuniatanr seeing the Korwa Mission. **Fr. Frederick Gidh**, the parish priest of Jamuniatanr, welcomed us with open arms and showed the magnanimity of his heart by providing delicious food for our body and information about Korwa mission for our mind. A sincere thanks to **Fredrick** and the community for their hospitality. On the way to Jamuniatanr we visited Garhwa parish and Shanti Niwas School. A bundle of thanks to Queen of the Apostles for their welcome song and snacks. We also had a chance to visit Aanraj Dam.

Before starting the 2nd semester we had an evaluation of the 1st semester. It was an open and sincere sharing. Some valuable suggestions were proposed during the sharing to improve the community life.

To show our solidarity with **Fr. Stan** and raise our voice against injustice we had a silent protest rally at Chhamuhan, Daltonganj. One rally was organized by the church and the other was organized by all the minority groups of Daltonganj.

Frs. Lawrence Tirkey and Arbind Beck went to Garhwa to give recollection talks and hear confessions. **Fr. Lawrence** gave recollection points to Fatima Sisters whereas **Arbind** gave recollection points to Queen of the Apostles. **Arbind** also went to Churadohar for the same purpose and accompanied FCC sisters to visit their Kundpani community. He also accompanied the scholastics to Hazaribag for their recollection and sharing. **Fr. Ajit Soreng** is accompanying Pre-Novices by taking classes and meeting them regularly. **Fr. Sushil Osga** is working around the clock to feed us well and **Fr. Victor** is making sure that our garden is green, and we get fresh vegetables. Thanks to **Fr. Victor** for the hard work.

SITAGARHA, P.T.E.C.

An online literary competition was organized for all the students to mark the celebration of Gandhi Jayanti on 2nd October. All students participated enthusiastically in painting and rangoli competitions. Winners were acknowledged and appreciated by publishing their works on the college website. A staff meeting was held to evaluate and re-plan eLearning for students, and also to review the

tentative academic calendar 2020-21. Now, students have been provided an offline doubt clarification option during the second half of the day. Therefore, two staff members are assigned every day to assist the students in their learning. In November, the college is going to celebrate Jharkhand Sthapna-Diwas (foundation day) on 13th November, and on this occasion, various online competitions are planned for the students. At the same, the college is also gearing up for an online semester Examination in the month of December. At PTEC, paddy harvesting has just begun, this year due to pandemic it has to manage without its students. The new basketball court is ready for the casting, which will be done soon after the Diwali holidays. **Frs. Vincent and Francis Indwar**, took two days off from the works and went to Giridih during the Pooja holidays to pay a visit to **Vincent's** ailing brother and also to meet the Tilaya Parish priest to discuss about **Dn. Simon's** ordination.

Fr. Raska Soren accompanied by **Dn. Simon Murmu** went to Late **Fr. Anglus Tudus**'s village to mark his death anniversary on 5th October. **Fr. Philemon** made two quick visits to Ranchi- one to bless a marriage of his relative to Hesag Don Bosco parish and second to Saporom to bless and witness the grand opening of Mr. Dilip Tirkey's restaurant and banquet hall. On 30th October, on the Ordination anniversary of **Fr. Arwind Minj**, **Fr. Philemon Tirkey** visited him at Patra Dalit Centre to thank the Lord, as it was also his own.

St. Xavier's School Gurwa: There are 95 students in class 9 and 68 in class 11 (56 in Arts and 12 in science), who got registered for session 2020-22. **Fr. Sibrus Barwa**, the Principal is faced with the following challenges of the school: 1. How to get fees from students so that teachers could be paid at least equal to minimum daily wages. 2. There are science students in the School but the science laboratory is empty. 3. The school is trying to contact students through WhatsApp and occasional contact classes. Amidst, all these, the teachers are trying their best to help the students.

Teacher's Training Practice Middle School Gurwa: Srs. Anima and Pratima were busy in middle school by taking some doubts and

clarification session classes to 7-8 students offline in the school. All the other teachers were also called and took offline and online classes.

Loyola School Sitagarha: The teachers were regularly coming to the school and conducting Online teaching. Various teaching aids like Charts, Chalk Board, making audio-videos while teaching and sending them, etc. have increased the interest among the students. Talking to their class students and their parents is part of the class teachers' teaching. It, indeed, has made a difference. The students were prepared well for the online examination. The exams were conducted very efficiently. The teachers prepared the Report Card and gave them on 4-5 November. This will certainly create a better understanding among the students -parents, and to the school. The teaching and non-teaching staff feel happy to see the school campus looking beautiful with a variety of flowers, growing 150 Mahogini, Teak, and Gamhar trees with many other croton plants. *Fr. Philemon Tirkey SJ*

SITAGARHA, ST. STANISLAUS COLLEGE

Fr. Francis Kurien gave a counselling course to the Holy cross Tertians at Sitagarha.

Fr. Tom Venad as usual went to RTC Ranchi to take classes for the Theologians. **Br. Sidhu** (Patana Junior) went to ENT Doctor Kongari for a post review of his ear operation. The Tertians joined the community at supper after their long retreat. The Juniors congratulated them with a nice song on 5th Oct. On 8th Oct the Novices organised an evening prayer service with a short skit to thank and praise God for the successful completion of their long retreat. After the programme we all had a good meal together. The 1st year Novices began their long retreat on 10 Oct. And the second years moved to Dumar for the work experience.

Frs. Rector, Camile and Prabodh went to Bartua Parish for the blessing of the newly built church. **Fr. Camile** was thrilled to meet his old Parishners of Bhurkunda (Bartua). **Camile** has very special bond with the Bartua Parish because the Parish land is bought during his time and is registered in his name. All the Tertians, Juniors and the staff members very actively participated in the human chain programme in the town for the immediate release of **Fr. Stan**

Swami S.J. Frs. Rector and **K. C. Stephen** went to Carmel Ashram for Mass on the occasion of the feast of St. Teresa of Avila. Fr. Rector presided over the Mass while Fr. Stephen preached the homily.

Br. Lawrence who was in Holy Cross Hospital Tarwa was taken by **Fr. Minister** to Sadar Hospital for Covid-19 test and was declared negative. After the test he was taken back to Tarwa for a better medical treatment. Two 2nd year Novices were with him to assist him. He came back to SSC on 23rd Oct. **Fr. Thomas Carter** (DUM Tertian) went to Chennai to see his seriously sick mother.

Fr. Kurien went to Medanta Hospital to see the cardiologist on 28th Oct. The Doctor advised him to go for angiography and for that he had to get admitted one day in advance. The test result was normal. He was discharged the next day. **Sch. Anish** was his Hospital sathi.

Juniors went to Tarwa for their monthly picnic on 31st Oct. And on the same day **Fr. Rector** attended the Ordination in Sitagarha

Parish. **Fr. K.C. Stephen** has occupied himself giving long retreat to the Holy Cross Tertians. **Fr. Ignace** gave 15 day long retreat to the 2nd year Ursuline Novices and now he is giving another retreat to St. Anne's Tertians at Hulhundu.

This year the Tertians could not go for retreat preaching and experiments due to Covid-19 restrictions. So they are occupied in different apostolates in the campus itself. Our community mango grove looks neat and clean under the supervision of **Fr. Varghese**. 1st year Novices are doing well in their long retreat under the guidance of **Fr. Anil**, the Novice Master. **Sch. Prashant** has fully taken up the charge of the kitchen and helps the Minister when needed.

We were shocked to hear the sudden demise of **Fr. Joachim Dungdung** on 19th October 2020. He served St. Stanislaus College, Sitagarha for three terms, as a Hindi Professor of Juniorate. May the good Lord reward him in his eternal Kingdom!

FROM DIASPORA

ANDHRA LOYOLA COLLEGE

The month of October began with the preparation holidays for the 2nd and 4th semester examinations which were postponed due to Covid-19. The 3rd years began their exams from 5th and the Second years from 12th October, but due to heavy rain again exams were postponed.

Fr. Bosco had left for Patna on 16th for a meeting and came back on 23. The Sanjeevan scholastics along with the senior scholastics, Fathers and novices from ALC and Anand jyoti community and few other staff members from different Jesuits institutions, joined the rally for the release of **Fr Stan, sj** in Andhra Loyola College campus on 20. Apart from the regular prayers for **Fr Stan Swamy** we had a candle light procession on 12 and a special Eucharistic celebration on 23 in Sanjeevan Niwas.

Fr. Kiran sj, went to Hyderabad for Superiors' meeting on 23 for one week. In his absence **Fr. Mariyanna**, spiritual director was acting Superior. We had short visits of **Frs. Selvin sj, Paul Amal sj**, and **Vidhya Sagar sj**, from Andhra province, which doubled our joys. Being busy with online classes we got an opportunity for monthly recollection by **Fr. Anand sj**, on 24, which deepened our spiritual life. On 31st had felicitations to **Rev. Fr. Dr. A. Rex Angelo, sj** on his retirement in Andhra College.

We are busy with online classes and preparing for our semester exams. We pray for our entire province men especially the elderly and we also request to pray for us.

Schols. Aseet & Ashim & Arockia, sj

FROM OVERSEAS

CAMBODIA

It was recorded that after many years, in the first and second week of October we had a heavy rain in Cambodia. It was a total disaster and got flooded in many parts of Cambodia specially the northern part. Now it stopped

raining and gradually water is getting subsided. Many generous people came forward and helped the poor and the needy. On 13 October we had spiritual sharing in the community. **Fr. Ingun, SJ** the superior of the community gave us some reflective questions, such as how do we mark or

celebrate the upcoming Ignatian Year in Cambodia. It was a fruitful group sharing.

On 15th of October **Fr. Indon, SJ** the delegate of Korea Provincial organized one day Zoom workshop on “Safeguarding Policy” for all the Jesuits working in Cambodia. The resource person was **Fr. Xavier, SJ** of Korea province at present teaching in Pontifical University Gregorian Rome. It was an eye opening for me.

On 17th October 2020 we commemorated the 24th death anniversary of **Sch. Richie Fernando, SJ**. Banteay Prieb the place where Richie worked and died has been closed because the property was taken aback by the government for their new plans. The memorial that had been erected in his honour at Banteay Prieb has been temporarily moved to the chapel of Prieb So. **Fr. Lamug-Nanawa Dennis Gabriel, SJ (PHI)**, the former country coordinator of Jesuit Service Cambodia and his team, due to current situation, planned a commemoration of Richie service in a simple and effective manner. The online theological studies were in full swing, a lot of study materials were given by professors and lot of assignments to do; therefore I was grappled by my studies. The modern technology made it possible and handy. There was joy and excitement in studying theology. Due to Covid-19 and the lockdown, I could not arrive Rome; I am still stuck in Cambodia.

On 2nd November I got the information that my theological program at PUG Rome Italy has been cancelled, and I need to come back home to the Province Hazaribag India. The present situation doesn't permit me to travel; there are no flights available from Cambodia to India. On 9th of November from Prieb so (the mother house of JSC), I moved to “Home of Hope” M.C brother's place in Phnom Penh Cambodia. I will be temporarily staying with M.C brothers, and render my service in the hospital until I get my flights to India. With brothers, I already got engaged in the activities and services. My experience in the first day itself, action speaks louder than the words, and direct encounters with God in and through children and patients, I am finding God in all

things even in this present situation. I will continue to stay here until I get flights. I sincerely thank **Fr. Ingun, SJ** the superior for this arrangement. Thank you for your sincere prayerful support, I am keeping a good health of mind, body and spirit. Let us continue to pray for each other, united in prayer.

Sch. Deepak Lakra, sj

MADRID, SPAIN

We are in a second lockdown, still move out for some important works following the guidelines. Each province is given autonomy to decide and take measures according to the situations of Covid-19 in their regions. In the community, two brothers **Sch. Edgerio sj**, and **Sch. Manuel sj**, observed some symptoms of the Covid-19 but got negative results. On the other hand, **Fr. David Cabrera sj**, had an appendix operation and, **Fr. Deepak Tirkey sj**, (MAP), from the ‘Canto Blanco community’, was very serious with Covid-19, but now he is out of danger. So far all of us are keeping well amidst this disastrous pandemic. I got a chance to attend a Seminar organized at Comillas University by Spain Province on protecting the minors and collaborators in our institution and Church; it was summed up with the Acolyte Mass offered by the Provincial. We had a recollection, faith sharing and group dynamics outside of Madrid, and some basic presentations about the province and missions in the Community. The classes are in full swing even though there are some cases of Covid-19, but they attend classes through the portal. After a study week, third-years are busy with their thesis, first and second years with extra classes, assignments, and presentations. First-semester exams will be held in December. Please keep praying for us. *Sch. Prawin Vikas Xalxo, sj*

NAIROBI

Greetings from Nairobi! Our Jesuit Centre here in Nairobi, Mwangaza Jesuit Spirituality Centre, where the Procurators' Congregation was held in 2012 in which our **Provincial Fr. Santosh** was one of the delegates, gradually opened for programmes after many months of lockdown. I too am kept busy at the centre with retreats and other

programmes. Bookings are going on for the next batch of tertianship which is supposed to start at the beginning of January 2021, all depending on the COVID-19 situation.

The New Provincial of East Africa Province, **Fr. Kizzito**, takes charge on 3rd December. The outgoing Provincial **Fr. Afulo** is appointed New Vice-Chancellor of Arrupe Jesuit University, Harare in Zimbabwe. That is where the Africa-Madagascar Assistancy has the English Philosophate like our Satya Nilayam at Chennai.

Regarding the COVID-19 situation, by the middle of October the daily number of infections had come down. Schools were reopened; road transport, markets and other institutions of normal activities slowly picked up. But now, warnings are loud and clear on the media about another surge as the numbers of infections began to be on the rise again. Like some of the European countries, Kenya too is showing signs of a second wave of the pandemic. We keep our fingers crossed and hope that downward trend continues.

India has announced again that the suspension of normal international flights would continue for another month except for special Vandebharat flights and “bubble” flights to some countries. There is no direct flight yet between Kenya and India. People who have to travel on emergency do so by round-about routes connecting up with flights from other countries.

Our neighbouring Tanzania, just four hours’ drive from here, which is part of this Province and where most of our Jesuits come from, is one country among the African Nations least affected by the Pandemic. They do not wear masks nor do they have any restrictions on social gatherings. Schools and churches continued to function normally while the neighbouring nations were reeling under the onslaught of spreading infections. The president of the country, John Magufuli, a staunch (evangelical) catholic, who has been re-elected in last week’s general elections, has declared the country “Corona virus-free” thanks to the prayers by the citizens!!! I say this because last month at the funeral of a Jesuit there, the whole

parish gathered in big number and the usual burial ceremony followed lasting the whole day. *Fr. R.C.*

PARIS, FRANCE

The month of October brought to us a mixed emotion, and we have all journeyed through it courageously. Since last few weeks, France has witnessed a series of three terror attacks on her civilians. These brutal attacks starting from its capital Paris followed by attack in the cathedral of Nice and then Lyon, swept the fear of terror across. The uncertainty of “the next” had prevailed throughout France, but fortunately, the situation of fear is dying down now. During the Eucharistic celebration in St. Ignatius church, Paris on 1st November, the police had to intervene and stay on guard due to suspect activity of one person. Kudos to the team of national security for constantly instilling the confidence in the citizens. On the other hand, the COVID-19 has again taken the strong grip in most cities of France. This has forced the government to impose the second indefinite confinement throughout the country. There has been reports of COVID-19 cases in different Jesuit communities in Paris. Some recover fast and others take more time. 25 Oct. was marked by the death of two Jesuits in the province. The superior of **Amit’s** community, **Fr. Bernard Poulet sj** (63) passed away of cardiac-arrest on Sunday, 25 Oct. After having symptoms of Covid-19, he was isolated in his room for three days. On Sunday morning, he was found lying on the floor in his room. The emergency medical team was called upon for the immediate aid but by then it was too late. We presumed that the internal bleeding could have led to his cardiac-arrest. Since he was also COVID-19 positive, the special team had to intervene for the preparation of his coffin. His remains in the coffin were kept in the community until 29 Oct. The requiem mass was held at St. Ignatius church on Thursday which was exclusively attended by the family, friends and the Jesuits. His body was finally laid in the graveyard of Jesuits in Montmartre. After the loss of their superior, the community was also isolated. Out of 23 Jesuits, three were tested covid-19 positive. Many others had to remain in

self-quarantined. Therefore, the older Jesuits had to be given special attention and the younger ones served them. Being healthy and untouched by the COVID-19, **Amit** actively served those who were confined to their rooms. After few weeks of isolation, fortunately all have recovered well. During last few weeks, the community had to live with the pain, uncertainty and worries. The able guidance of the vice-superior and the prayerful supports of the Jesuits and friends have been the consoling factors. The brotherhood and fraternity have been strengthened in the community through this difficult time. The community is grateful for your prayerful support.

We had one week of vacation “Toussaint” in the last week of October, and

since then we are confined at home. During this vacation, the European time has been changed by adding one more extra hour to it. Now we are exactly 4 hours late from Indian timeline. After the vacation, we resumed our classes all in hybrid-visual modes. All the sessions and classes have followed again different online portals and video-conferencing. We both are keeping a good health for the moment and are fully engaged in our studies and other assignments. We have been waiting for Raymond who is supposed to come to Paris.

Other Indian scholastics have already arrived and have begun their language classes. The rest is fine here. Kindly keep us in your prayers and be assured of ours too.

Schols. George & Amit, sj

Kindly Pray for our sick Fathers and brothers, very specially **Br. Lawrence Saldanha**, as he is facing multiple health problems and has become weak and is bedridden.

KINDLY REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

- **Fr. Joachim Dungdung, SJ** (RAN) died on 19 October 2020 in Constant Lievens Hospital, Mandar of massive cardiac arrest. 73/48
- Elder Brother of **Fr. Arun Minj, SJ**, Mr. **Bipin Kishore Minj** died on 29th Oct. 2020 in Medanta hospital, Ranchi. (50)
- **Mr. John Kujur**, the former staff of the Province Curia who died on 31 October in Korra Hazaribag. (70)
- **Br. Jeyaraj Annaviar, S.J.** (MDU) died on 3 November 2020 at St. Joseph Hospital, Dindigul. 78/57
- The Cousin Brother of **Fr. Peter Paul Kerketta**, Mr. **Basant Kerketta** died on 03 Nov. 2020 in Kolkota. (50)
- **Fr. Carlos Valles, SJ** (GUJ) died on 9 November 2020 in Madrid, Spain. 95/79

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

NOVEMBER		DECEMBER	
6/1984	Prakash Tigga		
8/2016	Herbert Balding	01/2016	Tony D’Souza
11/1982	Peter Lewis	03/1988	Gerard Drumm
14/1984	James Thwaites	18/2000	Edmund O’Connor
18/1968	Nicolai Bilic		
20/2002	Otto Bhosle		
21/1995	Yacub Tirkey		
30/1980	Kevin Grogan		