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**Fr. GENERAL HAS APPOINTED:**

**Fr. Jan Roser** (51) as the new Provincial of the German Province

**Fr. Dominic Vu Kim Quyen** (51) as the new Provincial of the Australian Province

**Fr. Martin Lenk** (59) as the new Provincial of the Province of the Antilles  
(Dominican Republic, Cuba, the Miami region, Jamaica and Guyana)

**FR. PROVINCIAL'S PROGRAM**

**OCTOBER – 2020**

02-04 Central Zone Provincials' Meeting- Ranchi  
11-00 Bartua Church Blessing  
17-19 Mahuadanr- Province Consult  
26-30 JCSA Online Meeting

**NOVEMBER – 2020**

02-04 Visitation – Arrupe Niwas  
05-00 Meeting with directors of work; Prerana  
13-00 Final Vows- Mahuadanr  
17-00 Province Commission Meeting  
21-00 Final Vows – Prerana  
22-00 Province Consult A.N. 8.30 a.m.  
27-28 Visitation Ranchi, Schols. Manresa & RTC

**FROM AROUND THE PROVINCE**

**BHURKUNDA**

Last two months' time we have improved the online attendance. Completed our First Unit Test and now we are busy with Half Yearly Exam. We were also busy with the school recognition process. **Saju** and **Suman** and once **Kishore** Made couple of visits to the DEO and the JAC. Due to personal reasons one of the High School staff has resigned. In her

place **Kishore** has become a full time teacher and will start his teaching from November. From October 1st we are having mass in the Church. Sunday mass attendance is growing steadily. **Basant** introduced **Christopher** to most of the mass centres. One part of the Hostel building, ground floor roof, concreting is over. On 13<sup>th</sup> Oct. we expressed our Solidarity with all the human right's activists.

**K.C. Philip** from SSC, Juniorate spent two days with us. **Lopes** is in good spirit. **Peter** and **Tej'** visit us and narrate the Boitka stories.

Three of us went for the Bartuwa church blessing. **Basant** is an established snake charmer now. He gets call at the middle of the nights to capture snakes. As a good environmentalist he frees all his captured snakes in the forest.

### **BOKARO, ST. XAVIER'S**

In the late evening, on August 13, **Fr. Arun** hurried to the Constant Lievens hospital, Chainpur to see his mother who had breathing problems. Next morning she breathed her last in the presence of **Fr. Arun** and his sisters. She was 82 years old.

On August 15, early in the morning, **Fr. Xavier Tigga** lost his beloved brother **Fr. Augustine Tigga**. The funeral took place on August 16. His brothers and sisters were able to join in the funeral service at Sitagarha cemetery.

**Fr. Tintus** has begun his pastoral visit to the nearby Santhal Villages. **Fr. Xavier** is working very hard in the settlement of the land issues of different places. Masi Marsal School Patki has managed to register the land in the name of the school. **Fr. Raska Soren** was the sole landlord for selling it to them. Now **Frs. Xavier** and **Tintus** both are anxiously waiting for the right time to apply for the mutation in Petarbar block. It was the fruit of their tireless effort. **Xavier** was in Patratu for a week to help out the CIC sisters in settling their school's land problems. **Xavier** seems to be in high demand at the moment.

The school conducted its first semester examination online, for the very first time, for all the sections from prep to class XII successfully, and now getting ready to publish the report card with the help of the recently bought Literom ERP software. The teachers are well trained in this and are doing

the data entry by themselves. Setting up the internal communication system in the school is on hold due to the lack of the necessary equipment.

13<sup>th</sup> September was an outing day for the community. The community together with our 3 FCC sisters visited De Nobili Schools Bhuli, Digwadhi and Holy Cross School, Chandankyari. On 17<sup>th</sup> of September **Fr. James**, as a Good Samaritan, along with the FCC sisters, had a quick visit to **Fr. Kurien** to know his *halchal* at St. Xaviers Hazaribag.

**Fr. Arun** has taken a great interest in planting Sal saplings specifically this year since last year his choice was Mahogany. Behind the plus-two building is the prime land for these plantations. More than 500 saplings are being planted.

### **CHARHI, MASI MARSAL**

In the month of September our movements were restricted due to covid-19. The school office remained open all through and the non-teaching staff did regular duties as well. Pastoral work as such was fulfilled not on regular basis but according to the need of the faithful. On September 4<sup>th</sup> we received death news of **Fr. Birendra's** father in the evening. In the same evening decision was made to attend the last rite on following day. On following day **Sch. Prakash Baskey** went by motor bike and **Frs. Birendra, Nicholas** and Sr. Kamala Panna, went by community vehicle. **Fr. Birendra** remained with his mother at home for next two days and returned. Thanks to Mahuadanr community for accommodation and hospitality for overnight stay. On 13<sup>th</sup> of September **Fr. Provincial** came to discuss our apostolate.

For the Holy Cross feast a special holy Eucharist was offered in Kuju by **Fr. Emile** who was accompanied by **Sch. Prakash Baskey**, Ghato by **Fr. Birendra**, and Lal Bangla by **Fr. Nicholas** and **Fr. Gregory**. On 19<sup>th</sup> of September we received from Sr.

Kamala Panna, HC about sudden death of Ms. Kusmita Lakra, our middle school teacher. Our staff members went to Ranchi for the last rites. Let us pray for the members of the family and pray for the departed soul. On 24<sup>th</sup> of September **Fr. Birendra** and Mr. Anup went to JAC office to submit some school documents. On 26<sup>th</sup> **Schols. Prakash Baskey** and **Amardeep** went to Hazaribag for recollection. Both are busy in on-line classes daily in the mornings.

### **HAZARIBAG, ARRUPE NIWAS**

Towards the end of the month, Bob went with Santosh to Pakripath, Chiro and Tundtoli. Bob went to make a final check and get details of the covid19 relief projects. All our Jesuits and Sr. Flora have done great work, in Pakripath building a kitchen addition to the dining shed of the students, in Chiro, a much renovated kitchen for the Mary's Meals programme. In Tundtoli, much repair work was done to the school building and the kitchen. Because of these programmes, not only very useful work was done but also 38 workers benefited directly and 1845 persons indirectly by the improvements made to facilities. With this final information received, Bob from Mahuadanr was able to send the final report of all the projects to Jesuit Mission on time, the last day for reporting. In all over 17,000 persons benefited at least indirectly from the projects.

Members of the Arrupe community joined with other Hazaribag, Sitagarha and Charhi Jesuit communities, very many community members of Sisters and Brothers, and lay persons, on Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> October, forming a human chain 2 Km along the main road to show support to **Fr. Stan s.j.** of Jamshedpur Province and other activists who have been jailed and to demand their release.

### **HAZARIBAG, PRERANA COMMUNITY**

On the 5<sup>th</sup> an online seminar was conducted on NEP as a part of the CMEIA

program. The resource person was **Fr. P. J. James**. It was chaired by **Fr. Shyju Thomas**. On **Shyju's** birthday we had a community Eucharistic Celebration followed by a delicious meal. We were part of the Birthday celebration at Arrupe on the occasion of **Fr. Bob Slattery's** Birthday.

### **TARWA, ST. JOSEPH**

In the beginning of September **Schols. Raja, Sumit, and Naveen** helped unloading Mary's Meal bags. Later rice was distributed and annual results were given with the help of the staff members and the scholastics. At first the Mary's meal rice given to the local students. Later some of the distant students also came and took their share of rice and annual results. Parents/guardians were so engrossed in taking Mary's Meal bags that very few were registered for the new admission in the school.

A badminton court was made ready and matches were played among scholastics and Fathers. Under the guidance of our minister **Fr. Yugal** trees in our campus were trimmed as some were touching our electric wires. A cannon ball tree also was trimmed. **Fr. Theodore** made vegetable and pickles from tender cannon ball fruits.

**Fr. Maria Louis** is visiting 6-7 villages a day before coming back home for rest. **Fr. Alex** has planted about 20 mahogany saplings in the campus. They were arranged by **Fr. Cyril**. Later under his guidance storerooms and piggeries are started in 9 places. **Fr. Alex** also is busy in his own way. Maize crop was harvested together with the SCJM Sisters. The same day he welcomed Bokaro thermal AC sisters and **Fr. Michael**, the PP of Dhori Mata, "Jharkhand shrine". **Fr. Alex** is an ever ready pastor to help anyone at any time. He picked **Fr. Theodore**, who fell beyond Daru while returning from Kajarkilo at late night. Meanwhile **Fr. Alex** is preparing for his upcoming P.G exam. Happy news for Hutpa that they have got an energetic young

helper to do the family chores. One day Covid-19 Ankur tuition teacher and three field workers were called in to Hutpa centre for the first ever pandemic meeting. **Fr. Tony Herbert** was the resource person.

Our young scholastics have the latest gadgets. We use them for our community prayers. Our regent **Raja** is already busy in accomplishing his mission work under the guidance of **Fr. Theodore**.

One day **Fr. Cyril** with the help of **Fr. Maria Louis** reached two piglings to Ankur, Loyola centre, Sindur. On the way back they brought **Cyril's** personal cupboard. **Fr. Cyril** attended first ever webinar on "child Teen Psychology, Covid-19 and Educational Management." **Raja** helps **Fr. Cyril** in updating in the latest computer usage. Our **Scholas. Raja, Naveen** and **Sumit** attended their common recollection at St. Xavier's community, Hazaribag. Every day they contribute in keeping our vegetable and flower gardens ever smiling. In the absence of the children though the campus is shabby but it looks joyfully green.

#### **HAZARIBAG, ST. ROBERT'S**

As usual teachers are busy with their online classes and attending online seminars conducted by the Government. The school toilet block is nearing completion. The school administrative block work is slowly progressing. Grand boards have been fixed in 14 class rooms. Ninety percent of students registered themselves for 20-21 academic years.

The painting work of High school section class room is over and the +2 section class rooms painting work is in progress

**Fr. Provincial** made a short visit and spent sometimes with us to discuss community related matters. In the second week of September **Fr. P.O. Chacko** made visits to Mahuadanr and Bhurkunda to supervise building construction work. **Fr.**

**Albinus** had been diagnosed with Typhoid and he is recuperating.

#### **HAZARIBAG, ST. XAVIER'S**

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday a group of the late **Fr. Gaudentius'** family came for a commemorative Mass, and afterwards visited the cemetery. On 26<sup>th</sup> September twenty eight regents and collegians converged on St. Xavier's for a combined recollection under the direction of **Fr. George Thomas**.

**Sch. Raymond Hansdak** spent a few days at home in Giridih to get his birth certificate, a requirement for applying for a passport. Meantime he continues on-line classes in French. Our two other collegians **Sujit** and **Samuel** are daily on-line with their teachers at St. Xavier's College, Ahmedabad.

**Fr. Bill** was invited by Sneh Sadan Sisters to celebrate the Mass for the Holy Cross feast in the St. Robert's Balika Hall.

Two, and at a pinch three members of the community qualifying, we celebrated The International Day for Older Persons on 1 October. Badminton continues to provide relaxation for the younger members, with guest players from Prerana, Arrupe Niwas and Bishop's House.

On our playing field, lush with grass, a flock of egrets arrive in the early morning for a couple of hours of foraging for nourishment. They mix companionably with a flock of mynahs who also are daily in search of nourishment - a Franciscan parable on sharing the goods of the earth, fitting with Pope Francis' new encyclical *Filioli tutti*, signed at Assisi on 3 October.

The Semester exams are in progress. Prep, Cl. 1-3 have finished and tests for the higher classes are in progress. For the first time on-line tests are being held with the cooperation of parents.

The following notice is on the school website for the beginning of the Semester Tests: Students need to scan the answer sheet

and submit in the PDF file in the google classroom within 15 minutes after the end of the exams (i.e. 10:15 a.m.) Late submission will not be accepted/ evaluated.

Parents/Guardians should submit the hard copy of the same answer sheet on the day of the examinations between 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. for all the classes to the subject teachers at the Junior section. Late arrival (After 11:30 a.m.) for submission will not be accepted. No postal delivery will be accepted. If in any case students are coming to the school they should come in proper school uniform. Parents / Guardians are humbly requested to INVIGILATE their wards taking exams in a fair manner.

**W.M.D.** Wash hands, wear a **Mask**, observe social **Distancing**.

#### **MAHUADANR ST. JOSEPH'S COMMUNITY**

Our Parish Priest, **Fr. Suresh** and Assistant PP **Fr. Kamal** were very busy offering Masses for the faithful in different villages. In this month many children were baptised not only in the Parish Church but also in Ahirpurwa and other villages. A few marriage blessings and burial masses were offered.

Sr. Priya coordinated the classes, for all the students of St. Joseph's Middle School taken in the villages. Students of other schools are also benefiting from their teaching. The High school teachers co-ordinated by **Fr. Dilip** visited the valley for a week in search of students and to know their background. They had very enriching experiences meeting the students and the parents.

A lot of repair works are going on in and around the school. Students and the neighbours are making use of newly built fine open Badminton courts of the school. Community members are also making use of the facilities and maintaining their health. Office staffs members are present in the

school catering for the students needs and helping them to fill scholarship forms. Teaching staff are busy taking on-line classes and regular evaluation of the students.

**Sch. Praful** went to Hazaribag to give his final Philosophy exams and came back full of energy. **Fr. Francis Marian** had his short visit to Mahuadanr valley to give valuable suggestions to maintain all the documents and records of parishes, schools, college and communities.

**Fr. Provincial** visited the valley and met all the Jesuits in different centres. Finally we had a common gathering of all the Jesuits of the valley on 26<sup>th</sup> September combined the celebration of **Bro. David's** birthday.

**Frs. Anil** and **Sylverius** were busy beautifying the campus so now it looks neat and clean. Our Hoffmann Catholic Self-Supporting Co-operative Credit Society (HCSCCS) is functioning well and people of Chechhari valley are benefitting a lot. **Frs. Peter Jones** and **Roshan** are ever ready to help the people of Chechhari. These days **Fr. Peter Jones** is keeping well and also inspiring community members to be healthy.

#### **KAJARKILO, MASI MARSAL**

Amongst our companion Sisters here at Kajarkilo are two nursing sisters. They were called on to help out at HF Hospital, Koderma, to care for those recovering from Corona infection. (The normal stint was two weeks in the wards, followed by two weeks of quarantine. However, one brave soul put herself forward for a double stint before her compulsory period of quarantine, and the proposal was accepted).

Over the last six months more than 800 patients have been treated and discharged without any fatalities so far. One 'trick' they utilised was lemon juice, to be used as nasal drops - one drop in each nostril after coming off duty. Sounds worth emulating.

## **SITAGARHA, PTEC,**

As the situation demands in this pandemic, PTEC continues its online classes through Google Classroom. The teacher and the students are quite familiar with this Google classroom and benefiting well. Shifting of furniture from the old College building to the new Xavier College of Education (XCE) is almost getting complete. Old College building is getting refurbished for the boy's hostel. New Basketball ground in front of the Xavier College of Education (XCE) is under construction, though incessant rain every now and then disrupts and progress of the work. XCE water proofing work is being supervised under the able and experienced man of the community namely **Fr. Raska Soren**. During the month, **Fr. Vincent** has to make several visits to the lawyer regarding the disputed PTEC land case; hopefully, it will have a definitive legal solution and ending. **Fr. Philemon** gave triduum to the Holy Cross Community and their tertians prior to their family feast of the "Exaltation of the Holy Cross".

**Fr. Raska Soren** went to Patki to sell out his land to the secretary of Masi Marsal School, Patki, and job well done under the leadership of **Fr. Xavier Tigga**. During this pandemic, SSC Juniors chose PTEC campus for their September monthly picnic spot, the community members cherished their presence and sumptuous meals. During the month, **Frs. Cyril, Anil Bhushan Kerketta**, and **Dn. Simon Murmu** were the visitor to the PTEC community.

**Loyola School Sitagarh:** The online classes continue but there was a minimal response from the students and the parents. On the other hand, the fee collection of the school was not almost nil. Therefore, **Fr. Philemon** organized Teachers-Parents meeting keeping all pre-cation and permission to evaluate and get suggestion about the online teaching. The response was quite satisfactory and the fee collection was also good for a month's half

salary. The teachers were also called every now and then to evaluate online classes and prepare for the online exams next month.

## **ST. XAVIER'S SCHOOL GURUWA:**

The Principal **Fr. Sibrus** was happy to admit few students in class 11<sup>th</sup>. Now there is a good number of students in Arts and Science branches. Keeping in mind the board exams, the 10<sup>th</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> class students were being called for 2-3 hrs for clarification of their doubts in a regular basis.

## **PRACTICE TEACHING MIDDLE SCHOOL**

Sr. Anima, the Headmistress, kept on the online classes for middle school. The teachers were called to the school every now and then as per the need of the government official documentation requirements.

## **SITAGARHA, ST. STANISLAUS COLLEGE**

This year tertians could not go for the pilgrimage to Dhorī Mata due to Covid 19 restrictions, instead they had a Rosary procession from the Marian Spring to the SSC grotto followed by Holy Eucharist in their own chapel. They began their long retreat on 2<sup>nd</sup> September and finished on 2<sup>nd</sup> October.

**Fr. Francis Kurien**, after coming back from the hospital, he took a long rest in St. Xavier's community, Hazaribag. Many community members paid a visit to him and prayed for his quick recovery of his health. **Fr. Provincial** with his kind concern for the Juniorate, immediately requested **Fr. Ranjit**, the Provincial of Madhya Pradesh to send someone to take English classes of **Fr. Kurien** and **Fr. Ranjit** promptly responded to the request and sent **Fr. Sandeep Lakra** to SSC from Ambikapur via Mahuadanr. The juniors appreciated his classes very much. A big 'thank you' to **Fr. Sandeep** for your generous and dedicated service to SSC juniors. Now **Fr. Francis** got well and he is ready to take classes, so **Fr. Sandeep Lakra** returned to his Province on 2<sup>nd</sup> October.

**Sch. Prashant** wrote his Philosophy Examination at Arrupe Niwas under the strict



supervision of **Fr. Sushil Lakra**, the Socius. Now he is fully occupied in looking after the kitchen. Our on-line Theology student **Sch. Anish** is often seen in on-line classes. These two Scholastics often go for a long walk within the campus. Junior **Sidhu** (PAT) is often taken to ENT Doctor Lalit Kongari in Ranchi for a review after his ear operation. Junior **Robins** (MAP) had a minor surgery on his eye by Dr. Maitra at Hazaribag. The Juniors had their monthly picnic in TTI. Sr. Jaisili CIC Novice Mistress at Sitagarha gave the recollection talk to the Juniors, a rare event in the Society but a good initiative. **Fr. K.C. Philip** and **Fr. Binod Toppo** managed the Juniorate during the absence of **Fr. Kurien**, the Dean.

The Tertiaries completed their 30 day Ignatian spiritual journey on 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct. The Novices had their monthly picnic at Dumar and many staff members joined for lunch. Our minister **Fr. Vinod Kerketta** in going for shopping and taking many sick people to the various Doctors. **Fr. Rector** often visits the paddy field and has a satisfying smile on his face by seeing a good paddy crop.

The brothers **Frs. Walter** and **Hilarius**, both Jamshedpur Province, sisters and the relatives of the late **Fr. Gaudentius Kongari** about twenty in number, came to see his grave and had a short prayer service, led by his brother **Walter**. They went back after a quick tea at SSC.

Regular classes to Novices and Juniors kept **Fr. Tom Venad** busy for the whole month of September. Meanwhile he also conducted the on-line M. Th. dissertation defence of one of his old M. Th. Students at Vidya Jyoti. At present he is in RTC Ranchi taking classes for the second year students.

#### **DALTONGANJ, SAHODAYA, SHAHPUR,**

The education department has requested all the 9<sup>th</sup> class students to register their names for their 10<sup>th</sup> class government

exams from the beginning of October. So **Fr. Moris** and the school staff are keeping themselves busy. **Fr. Tom** partly gives his time to look after the bathroom repair works and preparing for the English medium fee structure, time table apart from contacting other English medium school Principals, finding out the fees structures. etc.

**Sch. Nelson** regularly attends his philosophy on line classes, at present both **Nelson** and **Vivek** went for blood test and the doctor found both have got typhoid and malaria, along with the injection and medicine they are getting better, but no game in the evening. In the beginning of October **Fr. Socius** along with **Sch. Patrick** came to Sahodaya for an important work and left on the following day to Hazaribag. **Frs. Moris, Tom** and three CIC sisters went to Mahuadanr and Pakripath for a break. **Fr. Fredrick** was very quick to submit his land lease papers for 31 years as the Jharkhand academic council expected him to do. Apart from the school works all the three members in Jamuniatanr are still involved with various charitable works. Sr. Bindu has sent out the teachers to teach the students to nearby villages, where our school children come from. **Fr. Marianus** is getting ready with various documents necessary to get lease land for 31 years.

#### **DALTONGANJ, VIVEK SADAN, SHAHPUR**

On the evening of 5<sup>th</sup> September the pre-novices honoured the teachers by expressing their love and sense of gratitude in the form of skits, songs, dance and speeches. It was a moment of joy to the staff members to see them growing and taking the initiative to come forward to express themselves in English. Under the guidance of **Fr. Sushil Osga**, the minister of the house, they have taken another initiative to prepare food on Sundays. Every Sunday we get delicious meal with different flavour. It is a part of their formation to prepare food for the

whole community. The last day of the month, on 30<sup>th</sup> September, we had evening mass to thank God for His blessings, to keep us safe and sound. After the mass we had two beautiful small skits and concluded the month with a sumptuous meal. **Fr. Victor Lakra** is fine and busy in his garden where as **Fr. Sushil Osga** is busy in cleaning the surrounding of the house. **Fr. Ajit** is teaching

#### FROM OVERSEAS

##### CAMBODIA

I must accept disappointments but I must never lose infinite hope. The current situation has made us helpless. The government of Cambodia has reported zero death due to covid-19 till up to now. The Cambodians are coming back to normal way of life in various ways. On 4<sup>th</sup> September **Fr. Indon, SJ** was glad to make the announcement, as **Fr. General, Arturo Sosa** appointed **Fr. Vu Kim Quyen, Dominic, S.J.**, as the next Provincial of the Australia Province. I was privileged to work with him in Cambodia for two years.

I am stuck here in Cambodia, at present neither I can go back to India, nor can I go to Rome. There is no Italian embassy in Cambodia, but the Italian General Counsellor is there, who had been assuring me the possibility of getting my Italian visa through German embassy in Cambodia, but because of the current situation of Covid-19 the policy has changed and I got the notice from the embassy that the Italian Visa will not be issued until further notice. The other possibility is to go to Bangkok, Thailand, there is the Italian embassy, but at present I can't go to Bangkok, because the border is still closed, and I need Thailand Visa to go to Bangkok. Things look complicated but I trust God's spirit will lead on and never lose hope. Our two and half month's intensive Italian online course came to an end on 18<sup>th</sup> of September, in the same week I finished my Italian class with **Fr. Tony** (PIME), who taught me Italian grammar and reading

new hymns to pre-novices and **Fr. Lawrence Tirkey** is continuing with an introduction to the Society of Jesus. **Fr. Arbind Beck** has focused on teaching them basic computer skills as well as spoken English. He also accompanied the four **Schols. Kamaldeep, Ravidas, Nelson and Vivek** to Hazaribag for a day of recollection and sharing.

practice. Sincere thanks to him and my superior **Fr. Ingun, SJ**, for the arrangement.

To some extent now I can laugh, make fun and smile in Italian, a big challenge is that I am alone and difficult to practice it. In the first week of September the enrolment took place in the Pontifical Gregorian University. The 3<sup>rd</sup> year theologian **Sch. Ivan, SJ** assisted us in doing online registration in the university. It was complicated but we finished all the process of registration by the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of September.

Before plunging into the 1<sup>st</sup> semester, I had two weeks of free time. With the help of **Fr. Indon, SJ** the delegate of Korea Provincial, it was possible to make the arrangement for my annual retreat from 21<sup>st</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> of September under the guidance of **Fr. Jub, SJ** (the socius to the delegate & formator of JSC) in Metta Karuna Siem Reap. It was a grace-filled time for me to renew my relationship with God, gratitude and self-surrender. On 5<sup>th</sup> of October with inaugural mass at Gregorian we began the first semester, the inaugural mass was live streaming, so I could participate in it online. The Gregorian University has installed the latest technology Big Blue Button (BBB) for the online classes, which is very handy and convenient. All the lectures are being recorded, and the study materials are uploaded in the university website. If I miss the lecture because of time difference, I can refer the recorded lectures. My classes take place from Monday to Friday between 1:00pm-06:30pm Cambodian times. Virtual classes are quite tough and



challenging, but I accept the situation. I try my best and God will do the rest. I am grateful to my community for all the facilities available, which help me in my academic life.

**Fr. Orlando, SJ** the rector of Gesu` Rome has been always encouraging and supporting me; to always keep my hope high. Thanks for the updates on various activities in and around the province on WhatsApp group, I feel united in prayer. A sincere thanks for your prayerful support, I do assure you all of my prayers and wishes.

*Sch. Deepak Lakra, sj*

## **PARIS, FRANCE**

The rising situation of Covid-19 is a worrying factor in the capital, Paris. The government has been putting in place different new measures to put halt of the spread. Fortunately, the rise of new cases is still under the controllable reach of the Covid-19 management team. Overall, people are very cooperative and sensible in their approach to the situation. Among the Jesuits fraternity, all are doing well despite some showing a bit of symptoms. They recover well in time and therefore, no reports of lose so far. Before starting our academic year, we had reunion and sharing for the community-building. With this we are well settled in our new communities. We both are also keeping a good health and have begun our new

academic year 2020-2021 on 21 September. The first two weeks were composed of various conferences, academic talks, debates and group works; all based on the theme “Habiter la Terre”- ‘Inhabiting the Earth’. The different issues like ecological and humanitarian crises were vastly reflected and discussed with the help of Biblical, theological, philosophical, and scientific approaches.

On 25 Sept., the EOF province had a memorial mass in our college church for twenty of our elder brothers who died during this pandemic. The entire province gathered to give thanks to God and paid them homage for their fruitful Jesuit life. This was an emotional moment for most Jesuits present on the occasion. Finally, we started our regular and hybrid classes from 5<sup>th</sup> Oct. The classes and sessions are well organized; some students come to the conference halls and others stay back at home to attend the classes through online portals. This hybrid classes are cyclic for the students; the groups of students take turns to come to the college to avoid the big gathering. The rest is fine here. We hope that the situation gets better in time without causality. Kindly continue to keep us in your prayers. We too assure you of our prayers.

## **KINDLY REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

**Fr. Jayant Kumar Padival, SJ**, (KAR), died on 08 Sept. 2020 in Mangaluru. 71/54

**Fr. John Berchman Nag, SJ**, (JAM) died on 10 Sept. 2020 in Tata Hospital, Jamshedpur. 72/36

**Fr. Jacob Carvalho, SJ**, (GOA), expired on 12 Sept. 2020, in Belagavi, Karnataka. 75/57

**Fr James Thottakath, SJ** (KER) died on 15 Sept. 2020 at Christ Hall, Kozhikode. 83/63

**Fr. Vijay Prabhu, SJ**, (KAR) died on 15 Sept. 2020 in Father Mullers, Mangaluru. 80/61

**Fr Erik Breyer SJ** (RAN ) died on 18 Sept. 2020 in St. Albert's College, Ranchi. 80/61

**Br. Nicolas Hernandez Blanco, SJ** (SPAIN/ GUJ) died on 20 September, 2020 in Spain 92/75

**Fr. Dionysius Rasquinha, SJ**, (PAT) died on 24 September 2020 at KHFH, Patna. 65/44

**Fr Joseph Thayil, SJ** (KER) died on 30<sup>th</sup> Sept. 2020 in Nirmala Hospital, Kozhikode. 90/70

**Fr Louis Francken, SJ** (RAN) died on 5<sup>th</sup> Oct. 2020 in Constant Lievens Hospital & Research Centre, Mandar, Ranchi. 82/63

## DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

### OCTOBER - 2020

02/1983 John Moore  
04/2000 Ian Travers-Ball (Bro. Andrew MC)  
05/2010 Angelus Tudu  
08/2007 Kevin Cronin  
11/1978 Austin Kelly  
12/1995 Joseph Depypere  
17/1983 Edward De Meulder  
20/1991 Louis Defrijn  
22/2012 Oswald Summerton  
24/1997 A.T. Thomas  
29/1963 James Collins

### NOVEMBER - 2020

6/1984 Prakash Tigga  
8/2016 Herbert Balding  
11/1982 Peter Lewis  
14/1984 James Thwaites  
18/1968 Nicolai Bilic  
20/2002 Otto Bhosle  
21/1995 Yacub Tirkey  
30/1980 Kevin Grogan

### LONG RETREAT:

#### Dear Fathers, Brothers and Well Wishers!

The Twelve First Year Novices in SSC, Sitagarha, Hazaribag have entered into the Long Retreat on 10<sup>th</sup> October. They request your prayers. Let us remember them in our prayers. Thanks!

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