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Appointments by Fr. General

Fr. Dionysius Gerard Leonard Vaz, S.J.,	Provincial of Karnataka, w.e.f. 26 September 2020
Fr. Dominic Quyen Vu, S.J.,	Provincial of Australia w.e.f. 1 January 2021
Fr. Jan Roser, S.J.,	Provincial of Germany
Fr. Soosai Mani, S.J.,	Provincial of Delhi

Provincial's Programme

October 3-4	Central Zone Provincials' Meeting
October 10	JJS AGM (am)
October 10	Consult (pm)
October 18-21	JCSA Meeting

SPECIAL NEWS

Arun & Pravin

"Exams test your memory; life tests your learning; and others will test your patience", says Fennel Hudson. The scholastics who were studying in Chennai, now residing at Upasana, are very grateful to Fr. Alankaram, Superior of Berchmans Illam, for the great struggle he took to keep all the scholastics safe during the time of pandemic in Chennai and for their safe return to the province with all possible protection, and still updating us on important events of the college

as well as the house. He keeps us united as Berchmanites through his regular calls and messages. The kashayam he gave still helps us to boost our immunity and fight against Covid19. We are indeed grateful to Fr. Alan for what he is to us.

After a long wait with anxiety, eventually the final year Scholastics from Chennai and Ahmedabad, successfully completed the semester exams whereas the regular students

are tied up with their internal assignments and exams online. After a successful fourteen-day Isolation, **Sch. Cyprian**, and **Jobin** joined the family of scholastics in Upasana. In the absence of Fr. James Bara, the Scholastics have taken the responsibility of running the kitchen. Thus, different groups are formed to handle the works in turn as we do in our respective formation houses.

NEWS FROM OUR HOUSES AND AROUND

CHAIBASA AREA

Amda

On 31 August, **Nelson** met with a minor accident on his way back from Chaibasa. Thank God there was no serious injury to the riders, no scratches and no serious dispute, except his mobile set, which was in his pocket, was completely damaged. We celebrated the feast of Peter Claver on 9 September following the Covid-19 protocol, restricted only



to the hospital staff and sisters. Sr. Prema conducted a short prayer service for the Fathers, Sisters and the hospital staff and that was over with lunch by 2.00 pm. The memoriale brought Amda and Basahatu communities together on 12 and 19 September for common reflection and sharing.

On 14 September, AGBM and GB meeting of CSWC was held at CSWC hospital hall at 4.30 pm chaired by **Joseph Surin. Fr. Jerome Cutinha**, due to ill health, was actively present online. Gyan was present to read out the budget report. After the meeting, at 5.30 pm, snacks and high tea was served. Soon after, the Director

John Sumbrui

called for a short meeting of GB members. On 17 September, while people celebrated Vishwakarma, we too prayed and blessed all our vehicles, machines, tools and computers. As planned in the monthly meeting, on 21 September, the hospital staff planted 10 saplings around the Hospital. On 24 September, Nelson went for a day of recollection to Tangrain.



Basahatu

Parish News: Through Janvikas Kendra, Sundarnagar, we received and distributed kits comprising of copy books, pencils, pens, instrument boxes etc. to one hundred poor children. St. Monica Feast was celebrated in the parish as Mothers' Day with a half day program and a Holy Mass arranged for the mothers having **Valerain Lobo** as the resource person for the sessions and **Joseph Surin** as the main celebrant. 54 mothers with 8 youth and equal number of husbands were present for the Monica Day. The Small Christian Community Meetings with Masses are continued in different villages. **Benedict Minj** is

a great help for the village Masses when we have two Masses a day. Basahatu Parish Catechists busied themselves surveying the Migrant Workers and the households of one particular village as a gesture of Inter-ministerial Collaboration with Social Apostolate. To brief the nitty-gritty of the survey, Lokmanch famed **Renny Abraham**, from TRTC, came down to Basahatu Parish. **Nelson Castelino** coordinated the survey from our end. For further collaboration, one of our Catechists and a Youth went to TRTC for a Workshop on legal matter arranged by **Renny**. Another survey was done in a village collaborating with XITE College, Gamharia for

Joseph Surin

their proposed project. We also collaborated with Janvikas Kendra, in their Toolkit Support Program for the Migrant workers who were interested in starting business and work like Masonry, Cycle Repairing, Electric work, Mobile Repairing etc. On 8 September 2020, Bishop Telesphore Bilung, himself gave away the toolkits to sixteen young men and a woman from our Basahatu Parish in a ceremony held in the Parish Hall. **Frs. C.R. Prabhu, Alwin, George**, two Holy Cross Sisters and three staff members were present for the program having Sr. Miki as the local coordinator. **Fr. Joe** is going about offering Jomnama

Feast (eating first fruits, especially, upland paddy) Masses in different villages. The feast of Exaltation of the Cross was celebrated with the

Krusveer children. One Hundred and Six Children gathered for the celebration that included Holy Mass, Sessions on significance of

the Cross by **Fr. Valerian Lobo** and a colorful Cultural Program and skits prepared by the children.

Divya Bharati

After the unlock, offline activities opened up for meetings, trainings and seminars in limited numbers, observing all safety measures. The members of the center are also able to move out for programs. On Sept 2, the office of the Treasurer and minister was handed over to **Fr. Sunil Xess** by **Anil** in the presence of **Fr. Woolsie**. Freed from this responsibilities Anil guided a Tridum for the sisters of the Daughters of the cross in preparation for their foundation day that falls on the feast of Exaltation of the Cross at Khuntpani. He also conducted orientation program for the 45 Krusvir children at St. Ignatius School, Rengra from 13 to 14 September. He took up four classes for the pre novices

and candidates at Inigo Niwas in weekdays. **Sunil** apart from his responsibilities in the house, going to the court for legal works, rectifying the land and vehicle related documents. He is busy giving legal advice and online legal proceedings to clients coming to Divya Bharati. On 12 September, **Frs. Valerian** and **Sunil** went to Komay village to give orientation program to 65 youth on "How to live positively during Covid-19". Valerian gave one day program for 120 krusvir children in Basahatu and conducted BCC training to 117 prisoners in Omara followed by a seminar for parents on "The Responsibility of parents towards education and building up the Omra School". On 23 September,

Anil Dang

Valerian conducted a Google Meet for the family commission for JHAAN in which more than 130 participated. On 22 September, under the banner of Caritas India, SJVK, Patel Bagan, he organized one-day training for 22 health workers followed by "My Life Style" health group and the Gideon International Association on 23 and 26 September. On 29 August, Fr. James Bara was helped by Fr. Ajit Soreng to come to Divya Bharati for his treatment. After one month, he is able to walk around without a belly belt. **Frs. Blacius, Sanay** and **Sch. Binay Kerketta** visited us on 4 September on their way back to Kandhamal, Odisha.

Lupungutu

School: Under the supervision of **Staney** the two construction works - toilet for the High School and laying of interlocks in the assembly ground and around, have been successfully completed. Now the school campus looks beautiful and spacious and ready for walk inside the campus. Online classes are going in full swing. The first term examination for High School and Inter College was conducted online and all the students have submitted their answer sheets to the school office. The paper evaluation is going on and the result will be given on 6 and 8 October respectively.

Community: We celebrated the birthdays of **Basil** and **C G Thomas**

along with **James Bara** who is in Divya Bharti for his treatment. **Sch. Oliver** went to Jamshedpur to write his deficit philosophy exam under the supervision of PCF. Thereafter, he had recollection with other scholastics in Mango. **Ranjit** and **Kishore** had typhoid and **Ranjit** was admitted in St. Angela Hospital Chandmari, CKP. Otherwise, all in the community have been safe and healthy till now. The Minister has been providing immunity booster so that we are able to fight corona virus. On 20 September, **Ranjit** went to Manoharpur for the burial of his maternal uncle and on 24 September, **Basil** had a good trip to Tangrain for the recollection of newly ordained priests.

Ranjit Roshan Minj

Inigo Niwas: This year Inigo Niwas has two groups: **Candidates** and **Pre-novices**. Due to Covid-19 pandemic, the pre-novices have not been sent to other pre-novitiate but kept in Inigo Niwas itself. There are 9 pre novices, 5 second year and 12 first year candidates from 8 dioceses. The Pre-novices are engaged in pre-novitiate course: language, spirituality and history of the Society etc. Besides **Basil** and **Ranjit**, **Frs. Neelam, Anil, CG Thomas** and **Woolsie** are taking classes for the pre-novices and the candidates. Candidates are doing their online college studies regularly and have already completed their first term examinations online.



DNS – Bhuli

The global pandemic has impacted the lives of people so significantly that it has changed the daily routines of millions across the globe. So is the case in our School at Bhuli. It was clear that it is going to be long before we open our school for normal teaching in the traditional setup and it is high time to tread an unbeaten path. We started our new technological journey in the form of online classes. September was the month to conduct the exams and find out our effectiveness



in the virtual classroom setup, an unprecedented mode of functioning. Therefore, the online exams were conducted through Google from 7 to 19 September. As a matter of fact, it cannot be denied that it was a herculean task to accomplish when all the teachers were not techno savvy to the extent needed. Nevertheless, with the unrelenting efforts of all, the examinations were successfully completed followed by the process of systematic preparation of results. All precautionary measures were taken while giving out the report cards. Parents of one class a day were called in giving priority to social distancing. To wrap up, it was a splendid experience of embracing the new technology, going through the whole process of conducting online examination

Anthony Pancras

and getting satisfying results. On 21 September, we celebrated Ms. Naila Hassan's Birthday in a moderate scale and implored the Lord's blessings on her. During the month Fr. A. Alex visited us, Frs. Staney and Michael from Dumka stopped at Bhuli on their way back from Jharkhand Academic Council Ranchi. Frs. P. J. James, Fr. Arun and Fr. Tintus along with their collaborating sisters visited us and brought a lot of joy to the community.



DNS Digwadih

September commenced with online classes for Std. 6-12. The commitment and dedication of teachers could not go unnoticed. Be it daily classes or regular self-assessment tests, they put their mind and heart in their work. However, this year the situation was a real hindrance to acknowledge their contribution on the Teacher's Day with any celebration.

The First Semester online exam began from 14 September and went up to 26 September 2020. The answer scripts of all the self-assessment tests and the first semester online exams were collected class by class from 26 September to 3 October 2020

fulfilling all the formalities of Covid-19. **Amal** made sure of the staff being aware of the pros and cons of the NEP 2020 by organizing a half day information-sharing and discussion sessions for the teachers of both Senior and Junior sections on 22 and 23 September respectively. Online classes for the Second Semester began on 28 September with one day break. Meantime, collection of the answer scripts of tests and semester exams continued smoothly. The parents of assigned classes, came to the school and safely handed over the answer scripts of their ward to the school.

The AGBM was held on 8

Niranjan Minj

September in Bhuli. The Provincial and Pius participated online and the rest of the members were physically present. On **Amal's** birthday, Dhanbad Jesuits gathered in Digwadih to wish him "All Well". Coming together after a long duration brought great joy and feeling of oneness. The very next day, Fathers and Sisters from St Xavier's School, Bokaro visited our community. **Emile** continues his work of mercy as a silent soldier by accompanying **Saleth** to see his doctor while availing himself to give online classes for different groups of children. **Francis** is still waiting for the day to start common Eucharistic celebration.

Koradih

The month commenced with the distribution of the corrected assignments given to the students of Std. VI to XII. The teachers were present on these days to distribute the copies. The parents of the students were asked to come to collect the corrected assignments. The norms set by the government regarding maintaining social

distancing were strictly followed. The teachers and the staff had masks on and used hand sanitizers regularly. The Teacher's Day celebration was called off due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The First Semester Online Examinations were conducted successfully. The online exams for the senior section begun on 12 September; for the

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Junior section on 14 and for the Primary classes on 18 September. The classes remained suspended during the examinations and resumed from 1 October. The dates for the submission of answer scripts were staggered into two for all the classes, taking heed of the predicament of the parents in these tiring situations.

Mugma

Ms. Dorothea Blake, a former Vice-Principal (Senior Section) passed away on 24 September 2020. She was suffering from cancer and

served the school up to 30 August 2020. The Principal visited the family in the morning. Fr. Pancras, Srs. Usha and Indu had gone to her

Anthony Pancras

family in Asansol to pay homage and to express sympathies to the family.

JAMSHEDPUR AREA

Chaira

This month, the school had a lot of activities in spite of the fear of Covid-19. **Fr. Niraj** had a lot of dreams for the school and one of his dream was to setting up a science lab. It became real because of the generosity of the benefactors and the large heartedness of **Fr. Walter**. On the day of inauguration of the lab, **Fr. Walter** and **Fr. Reney** were here. Mr. Rupani, his son, who set up the lab and the teachers were

also present on this occasion. The teacher's day was celebrated with a Holy Eucharist for the Catholic teachers and prayer meeting for all the staff, ending the day with a picnic in the campus with the staff. The quarterly test was conducted online. **Fr. Niraj** had gone into quarantine as some Covid-19 cases were found in the neighboring village. The parents from that village had come to the

Thomas Nelliakunnel

school office. **Sch. Binod** is looking after kittens in the hostel as there are no children. **Fr. Tom** has been busy with mediation in some cases as he has been entrusted by the court. He is doing it strictly online. **Fr. Michael** had attended the funeral of his cousin in Birsanagar and then went into quarantine. **Fr. Gulshan** had gone to meet his mother in Simdega, who was sick for some time.

Jesu Bhavan – Mango

Soon after celebrating the Sunday Eucharist with the Community of Novices, Scholastics and Fathers, **Fr. James Bara** left for his medical treatment to Chaibasa, a journey made more comfortable with **Fr. Ajit** at the wheel. Reports coming in from **Fr. Anil** to **Fr. Ajit** indicate that **James** is responding

well to the treatment and medication. The entire treatment was made possible with the planning of **Frs. Jerome Cutinha, Ajit Soreng** and **Anil Dang**. It was aimed to address the aches and pains of Fr. Bara that he was bearing for the past few years.

Fr. John Berchmans Nag was laid

Eric Cassel

to rest in the Jesuit Cemetery of Jesu Bhawan. As per local administration protocols, precautions were taken with just 7 of his relatives, 2 Jesuits **Frs. K. M. Joseph** and **Jerome Sequeira** and six Scholastics, **Ashish Bero, Telesphore Toppo, Cyprian Soreng, Cajetan, Vital**

Dungdung and **Sanket Kumar. Fr. Ajit**, the Socius, and others observed from far from the cemetery. The Entire ceremony was done well done and coordinated by

the Socius, **Fr. Ajit**.

In the absence of **Fr. James Bara**, the Scholastics were divided into three groups under **Fr. Ajit**. They

managed the shopping, the menu for the day, the kitchen and stores. "Tu je salaam! Tu je salaam!" For a job that is being well done under the eagle eye of the Socius, **Fr. Ajit**.

LCE Telco

Community-School: 1 September 2020 was World Day of Prayer for Creation; it also marked the first day of the *Season of Creation – 1 September to 4 October*. The theme for the Season of Creation 2020 is *Jubilee for the Earth: New Rhythms, New Hope...for a better relationship with Creation and a deeper union with the Creator*. Our community had a week of evening prayer following this theme based on *Eco-spirituality* prepared by **Gautam**.

After his appointment as the treasurer of LCE, **Fr. Gerald Ravi** had a very meaningful meeting with us expressing his expectation and streamlining the accounts of all departments. Now records are set right with skills and personal touch. On 12 September 2020, the LCE GB and AGM were held on-line at the Jesuit Residence. Having no response from JUSCO regarding the required electric supply to the Loyola School, **Sushil** is trying to explore other options to do the needful. He too got a tailor to make

curtains with a huge quantity of good material that were purchased three years ago and left unused. With this initiative he will be able to furnish the identified areas in the school with new curtains where they are needed.

College: Since coming together was impossible, teachers' day on 5 September was celebrated on-line with speeches, dance and song in honor of the teachers. The spirit of students was quite high to put up their best to everyone's delight. **Tony**, while being confined to his room on account of Typhoid, the entire faculty spearheaded a two-day webinar on NEP 2020 on 7-8 September. They tried to explain the entire document in details to the students. The second years got their enrolment done as KU students and were delighted to receive their registration card on 21 September 2020. On 26, in a spirit of networking, the faculty and students were on board for a webinar on NEP 2020

Sushil & Athonyraj P

organized by XITE College. The IV Semester Exams began off-line on 29 Sept, 2020 and will end by 5 October 2020. Then the final practical Exams will follow. On 29 September, the second years were offered a virtual talk on "3A's of Teachers' Personality" by Mrs. Moushumi Das, Principal, SDSM School for Excellence, Sidhgora.

LCE is still waiting to hear from the Secretariat of Higher and Technical Education about the admission of students this year. However, the same department has directed the KU to extend the affiliation for 3 batches – 2020 to 2024 – as against KU's offer of the renewal of affiliation for one batch at a time. **Tony's** effort to mobilize all private B.Ed. colleges to pursue the matter bore fruit finally. To this effect a written notification has been served to the College by the Secretariat, which is yet to reach KU.

Loyola School – JSR

Reopening Schools seems a distant dream with the increased number of Covid-19 cases in Jamshedpur City. **Fr. Pius Fernandes** conducted the first face to face faculty meeting since the lockdown began. The teaching faculty expressed their satisfaction in online classes but they also recounted the reality behind online classes as the students are missing the classroom

teaching. Dr. Madhurima Das, an ex-student of Loyola School and a practicing Psychiatrist from Mumbai conducted an online session for our senior students on the topic 'Life beyond Pandemic' which was well appreciated by students. **Fr. Dayanidhi** conducted a meeting of the Hindi School Staff and encouraged them to take online classes for senior students

Dayanidhi Bisoi

having facilities at home, of course without any coercion. Now the response from the Hindi School parents and students seems to be heartening. Since Covid-19 related casualties seem to increase day by day, **Fr. K.M. Joseph** is keeping himself busy by reaching out to his parishioners pastorally.

Community: Due to Covid-19 pandemic, the GB and AGMB of XITE were conducted online by **Fr. Jerry Cutinha**, President, on 18 September at Xavier Residence.

School: On 12 September the first term examination got over and the Report cards will be issued on 9 and 10 October. Teacher's day was celebrated on 5 September with the Moderators being present for the program. Dr. Nirmala Shukla was the guest of honor. The Principal thanked the Moderators and the teachers for their dedication and commitment to their profession. Three of the teachers were honored and felicitated for their valuable contribution in various areas. Online classes began for the students of Std. XI with a total number of 108 – 46 in Science, 47 in Commerce and 15 in Arts stream. The first unit test for Std XI students began on 28 September. On 16 September, Mrs. Jayanti, took a session for the teachers of Std. IX, X and XI. 238 students of our school took part in Fit India Freedom Run (474 Km) on 18 September. An online Inter class

Science Quiz competition was organized by the Science club on 20 September for students of Std. IV and V and seniors of Std. VIII and IX. 'Monsoon Magic', an Inter school competition, was held on 24 September in which 9 schools participated and Carmel Junior College won the overall championship. The first runner up was Sacred Heart Convent School and the second runner up was Little Flower School, Telco.

College: An online orientation

Higher Education in general" were well appreciated by the students and the faculty. Dr. Partha P Das conducted an online Hindi Diwas Samaroh on 17 September. On 18-19 September, a faculty development programme was held in the College which was skilfully designed and conducted by Professors Promod Kumar Singh and Shailesh Kumar Dubey. The College reopened on 21 September and classes commenced online for all. XITE College added another feather to its cap when it organized successfully an online national webinar in collaboration with XLRI on 26 September on the topic: "New Education Policy 2020: Issues and Implications in Higher Education in Jharkhand." The renowned resource persons on the panel

were Prof Gangdhar Panda, Vice Chancellor, KU, Chaibasa, Dr. Shakila Shamsu, Dept. of Higher Education, MHRD, Prof Sonajharia Minz, Vice-Chancellor, Sidhu Kanhu Murmu University. It was well attended and appreciated by the participants. Thanks to **Fr. Nelson D'Silva** of XLRI for chairing the webinar.



program was organized from 14 to 16 September for the newly enrolled students of BBA, B. Com and BA Economics. On 15 September, the online talks by Dr. Lalatendu Jena, from XUB on "Thirst for learning and Career Choices in B. Com and BBA," and Dr. Madhumita Das, from Centurion University, Bhubaneswar, on "Career Choices in Economics and





Kalinganagar

On 13 August, **Pascal Burh** joined the community as the minister, and **Fr. George Fernandes** as the coordinator and treasurer cum administrator of the school, which makes a community of three. **Fr. Augustine Vatta**, the pioneer of the school, left for Bhubaneswar to join the XIMB community as a new minister. After **George's** arrival, lots of changes are taking place in the

community and the school as well. On 15 September, a virtual meeting was held in the school office with the TATA STEEL officials and five eminent Jesuits with regard to problems in the school and the degenerating school building. The meeting was in cordial mode for an hour and ended with a positive note. On 18 September, we had our first community meeting

concerning our community life and our mission here. Some more facilities have been added in the community. Apart from the earlier 3KV solar power system, now we have 5KV solar power generating unit which has given us relief from the erratic power cuts that we faced from time and again.

Loyola Bhavan – BBSR

Br. Tony Stevens made his Annual Retreat from 1-8 of September and celebrated the Birthday of our Blessed Mother with great consolation. On 21 September, we had a host of Jesuit guests from Kandhamal to attend the OJS AGBM and GB Meeting and he was delighted to have them all here. **Fr. Biranchi Soreng**, being

appointed as the House Treasurer, is getting equipped with the Skills required and he has enrolled for a Month long "TALLY" programme which he finds worthwhile and understandable as taught by the Lady Teacher online. His IGNOU M.A. Exams have been announced, to be held in December, thus ending months of suspense and anxiety.

George Anthony

A well fit **Joe Kalathil** is carrying on his noble work in Puri, depending on "God's Providence". HLC Programs have begun online. The Director **Bipin** and **Sch. Jubin** are busy with the Programs. George was busy attending various online official meetings. We are really thankful to XIM Community, especially **Vatta** and **Joshy** for all their help.

Loyola School – BBSR

LES and OJS AGMs were held on 21 September at the community residence. Fr. Provincial could not be present physically but joined us online, unfortunately connectivity was poor. Other members from

outside Bhubaneswar made it a point to attend the meeting. **Fr. Victor** went to Kalinganagar to attend the School Management Committee meeting with the Tata officials on 15 September.

Gilbert Menezes

During this period of prolonged lockdown, when the schools are closed, **Fr. Shanti** has kept the maintenance staff busy and succeeded in sprucing up the entire campus.

Pajikeri

Community: On 6 Sep, **Fr. Ranjeet Bilung** joined Pajikeri community and a week later he was down with typhoid cum malaria. Still under medication but needs our prayer for a speedy recovery! On

23 September, we celebrated **Binay's** birthday and on the same day we had a successful casting of the ground floor roof at the new school building. On 26 September, **Fr. Sanay** went to Chaibasa for

Binay Kerketta

his treatment for his complete recovery!

Pastoral work: As Covid-19 has shut down so many areas of life, so also with the pastoral work.

But the people's faith is not at all shaken rather it has increased. Every Sunday the faithful gather for worshipping the Almighty and beseech for better life for

all. The sub-center, Bandiguda, was blessed with a new pastoral catechist, Sr. Archana. All our catechists are very faithful in conducting the prayer services in

their respective places. From the month of September onwards, **Fr. Anthres**, the Parish Priest started visiting the Mass centers regularly.

Rutungia

Community: During this pandemic situation, Rutungia and the surrounding rural areas maintain the serenity of peace and normalcy with no positive sign of Covid-19. Except the presence of students and the school activities, the Jesuit Campus continues with normal activities. The absence of Students in the campus reflected on the high yield of fruits, like guavas of various taste, shape and color. **Jyoti Sanga** enjoys the most as these are always available hanging in front of his room. **Sylverius**, keeps himself busy with lots of maintenance work in the campus. He is the one who

keeps running to Balliguda town to procure all the groceries and other needs to keep the community well cared. Thanks to him. Joining the other treasurers, **Blacius, Sanay, Isidore** and **Sylverius** had gone to meet the OJS treasurer, BBSR on account related matters. On 21 September, joining **Blacius, Sanay, Isidore** and **Romanus** took a long drive to BBSR for the AGBM, and within 24 hours they all returned home. Apart from the gardens, **Victor** remains in the Headmaster's Office attending to the trickling in re-admissions, new admissions and issuing the Board Certificates. Recently, he has started taking

Victor Joseph

some English classes for the neighborhood students of our own school, of course with necessary Covid cautions.

Parish: Rutungia must be one of the churches where daily Eucharist, even though with no faithful, except the nuns, was celebrated without fail. **Romanus**, the PP keeps visiting the 'mandalis' and the neighborhood families regularly. Rewarding his hard pastoral efforts, nearly 50 people come for the Sunday Holy mass celebrated at 5.45 in the morning. Presently, **Romanus** is in a peaceful personal retreat at Minjaponga.

Sankhabhanga

During this covid-19 lockdown, students and teachers are engaged in the academic activities through online classes. With the knowledge of the existing situation, **Fr. Alex** conducted the half yearly online exams for classes 1 to 10. It was for the first-time children of class 1 appeared for online exams. The credit goes to teachers and above

all to the principal of the school. Indeed, it was difficult but not impossible. In spite of network problems children showed their interest as well as parents cooperated with the system. As a result, 90% of the students appeared for the online exams and most of them scored good marks. Classes 1 to 5 had both descriptive

Akhilesh Kumar

and objective question whereas the senior section had only descriptive questions to answer. Our residence and the hostel building is waiting for the final touch. Gradually, the campus is getting a new look. **Br. Tiru** is keeping well and even at this age never misses a day without laboring in his farm.

Tumudibandha

On 1 September, the Unit Coordinators of Lok Manch National Team and on 2 September, the Core Team had their online meeting. On 3 September, **Fr. Blacius** went to Jamshedpur with **Fr. Sanay** and **Sch. Binay** for the account related work and on their way back they

brought **Fr. Ranjeet Bilung**, the new member, from Kalijharain to Pajikeri community. On 17, the non-Lok Manch Partners (NGOs), and on 18 the Lok Manch Partners had orientation programme on migrants' need assessment at OCI office at Tumdibandha. On 21, **Frs.**

Blacius Ekka

Blacius and **Sanay** went to attend AGB meeting of OJS and LES at Loyola School Bhubaneswar. On 25, we had a unit level quarterly review and planning meeting. On 26, **Fr. Blacius** went to Jamshedpur for submitting the project account.

The 2020-2021 academic session for the U.G and the P.G students began on 1 September online with all academic sanctity and decorum. Due to prevailing Covid-19, the cultural representatives organized an online Teachers' Day celebration. Indeed, it was well appreciated and complimented by the faculty. As usual, webinars and online workshops were conducted by different schools of the university. The VC, **Tony Uvari** attended an online meeting on New Education Policy (NEP) convened by the Governor of Odisha and made a presentation on XU Perspective Plan on NEP

2020. He too convened several online meetings to discuss various issues. A joint board meeting of XU and Emlyon Businesses School was held online, which was represented by **S. Tony** and **Arockia**. **Augustine Ezha** and **Augustine Vatta** attended the board meeting of Kalinganagar School. **Abe** inaugurated DISHA, a whole day interaction of students and Alumni. **S. Tony** and **Benjamin** were initiated as Coordinator and Minister of Faber Residence, respectively. After renovation, the Kitchen at Faber Residence has a grandeur look. We came to celebrate **S. Tony's** birthday. **Tony Uvari** made his annual retreat

and **Cyril Tigga** from Tangrain made his annual retreat in XIMB. **George Fernandes**, **Somy Mathew** and **Pascal Burh** visited us. **Joshy**, **Jesurajan** and **Vatta** had a trip to Kalinganagar to pick up things that **Vatta** could not bring when he left. **Alwyn** stayed for two weeks in Xavier Residence for physiotherapy. We lost our gardener, Mr. Santosh Pradhan, due to Covid-19. The university was under complete lockdown from 10 to 27 September to stop the spread of Corona Virus. **Augustine Ezha** organized Covid-19 test for the staff and the faculty of both the campuses.



SPECIAL MISSION

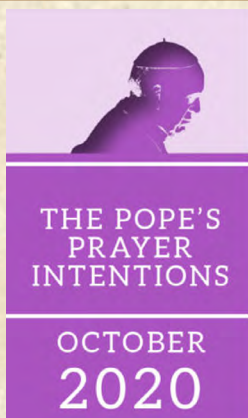


At the backdrop of NEP 2020 the Provincial constituted a committee to re-frame the Province Education Policy 2011, spearheaded by the PCE with **Frs. Pancras, Michael Fernandes, Jaison** and **Niral** as members. The committee meets every Wednesday online to discuss a chapter at a time and re-frame the content.

With the initiative of Fr. Norbert

Menezes (PCE, Patna Province), a consultation committee was formed with **Frs. Tony, Jaison, A Alexander, Pancras** and **Linus Kindo** (Director of Diocesan Schools) to delve deeper into NEP 2020 and come out with a framework for the strategic implementation of the policy in our schools. To achieve this end, a process of reflection on NEP begun

and a well-prepared questionnaire was administered to teachers of our schools. Some of the teachers from a few schools participated in the exercise and their responses were collated by the consultation team for a plenary that was held on Sunday, 27 September, 2020 with 26 members on board...the POSA and JEA secretary were present for the same.





Fr. John Berchmans Nag, SJ (JAM) 1948 – 2020

Fr. John Berchmans Nag left for eternal abode on September 10 early in the morning. He was suffering from high BP, diabetics and kidney problem.

He was born on 31 March 1948 at Kamanta Khunti, district Khunti, Jharkhand. He completed his degree studies before joining the Society from Birsa College Khunti



in 1972. After working for some years in one of our schools in Dhanbad he joined the society in 1984. He was ordained in 1996 at Khunti. He pronounced his Final Vows in 2010. He has worked in various ministries in the province. He enjoyed doing all types of ministries given to him. His 24 years of priestly life was as follows:

St Ignatius School, Rengra	Pastoral Ministry	01 Jan 1996	to	30 Jun 1997
St Ignatius School, Rengra	Headmaster	01 Jul 1997	to	30 Jun 1998
Jisu Jaher, Tundi	Pastoral Ministry	01 Jul 1998	to	30 Jun 2001
Jisu Jaher Garh, Chaira	Teacher	01 Feb 2002	to	30 May 2007
Loyola School, Jilling	Teacher	01 Jun 2007	to	30 Jun 2008
Jesu Bhavan, Jamshedpur	Hindi & Music Teacher	01 Jul 2008	to	30 Jan 2009
Loyola Bhavan, Bhubaneswar	Minister	01 Feb 2009	to	30 May 2012
Divyanugrah, Tumudibandha	Hostel Prefect & Farm	01 Jun 2012	to	30 Jul 2013
Tome Residence, XLRI	Health Care / Sub-minister	01 Aug 2013	to	30 Jun 2015
Divya Bharati	Asst to Director & Garden	01 Jul 2015	to	30 Jul 2019
Guidera Residence, XLRI	Prays for the Church & Society	01 Aug 2019	to	10 Sept 2020

Most of his companions in the province fondly called him 'GURU' as he was a teacher before joining the Society. He was passionate about music, played harmonium and flute. He used to write lyrics

and compose music too. He lived a very simple life truly living the vow of poverty. Other most noticeable qualities of Fr. John were his availability and adaptability. He had been assigned to almost every

area of the province. Language, culture, geographical area etc were no barrier for him. He loved the people wherever he worked and was very effective in his ministry. May his soul rest in peace.

Across the Bridge

08 September	Fr. Jayant Kumar Padiyal, S.J.	(KAR, 71/54), Mangaluru, Karnataka
10 September	Fr. John Berchman Nag, S.J.	(JAM, 72/36), Jamshedpur
12 September	Fr. Jacob Carvalho, S.J.	(GOA, 75/57), Belagavi, Karnataka
15 September	Fr. Vijay Kumar Prabhu, S.J.	(KAR, 80/61), Mangaluru, Karnataka
15 September	Fr. James Thottakath, S.J.	(KER, 83/63), Kozhikode, Kerala
18 September	Fr. Erik Breyer, S.J.	(RAN, 80/61), Ranchi
20 September	Br. Nicolas Hernandez Blanco, S.J.	(ESP, 92/75), Campos, Spain
24 September	Fr. Dionysius Rasquinha, S.J.	(PAT, 65/44), Patna
30 September	Fr. Joseph Thayil, S.J.	(KER, 90/70), Kozhikode, Kerala

Death Anniversaries of October

03	Edward H Dineen
10	Carl L Dincher
10	James Comerford
10	Sirinus Topno
11	Subodh Kullu
12	Merlin I Pereira
13	Anderson E Bakewell
14	William N Tome
17	Edward De Meulder
17	James J McGinley
22	Carroll I Fasy
22	Eugene A Welch
23	William Mendonca
25	Charles Vrithoff
27	Anthony P Roberts
29	Joseph M Bonello
29	Mathew Areeparampil

Birthdays in October

02	Praveen Jose R
08	Victor Joseph
	Pascal Kerketta
12	Gautam K Chaudhury
	Joseph Njarakulam
13	Aloysius C Jesurajan
14	Antony A Pancras
16	Ashish Tete
17	Vital Dungdung
19	Peter Francis M
	Arundeeep Kujur
20	George Fernandes
21	Alfred Bodra
22	James A Kalapura
26	M L Jubin Nath
29	Ashish Kumar Digal