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JESUIT VOCATIONS - 'PRAY WITH INSISTENCE': In a text released prior to the meeting, [7 to 11 Sept.] **Fr Sosa** especially notes the importance of prayer for vocations:

"To pray for vocations is a substantive part of the style of life-mission of those of us who follow the call of the Lord in the Society of Jesus. Taking as a starting point that vocation is a gift of God that we are invited to beg with insistence, the first question that comes to me is whether we ask for this gift, whether we pray enough, and insistently enough, for vocations to the Society.

All the members of the apostolic body can contribute to this task of praying insistently for vocations. This dimension cannot be foregone, and we are invited to use all the means necessary to accomplish it in the best way possible. Any plan of vocational promotion must include specific means to assure prayer for vocations by the whole apostolic body".

Fr. GENERAL has appointed **Fr. Dionysius Gerard Leonard Vaz (Dion)** the **New Provincial** of Karnataka Jesuit Province.

FR. PROVINCIAL'S PROGRAM

SEPTEMBER - 2020

01-03 P.T.E.C., Visitation
 20-00 Province Consult
 21-00 Pakripath Visitation
 22-00 Chiropath Visitation
 23-00 Tundtoli Visitation
 24-00 SXCM Visitation
 25-27 Mahuadanr Visitation

OCTOBER - 2020

03-05 Central Zone Provincials'
 Meeting in Ranchi

RIP: Fr. Augustine Tigga SJ (HAZ)
10 AUG. 1948 -- 15 AUG. 2020



FROM AROUND THE PROVINCE

BHURKUNDA, CATHOLIC ASHRAM

As part of Ignatian Novena Days, we were helped by **Fr. Emile** from Charhi to have the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We celebrated Ignatius' feast quietly. We invested some time for Patratu to settle a road issue with a neighbour. Mahila Sangh actively but quietly celebrated the Monica Diwas in Patratu and Bhurkunda under the leadership of PP, **Christopher. Frs. Basant, Christopher** and **Suman** worked hard to clean the pond and have put fish hoping for a good harvest. Fr. **Saju** went with **Fr. Manoj** to Kolkata to introduce him to the doctors in Tata Medical Centre.

Frs. Saju and **Suman** went to Jharkhand Academic Council and met the Secretary. He directed the Ramgarh in-charges to find out our file position. We got our file submitted in 2010-15 in JAC. We are asked to update our file with CO's letter on land position and DEO's signatures on each page of the documents. Since then we are busy with it. For our great relief, JAC has extended the date up to 25th September.

We hope to submit it before that. All the staff members were present for the Independence Day Celebration. We followed all the lockdown rules and celebrated the day well. On Sunday 30th August our larger Community gathered to align the Vision and Mission. We spent four hours reflecting on the UAP, CAP, ZAP and PAP and deepen our understanding to integrate it. Students got the rice for the Mid-day Meal. All the staff members were asked to undergo Corona test. A preliminary report says one of them was positive.

BATUKA: The Fathers of Batuka and the parishioners are keeping themselves busy with their weekly and monthly activities. Specially, the faithful, as majority of them are farmers, keep busy in their farm activities. During this Corona season we had many visitors like

Bhurkunda Fathers and Sisters, CIC Sisters from Patratu, Holy Cross Sisters from Ghato also visited us while they had come to visit one of their staffs in Boitka and Mandair Fathers and Sisters had come. Fr Tej visits the villagers and Fr Peter has started saying Mass in the Mass centres and baptising the children in their units as the regular Masses in the Church has not started yet. We have a very few new admissions. All are waiting for the schools to reopen. The villagers carry out their daily activities unhindered of the covid-19. They did transplantation together, celebrated Karam feast and had a big football tournament recently. The white washing of school building will start soon.

CHARHI

In the Month of August the Community members observed lockdown seriously. During this time there were no Pastoral or Social visits. On August 4th **Fr. Birendra** and Mr. Anup went to Hazaribag educational office to collect certificates of class 10th students. School office remained opened for the distribution of certificates and for other purposes. On 8th August sch. **Prakash Baskey** went to Ranchi, Tarunodaya to witness the comprehensive exams. On 9th August special mass for indigenous people was offered with prayers and supplications.

Our campus boundary work was completed on 8th of August. A portion of campus boundary wall near graveyard was fallen due to heavy rain. On 14th August **Gregory** and **Nicholas** went to Tarwa Holy Cross hospital for a check-up. According to the report everything seemed good except for some sugar problem. 15th the feast of Assumption and Independence day was celebrated with campus members and the sisters of Lal Bangla. After the Holy Mass

national flag was hoisted near the Grotto. Sr. Tersicia HC celebrated her feast day on the same day.

On 17th **Frs. Varghese, Ignatius Tete, Francis Marian** and St Anne sister visited us on their way back from Ranchi to Hazaribag. **Nicholas** offered **Bhandan** (Gami) mass in Titriya and baptismal mass in Kajri and Kasiadih, where as **Emile** and scholastic **Prakash Baskey** offered Mass in Kuju colony, Tapin, and Bhudurlatwa. During the lockdown three parishioners died. May their souls rest in peace! On 29th sch. **Prakash Baskey** went to Hazaribag for recollection. On-line classes for the students is taking place but it is not going well. On 04 of September we got a sad news of passing away of the father of **Fr. Birendra Tirkey, Mr. Hilarius Tirkey**. He was 82. May his soul rest in peace!

HAZARIBAG, ARRUPPE NIWAS

Though the constant monsoon rain, which of course is a great blessing to all the farmers, has made it difficult for the various covid-19 relief projects to be done in Dumar, Patra, Chatra, Tarwa, Jamuniatanr, Tundtoli, Chiro, and Pakripath, all are trying to complete them by the third week of September so that the report can be given on time to the funding agency. It is good to see wells being repaired, ponds being dug, a well being made for a village school, fields being prepared, village schools being given a new look, many needy persons receiving dry rations, young men and women starting small businesses, preparing chowmin for eager customers, rearing pigs etc. All are very grateful to Jesuit Mission for arranging and Lenity Australia for the funding of this wonderful project to help so many needy persons in this difficult time.

Despite the partial lockdown, **Fr. Santosh** is still quite busy visiting communities, **Tony** is meeting his co

workers in the Chatra area and of course our Minister **Francis Marian** always on the move for us. The rest of the Arrupe community are mostly at home in useful occupations, **Gyan** as usual busy in the treasurer's office and **Sushil** in the Socius' office, **Bob** following up on donations and reports, and sometimes working on a short articles on the early history of St. Joseph's High School, Mahuadanr.

On 29 August, 2020, 22 Scholastics attended the recollection at Arrupe Niwas given by **Fr. Sushil Lakra**. **Fr. Pius Kerketta** too accompanied the scholastics throughout the sessions. Two Tertian fathers, **Fr. Shyam** and **Fr. Anthony**, the V.G. of Hazaribag Diocese helped the schols with confession. The recollection was concluded with a Holy Eucharist at noon.

The important changes have been made in the routine of our co-workers. In the morning and in the afternoon, all come together for a cup of tea and a chat. And on Monday morning at 9.00 a.m. all gather for a short prayer for blessings from the Lord for their coming week and their work.

STUDENTS ONLINE, ARRUPPE NIWAS: **Sch. Patrick** is busy appearing for his final semester exams. He has mixed feelings about the exam though overall he is happy with his performance. His exams will be over by the middle of September-2020. Meanwhile, he is also taking online part in the activities of Satya Nilayam. On August 3rd, Satya Nilayam inaugurated the academic year with the Mass of the Holy Spirit, followed by *Schola Brevis* by **Fr Jebamalai Irudayaraj SJ**, The Provincial of Chennai Province. The academic year for the first years began from August 26th. In the academic orientation coordinated by **Fr Nithin Monteiro SJ**, we got acquainted virtually with the staff and fellow philosophers. The regular classes began with zest and enthusiasm from September 2nd. The classes run for a week and my Gmail inbox had just started to flood but thanks to the committee, who decided to

postpone the classes till October 2nd, since majority of the first years are preoccupied with the final exams.

Sch. Markus is busy attending classes on Western Philosophy and Indian Philosophy. **Fr. Shyam** is busy with Biblical Spirituality – both Old Testament and New Testament being taken separately by two professors. New Testament Spirituality is being conducted from France after very fruitful classes on Ignatian Discernment of the Spirits that was conducted from Rome. Everything is being done On Line! Of course, therefore, there is a lot of reading material being supplied, weekend assignments to be written and submitted on time and some of the courses have end-course dissertation to be written in 10-15 pages! It is very enriching experience; especially there is no compromise on the teaching-learning fronts. Sometimes it feels as if the on line classes are more demanding than the regular classes!! That's part of the game!

HAZARIBAG, PRERANA COMMUNITY

On our feast day we were wished by our staff. We also shared our jackfruits with many of our neighbours. On 10th **Fr. Shyju** went to Holy Family Hospital, Koderma for a Covid-19 check-up and was found to be negative. On the 20th we celebrated the birthday of **Fr. Christopher** in a much locked down manner. **Fr. Thomas Joseph** spent three days at Sacred Heart School, Chianki to oversee the casting of the new structure being built there. **Fr. Shyju** was busy organizing and attending webinar on NEP 2020.

HAZARIBAG, ST. ROBERT'S

No major activity took place this month. As usual the teachers are busy with online classes from their homes. In roster manner teachers came to school to register students' name on Government e-vidyavahini website. Except teaching staff non-teaching staff regularly came to the

school to look after maintenance and admission work. We trimmed some branches that were damaging school roofs. The painting work of High School is going on. We began the construction of the new administrative block and the new toilet rooms for school and hostel is almost over.

On 15th August we celebrated Independence Day in a simple manner. All staff participated in this event. So far 250 new students got admitted, among them 226 were for 11th and the rest were for high school section. For 7th Standard only 18 have registered their names so far, for this academic year. It is a matter of great concern for us. On 29th two officers from education department came for the inspection of the school activities towards Covid-19 related work. We had a couple of community meetings to discuss about alignment of vision and mission statement with UAP.

TARWA: In the beginning of August our outgoing matric students came to collect their mark sheets and other certificates. Mary's Meal stock of rice, Dal and soaps and spices were distributed among the needy families. They were identified by our co-workers who are active in different areas. Under the guidance of **Fr. Maria Louis** our scholastics **Naveen** and **Sumit** travelled to Manatu to distribute them. It's worth noting that they travelled by a tractor. **Maria Louis** distributed them in other areas with his co-workers. **Fr. Theodore** travelled with scholastics on wagon R to Bagodar to get fish seeds to put in our pond. He also attended various meetings by video conferencing.

We had community meetings for two days to have better understanding of our vision-mission statements of our community and apostolate. On 15th August after celebrating the Eucharist we had covid-19 style of flag hoisting in the main playground, being present only by the community members. All the staff members were called for online class training. **Raja** and **Fr. Theodore** were our tutors. In the

specific situation of our place and people we had some success but mostly it is a failure. From our garden we continue to enjoy fresh vegetables and fruits. The presence of the chicks and guinea pigs make the place lively.

Our scholastic **Sumit** was sick for a while but TLC of our local hospital could not keep him to bed for long, rather soon he was active and edifying the others. **Fr. Yugal** is keeping well and is accomplishing his minister's duties.

On the occasion of the novena to Ganpati Bappa we had free loud music from the neighboring temple to disturb our spirit of disposition and devotion.

Maria Louis supervised well repairs in various villages. It is a great success story of the covid-19 relief work done with the support of Australian donors and with the collaboration of the local leadership. The outcome is marvellous. It is serving the short term and long term needs of the people. The latest bright news is that he has started 20 non-formal schools in different villages.

Our close collaborators Sr. Stella, SCJM got transfer from Tarwa Mission after about seven years of service here in the present inning. We thank Sr. Stella for her tremendous contribution at Tarwa Mission. And we are happy to welcome Sr. Sushana as the new superior and the vice- principal. We had farewell and welcome dinners at 'NICHE BAGAN' (SCJM) convent. **Fr. Alex** excelled as the host of the farewell dinner, to honour and thank Sr. Stella. Schols. **Naveen, Raja** and **Sumit** sang self- made farewell song. Our scholastics **Naveen** and **Sumit** attended the common recollection arranged at Arrupe Niwas. In the evenings our local youth come to enjoy football games. **Fr. Cyril**

HAZARIBAG, ST. XAVIER'S

In lockdown times one day is rather the same as another, but a few events stand out. **Bro. Francis** and **Sch.**

Sujit Besra a collegian were admitted in the Holy Family Hospital, Kodarma, a Covid19 hospital. The reports showed that both had only a light infection. On 01 September, **Bro Francis** and **Schol Sujit**, both were tested Corona virus negative and were discharged from the hospital on the same afternoon. They have to be in quarantine for 13 days.

Fr. Manoj had a visit to his doctors at Tata Cancer Hospital, Kolkata and came back with a new medication. Ever cheerful, he is to report back to the hospital by the middle of September. After his treatment for a severe pneumonia in Holy Cross Hospital, Tarwa, and Medica, **Fr. Francis Kurien** is spending a quiet convalescence in our community.

Fr. Augustine Tigga, an old boy of St. Xavier's, died on 15 August in St. Stanislaus. He had joined the Society after finishing his ICSE here and his Intermediate in St. Xavier's College, Ranchi. He was on the staff of the school as teacher and Vice-principal 1982-1993. **Fr. Gaudentius Kongari** spent a few days with us before being admitted in St. Anne's Hospital, Ulhatu. He had a brief stay as Rector of St. Xavier's community in 1982-1984.

On 1st September **Sch. Jeevan Baxla** left by air for Mangalore for his degree exams. He had spent fourteen months in the community doing on-line revision. The garden around the house has profited by his care. **Schols. Samuel Nagesia** and **Raymond Hansda**, our other collegians continue on-line study. Construction has started to raise the High School by one more storey.

MAHUADANR COMMUNITY

During the lockdown period repair and maintenance work is in progress in the school and the campus. On-line classes are going on well but some students are not able to attend the classes. Now all the teachers are moving towards the villages in search of the students to put them in the main stream. St. Joseph's Middle school teachers are teaching the students of their

own localities under the able guidance of Sr. Priya FCC. This academic year 544 students in class XI, 148 in VII and 94 in class IX have joined the school. Staff members of Middle and High school are making use of the modern means to impart knowledge to the students. **Fr. Dilip** took Phonetic classes for the candidates of Holy Cross and FCC for two weeks. On Independence day, **Fr. Dilip**, the Principal of the school hoisted the in school premises and soon after that there was exciting volleyball match among the male staff and badminton match among lady staff.

The new Parish Priest, **Fr. Suresh Kindo** has taken up his responsibility with a challenge to counter the effects of the covid-19 with the Gospel values of love, service and care for one another. Both, **Frs. Suresh Kindo** and **Kamal Kandulna** are visiting the villages and distributing the Holy Communion and administering the Sacrament of the sick. Further with the permission of the local authorities, they have initiated more than 30 children into our faith and also blessed the marriage of 10 couples in the Church. All the norms of covid-19 and social distancing were observed.

Feast of Monica was not celebrated in the Parish Church but it was suggested to have in all the villages in small groups. **Fr. Roshan** had also gone to Rajdanda village to celebrate Monica feast. It was quite effective since they had nine days of Novena prayers in their respective villages and concluded either with the Holy Mass or Communion services. Now, there is an increase in the number of COVID-19 patients in the Chechari Valley. The daily and Sunday Masses are withheld but the faithful are encouraged to come in small numbers for prayers. At village level people are having regular prayer services in small groups and also preparing for the forthcoming Panchayat election.

After taking a full bottle of special Medicine from Kajarkilo, **Fr. Peter Jones**

has become now more strong and fit. With this effect, he says; he is ready to battle covid-19 as well. He is very regular in taking 10 rounds of walk in the corridor. He is regular and punctual in all other activities as well. Fr. Minister is taking good care of him by providing special diets and **Peter** himself is taking care of his spiritual needs by reading the spiritual books and listening to the Spirit of the Lord.

The Cooperative Bank is operating in full swing and is encouraging and supporting the people by granting them loans for the plantation of paddy, buying Tractors, financing higher education and building new houses etc.

MAHUADANR, ST. XAIVER'S COLLEGE

St. Xavier's College, Mahuadanr (SXCM), converted the lockdown period into constructive academic and non-academic activities. The academic activities include preparation and submission of annual quality assurance report (AQAR) to NAAC. Submission of AQAR is mandatory for the next cycle of accreditation. We received a congratulatory note from NAAC for the successful submission of AQAR. The other online academic activities are online teaching and learning, through online classes, providing class notes to the students, taking online tests as part of Continuous Internal Evaluation (C.I.E) and students' development programs. Faculties of Arts, Humanities, Science and Commerce have organized students' development programs. Resource persons for these programs were eminent scholars/professors from different universities of India. The participants were not only our own students but students of other universities also. The credits go to our professors for the successful conduction of these online programs.

We conducted an international webinar based on the theme: Neoteric academic paradigm in the covid-19 scenario. The main resource person was Rev. **Fr. M. K. George**. SJ, General Assistant

of the Society of Jesus who happens to be the teacher of the present principal of the college during his philosophy studies in Pune. Dr. Vibha Pandey, Deputy Director, higher education, govt. of Jharkhand and Dr Rex Angelo, the present principal of St. Xavier's College, Jaipur who is the philosophy companion of the present principal of SXCM. There were 606 participants, in zoom and YouTube. The program was really a success. E-certificates were provided to the participants and resource persons.

We conducted a National Webinar based on the theme: cynosure of higher education today: e-teaching and learning. The resource persons were Dr. Jayant Shekhar, Registrar of Nilamber Pitamber University, Dr. Sr. Nimmie, SCN of Jyoti Niwas College, Bangalore and our own **Fr. Edward Mudavassery**, the Rector of De Nobili college, Pune. It was attended by about one thousand participants in zoom as well as YouTube. We are grateful to **Fr Santosh Minj**, the patron and to **Fr Edward** for his great support and encouragement. **Fr. Edward's** talk is available with **Fr Sushil**, Socius. During lockdown period we managed to complete the part-3 form filling and submission of them in the university. We also submitted the internal evaluation marks of semester-3 students in the university and based on these marks they will be promoted to semester-4 without university examinations. We also have kept ready with the internal marks. Answer copies along with the questions to be submitted to the university. We are happy that SXCM is one of the few colleges of Nilamber Pitamber University that has taken the internal exams on time.

Srs. Kaslin and Chandrodaya prepared the brochure (leaflets) containing all information about the college and **Frs. John Tirkey** and **M.K. Jose** went around the parishes and schools of Chechari and beyond to advertise for new academic year admissions. The college plunged into

conducting preventive and awareness creation programs in the villages during lockdown period regarding the pandemic covid-19. **Fr. John Tirkey** continues his spiritual ministries of recollection talks and hearing confessions in different religious communities.

Fr. Gaudentius was not keeping well for some time. We took him to Carmel hospital Mahuadanr where he spent two days. Due to covid patients he was abruptly discharged from the hospital. He fell down from his bed at night, his speech was not clear, disoriented etc. without any delay **Fr John Tirkey** took him to Ranchi orchid hospital and the MRI reports showed a minor blood clot ("subacute infract") seen in the brain that could be treated with medicines. As he showed some improvement, he was taken to St. Xavier's Hazaribag for rest and recuperation. After a week he was taken to Orchid to show his doctor and for better care he was admitted in St. Anne's hospital, Raja Ulhatu, Ranchi. But unfortunately, he passed away on 12 August 2020.

Admissions have already started. Hope we will have more admissions this year. Even though there are no students staying in the hostel for more than three months, yet the hostel looks very green, Sr. Mariana with the help of the candidates have developed the barren surroundings into a vegetable garden. The sisters had their congregational feast on 26th July.

KAJARKILO, MASI MARSAL

Continuous rain keeps the campus and surroundings green. On August 04th we went to Jarangdih Parish for the feast day of St. John Mary Vianny. From August 11th to 14th, Deacons **Simon** and **Marianus** studied together at Kajarkilo for the preparation of their comprehensive exam. The feast of the Assumption of our Lady cum Independence Day was celebrated in the community with the FCC Sisters. On 15 August, the national

flag was hoisted by **Fr. Primus** the parish Priest and a short speech was delivered by **Sch. Antony Dungdung**. From the first week of August onwards the online class training for the teachers has been going on. The teachers are getting accustomed to the new way of teaching. On August 11th FCC Sisters celebrated the Feast of St. Clare; we joined them in the Eucharist. They shared delicious lunch with us.

Fr. Provincial visited the community on August 11-12 and 26. His visit was the time of grace and encouragement. On 13th August **Deacon Marianus** went to Patki to appear for online Comprehensive exam. The community went to witness the comprehensive exam. Both the Deacons thank all for their encouragement and support. **Fr. Pius** visited JAC office Ranchi and Bokaro to keep up with the school paper works. On August 17 **Sch. Sushil** appeared for online Philosophy exam. **Frs. Primus** and **Bob Billings** continue to visit the catholic families in the parish. **Fr. Xavier**, the minister is actively involved in looking after the house and the vegetable garden. We get vegetables mostly from our own garden. The new members of the community continue to learn and improve their Santhali language with the help of **Fr. Bob**. The Guruji is happy with the progress of his students. We have got a new garage for our motorcycles.

SHAHPUR, VIVEK SADAN

All the Pre-Novices are hale and hearty. **Fr. Victor** is busy in gardening whereas **Fr. Ajit** and **Fr. Sushil Osga** are busy in beautifying the house and its surroundings. **Fr. Lawrence** is engaged in giving Pre-Novices a taste of the history of our Society. On 15th August **Fr. Thomas**

Rodrigues was the chief guest to hoist the flag. Two of our pre-novices gave speech on Independence Day one in Hindi and the other in English. The same day **Frs. Victor** and **Fr. Arbind Beck** along with **Frs. Thomas** and **Moris** went to Jamuniatanr to visit the community. **Fr. Fredrick** and the whole community welcomed us whole heartedly. All of us had a very good time listening to one another and also saw the activities over there. We also had badminton match between Jamuniatanr vs Daltonganj. CIC sisters and staff members of Jamuniatanr were present to enjoy the match. The match was won by Daltonganj.

On 16th August **Fr. Arbind** went to attend a youth meeting in Sale. One youth representative was called from each parish of Daltonganj Diocese to participate in this meeting. There were 24 participants in the meeting. The agenda of the meeting was-how to be connected together and what can we do during this time of Covid-19. On 27th August, **Fr. Arbind** went to Hazaribag for the youth work and also took time to meet his friends at SSC Sitagarha Tertianship. He was delighted to meet some of his friends after 20 years. On 30th August we had a community meeting to discuss and finalize mission-vision statement, core values and periodic yearly plans.

SITAGARHA, PTEC

Another phase of Lockdown continued and almost the same scenario, yet with different colours, is seen on the campus. **Fr. Vincent Hansda, S.J.** travelled to Bokaro to attend St. Xavier's SMC meeting on 5th August. He also went to Kajarkilo for his herbal medical treatment to his legs on the 7th. **Fr. Silas Minj, S.J.**, joined SSC Tertianship on 10th August and the community wished him a simple fellowship meal on 15th August. **Fr. Leo**

submitted his application for Ph.D. registration to Loyola College Chennai. All the three units in the PTEC campus had a simple ceremony to mark the Independence Day of the Country in front of the new Xavier College of Education (XCE) building on 15th August for which all the staff was present. PTEC trainees shifted their online classes from WhatsApp groups to Google classroom completely. PTEC is now functioning from the new XCE building and the old structure is getting ready for the PTEC boy's hostel. On 16th August, PTEC witnessed a large group of villagers bulldozing a barbed wire fence on the eastern side of the property, whole community got together to make a police complaint to stop their illegal acts, to which local thana responded promptly. Now, the case might go to the court for the legal settlement of this decades-old land dispute. Your earnest prayers are requested. By the generosity of the benefactors, PTEC is blessed with a new Venue Car – **Frs. Vincent and Leo** drove to Bokaro to bring it on 30th August.

ST. Xavier's School Sitagarha (SXSS): **Fr. Sibrus, SJ**, feels happy to start the intermediate Science section in the school. There is some 08 admission to this section. Including Arts (39), and Science (8) there is 47 admission in the intermediate. There was a week long training program for ONLINE GOOGLE MEET for the teachers and they have started their ONLINE CLASSES since the last week of August. They are looking forward to opening school for contact classes for the students according to the SOP of the Government.

PTEC MIDDLE SCHOOL: Government instructions to fulfil many duties and activities made Sr. Anima Tigga, HC, the headmistress, quite busy during this lockdown. The staff was called from time to time to get the books, rice from the office and to distribute them to the students. Books and rice were distributed to the students. The sisters and the supporting

staff join the duty regularly to fulfil the government activities and demands. They get online stuff from the government and send them to the teachers and the students.

LOYOLA SCHOOL: Another phase of extended Lockdown was observed and the teachers were encouraged to carry out their ONLINE CLASSES from their homes. The supporting staff does come and keep the campus neat, clean, and secure. However, for the celebration of Independence Day, the teachers were called for the preparation as well as the celebration. The Holy Cross Tertiaries, the CIC Novices, Postulants, and community were also present to hoist the National flag and present their songs. On 19th August **Fr. S. Leo SJ** handed over to **Fr. Philemon Tirkey SJ**, where the teachers and staff gave an emotional farewell to the former Principal and welcome the latter. Then, **Fr. Leo** was busy submitting his documents and was also in contact with his guide. On 8th Sept. **Fr. Philemon** accompanied **Fr. Leo** to drop him to the Birsa Munda Airport Ranchi, from where he flew to Chennai via Hyderabad. *Fr. Philemon*

SITAGARHA, ST. STANISLAUS COLLEGE

Fr. Francis Kurien and some Juniors were taken to Holy Cross Hospital, Tarwa for check up. **Fr. Kurien** was kept there for a night and the following day he was taken to Medica Hospital, Ranchi. After staying there for 02 weeks he came back to St. Xavier's Hazaribag for rest and recuperation.

Frs. Ignace and Varghese were also in Tarwa Hospital for a few days and later moved to St. Ann's Hospital, Ulhatu. After a week, both of them were discharged and stayed another week at Arrupe Niwas and then they returned to the SSC Community Sitagarha. Now, both of them are fine and healthy. **Fr. Anil** was also in Tarwa Hospital for a night. **Sch. Sidhu** (Patna Junior) was admitted in Kongari ENT Hospital, Ranchi and was operated upon his

ear successfully. After staying there for a few days he is back at SSC and taking rest.

Fr. Gaudentius Kongari Passed away on 12th August at St. Anne's hospital Ulhatu, Ranchi and he was brought to Sitagarha and buried on the same evening. We were shocked at the sudden passing away of **Fr. Augustine Tigga** on 15th August early morning at 2.00 a.m. He was buried on the next day in the presence of his family members, relatives and some Jesuits. No other people were at the funeral Mass due to the restrictions of numbers.

Fr. Sandeep Lakra (MAP) is the new staff in the Juniorate. He will take **Fr. Francis Kurien's** English classes till he comes back from his recuperation at St. Xavier's Hazaribag. **Fr. Tony Herbert**, along with his team **Fr. Sunil Vijay Minj** from Patra Centre and Sr. Merciya, St. Anne sister

FROM DIASPORA

ANDHRA LOYOLA COLL. VIJAYAWADA

We three of us are doing our studies in ALC, having very good health. We are blessed with good rain these days. In the month of July scholastic body welcomed **Fr. Kiran Kumar SJ**, superior, **Fr. Bosco, SJ** spiritual director to the Sanjeevan family and bid adieu to **Fr. Rayappa, SJ** with solemn Eucharist which was followed by a short felicitation Programme. Thanks to **Fr. Rayappa** for rendering his valuable services to the Sanjeevan family.

Our online classes have begun from August 17th. We are getting used to the new ways of teaching and learning. On 18th of August, we celebrated the birthday of our new superior, **Fr. Kiran**, with nice cultural programs put up by the scholastics under the leadership of **Sch. Ashim**. **Ashim** has been elected as the beadle of the Sanjeevan community. **Sch. Aseet** has been made assistant minister of the house.

Sch. Arockia is busy taking online classes for the various schools and college students on various topics. For two months during lockdown he was teaching the

from Udaya Bhawan Sitagarha, gave a course on social analysis to the Juniors. The Juniors appreciated the teams' Social analysis program work very much.

Fr. Minister is too occupied in taking the sick people to different Doctors and Hospitals. His assistant **Sch. Prashant Manohar** is of great help to him. Now **Sch. Prashant** is fully in-charge of the kitchen. **Sch. Anish** is busy in his online theology classes.

Fr. Tom Venad was away in Tarunoday to conduct comprehensive exams of the fourth year theologians and stayed on there to take classes for the other theologians. The superior and the dean of RTC Ranchi reached him back to Sitagarha.

students of St. Joseph School, Mahuadanr. These days he is taking spoken English classes for the ALCAA School, run by the old students of ALC. He has posted around 53 YouTube videos and has the view history of more than 3000 students from all over India. Apart from that his videos are collected by his HOD, to include it for the NACC assessment. His technical skills were very much visible in the various webinar he organized as a student co-ordinator for PG chemistry department of ALC. **Sch. Ashim** is exhibiting his skills in the smooth running of the community and **Aseet** is looking after the physical needs of the community. We celebrated Onam festival on 31st August. The admissions for the new comers are done and we are waiting for their arrival. We always remember you all and pray for the good health of you all and the success of the mission entrusted to each one of us in our common prayers. **Sch. Aseet Kr., sj**

MADRID, SPAIN

My Spanish classes got over and I bid farewell to the professors and the academy on the 13th and to the Salamanca community on the 25th of August. We were ready to move to Loyola for the annual retreat, meeting, and gathering of scholastics, but it got cancelled due to some Covid-19 positive cases in the Loyola community. However, later a meeting was rearranged in Valencia by the delegate. I could not attend it because I had to do my retreat, which I completed along with Italian scholastics in Salamanca itself, under the guidance of **Fr Manuel García Bonasa SJ**. Just after the retreat I left for Madrid and joined my community 'Padre Piquer' on the 26 of August. The following day I went to the University to enrol, verify, and submit some documents to process the admission. The superior **Fr Jaime Tatay Nieto SJ** held a community meeting to explain to us the norms of the house and distribute responsibilities. The community has fifteen members with four new schools. *Prawin*

NAIROBI, KENYA

After a season of great surge in reported cases of Covid-19 infection in Kenya, the curve seems to be flattening although the medical authorities warn that the slow-down is momentary. International flights have resumed to several countries. However, the Indian situation seems to be still on the upward curve with regard to the number of daily infections. India has announced that the suspension of International flights will continue for another month. So, my travel date to India still remains uncertain. Some of the tertians from the African countries have begun to travel back to the provinces as flights have resumed.

We have a new provincial for the Eastern Africa Province, **Fr. Kizito Kiyimba, SJ**. **Fr. Kiyimba** is currently the Vice Chancellor of Arrupe Jesuit University in Harare, Zimbabwe. He obtained a Ph.D. in

Philosophy of Science from London School of Economics in 2009. He joined the Society of Jesus on July 30, 1991, ordained in 2000 and made final vows on December 21, 2013

Kenya has about 1,96,000 registered refugees and asylum-seekers from the neighbouring countries, especially from South Sudan. Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) is one of the agencies working among the refugees in a camp called Kakuma and a Sri Lankan Jesuit, **Fr. Lasantha De Abrew**, a companion of our **Fr. Sibus Barwa** and others, is the one in-charge there. Last month they went through a difficult time as two of their staff members living with **Fr. Lasantha**, tested positive for Covid-19. Lasantha himself and other staff members had to go into quarantine and undergo tests. But they were more afraid for the people who live very close together in the camp. Thank God, they were spared of a major outbreak of the virus in the camp. **Lasantha** came and stayed with us for a few days and made his retreat here. *RC. Chacko*.

PARIS, FRANCE

Given the new alarming situation of Covid-19 in some of the big cities, the government has imposed new rules and conditions for the control of contagious spread of covid-19. The wearing of mask has been made obligatory at the streets and common places. All the educational institutions and enterprises also have to function putting in place all the security measures. So far, the nationwide lockdown has not yet been imposed. We hope that the situation will soon be controlled. Although, people can travel within France and can continue their work following the security measures. Our summer vacation time is almost over yet we have twenty more days for our annual retreat and for the preparation of the new academic year 2020-2021.

On personal notes: - **George**, after spending some time in vacation, returned to Paris for a few days in the second week of August. He then went to 'Calais' for another

round of volunteer service among the migrants. On 31st August, he returned to Paris to pack up his belongings before departing for his new community. He has already joined the Saint Louis Gonzaga community. His new address of the community is: **Communauté Saint-Louis de Gonzague, 9 rue Raynouard- 75016 Paris.** Whereas, **Amit**, after three weeks of apostolate at the Mother Mary's shrine in Lourdes, returned to Paris on 24th August. He then prepared himself to join his new community. On 27th August, he officially joined the Saint Ignatius community in the university campus where we do our studies. His new address of the community is: **Communauté Saint-Ignace, Centre Sèvres**

-35 bis rue de Sèvres 75006, Paris. On 28th August, **Amit** with two other Jesuit companions made a day of pilgrimage to the city of St. Theresa of the Child Jesus and the Holy place in Lisieux, France. It is very interesting and inspiring to note that her parents, Louis Martin and Zélie Martin, are also saints in the Catholic Church. On the whole, both of us are keeping a good health. We are all set to start our 2nd year of philosophical and theological studies from 22nd September. Before that, we will do our annual retreat at Manresa retreat Centre, Clamart from 5th – 14th September. Kindly do keep us in your prayers and we assure you of ours.

KINDLY REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Fr. Augustine Clarence Tigga SJ, (HAZ) passed away on 15 August, 2020 Sitagarha SSC Sitagarha, Hazaribag. 72/51

Fr. Walter Stephen Andrade SJ, (KAR) passed away on 26 August 2020 at Fatima Retreat House, Mangalore. 78/53

Fr. Gatton Roberge SJ, (CCU) died on 26 August, 2020 in Kolkata [85/64]

Father of **Fr. Birendra Tirkey**, Mr. Hilarius Tirkey passed away on 04 September, 2020. He was 82.

Fr. Jayant Kumar Padival, SJ (KAR), passed away on 8 September in Father Muller Hospital, Mangaluru. 71/54

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

SEPTEMBER			
15/1998	Rev. Maurice Sanga	17/1983	Edward De Meulder
20/2009	Michael Windey	20/1991	Louis Defrijn
24/1991	James Dynan	08/2007	Kevin Cronin
OCTOBER		11/1978	Austin Kelly
02/1983	John Moore	12/1995	Joseph Depypere
04/2000	Ian Travers-Ball	22/2012	Oswald Summerton
	(Bro. Andrew MC)	24/1997	A.T. Thomas
05/2010	Angelus Tudu	29/1963	James Collins