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Provincial's Program

Sep 1 & 2	Visitation TRTC & Pandabir
Sep 03	AGM, Xavier Chaibasa & TRTC
Sep 07	Visit to Dhanbad
Sep 08	AGM, DNJ
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Sep 25	AGM, JJS
Sep 26	Province Consult
Oct 3 & 4	CZ Provincials' Meeting

Appointment by Fr General

1. **Fr. Gyan Prakashs Kujur, S.J.**, Socius, Jamshedpur Province
2. **Fr. Ranjeet Kindo, S.J.**, Consultor, Jamshedpur Province.
3. **Fr. Dionysius Gerard Leonard Vaz, S.J.**, Provincial of Karnataka
4. **Fr Keith Abranches, S.J.**, Rector of the Collegio Internazionale del Gesu, Rome. Wef July 2021.

Thank you for your 5 years 26 days of Silent Work

A few lines in this newsletter may not be sufficient to summarise the silent work put in by our Socius Jerome Sequeira over last 5 years and 26 days. All the same, these words are directed to him who edited this very Newsletter: Thank you Jerome for your energy and countless hours at the desk!

We would like to recall with gratitude your contribution in the right direction of digitalisation of the Provincial's Curia. As this mammoth task moves forward, you can be proud that you have made solid foundations on which others can build. It is also commendable all the effort you have made in getting all the land-related documents better archived and preserved. And how can we not mention the on-dot publication of the Jamshedpur Jesuits Newsletter! Everyone was so sure that on the First of every month, come what may, the JNL was in the inbox. You have faithfully published it month after month, on the First of every month – hardly anyone can match that. Kudos!

The Provincial and the entire Province owes you much for organising the Province Meets, countless meetings – Superiors, Work Directors, and so on – and, the monthly Consult that needed lots of your energy. You kept all in the loop of the happenings about the Province men, events and diverse happenings through different communication channels.

Thank you, Jerome Sequeira, for connecting all - your energy, enthusiasm and many hours of silent work has helped many more. As you handover Gyan Kujur the Socius' desk on 1 September, we assure you and him our prayers for God's Blessings. Thank you.

-- Curia Team.

Appointment by Fr Provincial

Br. Maximilan Lakra	Sub-Minister, TJR XLRI, wef Aug 05.	Fr. Nelson Glen Castelino	XLRI, wef Sep 07
Br. Paul Marla	Sub-Minister, Rengra, wef Sep 05	Fr. Pascal Burh	Director CSWC Amda, wef Aug 18
Fr. Augustine Vattamattam	Minister, XIMB wef Aug 16	Fr. Paul Fernandes	Minister, Kalinganagar, wef Aug 14
Fr. Benjamin Lakra	Minister, Faber Residence, XUB, wef Sep 01	Fr. S. Anthony Raj	Acting Superior, XLRI, wef Aug 27
Fr. George Fernandes	Coordinator & Treasurer Kalinganagar, wef Sep 10.	Fr. Sunil Xess	Coordinator, Faber Residence XUB, wef Sep 1
Fr. Gerald Ravi D'Souza	Treasurer, LCE Telco (additional), wef Sep 01		Minister & Treasurer, wef Sep 01.
Fr. John Mundu	Ho Publications, GJR		

The world has narrowed down and become a frightening reality triggered by Covid- 19. Thus, we have initiated a new pattern of study called learning on-line. This challenging approach demands more self-imposed discipline and dedication. As many of my companions shared – “We are being fatigued” to the maximum still the Jesuit MAGIS challenges us to keep going and never give up.

A significant change we, **16 Scholastics** experience our comfortable accommodation in 'Upasana'. **Sch. Cyprian and Jobin** would soon join us after they complete 14 days of quarantine. A good spirituality centre is now academically oriented for the different stages of formation. Those who were attending Language Course, including driving motor vehicle in Chaibasa, are now welcomed to this Community.

As for our convenience, we have a schedule. We begin our day with the Holy Eucharist and in the evening, we have either rosary or prayer conducted creatively. To maintain our growing physical health, we have an hour of manual-work-

games followed by evening studies. On first Fridays, we have Adoration and on Sundays, prayer before the Blessed Sacrament followed by Benediction. We are indeed grateful to the Community for the generous hospitality more than we could expect. A place to exercise our intellectual capacities in this environment – a challenging feat indeed.

In 1551, what Antonio Brandão, a Portuguese scholastic, wrote to St. Ignatius could be applicable to us now caught in the dreadful clutch of Covid-19. How much time should a scholastic devote to study and how much to prayer? Should he omit Mass on some days or attend every day even if it hinders his studies to some extent? **Ignatius wrote back: “Remember, the purpose of a scholastic studying in the college is to acquire knowledge to serve God for His greater glory.”** Hence, for a scholastic – barring exceptional devotion – besides Mass, all that is needed is one full hour of prayer.

In fact, deep within us we are missing the real life of our respective places of studies. The college life in Ahmedabad and Chennai, scholastics studying Philosophy in Pune and Theology in Vidya Jyoti. Now the online classes have become inevitable which in a way compels us to stay in the campus and in our rooms. We are bound to be with our mobile or computer screens, meticulously involved at different times in intellectual

activity. It makes us less dependent on inputs and internally compels us to do our own thinking along with what is proposed by the teaching staff.

This campus enables each one to cherish the spirit of prayer in peaceful atmosphere. The monthly Recollection given on 22 August by **Fr. Eric Cassel** on “Practicing an Attitude of Gratitude like Mary” and to marvel how Our Lady made a New Man in Ignatius was effective because there was a need for silence and a break from our intellectual activities. Even though it was a day of solitude and prayer, it challenged us to examine our attitude towards achieving certain goals and cherishing some basic values. Are we striving for the wrong things in life? How much of our time is devoted to seeking security, reputation, and power? How often we hold on to our material possession rather than share them with the poor and needy? Are we humble enough as Mary was? We are grateful to Fr. Eric for opening our minds and hearts to the ground realities.

CHAIBASA AREA

Amda, CSWC

On August 4, **Fr. Gerry D'Souza** visited Claver Bhavan as the revisor and the next day, **Fr. Gyan** went to Jesu Bhavan for the same. **Fr Nelson Castelino** joined Claver Bhavan on August 8. Gyan briefed him on CSWC and prepared the FC and NFC budget. On August 12, **Fr. Julian and Praful** visited us. On August 15, we celebrated the Assumption of Mary with a

Eucharistic followed by hoisting of the national flag by **Nelson** who also gave the Independence Day message. Then we shared our joy distributing sweets and snacks to all present. August 17-19 were the days of visitation for Amda and Basahatu community by **Fr. Jerry Cutinha**, which began with the Eucharistic at 7.00 am. He was in Amda for the whole day, went with Gyan and Nelson to CSWC and met the hospital staff and the Sisters. As Gyan introduced **the new Provincial**, the new Provincial

John Sumbrui

introduced **the new Director** of CSWC. On August 19, **Gyan, Nelson and John** went to Basahatu for the final memoriale which concluded with lunch. On August 20, the CSWC hospital staff gave a farewell lunch in honor of Gyan. On August 21, Gyan cheerfully left Claver Bhavan accompanied by Nelson, Juel and Sr. Suchita to reach him to Guidera Residence.

Basahatu

School: Receiving a letter from the government asking the parents to give their opinions whether to open or not opening of Schools in the wake of rapidly spreading Covid-

19 Pandemic **Fr. James Samad**, the headmaster, called a meeting of a group of selected parents and deliberated on it. He encouraged the parents to send their opinions to the Government. He sent the messages to the other guardians also through

Joseph Surin

WhatsApp to do the same. **Fr. James** arranged a two-day program for the teachers for reading, understanding and presenting the **New Education Policy 2020**.

There was also the open house session for discussion, clarification of doubts, questions etc.

Parish News: Marriage classes were conducted in the parish for 5 couples for the Church Blessing of their Marriages. The **Small Christian Community Meetings** with masses are arranged and carried out in all the villages of the parish. **Fr. Nelson** has initiated the **Catechism Classes** for Catholic children in three villages of the Parish as a model to be emulated later in other villages too. **Frs. James, Benedict** and **Nelson** managed the village masses, especially the Hero' Feast Masses when the Parish Priest, Fr. Joseph, was out of station for his annual retreat.

Youth Day was celebrated in the Parish on 9 August 2020. It was conducted by **Frs. Valerian Lobo**, Diocesan Priest, and **Nelson Castelino, S.J.** A good number of children, youth and adults were administered sacraments after preparatory classes in the Parish.

Community: For Community the month of August was a blend of graces and farewells. The grace, the visitation of the new Provincial, **Fr. Jerome Cutinha**. He was with us 3 days from August 17 to 19. He started his visitation with the Holy Mass. The focus of his visitation was the "Community Life & Mission." In Basahatu he met the catechists and the SRA Sisters also.

We had some farewells too. **Sch. Roshan Toppo** left the Society. We gave him farewell on 4 August 2020. He spent one year at Basahatu doing the regency. We had the farewell of a very important member of our community, **Fr. Gyan Prakash Kujur**, the outgoing **Director of Claver Social Welfare Center, Amda** as he

assumes a very important responsibility in the Jamshedpur Province as the Socius to the Provincial. We had internal farewell as well as **Fr. Nelson Castelino** moved to Amda Community from Basahatu as the Director of CSWC. **Fr. Joseph Surin**, the Superior of the community, was out for about 10 days to make his annual retreat in Rengra.

Distinguished Guests/Visitors: **Frs. Sebastian Lakra** from MP Province & **Rajesh Ddungdung** from TRTC graced us with their visit. Likewise **Fr. Sunil Xess** from **Divya Bharati Pastoral Center** and **2 St Anne's Nuns** from Chaibasa paid a courtesy visit to us.

Divya Bharati

On 22 July, the inauguration of the birth Centenary of **John F. Deeney** was held at Divya Bharati having his 40 close associates and Ms. Kasturi Boipai as the chief guest. Bishop Telesphore Bilung and our Provincial, **Fr. Jerry Cutinha**, were the guests of honor. **Frs. Stany Furdado** and **Fr. Anil** took

special care to maintain social distancing and for the arrangement of sanitization. On the feast of St. Ignatius, Anil organized a prayer service and shared the Jesuit spirituality as part of UAP at Divya Bharati for the Youth of Chaibasa, in all 14 Youth came for celebration. **Fr. Sunil** introduced the main features of the Ignatian Spirituality while **Fr. Anil** highlighted the glimpse from the life of St. Ignatius. During the lock down, Anil

Anil Dang

brought 28 parish youth to engage them in volleyball-football games in the evenings. Every day, Fr. Sunil went to the court to keep in touch with the clients and for some legal work. On August 23, we celebrated Fr. Woolsie's birthday cum Fr. Sunil's anticipated birthday at Lupungutu.

Paul Miki, Pandabir

The Pandabir community celebrated the feast of St. Ignatius

scholastics and a few faithful neighbors. The teachers participated in the inspiring novena of



meaningfully with sixteen

Saint Ignatius led by **Anjum Lomga** and **Neelam Kerketta**. July-August are special for the farmer who work hard on their fields and celebrate the local festival of crops called 'Hero Porob'. **Benedict Soreng** and **Neelam Kerketta** join them in the feasts and pray for their crops. On August 9, Fr. Basil Sanga brought the pre-novices to witness the festival in our parish. In

this lockdown, the teachers continue to give their

Neelam Sanjeev

services to the school while Fr. Sushil keeps them busy, helping them in their on-line classes. On August 18, one of our senior catechists Mr. Camil Purty celebrated his 60th birth anniversary and 30 years of his service as a catechist of our parish, a real gem who continues his services with same zeal. In honoring him, the Jesuit mission wishes God's graces and happiness on him and his family. We are grateful to **Sch. Anjum Lomga** for actively adopting to our community life for the last one and half month. We enjoyed his company and wish him to come back again!

DHANBAD AREA

Bhuli

The feast of St. Ignatius began with

a Eucharist officiated by Micheal Fernandes,

A. Pancras

preached by Anthony Pancras and

concelebrated by Sebastian and Gregory D'Silva. About 30+ catholic staff of Bhuli and Koradih took part in the celebrations. As the Jesuits were felicitated, they expressed their gratitude towards Ignatius and the Jesuits for the contribution to betterment of lives. MC Sisters paid a visit to wish the Jesuits and AC sisters joined the table for Lunch. **George Fernandes** reached Bhuli on Aug. 7 to make his annual retreat, had a fruitful retreat and a well-deserved rest before he left Bhuli for Jamshedpur on Aug 16 to take up his new responsibilities. Inspired by George, Gregory too decided to make his annual retreat from Aug 19 to 28.

At Bhuli, the Independence Day celebrations were a little different this year. The celebrations were scaled down to adhere to the safety protocols to contain the spread of Covid-19. The occasion was graced by **Michael Fernandes, S.J** as the chief guest who unfurled the flag and all in unison sang the National Anthem expressing the joy of

freedom. As the **Director**, his message on the meaning of independence was an eye-opener that awakened all. He threw some light on how each one of us can contribute significantly to the nation building. Mr. Rahul, our music teacher, entrancing us with a melodious rendition of 'Mera Mulk Mera Desh', filling all with patriotic hues.

Indeed, it was a day of elation, love and respect for the country, instilling the value for the gift of freedom.

At Koradih the occasion was graced by Mr. Nandlal Murmu, Mukhya Koradih Village, as the Chief Guest and Fr. S. Pancras as Guests of Honor. Mr. Nandlal Murmu unfurled the flag and all sang the National Anthem expressing the joy of freedom. Fr. Pancras's focused his message on the values of Independence. Ms. Debosmita, our teacher thrilled all with a melodious song and a

vote of thanks was given by Mr. S. K. Singh. All arrangements were



shared by the Principal, the Vice-principal and Mr. Tapan Sen.

Micheal Fernandes had called for a Principals' meeting on August 12 at CMRI School for the evaluation of results and analysis.

Sebastian conducted a halfway seminar on 'Teachers as Professionals' for De Nobili, Bhuli on Aug. 22, 2020.

DNC Digwadih

August was marked by **Emile's Birthday**, quite different from 'normal'. He continues to conduct online classes for the students of 'Masti Ki Pathdhala'. Francis was away for the treatment of his frozen shoulder and on returning was in self-quarantine during which he made his annual retreat. **Saleth** had to consult a doctor with regard to his swollen legs. Emile made the appointment and accompanied Saleth to the doctor who suggested various tests to go through. The Founder's Day was a 'Dry Day', which started with a short prayer service by a small group of staff residing in the campus and followed by a light breakfast and ended with the Holy Eucharist. At

the School Feast of St Ignatius was virtually celebrated by conducting online drawing, poster and collage making completions with encouraging participation of the students. Further, fancy dress [LKG- Std. 2], solo singing and solo dance competition [Std. 3-12] was organized by the school to celebrate the Independence Day. The National Flag was hoisted strictly following the precautionary guidelines.

Amal, with the support of his committed staff, has devised and implemented several novel and ingenious ways of reaching out to the young minds who are robbed off their childhood freedom and are caged indoors through the slow and painstaking process of several lockdowns cum phase wise unlocking. The credit goes to his energetic, dedicated, efficient and ever supportive faculty and office staff. The administration has devised and implemented a

Niranjan Minj

couple of landmark steps to ensure that the "Show goes on" uploading 2 video tutorials with 2 corresponding assignments for each subject every week, making it possible for the students to watch the video tutorial over and over again according to their convenience for better comprehension of the subject matter...Periodically conducting "self-assessment" tests under the strict supervision of parents at home and the answer scripts to be submitted to school for correction later...One week of online interactive-doubt-clearing classes are being conducted after every two weeks of uploading video tutorials and assignments.

JAMSHEDPUR AREA

Chaira

Niral's birthday was celebrated on

8 August. The teachers celebrated with planting

Tom Nelli

trees in the school and the

community celebrated on the following day. The international indigenous day was celebrated on the Aug 9 with all the teachers, having a short program. The lightning conductors are fixed in the school building, boys' and girls' hostels. The toilets in the school are

given a face lift with tiles on the floor and wall and other necessary repairs. On and off line tests were conducted for the higher classes and the online classes started for the other classes. **Rerua** now has a separate residence with necessary facilities. The renovated old dispensary and the residence were inaugurated by **Fr. George Fernandes** and blessed by **Fr.**

Jerry Cutinha, the Provincial, on Aug 24. Loyola school, Tome and Guidera residence were represented along with a few local priests and Sisters keeping in mind the covid-19 restrictions for the celebration.

Jesu Bhavan

Jesu Bhava was privileged to have **Fr. Jerry Cutinha** for his maiden and first visitation after assuming office as Provincial of Jamshedpur. On August 10, he came early enough to take the Community Mass and then for the next three full days of his stay. For us, confined in the campus because of Covid-19, his visit was like a breath of fresh air. He invested enough time to meet each member of the Community and gave quality time to each of the twelve Novices. His patient listening carried a gentle request to tighten our belts as Covid-19 is still raising its ugly head. The icing on the cake was a group photo with 12 Novices, the community of five priests, and individual profile shots of each

one!

The Provincial's visit was a signal to re-start the course on Phonetics for the Novices. "Companions to Beginners", published years ago was xeroxed and **Sch. Cajetan** was requested to spare some of his time from on-line classes to conduct four afternoon sessions. Now he is taking diagnostic sessions with the Second Years to make them understand how phonetic sounds are produced. Easier said than done! **Fr. Eric**, who is looking after English Department, it was mind-boggling and "teaching new tricks to old dogs"!

Fr. Ajit, the Socius, drove to reach one of our workers, Jabhor, to CKP, since his wife was terribly sick. He then accompanied his brother in-law to Jharsaguda to attend the funeral of his uncle. Now, he is getting ready to take charge of the Minister's chair who is planning a trip to Chaibasa for medical treatment arranged by **Fr. Anil Dang**. At the moment, **Fr. K.M. Joseph**,

Ajit Soreng

the erstwhile Master of Novices, is conducting a five-day program for the Novices on the Constitutions spending quality time with ppt that makes learning a pleasure!

While Upasana having 16 Scholastics taking on-line classes, **Fr. Joe Njarakulam** found himself tied down with on-line conferences for over a week for 125 SRA Sisters from different communities on Discernment. He appreciates the help given by **Pravin Jose and Sanjivan** in setting up Video Talks and **Cajetan** for the final touches. He sees the writing on the wall – "this may be the pattern for the rest of the year at UPASANA with travel restrictions on because of the fear of contracting Covid!"

LCE Telco

Community: The fourth week of **August – 23 to 29** – focused on **Khandamal Massacre** of 2008, suggested by the Bishop's Conference of India. Every evening we had special prayer with different themes, hymns and visuals from professional sources. It was to remember what the victims of Khandamal Christians suffered from in this Secular Country of ours...yet there was "**no turning back from faith in Jesus Christ**"! **Tony** led us through the week in this wonderful effort.

School: To mark the Independence Day, the Flag hoisting was conducted by the **Principal** with the maintenance staff only, in the presence of a school security guard. In spite of conducting the online

classes for the students regularly by the teachers still tuition fees are not coming as expected. A team of experts from **JUSCO** visited our campus three times to check and study the possibilities of providing electric power supply to the school. Now we are waiting for their final report to come...hoping for a positive response...!

College: The office reopened on August 1, after the lockdown of July 2020. The second years were given virtual classes through the month. In view of the Independence Day, LCE had organized online-in-house competitions in English and Hindi Elocution as well as in patriotic songs. On August 15, the Independence Day was celebrated virtually in the presence of six members of staff and a live streaming was conducted for the rest of the faculty and students to participate in the Flag hoisting cum the address of the Principal. On 17 Aug, the Rotaract Club of LCE conducted a photography competition with the title – Into the

Gautam & Tony P

wild – in which 18 participated and awarded with certificates. Our decision to pay 70% salary and 10% EPF, faced some resistance with a written representation. However, a note from us made them accept the decision as the college faces the unprecedented financial crunch due to fees not coming from the present 62 students. The situation would be worst if we do not get the new batch in this academic year. The counselling and selection process lies with Government of Jharkhand, which began but came to a halt. There is no green signal for conducting the final year degree exam. Hence, starting B.Ed. for the next batch is next to impossible. The third semester exam for batch 2018-2020 has just completed

through on-line. The pedagogical and EPC paper were conducted in viva voce fashion on virtual platform from 17–21 August 2020. All records had to be sent to KU by August 25, 2020. The month ended with a two-day webinar on Aug 28-29 on NEP 2020: its intent, content and impact. The key note address was delivered by **Fr. Provincial**,

and two resource persons, **Fr. Sebastian James, SJ**, PCE of Kolkata Province dwelt with the aspects of School Education, and the second one was Proven Subhasis Chottapadhyay from Narasinha Dutta College, Howrah who dealt with the features of Higher Education as per NEP 2020. The valedictory address was given by **Dr. Syed Safdar Razi**, VC, Arka Jain University Jamshedpur. **Tony** along with his crew coordinated the webinar for the LCE students

and members of Neighbourhood Colleges of Education. He gave a very lucid presentation to a handpicked parish area leaders of Guadalupe Church, Telco along with Bishop Telesphore Bilung on August 2, on the origin, spike and personal care on Covid-19.

Loyola School, JSR

Running virtual classes seem to be the only option now as there is no respite from Covid-19. However, our students are not only attending online classes but also participate in virtual interschool quizzes. Recently Loyola kids were declared winners of the prestigious 'Quantum', an interschool Science Quiz hosted by Little Flower School. Preparations for 'AZIONARE', an interschool event organized by our senior students, are going on in full swing. **Pius Fernandes** held an online Staff

Meeting to take stock of the situation and found that many parents have been delaying in paying the fees due to the present situation. He has no other option but to tolerate, as the saying goes, "What cannot be cured must be endured". The Painting and repairing of the main School building is underway in view of the Platinum Jubilee of Loyola School in December 2021. Basketball courts are being given a facelift under the supervision of **Frs. K.M. Joseph** and **Gerald Ravi**. Ms. Rajni Nair, a Loyolean of 1992 batch and the present coordinator in Dhoon School, conducted a training session on technology for our middle school teachers. **Fr. John Mundu**, who is back to the province after about two

Dayanidhi Bisoi

decades and currently based in Loyola, is busy giving a final touch to the Old Testament to be published in Ho language. Besides his ever-ready availability for spiritual ministries, **Fr. James Santhanam** is regular in taking online classes. **Br. Benji** has rediscovered his typing skill as he lends helping hands to type spiritual notes of his brethren in the Community. The Infant Jesus parish is yet to recover from the shock of the untimely demise of two of our parishioners due to covid-19.

XITE

Community: After his installation, **Fr. Jerry Cutinha** paid a courtesy visit to the community on August 1.

On August 11, **Kuruvilla** celebrated his 72nd birthday with a solemn mass followed by a grand dinner.

Frs. Edward Saldanha, John Ottaplakal and the CTC Sisters were invited to join the celebration. Incidentally, the presence of our cheerful Scholastics, **Bikant, Alok** and **Anuranjan**, has brought joy and happiness to the community, their generous contribution is well appreciated by all.

School: The new entrance gate to XITE campus was blessed and inaugurated by **Fr. Jerry Cutinha** on August 14 at 10.a.m. The office

and the support staff of the campus witnessed the beautiful ceremony. It was a red-letter day as now we can be proud of our own entrance to



XITE. The Independence Day was celebrated in the presence of ten N.C.C cadets and a number of teachers. The Principal hoisted the national flag at 8.30 a.m. The teachers in cooperation with the students prepared a video on the celebration which was released after the flag hoisting

Hilary Lobo

ceremony. So far 105 students have joined school for the Std. XI classes. First Unit test was held in

July and the retest was taken in August. The First Terminal exam will be held from September 1 to 12. Our school took part in interschool competition QUANTUM-20 organized by Little Flower School, Telco and won 6 prizes. The school also received three stars in Fit India Freedom Run. Monsoon Magic, an interschool competition organized by our school every year will be in coming September. Most of the competitions would be

conducted online and some would be offline.

College: On August 8, the Business Administration of XITE College organized a webinar on

“Social Entrepreneurship: Rejuvenating India through Innovation.” Dr. Mita Tarafder, Chief Scientist & Head, KRIT CSSR-NML, Jamshedpur was resource person for more than 200 participants. On August 15, the Independence Day was celebrated

in the college quadrangle by unfurling the flag by Mr. William Dungdung, the Office Assistant in the presence of the Principal and the college staff. After the official ceremony, they remembered and prayed for the safety and health of the larger XITE family. The XITE fraternity congratulates **Fr. Mukti** for publishing his research article, “The effect of servant leadership

on ad hoc school teachers' affective commitment and psychological capital”, in the International Review of Education, a Journal of lifelong learning.

ODISHA AREA

Loyola Bhavan

Amidst all the Pandemic Lockdown and Weekend shutdowns, **Br. Tony Stevens** remained calm and quiet with his busy schedule of Prayer and taking care of the Guests welcoming a few unexpected ones. At the same time, he saw to the House Chapel maintained well and also made sure to keep himself sickness free. His Medical Check-up received an “A” Certification with a weeklong medicine. The only nuisance he felt was the

mosquito menace in his room and in chapel! Biranchi, amidst the exam uncertainties, made his Annual Retreat from Aug 10-18 in HLC, BBSR wherein Bipin took good care of him and reached him back to Loyola Bhavan before HLC was closed for a week finding one of the workers tested Covid positive. He continues his Sunday Ministries to the Holy Spirit sisters in Kalinga Vihar and managed to take Br. Tony Stevens for a Medical Check-up. Along with helping out Alex Mascarenhas in the Bank work, his efforts in the garden are yielding surplus Ladies finger, Long Beans and Ridge Gourds which he has been

George Anthony

generously sharing. George, along with other Province Commitments, was busy with VRO work and made sure to visit all the North Odisha VRO Sites in the last week of August, checking on their health and submission of report, taking time out to see Jaison and Pascal Burh in Kalinga Nagar on the way back.

Loyola School, BBSR

The Odisha State Education Board declared class 10 results on 29 June. Loyola Odia School secured cent percent results – 55 out of 55 candidates. Two of the toppers secured A2 grade (80–90%). Congratulations to the Headmaster,

teachers and the students!!! The teachers are busy with online classes. On August 3, the Principal called for a meeting of the teachers of Junior Section to evaluate the outcome of the online teaching, strictly following the social distancing norms and he likewise did the same for the Senior Section teachers on August 4.

Gilbert Menezes

Still the weekend lockdown and night curfew continued here and parts of the school building are used for ration distribution and sample collection. So every other day we have a crowd of people on the campus.

Minjaponka

Our pastoral activities are minimal now due to pandemic religious gatherings are restricted. All the same every Sunday, we do go to distribute communions and to pray in case of any burial. In July, we distributed relief packets to 500 families of the parish, each packet contained 15kg rice, 2kg dal, 5kg

potatoes, 1kg salt, and 1-liter oil, 6 bathing and 6 washing soap, 1 piece of sanitizer and 1 mask. These materials came through Sr. Sicily, Superior of Minjaponka Convent who had asked for relief project. This year on the feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola, some fathers and sisters came to wish us in spite of lockdown. The Sisters here prepared delicious lunch for all of us. In the evening before tea we blessed the new

Benedict Kujur

dispensary and the following day, August 1, 2020, it was opened for the people. These days because of heavy rain many people in the villages are getting sick. Hence, every day so many people come for medicines. With God's blessing and your prayer we are fortunate to help the sick.

Rutungia

The feast of St. Ignatius was celebrated only with our support staff and sisters collaborator. The Holy Eucharist was officiated by **Romanus**, introduction was given by **Jyoti**, a meaningful homily was preached by **Victor** and the choir was conducted by **Sylverius**. We

were not able to participate in the webinars on NEP 2020 due to no internet connection, nevertheless we stay connected with the members of the Society and the outside world in and through our community prayers. In identifying a few Covid-19 cases, here Kandhamal the first week of August was kept under total lockdown. In August, the whole of

Romanus Kerketta

Kandhamal remained closed on Saturdays and Sundays. We are not able to continue minor repair and maintenance works to keep the campus clean and safe, plant trees and grow vegetable with the help of our valuable support staff. The community enjoys plenty of guavas

and the birds, squirrels and neighborhood children have their share too. In Odisha HSC exam, all 36 students passed, highest mark

being 82%. New admissions for the current academic year continue to trickle due to the uncertainties of reopening of schools. When we hear and read about online classes, it becomes

like a dream in our rural area where we find difficult even to make ordinary phone calls.

Tumudibandha

It is during July and August, Tumudibandha and Kotagarh Blocks came under the spell of Covid-19. From Lockdown to shut down and finally Containment Zone – these restrictions have been imposed on Tumudibandha for varied duration at different times. On 19 August, the tag of Containment Zone was lifted but the lockdown continues. People are struggling because the Ora Panchayat and the neighboring Panchayat of Subarnagiri, are now under Containment Zone. **Sch.**

Cyprian, after saying goodbye to Pajikeri, was in Tumudibandha since July 30, waiting for an opportune moment to go to Jamshedpur. Finally, he reached Jesu Bhavan on August 19. All the best to Cyprian for his study of theology! Meanwhile, **Anthres Dungdung** made his annual retreat here in Tumudibandha. Construction of the boundary wall is put on hold but **Gregory Xaxa** managed to get some money from the OJS to utilize the materials already bought and do not get wasted. Other activities of the community are not making any headway, except we are able to participate in some webinars. At this time of global health crisis, getting treatment for ordinary people with

Blacius Ekka

common illness has become a real challenge as the Covid-19 pandemic has captured the whole attention of the government. Our farm worker **Saninga's** two-year-old son with some sickness was taken to Bissamcuttack but the doctors there said that only the Pediatricians can treat him. The boy needs to be taken to Bhubaneswar but waiting for the restrictions to be relaxed. Let us remember the child in your prayers.

XIMB

On August 3, 2020, we were obligated to inaugurate the academic session for the batch 2020-2022 through online mode for three programs – MBA in Business Management, MBA in Human Resource Management, and MBA in Rural Management. Around 680 students including some of the staff and faculty participated in the virtual event and expressed their appreciation for the meticulous planning and execution. The VC, **Tony Uvari** periodically met different teams on virtual mode to continue the day today activities in the university. Besides conducting periodical webinars by different schools in the university, a special webinar was organized on “Jesuit Global Contribution: Becoming All for All” for the staff and the faculty

of University Fraternity. The resource person was **Fr. Francis Xavier**, the former provincial of Madurai and the present Rector of Loyola College, Chennai. As he completed his sharing, the chat box got-filled with so many comments for enlightening the legacy and the contribution of the Jesuits to the world.

Donald was given a formal farewell from Xavier University with standing ovation for his contribution. The VC, **Tony Uvari** thanked him for his hard work and commitment towards the growth of the institution. **Arockia** was asked to shoulder the responsibility of the Director (Finance). **Benjamin** accompanied **Donald** to his new destination – XLRI. We had a meaningful Independence Day celebration in both the campuses following the guidelines of the government. As usual **Augustine Ezha, S. Tony** and **Arockia** are busy with day today administrative activities.

We celebrated **Joshys** birthday and welcomed **Augustine Vattamattam** who joined the

Arockia Das

community. After a weeklong observation, he has accepted the responsibility of Minister in the community. We had a gathering at Faber Residence just to share what each one is doing and to welcome the two young priests from Karnataka Province, **Vivian Richard** and **Don Prem Lobo**, who would be pursuing Masters' program in the University. They spent a weekend in XIMB. **Abe** had a fall once again and bruised his knees. **Alwyn** is busy with class preparation and attending webinars. **Kiran** returned after collecting some more data for his PhD thesis and then stayed under home quarantine. **Jesurajan** is still under medication but feeling better day by day.

FORMATION HOUSES

Asha Kiran, Mangalure

Pandemic has offered us some opportunities to engage ourselves to use valuable time in productive work. On August 12, the International youth day, our community took the initiative to

organize a national webinar on "Walk and talk with Youth". Ms. Jesvita Quadras, member of the international youth adversary, threw light from her experience on youth and inspired many. On August 15, honoring the nation we celebrated the Independence Day and the feast of The

Pawan P Dungdung

Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary. Seeing the interest of scholastics in homily, Fr. Ronald Pias gave us a talk on "Homiletic" on August 17 and inspired us by sharing his own experience of

delivering good homilies. On August 20, Fr. Maxim Dias updated us on the New Education Policy 2020 focusing on the positive points of the new policy as well as some possible negative impact which

may lead the nation towards bigger problems. On August 21, we celebrated the gift of life of our superior Fr. Alphonse Fernandes. On this occasion he published the first video in our official YouTube channel. On August 27, expanding our thoughts on different religion, Fr.

Anil Almeida SJ, shared his experience of living with Hindu gurus that gave us a border understanding of Hinduism.

Murry-Weigel-Kohlmann, Bronx (USA)

The feast of St. Ignatius brought great joy amidst the frightening pandemic. I felt blessed at the virtual Eucharistic celebration and the reading in of the new provincial, Jerry Cutinha, took place along with the final vows of Nelson D'Silva. On the same day, USA North East and Maryland province were merged to becoming USA East province under Joseph O'Keefe as the provincial. Joe had been a professor at Fordham University, the Rector of Spellman Hall community as well as Ciszek Hall scholastic community. In July, the New York state was able

to bring down the Covid-19 curve after the horrible loss of lives and a big financial crisis. As the number decreased, the parishes opened for mass and other sacramental rites, giving access to the faithful after a four-month shutdown. Those who participated in zoom masses now experience great joy in receiving the Holy Communion. This transition brought an end to my zoom masses. Even though my movements are limited to the campus, I received God's multiple blessings. All possible precautions are on to prevent infections getting inside the senior Jesuit community. I have never imagined directing the first Ignatian retreat virtually to a group of Indian nuns serving God's people in Mexico. A retreat under my spiritual guide, Ugo Nacciarone who worked for

Vinod Fernandes

40 years in Ghana, Nigeria, and Zambia, strengthened my spirit in God's love and compassion. Fordham University is now open to undergraduate students for in-person teaching and learning with necessary precautions, even amidst an uncertain future. Some universities had to shut down in-person classes due to increase infections among students and faculties. We are blessed in Fordham as graduate students have online classes, making the campus alive with activities.

Return to the Lord in August

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| 12: | Fr. Elias Arockiasamy , SJ (AND, 80/58), Visakhapatnam, Andhra | to the Novice Master in Lupungutu and Mango from 1984-86]. |
| 12: | Fr. Gaudentius Kongari , SJ (HAZ, 86/66) eldest brother of Frs. Walter & Hilarius Kongari, SJ Hazaribag | 19: Mr John Pereira (72), younger brother of Fr. Charlie Pereira, SJ |
| 15 | Fr. Augustine Tigga , SJ (HAZ, 80/58), Sitagarha, Hazaribag. [Fr Augustine Tigga worked as the Socius | 26: Fr. Gatton Roberge , SJ (CCU, 85/64), Calcutta
26: Fr. Walter Stephen Andrade , SJ (KAR, 78/53), Mangaluru, Karnataka |

Anniversaries of the month

04	Francis X McFarland	19	Boniface Mathias	29	Edward J Brown
02	Richard W Norman	20	Leon Jacques		

Birthday Babies of the Month

03	Sushil Balmuchu	12	James Bara	23	C G Thomas
04	Vijay K Kachhap	15	Isidore Bimal Minj		Binay Kerketta
05	Anit Ekka		A Pannerselvam	25	Benedict Kujur
08	Anthony Kadookunnel	17	Basil Sanga	26	Oswald Mascarenhas
11	A Amaladoss	21	Binod Horo	27	Vinod Fernandes
	G Henry Albert	22	S Antony Raj	29	Edward D'Souza

Pope's intention for the Month of Sept 2020

Pope's Intentions Sept 2020



Respect for the Planet's Resources
We Pray that the Planet's Resources will not be plundered, But shared in a just And respectful manner
Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network
Mumbai INDIA

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