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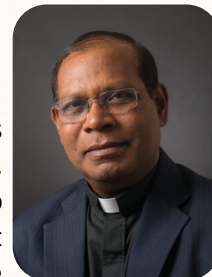


LOYOLA NIKETAN, BILASPUR, C.G., India

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From Provincial's Desk



Under the efficient guidance of the UAP-PAP Core Committee, the Province Apostolic Plan is consistently and steadily sailing through the process which kicked off on 23-24 November 2019. We have spent nearly ten months of an intense and consistent search for "the best way to collaborate in the Lord's mission, the best way to serve the Church at this time, the best contribution we can make with what we are and have, seeking to do what is the greater divine service and the more universal good."

The Core Committee adopted the ten step methodology proposed by the Discernment and Apostolic Planning, Office of the General Curia, Rome, for the planning process. After an intense journey of prayer, reflection, deliberation and planning, we have almost reached the end of the process. The first draft of the Province Apostolic Plan was reviewed by two external reviewers-Jesuits from Madurai and Ranchi Provinces who have given very valuable and constructive suggestions and recommendations for further improvement in our Province Apostolic Plan. In the final stage of the planning, each community of our Province will make its own apostolic planning in View of the revised Province Vision & Mission and the Province Apostolic Preferences.

In the final and concluding stage of our Province Apostolic Planning, I request earnestly all the members of our Province to continue to pray for the successful completion of the entire process and take a keen interest and an active part in all the activities suggested by the UAP-PAP Core Committee. I strongly recommend all Rectors and Superiors to involve all members of the communities in the discernment process and the apostolic planning for the communities.

Fr. Ranjit Tigga, S.J.

Provincial's Programme

September

- 10 UAP-PAP Core Committee Meeting, XISA, Raipur
- 11-12 Province Consult, XISA, Raipur
- 16 Meeting with Bagaicha Team, Asha Deep.
- 16 Governing Body meeting, Loyola, Kunkuri
- 17-18 Visiting Sch. Anjay Xess & Br. Clestus Baxla, Ranchi & Mandar
- 27-28 UAP-PAP Core Committee Meeting, Loyola Niketan, Bilaspur
- 29 Meeting of Superiors, Loyola Niketan, Bilaspur

October

- 03-04 Central Zone meeting, Ranchi
- 10 Ordination, Loyola, Kunkuri,
- 11-12 UAP-PAP Core Committee Meeting, Loyola, Kunkuri
- 13 Province Consult, Loyola Kunkuri
- 26-27 JCSA meeting (Online)

Announcement

This is to announce that the Ordination of **Deacon Anmol Lakra, S.J. and Deacon Suresh Tirkey, S.J.** is scheduled at 9.00 am. on 10th October 2020 in Loyola School, Kunkuri. Because of the increasing number of coronavirus cases and the restrictions imposed by the local administration in Kunkuri, only the invited people (about 100) will attend the ordination. There will be no general invitation. The list of those who will attend the Ordination will announced by 25th September.

St. Xavier's, Baramkela

The community meeting at arranged at Mahuwapali on 28th July. We discussed various topics mainly on how to celebrate the feast of St. Ignatius in Covid-19, the responsibility of each member, and a brief history of Baramkela and Mahuwapali. Fr. Ajay Kujur shared about Baramkela Mission and its objectives in short to make the new members of the community familiar with them. We marked the Ignatius day enthusiastically. All the members had some responsibility for the Eucharistic celebration. Fr. Prabhu presided over the Holy Mass, Deacon Anmol gave a short introduction, Fr. Ajay preached to the congregation and Sch. Roshan proposed a vote of thanks. Only a few neighbouring Fathers and Sisters were invited for the celebration.

On 15th of August, we witnessed two great events the Assumption of our Lady and Independence Day. We thanked God for the gift of mother Mary in our life. A few citizens participated for a flag hoisting, to pay homage for our freedom fighters and to give respect for those who spent their entire lives to free our nation.

Baramkela community hosted a deanery meeting on 16th August. A quite many religious and priests turned up for it. The meeting commenced with the adoration. It was an enriching experience that the congregation brought out various issues. The introduction of both new and old members presented cordially. Each individual was joyous to know about one another. Thereby the group discussed and constructed plans



for the whole year. The congregation flocked together for lunch and had a blessed time with each other. After having done lunch, we journeyed all of us towards the school stage to have a photo click before all returned to their places.

-Sch. Roshan Baxla, S.J.

CATHOLIC ASHRAM, BOIRDADER

Baptism and rectification of marriage:

The grace pours down through Sacraments which no natural catastrophe or pandemic can stop. Quite a few Sacraments (Baptism and Marriage (rectification)) were conferred to the faithful. They had waited for years.

Joyful recognition of God's goodness:

The Community went to wish and prayerful greeting to His Lordship Paul Toppo, DD, and his clergy on the feast day of St. John Mary Vianney. Acknowledging God's gracious gifts received, the Diocese launched the "Prayer movement" from 3rd August for an indefinite time and allotted the days and Parishes for prayer at 3:00 to 6:00 pm would be the hour for divine mercy.

Boirdader prays on Friday. Let God save us from Covid-19 and help us in the construction of the Cathedral. At present, the faithful are praying online Novena to St. Monica: patron saint of the Mothers.

Feasts and auspicious days of August:

Covid-19 changed the mode of the celebration but not the joyous tidings. The month of August is full of festal celebrations beginning from Rakhi to Ganesh Chaturthi and Teez. But among these, the International Indigenous day of World's people, Independence day cum Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary were the hallmarks of the joyous occasions. It was obligatory. The *Adiwasis* began to assert their rights and duty among the mainstream of India in particular.

A few staff of the schools came to hoist the National flag and singing the National Anthem paid homage to Knights of India. A pledge was renewed. The parents and guardians had started coming for the admission of their children and paying fees according to the directives of the Court. All prayed and wished that classes should resume soon.

Immunity is the need of the hour:

Fr. Ashok Lakra, S.J., and Br. Ignace Xalxo, S.J. visited the doctor twice. Well again to stay safe. It was because of strong immunity. Dn. Fr. Dilip Kr. Minj, S.J. was assured safety clutch by Fr. Dilip Soreng, PCF reaching him to plunge into the sea of Pastoral care and ministry. The Community congratulated him for the success of his comprehensive exam and wish all the best for immense possibilities.

In the name of visiting the mission:

Fr. Robert Pradeep Tigga, S.J. headed the group of Frs. Fabianus Xalxo, S.J. and Fulchandra Kujur, S.J. to Boirdadar, Baramkela, and Mauhapali for furnishing the records of the



places (land, property, school, and parish). These added responsibilities will bring fruit definitely according to the norms of the Society.

-Fr. Zacharias Lakra, S.J.

St. XAVIER'S Residence, AMBIKAPUR

Celebration of the International Indigenous Day:

A meaningful liturgy was organized by St. Xavier's community on 9th August. Only a few people were invited to the Eucharistic celebration.

Fr. Jerome was the main celebrant and he was assisted by Fr. Amrit and Fr. Polycarp Tirkey on the altar. Soon after the Mass, a short non-formal cultural program was arranged wherein Mr. Neelam Toppo, Deputy Collector Ambikapur, Mr. Pradeep Toppo, Doctor Yogita Xalxo, and Mr. Munna Toppo gave heart touching speeches on various Tribal issues. All the speakers enthused the listeners with love for tribal life and culture. Some of the Ursuline Sisters actively participated in the

programme.

The AICUF unit Ambikapur organized a Tribal Dress Photo-shoot Competition in the multi-purpose hall of St. Xavier's College of Education. Some Jesuits and their collaborators participated in this competition and won some prizes. This occasion brought all the members of the community to participate actively. Thanks to Fr. Sushil Tigga who organized and lead the entire programme so well.

Orientation programme for Pre Novices: 8 young men with deep desire to join the Jesuits came to St. Xavier's Community on 10th August for an orientation program organized by Fr. Dilip (PCF), Fr. Sandeep Lakra (Director Apostolic School), and Sch. Naveen (Asst Director of Pre-Novitiate). They stayed here for 15 days and were well introduced to the Jesuit life and mission. They had a chance to listen to some of the Jesuits on different topics on the Jesuit way of life and apostolic activities including their personal vocation stories. The Pre Novices were also given a Basic English course by Sch. Sandeep and Sch. Almon. They left for Bhopal on 24 August by the school bus of St. Xavier's School Rajpur. Fr. Dilip and Sch. Naveen accompanied them till the destination.

B. Ed College gets the Minority Seats full:

Fr. Jerome and Fr. Sushil with other staff members completed the admission process for minority students by 4 panels. The list is complete and all the 50 seats are full. Congratulations to Frs. Jerome and Sushil for conducting and completing the online counselling process so efficiently.

Celebration of Independence Day:

A simple flag-hoisting programme was organized by Fr. Anil Turkey the Principal of St. Xavier's school to celebrate



Independence day. All the staff members and others were present for this programme, observed the directives by the government during the pandemic. They were seen with colourful masks and kept social distancing.

-Fr. Sushil Tigga, S.J.

CAMPION SCHOOL, BHOURI

Campion School, Bhourri celebrated 74th Independence Day with great respect and reverence. Though Bairagarh was a highly corona affected area, yet the teaching and non-teaching staff came to school for National Flag



Hoisting and proved to be the truly committed citizens in paying tributes to the freedom fighters of India. All followed the directives of government while they were present for the event. The flag hoisting was at 8 O'clock morning. Fr. Zacharias Kerketta delivered a short speech, very inspiring and igniting. On this national feast day Fr. Casimir Ekka (T) was welcomed warmly in the capacity of Vice-Principal formally in the school. In the time of worldwide Pandemic Fr. Casimir is delivering lectures online *DHUNWANDHAR* to the commerce students of 11th and discharging other duties and responsibilities with diligence.

On 19th August the birthday celebration of Fr. Christdhari Kujur was in Campion school, Bhourri. The short and cozy togetherness of Jesuits sprinkled fellowship and companionship. 20th August was colourfully marked when Three Jesuit Communities - Mariado, Bhourri, and Arera Colony Bhopal gathered to wish Happy Birthday to Fr. Christdhari Kujur and Fr. Panka Toppo at Campion Community, E/7 Arera Colony, Bhopal. The Celebration of Holy Mass and community coming together was wonderful.

On 22nd August, Sir Nirdosh Lakra - a Campion staff had an engagement and ring ceremony in the presence of a few family members and guests here in Campion, Bhourri. The celebration was good enough.

Planning and discernment for a new block of Higher Secondary at Campion School, Bhourri is in process. On 24th August Fr. Christdhari Kujur, Superior and Manager of the School, Fr. Athanas Lakra, Principal of Campion School, Bhopal and Fr. Amritlal Toppo (R), Vice - Principal, came to Campion, Bhourri to review the school map and gave valuable suggestions.

Online classes went on well. On 28th August the second online teachers' meeting was conducted by Fr. Zack, Principal of the school. It was about familiarizing teachers to conduct the online periodical test. Campion, Bhourri decided to have the First Periodical Test of Academic year from September 7. The school management was satisfied with the online classes and cooperation of the teachers and students during this time of the COVID - 19.

-Fr. Casimir Ekka (T) S.J.

AICUF ASHRAM, BHOPAL

Fr. Alok attended a meeting on Saturday, 8th August, at Seva Sadan, Bhopal. It was for all the secretaries of different commissions to exchange the views on how to plan the activities of the commissions in the new situations. Fr. Mathew V.G. welcomed the participants. Due to corona, there was no customary second evaluation in April 2020, so the secretaries and coordinators presented a short report of the activities of the different commissions of the second half of the last year. "Church is always on the move, never static", said His Grace Most Rev. Leo Cornelio, SVD the Archbishop of Bhopal. His Grace also encouraged the secretaries and coordinators to be aware of the new rules of NEP, online teaching, and prayers. "Service to the local church is important" His Grace Rev. Leo Cornelio added.

The ongoing Covid-19 pandemic has forced people to redefine social life due to multiple factors. Ordinary people cannot access tests, some people feel fear when confronted with the unknown. In such circumstances, a systematic blame game begins. Blaming includes some specific or group of people, government or institutions, etc. What is the church's position

in such an alarming and challenging situation? Can we dovetail our plan with other equally committed people for alleviating the burden caused by Corona? Despite all these mind-boggling complexities, secretaries and commissions members of the archdiocese of Bhopal are ready to tune up themselves to contribute to this new normal or new situation, which was seen during the meeting.

-Fr. Alok Kujur, S.J.

CAMPION SCHOOL, MARIADO

A good rain at the end of August helped the Mariado to add greenery in the campus than before with waving paddy, maize, and vegetables. The Feast of our founder St. Ignatius began with the novena prayer wherein all the Fathers, Sisters, and teachers participated in conducting prayers in turns. Fr. Prabhudas, our Parish Priest from Narsullaganj, came to Mariado a week before to prepare and plan out the celebration of Feast with our teachers. They took initiative to organize a meaningful morning Eucharistic celebration and a joyful evening cultural programme. We started our Holy mass with an entrance dance in which Fr. Michael Ekka was the main celebrant and Fr. Deobhushan Toppo was the concelebrant. Fr. Simon Aind, our minister thanked all the participants at the end of the Eucharistic celebration for their prayers and wishes. No sooner than the Holy Mass was over cultural program started with a beautiful *Karam* dance. It was staged in honour of the Jesuits. The whole day program was concluded by hosting a luscious dinner for all the guests present. A few Fathers and Sisters from Ichawar and Handi wished us personally.



On 4th August, we celebrated the feast of St. John Mary Vianney. On the occasion Fr. Prabhudas, our Parish Priest, was the chief celebrant of the Holy Mass, and Fr. Simon Aind preached the sermon exultantly. We had a short felicitation cultural programme for our beloved Parish Priest.

On August 05, Fr. Michel Ekka, went to Sohan Khera for spiritual preparation of Dominican Sisters, who celebrated their founder's feast on 8th August.

On 9th August, we celebrated Indigenous day. To mark the day we took the theme 'Covid-19 and Indigenous People's Resilience' to make aware of Corona virus and its consequences. Fr. Michel Ekka was invited to offer Holy Eucharist and to present on essential qualities of tribals. The Mass hymns were sung in 7 languages. After the Holy Mass, we began our cultural programme at 10.00 a.m. with the lighting of the lamp and prayer dance. The main attraction of the program was Barela dance. Fr. Michel played a huge drum which we had never seen at other places. In between our cultural dances, Fr. Simon Aind presented the life history of Birsa Munda, Fr. Deobhushan Toppo highlighted the rights

declared by the UN for the Indigenous people on 13th September 2007, and Sr. Reeta, Superior shared the lifestyle of tribals in Kerala. Finally, Fr. Michel Ekka, shared the traditional lifestyle of Barela tribes in our locality. He pointed out some discriminations inflicted on them, which made them lose their traditional land coercively. He also illustrated some of the challenges such as child marriage, alcoholism and the imposition of high rate interest loans from the village landlords. Fr. Prabhudas, being the Chief Guest, gave a message that the Indigenous people's traditional knowledge, language, culture, and their relationship with the environment should lead them to reduce the risk of future pandemics.

Fr. Michel Ekka hoisted the flag on the occasion of 74th Independence day of India on August 15, under the guidance of Fr. Simon Aind. Both of them paid homage to our great leaders and freedom fighters of the nation.

Campion community invited the members of the extended community from Mariado and Bhouri to celebrate the joint birthday celebration of Fr. Christi Kujur and Fr. Panka Toppo, on August 20. We had a homely celebration due to the Covid-19. Soon after the succulent dinner the Mariado community members went fishing at the AICUF pond till midnight and caught enough fish to carry home. We thanked Fr. Blacius Kullu, Fr. Alok Kujur, and Fr. Amrit Toppo for helping us how and where to throw the net. It was a big catch.

-Fr. Deobhushan Toppo, S.J.

CAMPION COMMUNITY, SHAHAPURA, BHOPAL

Vidya Sadan, Pre-Novitiate

After a two-week orientation programme at Apostolic School, Ambikapur, the Pre-novices moved to Bhopal on the 24th of August. We are grateful to Fr. Dilip Soreng, PCF, Fr. Amritlal Toppo, Rector of St. Xavier's Community, Ambikapur, Fr. Sandeep Lakra, Director of Apostolic School, Ambikapur, and all the Fathers, Brothers and Sisters of St. Xavier's Community, Ambikapur for their fraternal assistance, support, guidance and arrangements during their orientation. We appreciate St. Xavier's School, Rajpur for providing us with one of their buses and required personnel to reach the Pre-novices to Bhopal. Undoubtedly it was a long journey but with God's protection, we reached our destination without much difficulty. Fr. Dilip willingly took the trouble to accompany us in our journey. Meanwhile Fr. Kapil braced himself and made all the arrangements to welcome the Pre-novices. On 25th of August Fr. Dilip led us in the inaugural Mass at Vidya Sadan chapel. In the afternoon the Pre-novices went fishing to get some relaxation and get acquainted with the campus. On 27th of August, we commenced our regular classes with great ardour and eagerness. On 30th of August, the entire Campion Campus gathered for Sunday Mass welcomed the Pre-novices in the Eucharistic celebration followed by an introduction session. Fr. Christi, Superior, officially and warmly welcomed them all. With the presence of the Pre-novices Vidya Sadan has become alive again.

Campion Community

On the 8th of August, there was a community meeting as a part of the discernment process on the exploration of a Skill Development Institute in the campus. Fr. Panka is given the task to explore more with the Govt. officials, NGOs, and with the interest groups, youth of both urban and rural, to find the

possibilities of taking the trade or stream which can better serve the purpose following the UAP- PAP.

On 9th of August Frs. Christi, Athnas, and Sch. Naveen left for Bilaspur for the UAP- PAP final draft meeting. Keeping in alliance with the instruction of Fr. Provincial, that in this pandemic period we should be giving importance to farm and gardening that something more could be saved for the community and we have the organic stuff for our food. Every evening Fr. Blacius, the minister of the house is seen with his catapult to shoot the wild birds destroying our maize and vegetable or with the fishing nets in the ponds of the campus. With his impeccable aim, he has supplied with varieties of birds and animals to the kitchen. Recently Frs. Amritlal and Blacius noticed that many wild pigeons were coming and eating our wheat which was on the terrace kept for drying purposes. Ingenious they are, they made a huge trap with the net and lo and behold they caught some 30 of them which the community enjoyed and some were distributed to some neighbouring communities of the Sisters.

During the heavy rain in the second part of August so many fish from the Shahapura lake climbed up to our ponds. In one fine morning, when the dawn was still dark, Fr. Alok noticed that some big fish were moving around in the flooded quadrangle of AICUF Ashram. With no delay, he rang up to Fr. Blacius, the expert fisherman of the campus. The community had no idea as to why Frs. Alok and Blacius were missing from the Holy Mass. After the Mass, the community Fathers saw them coming with two big Rohu fish in great jubilation. Continuous heavy rain was not less than the great deluge of the Bible. It created havoc, damaging our vegetable gardens.

On 20th of August, we had a combined birthday celebration of Frs. Christi and Panka with a Mass in the evening followed by a fellowship meal. But for Fr. Panka the joy of the birthday celebration didn't last long as he slipped and fell in his room and there was an agonizing pain on his back. The Ex-Ray showed that there was a hairline crack in his backbone. The Doctor prescribed the medicine and advised him to rest for a month. Fr. Athnas was all busy in monitoring the online classes of the teachers and taking admissions of different classes, delayed by the pandemic. On 25th of August, we had a yearly medical check-up by giving the blood sample of each one of us in the community. After a day the result of the blood test was received, and all were happy to learn that nothing serious ailments had set in. The parishioners of Campion Church, Bhopal started Novena Prayer to our Lady to mark the celebration of her birthday on 8th September. On 30th of August Fr. Ashok Lakra left for Mangalore for his studies.

-Sch. Naveen Kerketta, S.J.

PRAKASH SCHOOL, PATHALGAON

The month of August sprang up full of activities in Prakash School Community. On The World Indigenous Day, August 9, the Scholastics of Pathalgaon and Kerakachhar had a day of meaningful faith sharing in the context of COVID -19 at the bank of the river *Lipti*, Kapu. All of them felt that the COVID -19 pandemic is beyond the control of human beings. Only the Divine power can save us. This faith-sharing truly brought us closer to God, others, and creation. It was also the day to cherish and relish our companionship in the Society of Jesus. The twin feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Independence Day was celebrated in a meaningful

way. We began the day with a solemn Holy Eucharistic Celebration. Fr. Eugene Toppo was the main celebrant. There was a flag hoisting ceremony in the Prakash school premises soon after the Holy Eucharist. The National flag was hoisted by Fr. Amrit Kumar Kujur and a reflective short message was delivered by Fr. Eugene Toppo. The School Family gave a prayerful homage to the Martyrs of the Nation by Shri Raja Ram Ekka and Shri Lav Kumar Bhagat, the former students of our school.

In the first week of August Fr. Amrit Kumar Kujur went to Sur, Sitapur to give recollection to the Sisters of St. Joseph of Lyons. The following week Fr. Amrit Kumar Kujur guided the annual retreat to the Franciscan (Order of Friars Minor - OFM) fathers and brothers at Basen in Jashpur diocese.

The repair work of the schoolgirls' toilet was completed by August 25. Now it is ready for use.

Admission for the new academic year 2020-21 started in the second fortnight of August. The students were informed by the school office and the staff to get admission as soon as possible. The idea of having online classes for the students was not successful because the majority of our students came from rural and poor family backgrounds and they did not have access to internet facility.

-Sch. Anup Minj, S.J.

ST. XAVIER'S SCHOOL RAJPUR

It was a great achievement for St. Xavier's School Rajpur when its students Nidhi Kujur and Pragati Samant were felicitated by Nagar Panchayat on 9th August, on International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples. These two students were District



toppers in the ST category of CG. Board of 2020. It was indeed a moment of pride not only for St. Xavier's School but for the entire ST family. Congratulations!

On 8th August Fr. Ajay Bernard Ekka and Fr. Isaac Kujur accompanied Fr. Polycarp Xalxo to Behrakhair Village for the burial of his eldest sister late Dorothy.

Amidst growing uncertainty about the reopening of the schools and colleges due to COVID-19 lockdown, the long-awaited day of the inspection of St. Xavier's School Rajpur by the CBSE team for the CBSE affiliation arrived, when two member



CBSE team, Sr. Gerald, Principal of Holy Cross English Medium

Higher Secondary School Patparia and Mr. R.J.K. Reddy, Principal of DAV. Public School Bishrampur reached at St. Xavier's School Rajpur at 8.30 A.M on 31/8/2020. Their arrival brought a lot of excitement and enthusiasm.

The first phase of inspection was physical verification- visiting the playground, classrooms, toilets, labs, online teaching demo, library, music room, counselling room, sick room, etc. They were highly appreciative looking at the maintenance of the school. The frequent words of appreciation and confirmation uttered were- "Well maintained and well presented".

Then the second and most important phase of inspection was- the verification of the documents, which took almost 5.30 hours, in a cordial atmosphere. Systematic documentation and presentation were very helpful for inspection and verification. There was hardly any major deficiency.

Special thanks to Mr. Sushant Sahu who came from the CBSE office Delhi to help and guide us for the CBSE inspection. Within one day he helped us to reshuffle and modify so many documents, making the files and documents systematic leaving no room for any doubts. Congratulations to Fr Principal and staff for accomplishing the inspection. Though there was no doubt, yet let us hope for the best!

-Fr. Isaac Kujur, S.J.

XIDAS, JABALPUR

In compliance with the orders of the Government, after two months of lockdown, the office was resumed since 2nd June. Initially it functioned only for half-day from 9.00 am to 1.00 pm. Utmost precautions were being taken for the safety of the staff members as per the COVID-19 guidelines declared by the Govt. The academic planning for the year 2020-2021 was formulated and the Manual of Policies was also finalized. During the lockdown, online admission interviews were successfully conducted for potential candidates.

XIDAS is happy to announce that after much effort and trials during the lockdown finally, it got approval from AICTE for the academic year 2020-2021. We looked forward to making the Academic year more fruitful and successful despite the COVID – 19 scare.

In the course of the prevalent pandemic Corona Virus, Fr. Provincial visited XIDAS on 14th July to review and evaluate the situation and state of the Management and the Staff. He also addressed the Staff during his visit. XIDAS fraternity expressed heartfelt gratitude to him.

The online Summer Internship Programme presentation of second-year students commenced on 15th July and it was completed successfully and all the students had submitted the final SIP report for the assessment.

The online classes for the senior students commenced from 4th July and went on smoothly. Both the regular as well as the visiting faculties took the classes and the attendance of the students was very good.

Independence Day was celebrated in the campus on a low key due to the pandemic guidelines. Flag hoisting was done by the Director Fr. Alexius Ekka in the presence of a few staff members with a short message.

-Fr. Binod Kumar Toppo, SJ

SHANTI BHAWAN, JASHPUR

The month of August had been a blessing for us. There was a good shower of rain. Community members remained in good health. They were busy with different activities. Fr. Nirmal Minj and Fr. Theo Ekka had taken over full charge of Parish activities with much enthusiasm. Despite lockdown, some parish activities were carried out successfully with the help of parishioners, Fathers, and Scholastics in various ways. In the parish, online Eucharist had been launched through YouTube on every Sunday. It had become a great help for the faithful to nourish themselves spiritually. The philosophers- Scholastics Alberter, Anjay, and Ashwin were busy in their online classes. They were also extending their helping hands in the community and the parish choir for the online Holy Mass. Dn. Akhil Sai Bara came back in the community after completing his comprehensive exam. Fr. Michael Tirkey and Fr. Ajay Kerketta were busy with their school activities. Admissions and online classes were on in both the schools, English and Hindi Medium. The construction of Kalyan primary School, Gutri was completed and the extension of the school building of Shanti Bhawan was in the progress.

-Dn. Akhil Sai Bara, S.J.

Loyola House, Kunkuri

On 29th July Shanti Bhawan Community, Jashpur and Loyola Community met together at Kunkuri for recollection in preparation for the feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola. Fr. Oscar S. Tirkey preached to the community to overcome self-love, self-will, and self-interest and to labor for God's glory in everything.

This year the celebration of the feast of our founder was homely and simple. The day started with the solemn Holy Eucharistic celebration in Loyola school chapel presided over by Rt. Rev. Bishop Emmanuel Kerketta, DD. Later that day Fathers and Brothers from Bishop's House joined us in the celebration.

On 3rd August the community came together for the evaluation of the preparation and celebration of the feast of our founder. Fr. Satya Prakash Tigga went to Bilaspur on 10th August to attend UAP-PAP meeting. On 12th August Scholastics Ashwin, Khelsai, Niranjana, Shreyash, and Virendra (collegians) came to Kunkuri after their home visit. They were busy with their online classes. Fr. Satya Prakash Tigga came back from Bilaspur to Kunkuri on 14th August along with Sch. Naveen Kerketta. On 15th August after the Holy Eucharistic celebration, there was a flag hoisting ceremony in the respective units. On 18th August Fr. Dileep Soreng and Sch. Naveen Kerketta went to Ambikapur to make the necessary arrangements for the journey of the pre-novices to Bhopal. On the same day, Loyola House received Fr. Santosh Tigga as the new member of the community.

On 21st August there was a common birthday celebration cum welcome program for Fr. Santosh Tigga, the new Director of Apostolic School, and a farewell program for Fr. Milyan Xaxa, the outgoing Director. On 23rd August Fr. Milyan Xaxa left for Bangalore for his tertianship. Fr. Ravindra Lakra and Fr. Sushil Tigga accompanied Fr. Milyan to see him off in Raipur.

-Sch. Vinay Toppo, S.J.

LOYOLA COLLEGE KUNKURI

On 4th of August an interview was held for the post of assistant professor of commerce. There were five interviewees for a single post. Fr. Oscar S. Tirkey and Fr. Ignace Kindo visited many Govt. schools as part of their admission campaign. The water proof roofing was done in the department of botany.

Fr. Ignace kindo gave two days orientation for five new college juniors on "Self-assessment and goal setting from student's perspective." On 15th of August college had flag hosting. Fr. Oscar S. Tirkey, the principal of the college was the chief guest. In spite of covid-19 many of our teaching and non-teaching staff were present for the day. On 20th of August the first merit list was out for the first phase of admission and on 25th of August the college staff celebrated the birth day of Fr. Telesphore Lakra.

-Fr. Ignace Kindo, SJ

Loyola Niketan Bilaspur

Scholastics Edwin Lakra and Pingal Lakra started attending their online classes of Philosophy and Nelson Lakra and Aswin Toppo started their online classes of college from the first week of August. There was a one day consult meeting on 10 August here at Loyola Niketan. The UAP-PAP core committee held a meeting at province curia from 11-13 August. Fr. Rajkumar Badne left for Ambikapur on 14 August as he had taken admission in St. Xavier's BEd college. Fr. Rajkumar was very helpful for the community of Loyola Niketan. The members over here felt grateful for his service in the curia community. Fr. Arvind Vinay Tirkey left with Fr. Satyaprakash Tigga on 14 August for a short home visit. Fr. Ranjit Tigga, Provincial, attended the Governing Body Meeting of JVM on 18 August at Pathalgaon. He was back on 20 August with Fr. Arvind Vinay. Fr. Herman Joseph Minj gave a Triduum to MC Sisters, Torwa from 18 for the preparation for their congregation feast on 22 August. Fr. Provincial went XIDAS, Jabalpur on 26 August, for a meeting. He came back on 30 August. Fr. Emilius Ekka set off on 28 August to visit Surguja Society for a casual financial health check up. He returned on the following day. The School personnel were as usual busy in the month of August coordinating online classes. Teachers conducted online classes to the students from their respective homes. There was a community meeting on 31 Aug. All the members were present during the meeting.

- Fr. Herman Joseph Minj, S.J.

Jeevan Vikas Maitri, Pathalgaon

Governing Body and General Body meetings of JVM was held on 18th August 2020. All the members were present except the new treasurer who is locked down in Delhi. The members present were Fr. Ranjit Tigga, Fr. Agapit Tirkey, Yacub Kujur, Fr. Amritlal Toppo, Fr. Deonis Xaxa, Fr. Kanchan Tirkey, Fr. Eugene Toppo, Fr. Rajesh Xalxo and Fr. Fulchandra Kujur, the one who was one of the special invitees. First, the Governing Body meeting was held and the matters approved unanimously were presented in the General Body meeting. Fr. Ranjit Tigga, President, welcomed the members, took roll call, and read out the agenda. Fr. Yacub Kujur, read the minutes of the previous

meetings which were unanimously approved. The annual Activity report was presented by Fr. Yacub and discussion and clarifications were made over the report and a few suggestions were proposed. Budget and financial reports were presented by Fr. Fulchandra. After due discussion, the budget and the financial report were unanimously approved. Mr. B.K. Banka would continue to be the auditor. Under any other point, Fr. Rajesh Xalxo shared about the affiliation problem of RVTC, Kerakachhar. He was advised to explore the possibilities for the same. The President thanked JVM staff for effectively running the institute and serving the marginalized.

JVM staff attended a virtual celebration of International Indigenous Peoples' Day in series of webinars organized by Adiwas Samanway Manch Delhi. The staff actively participated in some more webinars on various issues. Project activities were conducted with care due to COVID-19. In the villages people were advised to follow the rule of physical distance, use of mask, etc. to be safe from the virus. A survey on migrant workers was carried out and people were helped in accessing government benefits. Campaigns on community forest rights over the traditional boundary of a village went on under the Forest Rights Act, 2006, and on Public Health System. The Act recognized the rights of a Gram Sabha over the forest in the traditional boundary of a village. When the right was recognized through a certificate by the government the Gram Sabha would be the owner of the forest in its boundary. In other words, all the land in the traditional boundary of the village would be of Gram Sabha. Without the consent of the Gram Sabha, no land could be alienated for any developmental purpose. This is an opportunity to make Gram Sabha a real self-governing body under the 5th schedule, PESA, and FRA of the Constitutions. This is God's will revealed to us to work for empowering our people. The State Government itself is making efforts to give recognition to Gram Sabha over the forest and all land in its traditional boundary. If all of us take it as a mission and help Gram Sabha to get the CFR it will be a great contribution of us in empowering our people which is our motto and vision for the marginalized. It will cover our UAP and PAP. Here is an issue ready at hand to implement UAP and PAP. We should not miss the golden opportunity. It is a God-given opportunity for us to work for His people.

-Fr. Yacub Kujur, S.J.

XISA Community, Raipur

Fr. Stanislaus Tirkey, Superior blessed the painting in the house chapel painted by Fr. Arohit Kujur and team Mr. Suman Kumar Ekka, Fr. Kuldeep Bara, Scholastics Nawaen Tigga, and Anthony Palhe before the Holy Eucharist on the feast of Loyola. Congratulations! Fr. Stanislaus Tirkey was the main celebrant at the Mass on the feast of St. Ignatius followed by breakfast, football match between Scholastics and community collaborators in which the former won by 01-0. A Colourful cultural program was well prepared by campus collaborators and Scholastics to commemorate the feast. Since we badly missed our students, staff, children, youth, parishioners, and collaborators on the feast day, our residential collaborators left no stone unturned in making the feast colorful and spicy. The final result of the MAP Province Scholastics quiz competition was declared after the Holy Mass on July 31 as Sch. Nawaen Tigga from Campion bagged the 2nd prize.

Fr. Arohit Kujur and his team Scholastics Naveen Tigga, Abhay Kispotta and Amardeep Ekka went to Gariaband for painting in the Church on 1 August. Fr. Stanislaus Tirkey, Fr. Kamal Lakra, and Fr. Lalit Ekka went to Gariaband at 9.00 a.m. on August 04 to celebrate the feast of St. John Mary Vianney. The painting was blessed during the Holy Mass followed by sumptuous lunch prepared by Fr. Bartholomius Kerketta at 1.00 p.m.

UAP-POP and Consult meeting was held at Campion school, Raipur from September 10 to 11 in which Fr. Ranjit Tigga, Provincial, Fr. Henry Lakra, Socius, Fr. Amritlal Toppo, Fr. Athnas Lakra, Fr. Alfred Toppo, Fr. Stanislaus Tirkey, Fr. Christdhari Kujur, Fr. Anil Tirkey and Fr. Virendra Xalxo participated.

Fr. Stanislaus Tirkey took Scholastics Shailendra Lakra, Naveen Tigga, Nilesh Tigga, Antony Palhe, Amardeep Ekka to Baramkela and Mauhapali for pastoral exposure on September 13, Sunday and came back on the same day.

Fr. Lalit Ekka is regaining his strength to undergo eye operation in Narayan hospital, Raipur.

-Fr. Alexander Ekka, S.J.

Asha Kiran Mangalore

"Allow yourself a relaxation and when you do you will find new ideas" (Catherine Pulsifer). This was what we experienced during the pandemic. The month of August was full of enrichment for us. For the first time, Asha Kiran community organized a webinar on 12 August on the occasion of international youth day. It became an international webinar. The theme of the webinar was *'Walk and Talk with the Youth.'* The resource person was an Aloysian who passed out last year Ms. Jesvita Quadras. She is a member of the international youth advisory body in the Vatican, Rome. Her sharing of thoughts and life experiences was an inspiration for the participants. The webinar was the part of KPAP (Karnataka Province Action Plan) and it was the community level activity of UAP-3 *'to accompany young people in the creation of a hope-filled future.'* This year due to pandemic the triple-fold celebration with our neighbours on 15 August was cancelled; but in the community the triple-fold celebration viz- the feast of the Assumption of Mother Mary, Independence Day, and the foundation day of Asha Kiran was solemnly celebrated. In the morning we had a solemn Eucharist celebration presided over by Fr. Dionysius Vaz SJ the rector of St. Aloysius College Mangalore. Soon after the Mass, we had flag hoisting by the main celebrant. We had just finished the national anthem singing heaven started pouring on us. So we rushed to the refectory and we continued our patriotic song and speech there. On this occasion Sch. Anchit Tirkey SJ (MAP) gave an inspiring speech in Hindi. In the afternoon we had a friendly volleyball match according to our Saturday ministry groups. The match was quite thrilling and neck to neck competition. As one community we all enjoyed and we had a good day. The same day in the evening we had a recollection on the theme *'Ignatian way of facing the Challenges.'* Our preacher was Fr. Bernard SJ (PAN). The mood of the recollection was like after the hectic activity resting with the Lord. As a part of our ongoing formation talk, we had a talk on 16 August. The theme was New Education Policy-2020 (NEP). The speaker was Fr. Maxim Dias SJ (KAR). The talk was very good and well

presented. We were glad to know about the NEP. It was an inspiring, enthusiastic, stimulating curiosity at the same time very-very challenging. On 18 August we had the community meeting and on 21 August we celebrated the birthday of Fr. Alphonse Fernandes SJ our Superior. These days the present 2nd & 3rd years were busy with their online classes. The outgoing 3rd years were engaged with their philosophy classes at the same time they were very busy in preparation for the final exam which would be held on 16 September onwards. So we humbly request your prayers for us.

-Sch. Francis Lakra, S.J.

Indian Social Institute, New Delhi

On the occasion of 26th International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples (IDWIP) 2020, a five-day Webinar-cum-celebration was jointly Organized by Delhi-NCR Tribals, Delhi Tribal Youth, India Indigenous Peoples, and Department of Tribal Studies- Indian Social Institute, New Delhi. The programme came out to be of an international standard with success and loud appreciations from India and abroad. This gave satisfaction to us that even during a pandemic lockdown with a lot of constraints a five-day webinar-cum-celebration was conducted smoothly.

A five-day Webinar-cum-celebration was structured thoughtfully keeping in mind the indigenous communities facing in India and across the globe. This year a global theme chosen for the observation of the IDWIP by the UN was **"COVID-19 and Indigenous Peoples' Resilience."** While keeping in mind this global concern our Webinar was scheduled for five days as the following-

Day	Theme	No. of presentations	Speakers from India	Speakers/guests From abroad
1	Indigenous Peoples: Global and Local	7	2	5
2	Indigenous Youth: Fusion of Tradition and Modernity	16	14	2
3.	Role of Indigenous Women in Socio-cultural Development	8	8	
4.	Indigenous Peoples and Traditional Knowledge System	9	7	2
5	Indigenous Languages and Indigenous Identity	8	5	3
	Total	48	36	12*

*Thailand-2, Myanmar-1 Australia-1, USA- 3, Netherlands-1, Norway 2, Ghana(Africa)-1, Russia- 1

There were 48 resource persons mostly from indigenous communities across the globe including the United Nations, Sami Parliament Norway, and representatives from several international NGOs and Civil Society Organizations (CSO). On an average of 1500 national and international participants attended these webinars Live either on Facebook or YouTube. The deliberation for each day focused on a particular aspect of indigenous life and cultural distinctiveness. According to the

UNPFII, there are 476 million Indigenous Peoples across the world with cultural diversities and richness who contribute in various and many ways to the upkeep of human and ecological balances. Most of the indigenous communities are discriminated based on culture, poor education, and economic status. In many countries, especially in Asia, Africa, Central Asia, and Near East, a large majority of Indigenous peoples are not yet recognized at the national and international level as 'Indigenous' to their land. Consequently, they lack basic facilities like health, education, sanitation, water, housing, rights, etc. The exploitation of natural resources and inhuman treatment of the ecological surroundings and indigenous communities continue. In such a situation it becomes practically impossible for indigenous communities to survive with dignity. But there are some members from the indigenous communities who have survived all odds and established themselves as the lighthouse and guiding force. The webinar displayed many aspects of indigenous peoples and their sustainable life patterns.

On the final day i.e. on 9th August 2020, the Important Guests and the eminent personalities for the virtual celebration of the IDWIP 2020 through their valuable messages were- an Expert Member of the United Nations' Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (UNPFII) Mr. Alexey Tsykarev, Vice President of Sami Parliament Ms. Silje Karine Muotka, Comptroller and Auditor General of India Mr. Girish Chandra Murmu, Honorable Governor of Chhattisgarh Madam Anusuiya Uikey, Honorable Chief Minister of Jharkhand Mr. Hemant Soren, Former Tribal

Minister of Madhya Pradesh Mr. Omkar Singh Markam, Padmashree Parha Raja Simon Oraon, Parganait Dashmat Hansdak and Kashinath Gond a Bhumka for Delhi Region. We also had a universal message from the Secretary-General of United Nations Mr. António Guterres. The whole program was telecast live through Zoom application on YouTube and Facebook of 'India Indigenous Peoples.'

BOOK RELEASE

On the occasion of the webinar-cum-celebration of 26th International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples 2020, a draft of an edited book with 25 articles, all written by Indigenous authors was inaugurated. This volume becomes unique because all contributors are indigenous persons with adequate competency. The book carries the title **"India's Indigenous Peoples: A Journey of Self-Reflection on Society, Culture and Development"** is edited by Prof. Virginius Xaxa, Vincent Ekka, Benjamin Bara, and Juhi Priyanka Horo.

Interview and Representation

Fr. Vincent Ekka was selected to give an interview to the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) about the health and education status of the indigenous communities in India on August 19, 2020. Secondly, a Janta Parliament was organized by Peoples' Movements from August 16-21, 2020. Fr. Vincent Ekka spoke on the impact of the New Education Policy and the status of education among Indigenous Communities in India.

-Fr. Vincent Ekka, S.J.



JESUIT MISSION IN MP

Article 31

C. Father Cyril Van den Driessche's District (Nich Ghat)

Numerous also were in the Lower Ghat the attempts to make Christians give up their religion, but nowhere, however, with that tenacity amounting to fury, displayed by Gandur Ram in the tract between Nagar and Bhikhampur or by Bhanu daffedar on Ambakona side. Such imps of the devil are not in the picture shown by the Nich Ghat. Their absence may be the reason why on the whole the Christians remained more steady in that part of Jashpur. The first allusion to trouble is in a letter of Fr. Van den Driessche to His Grace, dated Kurdeg 8 January 1911: "The people of Gorea are so frightened that no one would dare give a corner of his house to the new Pracharak; the former Pracharak, son of a rich man of the village, had given up his work through fear. The Raja, who is since more than a month hunting in those parts, had offered to the people money to return the loans taken from the Mission. Up till now they have refused, but finally they might give in through fear of the chaukidars, bhandaris, kotwars and other rascals." The Father wishes soon to go

to Jashpur to instill some more courage.

On 25 January being back from that visit a tour of 12 days, the Father writes again to the Archbishop. He has found out why Joseph Kana his former Pracharak of Gorea has resigned his post. His father the bhandari, the richest man of that side of Jashpur, got into difficulties with the Raja because his son was accused of having made a plot against the latter. The father to escape further annoyances had made a present of Rs. 300/- to the Raja who accepted the money and told Sukra bhandari to make pagans of the Gorea people. Owing to this trouble, no one dared to receive the newly appointed Pracharak. Similarly no Christian came to meet Fr. Van den Driessche when he reached Gorea. He afterwards learned that this was because of the threats from 4 men in the service of the Raja: the new bhandari, the barahil, the mahto and the census munshi. The Father went for them. The barahil, naturally denied that his party were threatening the Christians, but later in the evening, the latter confirmed that due to molestations they did not come and meet the Father. Slowly Fr. Van den Driessche got together a large gathering of people, into whom he inspired new courage.

After having found a chaprassi to look after the Christians and a house where temporarily he could put up, he called the 4 rascals to whom he gave a sound lesson in presence of the villagers. He left Gorea with the hope that the people who were on the point of becoming pagans would remain faithful. The old and the new bhandari wanted to remain pagans.

Kunkuri was also reported to be shaky, but the Father feared only for one tola: Salyatoli, from where hardly anyone cared to come and meet him. At Kunkuri also the bhandari was the agent of the Raja against the Christians. Gorea has persevered; Kunkuri is today a good village; Salyatoli thus appears among the tolas in the present girja-ilaqa. Father Vos, August 1950, says that in this tola of about 9 houses, only 4 remain Catholic. The reason why a census-munshi is mentioned among the 4 men of the Raja, is that 1911 was a Census -Year. In general the young, chiefly those who had been to Kurdeg, pleased him very much: "If we had only to do with the young people, everything would soon be all right in Jashpur." He then gives his impressions about the other villages he visited during those 12 days. "Kadamtoli, good; Pharsa still savage (wild). I shall put a Pracharak there; Bhusditoli, very good; Raikeda, good; Kunkuri, as I have said before; Dhodhidand, very good; Harradand, very good; except some houses; Gorea, as above; Kelba, good; Ghatmunda would be good, I think; if we had some people in school; I baptized there more than 70 babies; Khutgaon, good; Bhandri, too few in school. Charaidand, very good. Khatanga, not promising at all, the Pracharak is a lazy bugger; Kastura, some tolas very good, others less so; Korna good."

"Of course most of the districts are as the Pracharaks make them; things would be different if we could follow them more closely. As time advances, it will also be more and more necessary to visit Jashpur, on account of the old ones, to maintain them in their resolution of being Christians, and prevent their return to paganism out of fear or because they do not obtain the material advantages they expected. However, I must say I did not hear too many complaints about begari and rent, but in several places I was asked when we would have a bungalow in Jashpur. They seem to be more anxious to have us in their midst, than about their chapels! The young people also require our care to be maintained in their good dispositions." These last lines clearly show what were the more urgent needs then. The anxiety to have the Father residing among the people, also betrays the state of fear, in which they were living.

Under date 28 March, he has: "Everything has been calm in Gorea since I went there in January, the rascals who were then annoying the Christians, came now to salute me! I had a long chat with Sukra bhandari (the one who went to ask the Raja for a parwana order against us); he will finally become one of our great friends!" At the end of the letter, there are 7 more pages, with heading "Some general remarks", dated at the extremity 21 April 1911. In these he first discusses means to make the people, those that have not been for instruction to Kurdeg in particular, adopt the

rule of Catholic marriages. Much progress has been made already, but much more would be achieved, if the Father could reside permanently in Jashpur. "However, I hasten to tell Your Grace that these miseries have not changed my opinion about Jashpur: it is a splendid Mission, and if we can take care of it, it will soon be a very nice Christianity." Before, He had given a rather dark picture of the older people. This time he is less depreciatory: "Among the older people, many also are really very good and for whom to be Christian is not only an affair of rai (opinion), but something more, an affair of dharm (religion), as they say." He sees this from their happiness when receiving baptism and their fear of dying without it, if it is too much delayed, and also from the great distances they take their children to have them baptized.

Coming back to the question of bungalow, he proposes to His Grace "a frequent thought", but which the Archbishop might take for a wild dream, namely, to build in Jashpur, somewhere on neutral ground, that is, belonging to no assami (inhabitant), so as not to implicate a single Jashpuria in it. Another plan would be to build across the Maini River, on Surguja territory, Musgutri side, in Mangarpur province! "The whole question is to know how the Raja of Surguja is disposed. I must say I know nothing of the dispositions of the people of Mangarpur, but I was told by some Jashpurians of that side, that their condition is still worse than in Jashpur: as much begari, and heavier rents." Strange that Father Van den Driessche was ignorant of the fierce opposition to all penetration of Christianity into Surguja, on the part of its Ruler. So far the Nich Ghat remained very much undisturbed, whilst open persecution was already raging in the Upar Ghat. On 5th May, the Father wrote from Kurdeg to His Grace: "At yesterday's tarikh (pay-day for catechists) I was informed that in 2 villages: Noapra and Bachhram, the Christians had been told that the Raja had given orders that they should become pagans again, that they had to return the money they had received from us, and that he would give them the equivalent. In Chatakpur, they had been invited by the bhandari to go and eat rice with him, that is, to return to paganism. In Kelba they have been told that in August, their fields would be taken from them."

"I would have paid little attention to the matter, as similar threats have been made before, if on Wednesday evening I had not received the letter of Your Grace, informing me of the Raja's doings in the Upper Ghat. Is it the beginning of trouble on this side of Jashpur, it looks like it. At the same time I was told that the Raja has dispossessed all the Mahkuds of their fields, and that they are not even admitted in the kuchhery (court) of Jashpurnagar! The Mahkuds as far as I could see when I was in Jashpur, are pretty numerous, and as a rule well to do people. They look more intelligent and more energetic than our people. Several of them were thikkedars; they have also lost their thikka."

"Our people are certainly well disposed, but they are easily frightened. If I hear of something serious, I shall go at once to Jashpur." Before he wrote again, the Archbishop had left

for Europe. Meanwhile the Catholic Herald of Calcutta had published something about the persecution in Jashpur, for on 15 June 1911, Fr. Van den Driessche wrote to Fr. Waelkens, Regional Superior, of the mission and administrator for His Grace: "First I must tell you how glad I have been in reading in the Catholic Herald, last number of May, what is said about Jashpur. As I have told you, we have to expect nothing from the Raja, as far as I can see: all that had been settled in the famous gathering some 3 years ago remains on paper, that is all, except sometimes when it can be of use against us. I hope that the stone will be kept rolling, till the people of Jashpur see and feel that we intend to do something to ameliorate their situation. Up till now they have been very patient, but how long will it last, even if no more violent measures are taken against them? If you wish we can supply the Herald with news about Jashpur, I would send it through you, and you could judge what should be published and what should not."

"On this side, thank God! There is nothing more serious than what I wrote to His Grace in the beginning of May. A servant of the Raja is going about threatening the people that if they do not become pagan, they will lose their fields. I have just written to the Diwan about it, to ask him what it means and whether such orders have been given by the Raja. Up till now, our people do not seem to mind it much; however, the poor Uraons who have had to suffer so much, are easily frightened and do not know what would happen, if these threats began to be executed. Of course our position will be very much strengthened, when the people see that we have obtained something, were it only to build chapels or the residence in Jashpur. This last point seems to be the wish of every Jashpurian, and during my journey in Jashpur they spoke of having a chapel only in one village; everywhere else I told you that they even indicate already by unanimous consent, the village (Kelba) where our first residence should be! As I am not allowed to build a hut in Jashpur, could you find me a good tent (he gives the dimensions and kind). Until we can reside in Jashpur it will become more and more necessary to go there and see the people, were it only to make them feel that we want to look after them as much as circumstances allow."

Compiled by— Fr. Agapit Tirkey, S.J.

Rest in Peace

1	08.08.2020	Mrs. Dorothy , the elder sister of Fr. Polycarp Xalxo, S.J.
2	12.08.2020	Fr. Elias Arockiasamy, S.J. (AND), 80/58
3	12.08.2020	Fr. Gaudentius Kongari (HAZ, 86/66) at Ulhatu in Ranchi.
4	14.08.2020	Fr. Patrick de Melo S.J. (GOA) 78/61
5	16.08.2020	Fr. Augustine Tigga S.J. (HAZ) 72/51 at SSC, Sitagarha.
6	26.08.2020	Fr. Gaton Roberge S.J. (CCU 85/64) at SXC, Kolkata.
7	26.08.2020	Fr. Walter Stephen Andrade (KAR, 78/53) in Mangaluru.

REMEMBERING THOSE WHO HAVE LEFT US IN SEPTEMBER FOR ETERNAL REST

S.N.	Name	Death	Birth
01	Br. Marcel Barla	01 Sep 2002	06 Jun 1918
02	Br. Isaac Ashok Kujur	03 Sep 2007	16 Nov 1940
03	Fr. Martin Vos	10 Sep 1996	27 Dec 1907
04	Br. Maurice Toppo	11 Sep 2018	20 Nov 1935
05	Fr. Marcus Lugun	13 Sep 2000	05 Jan 1930

BIRTHDAYS

SEPTEMBER

- 01 Ekka Amardeep
- 01 Minj Alphonse
- 05 Ekka Anit
- 13 Bara Firoj Fulgence
- 15 Panna Boniface
- 15 Tirkey Vipin Kishore
- 16 Toppo Manoj
- 17 Lakra Fulgence
- 18 Ekka Avishkar
- 19 Minj Xavier

OCTOBER

- 04 Parapullil Anthony
- 05 Tirkey Sanjeev
- 06 Lakra Ashok
- 06 Tigga Boniface
- 06 Toppo Eugene
- 07 Xalxo James
- 08 Tirkey Oscar Sevrin
- 09 Toppo Ashwin
- 09 Xalxo Amit
- 10 Xaxa Stephen
- 11 Minj Bartholomius
- 14 Minj Manoj
- 16 Kerketta Marianus
- 17 Tirkey Anchit
- 17 Xalxo Virendra
- 20 Minj Benedict
- 22 Bara R Richard
- 23 Lakra D kishore
- 24 Minj Anup
- 25 Aind Simon
- 26 Lakra Zacharias
- 27 Ekka Nirdosh
- 27 Tigga Sebastian
- 28 Soreng Dilip

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