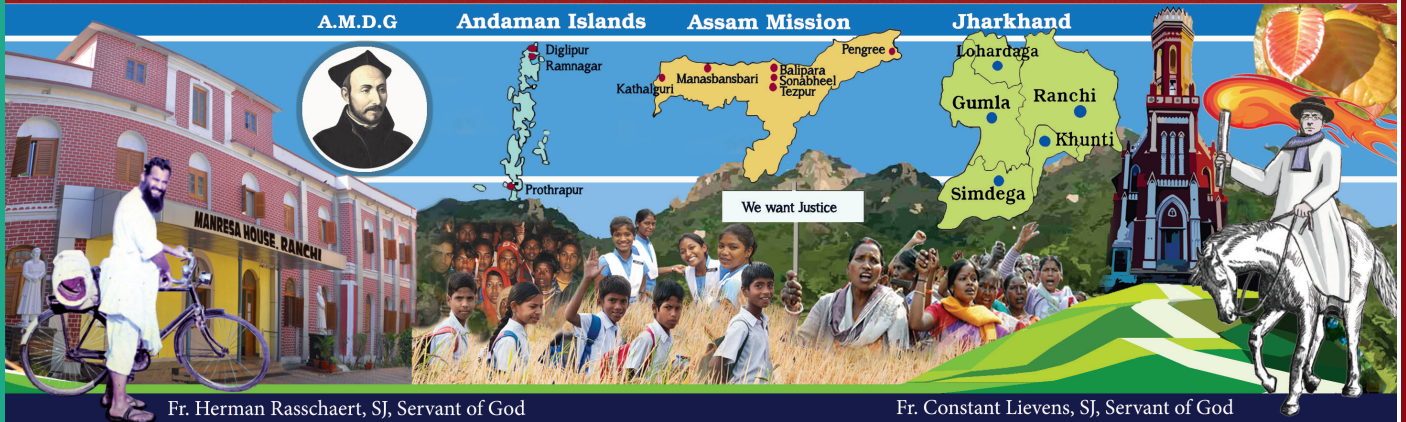




# RANCHI BULLETIN



Fr. Herman Rasschaert, SJ, Servant of God

Fr. Constant Lievens, SJ, Servant of God

80/9 Ranchi Jesuits, P.B. - 4, Ranchi -834001, Jharkhand **September 2021**

## POPE'S INTENTION: SEPTEMBER 2021

### Environmentally sustainable lifestyle

*We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.*

## APPOINTED BY THE ARCHBISHOP OF RANCHI

**Fr. Erentius Minj, SJ**, Secretary, JHACMEI

## APPOINTMENTS BY FR. PROVINCIAL

1. **Fr. John A. Beck, SJ**, Acting Superior (additional) of St. Xavier's School Community, Bundu
2. **Fr. Ravi Bhushan Xess, SJ**, Assistant Treasurer (additional) of St. Xavier's, Bundu
3. **Fr. Sikander Turkey, SJ**, Parish Priest, Catholic Church, Patrachauli
4. **Fr. Anthres Minj, SJ**, Asst. Teacher, RC Boys' Middle School & Asst. Parish Priest, Rengarih.
5. **Dcn. Johny Kujur, SJ**, Diaconate Ministry, Catholic Church, Dolda
6. **Dcn. Libin Kerketta, SJ**, Diaconate Ministry, Catholic Church, Jharain

(Appointments with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021)

## Formative Course : Friendship House Mangalore

1. Fr. Emile Dungdung, SJ
2. Fr. Damian Cosmos Minj, SJ

## FR. PROVINCIAL'S PROGRAM : SEPTEMBER 2021

- September 1-3 : Finalizing Budgets of Communities and Ministries.
- September 3 : Meeting of Registered Societies – Rengarih & Soso (4.30 pm).
- September 4 : Meeting - Working Committee SXC Simdega - at St. John's Ranchi (9.30 am).

- September 6-11 : In office – Working on official documents in the Province.  
 September 15 : Visitation – Catholic Ashram Dorea Tamar, Ranchi.  
 September 16 : Visitation – St. Xavier’s School Bundu, Ranchi.  
 September 17 : G. B. Meeting – AROUSE Gumla (10.30 am).  
 September 19-21 : Meeting – Stan’s Legacy team in ISI New Delhi.  
 September 22 : Visitation – Vidya Jyoti Delhi.  
 September 23 : Back to Ranchi.  
 September 24-25 : Province Consult (24 Sept. Evening to 25 Sept. Noon).  
 September 27 : Visitation – Catholic Ashram Muri, Ranchi.  
 September 28 : Visitation – Catholic Church Vijaygiri, Ranchi.



Fr. Ajit Kumar Xess, SJ  
 Provincial Superior



## HEALTH UPDATE

Three of our Province men – Fr Ranjit Horo, Fr Roshan Bage and Dcn Sandeep Kujur, accompanied by Fr Anuj Minj had been to CMC, Vellore for further treatment of the post-covid effect for nearly a month. They returned to the Province on 27 August 2021 quite satisfied with the treatment they received in the Hospital.

They will stay in Manresa House Infirmary until they are fit enough to return to their mission fields. We express our sincere appreciation to Fr Anuj for his availability in serving our sick brothers in the Hospital.

## LONG RETREAT

Our Tertiaries - Ajit Kalyan Kujur, Edwin Dang (Shembaganur) and Anup Arvind Ekka and Rajesh Kullu (Sitagarha) begin their Long Retreat. Let us keep them in our prayers.

## ANNUAL RETREAT OF THE PASTORS & THOSE INTERESTED

Retreat Preacher: Fr. Ignatius Minj SJ

Venue: JHARNA SPIRITUALITY CENTRE, NAMKUM

Date: Arival 07 September, evening 2021 to 15 September evening, 2021

16 & 17 September, sharing of life and ministry

Contact: Fr. Samir Dungdung - 6205726025/9661234555

Fr Raymond Kerketta - 6200913405

## REMINDER FOR CONCERNED SUPERIORS & WORK DIRECTORS

As we are at the verge of preparing the Province catalogue 2022, all those concerned Superiors and Work directors who are yet to send their updated information to Fr. Socius, are kindly reminded to do so latest by 6th September 2021. Thanks for your cooperation. (Fr. Socius)

## OURS IN PUBLICATIONS:

**The mystery of the Eucharist and the Economy of Salvation**, by Fr. (Dr.) Sudhir Kumar Kujur, SJ

**Scenic Biru** – (Biru Mission), by Fr. (Dr.) Emmanuel Barla, SJ

**Let Light Shine**, by Fr. (Dr.) Emmanuel Barla, SJ

**Ukaab Ki Udaan**, (25 stories in Hindi) by Fr. Francis David Kullu, SJ

**Khilti Kali**, (Poems in Hindi) by Fr. Roshan Baa, SJ

**Manjilon Ke Paar**, (One act play in Hindi) by Fr. Ireneus To'ppo, SJ

**Tiriba' Tener**, (32 Poems in Kharia) by Fr. Ireneus To'ppo, SJ

**Religion, Conversion and Identity: A Sociological Study of the Uraons in Chotanagpur**, by Fr. (Dr.) Joseph Marianus Kujur, SJ

Hearty Congratulations dear Fathers.

## SADBHĀVNĀ, RANCHI

The Feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola was celebrated with a lot of pomp and gaiety. The Holy Mass was organized in 3 places, namely, at St. Mary's Cathedral, Manresa House and St. Xavier's College Ranchi to reduce the number of participants in par with the Government directives and protocols during pandemic. The Holy Mass of St. Mary's Cathedral Ranchi was live-telecast where the Archbishop and the Auxiliary Bishop of Archdiocese of Ranchi were present with a sizable number of priests from locality. The Archbishop Felix Toppo SJ was the main celebrant, Fr. Provincial introduced the theme of the Holy Mass and welcomed the guests for the same. Fr. Ashok Sandil preached the homily and Fr. Raymond Kerketta proposed the vote of thanks at the end. Fr. Medard Xalxo led the 'Province Year Book 2021' release ceremony before the recessional hymn. The Bishops and the Provincials were invited for breakfast at Sadbhāvnā and all others were served snack packets after the Holy Mass. Later in the evening, the Bishop's House community and fathers from the Cathedral were invited for the festive dinner.

On 2 August 2021, Fr. Stany D'Souza SJ (POSA) landed in Ranchi on his way to Jamshedpur. Fr. Provincial and

Fr. Ashok went to receive him at the airport. After lunch, all three left for XLRI Jamshedpur. On their way, they visited St. John's School Dorea Tamar. On the following day, they attended the entombing ceremony of Late Fr. Stan Swamy SJ organized in Mango Jamshedpur at 6.30 am. After breakfast, they came back to Ranchi and again on their way back, they visited St. Xavier's Bundu. In the afternoon, a program was arranged for releasing of the book "I am not a silent spectator" by Late Fr. Stan Swamy SJ in Xavier Institute of Social Service Ranchi at 3.00 pm. Fr. POSA, in his address, invited the Jesuits and Fr. Stan's fans to carry forward the legacy left behind by Late Fr. Stan.

Fr. Medard facilitated the classes on 'Personality Development and Group Dynamics' for the first-year theologians at Jesuit Theologate Kanke from 2 August 2021 to 7 August 2021.

On 4 August 2021, the Sadbhāvnā Community was invited by the Bishop's House to observe the Feast of St. John Mary Vianney in the morning at the Cathedral for Holy Mass and later in the evening at Bishop's House for celebratory dinner.

In the month of August, Fr. Provincial went to Catholic Church Kanke, Khrist Jyoti Niwas Bingaon, Inigo High School Saporom, Catholic Church Patrachauli, Asha Niwas Keondtanr, and Loyola Training Centre Ranchi, for his customary canonical visitation.

On 7 August 2021, there was a Province Consult meeting from 5.15 pm onwards that lasted up to 8.15 pm almost.

The important meetings in the month of August were: the meeting of Registered Societies of St. Ignatius' Gumla and St. Mary's Samtoli on 6 August 2021, Tongo and Noadih on 8 August 2021, Khunti and Sarwada on 13 August 2021 and Manresa House and Satya Bharati Ranchi on 14 August 2021; the meeting of Construction Works of St. Xavier's School Doranda on 10 September 2021 and Prabhat Tara School Dhurwa on 28 September 2021 and also the meeting of Governing Body of St. Xavier's College Ranchi on 11 August 2021 and Xavier Institute of Social Service on 30 August 2021.

On 12 August 2021, there was a Community Animation Program in St. Stanislaus' High School Lohardaga at the initiative of Fr. Ranjit Lakra SJ, the Superior of the Community. Fr. Provincial and Fr. Socius jointly

animated the Jesuits leading them through a discernment process and invited them to venture into common vision-mission as per the thrust of the Province.

This month we had the birthday celebrations of Fr. George Kerketta SJ on 15 August 2021 and Fr. Ajit Kr. Xess, SJ, our Provincial on 26 August 2021. The days were spent in meaningful celebration by sharing of experiences with and praying for them and of course the culmination of the celebrations was with the agape.

On 19 August 2021, Fr. Provincial and his secretary Fr. Ashok left for the Andamans. The purpose was dual: to attend the Episcopal Ordination of the Bishop Visuasum Selvaraj at Port Blair on 21 August 2021 and to make the annual visitation of our men working in the Andamans. It was a gracious moment to revamp and revitalize their spirit as missionaries. However, due to the restrictions in movement within the islands in par with covid protocol, all of them had to gather in Prothrapur this time for their Manifestation of Conscience.

On 27 August 2021, Fr. Provincial as the Chairman of Xavier Institute of Social Service addressed the august gathering in the Annual Convocation of Xavier Institute of Social Service and was present for the occasion from 5.00 pm to 8.00 pm.

On 28 August 2021, Fr. Provincial accompanied by Fr. Raymond and Fr. Ashok blessed the graveyard of Late Fr. Louis Franckan SJ and inaugurated the new steam cooking system installed in the kitchen at Kishornagar Namkum. The inmates of Kishornagar presented a cultural program for the guests present on the occasion and honoured them all with shawl.

Fr. Ashok Sandil, SJ

## MANRESA HOUSE, RANCHI

In order to intensify our preparation for Inigo Day, we began Novena Prayer to St Ignatius on 20th of July and concluded it on 28th of July. All the community members actively took part in Novena Prayer. Scholastics were divided in groups to prepare Novena Prayer for each day. They worked hard to make prayer meaningful and fruitful. Staff members had the opportunity to conduct Novena Prayer on the final day. On 29th July, the community had time for personal prayer, reflection and reconciliation. Fr Ajit Saras gave an inspiring talk in the evening followed by sacrament of reconciliation.

Thus, the community members prepared themselves spiritually for the feast day of our Founder Father.

On 31st July, the feast Day of St Ignatius of Loyola, there was Holy Mass in St Mary's Cathedral at 6.30 am presided over by His Grace Archbishop Felix Toppo, SJ. Our scholastics created a prayerful atmosphere and made the Holy Mass very devotional by their melodious singing. Due to Covid-19 restrictions only Fr Rector and a few priests were there from Manresa House. We also had solemn Holy Mass in our House Chapel at 6.00 am. Our Dean, Fr Edwin Ritesh Ddung, was the main celebrant and Fr Ajit Saras preached a thought provoking homily. His homily was liked and he was appreciated by many. This year, it was restricted to a community celebration. Guests were not invited for Holy Mass and Tea-Party because of lockdown and pandemic crisis.

One of the most entertaining activities on Inigo day was football match. Therefore, as soon as we finished our breakfast, we rushed to St. Aloysius Minor Seminary football ground for our yearly and historical football matches. There were five teams and all the matches were knockout. The final match was played between Manresa scholastics and Loyola Team (fathers). It was very interesting match indeed but it ended in a draw within the allotted time. The match result was decided by penalty shootouts in which Loyolas used their techniques and experience to emerge Champions.

The announcement of the offline exam brought exam fever to the third year scholastics and made them to gear up their preparation for final exam. Their exams were held from 17th to 27th August. Meanwhile, others were busy with their online classes.

Fr Aurel Brys left for Kanke on 29th July to join the parish community as Asst Parish Priest. Frs Socius and Rector reached him to his destination. Three of the scholastics, Mathew Kawa, Vicky R. Soreng and Sudhir Guria, left for Sacred Heart College, Satya Nilayam, Chennai on 12th August to resume their philosophical studies. Two new scholastics, Robins Ekka and Amarjeet Panna, from Madhya Pradesh joined Manresa House Juniorate on 14th August pursue their undergraduate studies. Fr Lalit John Tigga who was here for almost two months left for Prothrapur, Port Blair on 18th August. On the same day Fr. Amar Beck arrived from Manas Bansbari, Assam. He stayed in and around Ranchi for a week and went back to his place with new regent,



Hemant Kujur, on 25th August.

Bro Habil Kujur went to Gholeng on 20th August to pay a visit to his family members. Sr. Suchita, Sch. Virendra and Mr. Marianus accompanied him. They stayed overnight there and the next day they came back.

On 1st August, Fr Ranjit Kumar Horo, Fr Roshan Bage, and Dn Sandeep Kujur accompanied by Fr Anuj Minj left for Vellore for treatment. They were there nearly one month and came back on 26th August hale and hearty.

On 12th August, the beloved mother of Fr. Rajat Hassa Purty and Bro. Florence Hassa Purty passed away. Bro Florence Hassa Purty rushed home for her last journey.

We celebrated the 75th anniversary of our country's Independence on 15th August. We had flag hoisting and we remembered all our freedom fighters. On this auspicious day, Sch. Virendra Toppo filled the mind of audience with his powerful patriotic message.

Sch. Amit Kujur, SJ

### HEALTH UPDATES FROM CMC, VELLORE

**F**r. Ranjit Kumar Horo, Fr. Roshan Bage and Dn. Sandeep Kujur, were taken to Christian Medical College, Vellore, Tamilnadu for treatment of their sicknesses on 1st August 2021. Fr. Ranjit had his treatment on ACUTE PANCREATITIS done in December 2020 and this time he was taken to Vellore for Medical and Clinical Reviews; Fr. Roshan Bage was taken for his high BP, Chest pain, Blood Sugar and post Covid-19 treatment; whereas Dn. Sandeep was taken for high Blood Pressure problem. They were accompanied by Fr. Anuj Minj as an attendant. They had their online registration done already from Ranchi itself, so the process of consultation started just on the following day of their arrival there.

Dn. Sandeep had to be admitted in the hospital for a few days for certain medical and clinical examinations and observations. Fr. Anuj Minj accompanied him to attend to him in the hospital. Meantime Fr. Roshan Bage and Fr. Ranjit Horo stayed in a lodge and visited OPD for their consultations, medical tests and check-ups. Dn. Sandeep had a problem with high Blood Pressure. Examining his condition proper on the basis of his personal and family history the doctors conducted on him the following diagnosis: i) Young Onset Hypertension, ii) Severe Obstructive Sleep Apnea, iii) Class 2 Obesity, iv) Dyslipidemia, and v) Moderate

Covid Infection – Feb 2021. Other speculations being overruled after investigations, possibility of Obstructive Sleep Apnea contributing his elevated blood pressure was considered. He was diagnosed of disrupted low oxygen level and irregular function of the lungs during sleep due to snoring. This interrupted his proper sleep, resulting in the irregularity of his Blood Pressure. Doctors have advised him to strictly regulate his food habits prescribed by the dietitian. He was also advised regarding weight reduction and regular physical activity. Moreover, he will have an accompaniment of a technological device during sleep to control snoring. He has also to take a few medicines.

Fr. Roshan Bage had to go for a multi-departmental medical tests to diagnose his multiple health issues. He was diagnosed with the followings: i) Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus, ii) Hypertension in the Nephrology Unit, and iii) Post Covid-19 March 2021, iv) DM-II (hbalc-6.1%) and v) HTN in the Pulmonary Unit. His Radiology reports say that his Right and Left Kidneys are sonologically normal. With regard to his Diabetes he has been advised to periodically monitor his blood sugar levels. He should be monitoring his lipid Profile once in 6 months and follow the diabetic diet and instructions regarding the intake of medicines. Nephrology Unit has recommended him to continue his medicine and advised him to review after 3 months.

Investigating the Post Covid-19 March 2021 medical tests were conducted of Lungs and Pleura, Adenopathy, Cardia and Great Vessels and upper abdomen. Pulmonary Function Tests was conducted in which the HRCT chest shows that the scattered areas of peripheral bands with minimal ground glass opacities in both lungs – could present resolving changes related to prior COVID infection. He is recommended for pulmonary rehabilitation, and medicines.

So far the follow up of the medical and clinical reviews of Fr. Ranjit Kumar Horo are concerned, they have gone well. These were the follow up reviews of him who suffered with ACUTE PANCREATITIS – Dec 2020, a follow up to look for peripanceatic collection. There is a lot of improvement in the health of the internal organs of the body. The Pancreatic infection is healed and there is no PERIPANCREATIC COLLECTION remaining in the abdomen, which was feared after the two drains were accidentally detached from the abdomen while getting up from the chair on 25 May

2021. The Doctors of the Gastroenterology Dept. were happy to see the miraculously speedy recovery of the body organs. [Pancreas is an organ in human body which, during digestion, makes pancreatic juices called enzymes. These enzymes break down sugars, fats, and starches. It also helps our digestive system by making hormones. These are the chemical messengers that travel through our blood.] In the case of Fr. Ranjit the Pancreas, however, is yet to fully functional, due to which he is on insulin. Injection of Insulin helps regulate the Blood Sugar in the system of the body. The Doctors of the Endocrinology Dept. have examined him and accordingly suggested him the particular medicines, insulin dosages, low fat – low cholesterol diabetic diet, walking/exercises and periodically monitoring of blood sugar and follow up of the same with his family physician. He has to continue the intake of tab. METFORMIN sr. 500mg and inj. HUMINSULIN (30/70) both twice daily and CALCIROL granules 60,000 units (1 sachet) once a week for 6 weeks, followed by 60,000 units once a month for 6 months till review. They have called him back to CMC Vellore after 6 months for the clinical review of the functions of the Pancreas.

Department of Radiodiagnosis and Imaging conducted the ULTRASONOGRAPHY of the ABDOMEN of Fr. Ranjit and came out with the findings that his LIVER, PORTAL VEIN, SPLEEN, PARAAORTIC REGION and PARA ILIAC REGION are normal. GALLBLADDER was contracted with partial obscuration by adjacent bowel gases. RIGHT KIDNEY measures 10.5 cm, \* Echogenicity: Normal, \* No hydronephrosis/calculi noted. LEFT KIDNEY: \* Measure: 11.4 cm, \* Echogenicity: Normal, \* No hydronephrosis/calculi noted. URINARY BLADDER and PROSTATE are Normal and FREE FLUID is Nil. USG abdomen shows: \* PANCREAS & PERIPANCREATIC REGION is partially obscured by bowel gases. To the extent visualized, there appears to be no PERIPANCREATIC COLLECTION. \* No other obvious abnormality was found.

Although Medical Tests took rather longer time for each one of them, it was a smooth sailing altogether. Fr. Anuj, however, was down with high fever for a few days towards the end due to hectic schedules of serving the sick. It so happened that the patients started attending to the attendant for some time. The

team of the patients along with Fr. Anuj Minj would like to express gratitude to the Provincial, the Socius, the members of the Curia, Manresa Community and the Province men for your valuable prayers. Special thanks to Fr. Provincial, Fr. Socius and the Treasurer for making things possible for treatment.

Fr. Ranjit Kumar Horo, SJ

## ST. XAVIER'S SCHOOL, DORANDA

The annual visit of Fr. Provincial has revamped the spirit in community and school. Again the scholastic and non-scholastic activities were witnessed more in the school premises after long days. The Unit Test results were handed over to the parents with a sapling to take forward the drive 'SXD Go Green'. This eco-drive created a lot of awareness among the parents. The residents in flats were given medicinal plants and the rest were given fruit plants. The entire week will be remembered as 'green week' with a record of 3000 saplings which were distributed among parents and students. It has been a positive impact to save the planet with our common effort.

On 4th August, Fr. Provincial blessed the foundation of new Diamond Jubilee gate. Thanks to the good will of DOX who will be building this new gate to add the beauty of 'Vision 2020' Project. With the parents' consent the offline classes began for the students of classes 9 to 12. The commencement of offline classes has brought much excitement and energy in the campus following all the norms and guidelines of Covid 19.

The school celebrated the Independence Day on 15th August online. The day began with the Holy Mass observing the Solemnity of Assumption our Mother Mary. There was live streamed cultural programme for an hour. One could see and admire the talents of students on different cultural items. Among many the item of KG, Prep and class 1 won the hearts of many viewers on the theme 'Nationalism'. Thanks to the students, parents and teachers for their active involvements.

On 26th August the school fraternity conducted blood donation camp encouraging the teachers, parents and students in collaboration with 'Life-Savers' and collected 27 units of blood. It was a moving sight to see the sense of 'social responsibility' which has gone up so

high among so many. Thanks to Fr. Sanjay Kerketta who took the lead for such a noble cause.

Sch. Patras Topno, SJ

## PRABHAT TARA SCHOOL, DHURWA

**O**n 26th July, we celebrated the birthday of Fr. Vijay Kumar Minj. We had the Holy Eucharist in the morning and dinner along with the sisters and campus members in the evening. Fr. Ignatius Kujur also joined us to celebrate his birthday in the evening who had come to Ranchi for some important work.

On 29th July, Fr. Provincial visited all of us and encouraged us to do well in our ministries. The visit was very fruitful, enriching and a time of grace. We had a sumptuous dinner with all the curia members in the evening.

On 31st July, we had a meaningful feast day celebration along with all the teachers and a few parishioners. We had the Holy Eucharist at 7:00AM followed by felicitation and breakfast.

On 5th August, Fr. Swarn Tigga went to Banari to offer Mass on the occasion of the first death anniversary of his father.

On 10th August, we lost one of our non-teaching staff of high school, Mr. Julian Tuti, who got drowned in the well in his own village Maranghada. Many of us from Prabhat Tara School went to the village on 11th August for the burial. May God grant him eternal rest.

We celebrated the feast of the Assumption and the Independence Day in an ordinary way. After solemn Mass we had flag hoisting ceremony where Fr. Vijay was the chief guest. The whole community went for a dinner in the evening to Sadbhavna to celebrate the birthday of Fr. George Kerketta. We are very grateful and thankful for the invitation to the Sadbhavna community.

At present schools are running online and offline in full swing. Recently we all concluded our terminal exams. Soon their results will be distributed. Class IX and X of High School are having their offline classes from 9th August.

We have not started saying Mass for the faithful but Sacraments are administered to the faithful in the small chapel.

Fr. Swarn Tigga, SJ

## ASHIRVAD NOVITIATE & JHARNA SPIRITUALITY CENTRE, NAMKUM

**O**n St. Ignatius' Day, we had a solemn community Eucharistic Celebration in the novitiate chapel presided over by Fr. David who preached an inspiring Homily. Novices solemnized the celebration by their devotional and melodious singing. To mark the day, we had organized basketball match in the first half but the continuous rain didn't allow us to go to the court and made us wait until 3 pm. All the community members came and enjoyed the match. We had the interesting match with notable spectators of sisters from nearby communities and a few family members. Though, this year's Ignatius' Day Celebration was in small scale, yet it was a meaningful celebration as it once again reminded us who we are as Jesuits.

The month of August brought forth a cloud of opportunities viz. breaking of the Word of God, the Hindi Patriotic Speech Competition for the novices on the eve of the Independence Day, the feast of the Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary, the Independence Day, etc. which in a way created an ambience to broaden our horizon.

On 2nd August, we began the session 2021 – 2022 with the normal schedule of the novitiate. We also celebrated the birthday of Ns. Bhushan Kandulna wishing him a long life and a bright future in the Society of Jesus. Fr. David, who, in the process of waiting to fly to Rome for his studies, is learning Italian and Hebrew. Despite his heavy load of learning these foreign languages, he is showing his loving generosity to teach us the phonemes in English.

On 3rd, Ns. Ambros Toppo went to the Seva Nelay Hospital, Ara Gate for medical check-up as he had complained of cough and cold. He was diagnosed with typhoid. A few days later, Ns. Vikas Minz was also quickly taken to Ara Gate and he too got the positive report for typhoid. So, both of them were in isolation for a couple of weeks in the southern wing of the novitiate, in order to break the chain of sickness. However, a few



others also suffered from cough and cold, but they got well soon through home remedies.

On 9th, the second year novices began the breaking of the Word of God in the refectory. On 10th, the first heat of the speech competition was held. All the novices took part very actively and enthusiastically and delivered their speeches boldly. On 12th, we had the second heat for the qualified contestants. And the grand finale of this speech competition was held on 14th August. There were six finalists and all of them delivered their speeches with great confidence and clarity. We were captivated listening to these young speakers. They were all clear about the message they wanted to convey to the audience. They highlighted some serious issues of current India very effectively as well as they made the audience laugh with their beautiful style of speaking. We are grateful to the three judges, namely Mrs. Anjana, Sr. James Gulshan, OSU and Fr. Subodh Lakra, SJ, who gave their valuable time for our formation. All the three appreciated our effort and encouraged us to go for the better and better and to make the 'Magis' part and partial of our life.

On 15th, we began the day with the Solemn Eucharistic Celebration presided over by Fr. Socius, following flag hoisting. The winner of the speech competition, Ns. Alok delivered his speech. To mark the day, we had the colorful cultural evening with singing, dancing, PowerPoint presentation, speech delivery, etc. It was a good opportunity for us to learn to be creative and to win over stage fear.

As Covid-19 seems to die out, Jharna has opened its door to the seekers of God. In the second week of August, the congregation of the Sisters of the Little Flower of Bethany had their Provincial Chapter followed by annual retreat for a group of six sisters in the third week and a group of 18 Brothers of Charity in the fourth week.

Ns. Rohit Paul Kerketta

## TARUNODAY

**S**piritual preparation for the feast of St. Ignatius began with the novena prayer on 20 July centring on theme of Ignatian Year: 'To see all things new in Christ'. Seven groups prepared the prayers and reflections for each day based on the cannon-ball experience and conversion of St. Ignatius. These prayers were circulated through

Whatsapp as a help to the province men to prepare themselves spiritually. Certainly some have benefitted by this effort! Thanks to Sch. Pramod Bara and team. Fr. Fabian Bhuiyan, SJ helped the community by giving recollection to the community. The community also had the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. On 31 July, the day began with the solemn Eucharist presided over by Fr. Michael and concelebrated by all the priests of the community. Deacon Tobias Tigga gave an inspiring homily. Unlike other years, we celebrated the feast in an ordinary way, without guests. However, a few turned up to Tarunoday to double our joy!

August was a month of offline and online classes for the first, second and third years. Deacons were busy in their studies and group discussions. Fr. Medard Xalxo SJ, PCF of Ranchi, helped the first years to understand the dynamics of personal growth; Fr. John Mundu, SJ, came from Jamshedpur to offer his offline classes on Ecclesiology; Fr. Biju took Introduction to New Testament and Hermeneutics for the First Years; Fr. Francis has been busy giving different courses to First and Second years. Once the offline classes at Tarunoday got over, Fr. Sudhir Kujur went to St. Albert's College on 1st August to offer his course on Christology.

Sch. Arokia Raj (HAZ) is the newest addition to the First Year. August 5th onward, floor-wise evening prayer is resumed. The community had a meeting on 7th August to evaluate the feast of St. Ignatius and the change of responsibilities (change of offices) was announced. The community had also joyful moment of community recreation after supper.

We participated in an extended online lecture organized by Vidya Jyoti, Delhi on 13th August, on the theme Independence Day: Challenges and a Way Forward by Smt. Kavita Srivastava, Coordinator for People Union for Civil liberties. On 14th August, we had a farewell Mass for the Deacons Johny Kujur, Stany Murmu, Libin Kerketta, Tobias Tigga, and Satyaprakash Baskey. Deacon Sandeep Kujur is away from the community for checkups and treatment at Christian Medical College Vellore. On 16th August, 5 brothers got the first dose of vaccination while 2 got the second dose.

The Independence Day and the feast of the Assumption was another occasion for the community to celebrate the life of freedom as good citizens of the nation and as committed Christians. On this day (15 August), we



had a solemn Holy Mass in the morning followed by flag hoisting. Fr. Biju was the chief guest and Sch. Ruben Xalxo delivered a fiery speech on the present scenario and challenges of the country. His speech was well appreciated by the brothers.

Deacons had their Comprehensive Exams on 20th and 21st August. All of them were cool and well composed. Fr. Milianus Beck SJ, representing Vidya Jyoti, was very kind to take online exams of the Deacons. After completing their comprehensive exams, deacons have gone back to their respective provinces. All were invited to witness and to encourage them. It was indeed a great learning experience for the rest of us. For the first, second and third years usual classes are in full swing.

Sch. Celestine Minj, SJ

## ST. XAVIER'S COLLEGE, RANCHI

On 30th July, the eve of the feast of St. Ignatius, St. Xavier's College, Ranchi had a special reason to be happy and celebrate on account of the colourful and 100% pass results of the Intermediate Section. A brief break up has been: 1st Division to a total of 1472 (96.9%) students and 2nd Division to only 47 (3.1%) students of Arts, Commerce and Science. Hearty Congratulations indeed to Fr. Ajay Anil Turkey and his Staff for the brilliant results. There was then a Eucharistic Celebration for the non-teaching staff of the College at 2.30 p.m. in the Auditorium of the College with the Principal Fr. Nabor Lakra as the main celebrant. In the absence of the students and the teaching staff, the support staff gave their best in organizing the mass, including the felicitation programme. Then 31st July, the Feast of St. Ignatius, our Founder dawned with incessant rain like showers of blessing. Thanks to the Province Curia for sending special invitees for the Eucharistic celebration in the College Chapel at 6.30 a.m. presided over by the Rector Fr Alex Ekka. The Scholastics under the leadership of Fr. Florence, Fr Kennedy and Fr. Ajay Arun gave their best performance in singing at the liturgy. The Ranchi Jesuits Year Book 2021 was also duly released in the chapel after the mass. During the day, the visitors trickled in to share our joys at the feast of St. Ignatius and express their gratitude for the Jesuit Higher Education they cherished so much.

For prevention against Covid-19 the Scholastics staying with us in the Community were given the first dose of Covishield vaccination at St. Xavier's Doranda towards the end of July, and the employees of the Jesuit

community in the second week of August at XISS organized by AAXISS and JARP. The major events in the college in the month of August were the Governing Body Meeting of St. Xavier's College on 11th August and the Independence Day Celebration on 15th August with Dr. Sanjay Kumar Jha, Regional Director, Indira Gandhi National Centre for Arts as the chief guest at the flag hoisting. Also the much awaited admission process started for the graduate programmes on 11th August and for the Intermediate Section on 16th August. Similarly, the offline exams for the final year students of the college started on 17th August. Currently all the members in the community are in the peak of their health and in mutual bonding with the Professors and the Staff to give their best in running the college in the acclaimed Jesuit tradition.

Fr. Alex Ekka, SJ

## ST. IGNATIUS HIGH SCHOOL, GUMLA

This year, Matric and Intermediate (JAC Board) results are very remarkable. Matric result is 99% with 210 - Ist Div., 2 - II Div. and 1 incomplete. Intermediate Arts result is 100% with 180 - 1st Div. and 24 - 2nd Div, Commerce results too is 100% with 89 - 1st Div. and 6 - 2nd Div. and Science results is 96% with 163 - 1st Div., 41 - IIInd Div. and 8 - Fail - Remarkable.

**31st July:** The feast day of St. Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of the Society of Jesus and the Patron saint of the High school and Inter College, is observed as School day. On this occasion many co-curricular activities (like Drama, competitions) are usually conducted where students have ample opportunities to express their talents. But due to Corona pandemic students regretfully miss such activities which they would remember later. However, the school, with the help of few apostolic boys and religious students, tried to make the short videos reading the life sketch of St. Ignatius of Loyola and forwarded it to the students through Utube channel. Painting, essay writing and quiz (on the life of St. Ignatius) competitions were conducted on online platform where many students participated. The Feast Day of St. Ignatius of Loyola was celebrated with great joy and fervour maintaining the Covid -19 protocol.

There was a solemn Holy Mass at 6.30 a.m. in the school church, with limited invitees. The Mass was presided over Fr. Linus Pingal Kujur, the administrator of

Gumla Diocese. At 10.30 a.m. all the Jesuit Fathers and Brothers were felicitated and wished by the staff members of different units of the campus, in the hall. On this occasion the winners of various competitions were awarded with memento and certificate which were sponsored by School Alumni 1991 batch. On this auspicious day the school launched its website. Welcome to visit the site [www.ihsgumla.org](http://www.ihsgumla.org). At 12.30 p.m. the school staff was served fellowship meal.

Apostolic School, Gumla : It was a graceful moment for Apostolic School, Gumla. This year almost 39 students appeared in the matric examination and everyone passed with flying colours. Five students are the toppers at school level.

At present class VIII to X students are staying in Apostolic School Gumla. During lockdown the campus was in a mess with lot of grass everywhere. As soon as the students arrived, they started cleaning and within a week, it is as clean as before. These days the students are writing their first terminal examination.

[Fr. Manohar, SJ and Sch. Francis, SJ](#)

### ST. XAVIER'S, BUNDU

The feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola was celebrated under the observance of Covid protocol. Only the non-teaching staff and teachers with their families residing in staff quarter were invited. Fr. Benjamin was the main celebrant whereas Fr. Walter had preached the homily, highlighting the significance of 500 years of Pamplona battle in which St. Ignatius of Loyola was hit by a cannon ball and that led him to conversion. On 3rd August Rev. Fr. Jerome Stanislaus D'souza, S.J. (POSA), Fr. Ajit Kumar Xess, S.J. (RAN), Fr. Santosh Minj, S.J. (HAZ), Fr. Joe Xavier, S.J. (MDU), Fr. Xavier Soreng, S.J. (XISS), Fr. Sebastian Lakra, S.J. (MAP) and Fr. Ashok Sandil, S.J. (RAN) had dropped in to visit us on their way back from Jamshedpur. It was an inspiring moment to cherish our Universal Jesuit Identity. On 10th August we had resumed the classes for the students from IX to XII with strict guidelines set by the government. It was invigorating to notice the geniality of students from every nook and corner who stepped in the campus; which had remained inexplicably hushed for several months. The admissions for the new students are going on in a full swing. The construction of staircase roof, portico and open stage for the Inter college is in

progress. On 15th August, Fr. John presided over the Holy Mass dedicated to the feast of the Annunciation of Blessed Virgin Mary and unfurled the tricolour with the parishioners. On 19th August, Fr. Ravi injured his ankle while exercising. The next day he was rushed to Debuka Nursing Home, Ranchi for X-ray. It was reported that he had a ligament fracture and now he is resting in Manresa House. On 22nd August, our driver Jhulan had offered a Khanssi to the community out of generosity and gratitude. As it was a Sunday, we had invited the nearby Jesuit communities for agape meal. This coming together was informal, nevertheless it has fostered the bond of fraternity and deepened our religious life of companionship in the light of 500th anniversary of Ignatian Year.

[Fr. Ravi Bhushan Xess, SJ](#)

### ST. MICHAEL'S RESIDENCE, KHUNTI

The month of July was quite hectic and everyone was involved in different activities. Each member in the community is hale and hearty. Fr. Anupchand has joined the court from 2nd August 2021. The work of Loyola hostel Building is in progress.

A tribute to Fr. Stan Swamy was held on 17th July 2021 at St. Michael's Residence Khunti. There were around 40-50 people who came to pay him tribute. Fr. Stan Swamy had really worked for the needy and down trodden people. Listening to the speakers we are inspired..He will be always remembered in our hearts.

There was one day recollection for Khunti Zone in order to prepare ourselves for the feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola. Fr. Anupchand was the preacher of the recollection. The inputs were challenging and practical.

Like other years this year also the feast of St. Ignatius was remarkable. The Holy Eucharist was presided by Fr. Issac Xalxo the superior of the house. Homily is given by Fr. Bimal Minj. Choir was conducted under the leadership of Fr. Bipin Tirkey. It was appreciated by everyone. We shared our joy with each other.

The results of Matric and Intermediate were tremendous. JAC published results of Matric and Intermediate and we are proud to say that our students Marki Mundu (Matric) and Abhishek Kumar (Intermediate) topped in the District. Overall results were satisfactory.

Offline classes started for IX and X standard students and Intermediate on 9 August, 2021.

We celebrated the India's 75th Independence Day. The Flag hoisting Ceremony was held in the Loyola High School. The chief guest for the day was Fr. Bimal Minj. Due to the Global Covid -19 only teaching and non teaching staff were invited for flag hoisting.

Sch. Albert Beng, SJ

## ST. MARY'S HIGH SCHOOL, SAMTOLI

**C**elebration: On July 26, 2021, we participated in the Holy Mass offered in honour of St. Anne and Joachim, the patron saint of Daughters of St. Anne at 6.00 am in St. Anne Cathedral, Samtoli. It was presided over by Rt. Rev. Bishop Vincent Barwa DD, the Bishop of Simdega Diocese. Soon after the Holy Mass, there was a short felicitation for Bishop Vincent, Parish Priest, Headmaster, St. Anne's school and all the Sisters of daughters of St. Anne by Mahila Sangh, Catholic Sabha and Yuva Sangh. It was followed by breakfast in St. Anne's Convent. In the evening invited guests wished the Sisters with melodious wishing songs and bouquets. Dinner hosted by the Sisters of daughters of St. Anne was very delicious and sumptuous in nature. Before dispersal from the place, there was a common dance for all at the beat of Dholak, Nagara and Mandar. It was a joyous and memorable moment for all of us.

On July 27, 2021, we celebrated the birthday of Fr. Vinod Bilung SJ who is recuperating in St. Martha Health Centre of Ursuline Sisters, Samtoli. He took part in the last Novena prayer to St. Ignatius at St. Mary's H/S community and dinner was hosted in his honour by the community. Fr. Pius SJ welcomed and wished him a very happy birthday and birthday cake was cut by him. Dinner prepared for this occasion was enjoyed by one and all.

The Feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola was celebrated on July 31, 2021 with sizeable number of persons due to the pandemic situation. Holy Mass started around 7.45 am in the school chapel with the words of welcome by Fr. Pius Xalxo. It was presided over by Rt. Rev. Bishop Vincent Barwa DD, Bishop of Simdega Diocese. He highlighted the contribution of the Jesuits in the past and present with the sentiment of gratefulness and invoked God's blessing on the lives of the Jesuits and their apostolates. Fr. Pius preached sermon highlighting the philosophy

and spirituality of St. Ignatius and the rich contribution he has made for the Church and humanity. Fr. Fredrick despite his poor health led the choir with the help of Scholastics Nitin and Grabriel with great energy and efficiency. It helped us to raise our minds and hearts to thank, praise, reverend God and seek his blessings. Though the number of participants for the Holy Mass was lesser than other years but it in no way lost its solemnity and festivity. Fr. Sylvanus proposed a vote of thanks in details which was very inclusive. Soon after the Mass there was a short felicitation programme for the Jesuits by Religious Sisters and teachers and various units. It was followed by breakfast for all the participants present for the Holy Mass. Tea was served from 4.00 pm onwards for the guests and dinner was hosted for the religious and priests residing in and around Simdega town. Before dinner Religious and Priests expressed their feast day wishes through songs, bouquet and gifts. Fr. Pius welcomed them all for the dinner and thanked them for their presence, prayers, love, cooperation, feast day wishes and all the services they have been offering to Jesuit community. Fr. Fredrick led the prayer before the meal and all the food items prepared for the dinner were enjoyed by all. Thanks a lot to all the community members for generously sharing the responsibilities to make the Inigo's Feast a memorable day and a big success. Sincere thanks and congratulations go to Fr. Ephrem, Fr. Elias, Fr. Pradeep and Fr. Bruno the in-charge of catering department for meticulous planning execution and providing all kinds of food items for breakfast, lunch, tea and dinner to the liking and taste of everybody. Departure of the guest was not possible without dance at the tune of recorded songs and music. Truly speaking it was a day of great joy to one and all.

On the occasion of the Feast of John Mary Viennay, Holy Mass was presided over by Rt. Rev. Bishop Vincent Barwa DD, Bp of Simdega Diocese at 6.30 am in the Cathedral. Bishop preached an inspiring sermon based on the life and work of the saint of the day. Fr. Ignatius Tete, the Parish Priest proposed a vote of thanks. Soon after the Holy Mass a short felicitation was held in the threshing floor under the leadership of Mahila sangh. Mahila Sangh, Catholic Sabha, and Yuva sangh jointly presented a programme while St. Anne Sisters, Ursuline Sisters and teachers of the holy Spirit presented their items separately and at the end of the programme Fr. Ignatius Tete, the Parish Priest was invited to give a message. It was concluded with the blessing of Bishop



Vincent Barwa DD. In the evening once again we went to Parish campus for dinner which was arranged in the campus of Holy Spirit School. Fr. Shailesh was the MC for the occasion who invited Fr. Ignatius Tete, the Parish Priest for the words of welcome. It was followed by felicitation programme under the leadership and guidance of Sr. Fulrida OSU. She invited St. Anne's Sisters, Ursuline Sisters and Jesuits to present their items separately. It was followed by a sumptuous dinner and concluded with dance at the tune of recorded songs and music.

On August 07, 2021, we celebrated the birthday of Fr. Pradeep Tirkey. Celebration started with Holy Mass in the Apostolic school attended by community members, faithful and the Apostolic boys. Fr. Pradeep was the main celebrant flanked by Fr. Pius and Fr. Bruno who gave an inspiring homily based on the readings and personal life. It was followed by a short felicitation by the Apostolic boys and faithful. During the breakfast we wished him a very happy birthday and a cake was cut by him. In his honour we had dinner in the evening which was enjoyed by all. May God bless you abundantly, dear Pradeep!

Paddy transplantation: Paddy transplantation proved to

Institutions	Appeared	1 <sup>st</sup> Div	2 <sup>nd</sup> Div	3 <sup>rd</sup> Div	Fail	Incom.	Pass	Pass in %
St.Mary's H/S	209	131	73	05	Nil	Nil	209	100
St.Mary's English Medium	60	28	32	Nil	Nil	Nil	60	100
St. Mary's Intermediate	Science	137	113	17	Nil	07	130	95
	commerce	133	94	38	Nil	01	132	99
	Arts	336	146	183	04	01	333	99

be a mind boggling activity for varied factors. Finally, it started on July 27, 2021 after a patient wait for the collection of sufficient water in the field. As the people are busy in paddy transplanting in their field labour scarcity was a big problem. With a great difficulty Fr. Bruno managed to get the labourers and transplantation work got over on August 03, 2021. A big thanks to Fr. Bruno who was quite instrumental in getting the work of paddy transplantation completed.

Meeting: A meeting was held on August 06, 2021 in Ranchi for the communities of St. Ignatius School, Arouse and St. Mary's H/S, Samtoli. It was chaired by Fr. Ajit Kumar Xess SJ, the Provincial well assisted by

Fr. Mahendra Peter Tigga SJ and Fr. Ignatius Minj SJ. Fr. Pius, Fr. Florence, Fr. Elias and Fr. Ephrem represented their respective sections of apostolate. All the valuable documents of land and land related papers, documents of the respective schools and Registered Society were scrutinized by the central team formed by Curia office, Ranchi. It was an eye opening to learn how important the documents are for the Institutions. Loss of any document will endanger the very existence of the institutions. This meeting has awakened us to maintain the papers and records properly so that institutions do not suffer in future. After the meeting we had our late supper in Manresa house. Thanks to Br. Blacius for providing us a rich supper!

Result: Announcement of results of Matric and Intermediate Exams was a good news for all of us. Fr. Fredrick Kujur SJ, the Acting Principal of St. Mary' H/S and Fr. Elias Kullu SJ, the Principal of St. Mary's English Medium School, Jesuit and non-Jesuit staff members working in our institutions deserve a big congratulation for their hard labour which made it possible to have such a good result. Truly speaking, they all really deserved it because it is they who have labored more than the students to get such a good result. Bravo! Keep up the spirit. Results are as follows:

Entrance Examination: Entrance Examination for Navodaya School was held on August 11, 2021 in both Hindi and English Medium school buildings. Principals had a hectic and hard time to accommodate the candidates for examination and to get sufficient number of teachers for invigilation. Congrats! Dear brothers for availing the campus and personnel for this occasion and learning a new skill of conducting exams and growing in managerial skills.

Feasts of dual Mothers: Despite pandemic situation, the feasts of dual Mothers, namely, the Assumption of Mother Mary and Mother India's Independence Day gathered us together for celebration on August 15,

2021. Holy Mass was held at 6.00 am presided over by Fr. Rajesh Sandil SJ with Jesuit concelebrants attended by Sisters, students and teachers. It was followed by flag hoisting at St. Mary's High School, St. Mary's English Medium School and St. Xavier's College. Fr. Pius hoisted the national flag at St. Mary's English Medium school and St. Xavier's college while Fr. Sylvanus Kerketta SJ at St. Mary's High School. Programme was short and sweet. In the evening, we invited Fr. Vinod Bilung SJ in the community for dinner and congratulated him on the occasion of his Final Vows anniversary. We, too, jokingly wished Fr. Ephrem Ba'a a day of freedom from walking stick on the first anniversary of breaking his leg falling by motor cycle. Dual feasts brought a lot of joy and happiness to one and all.

Requiem Mass: Fr. Pius, Fr. Ephrem, Fr. Rajesh and Fr. Xavier Kerketta SJ went to Kobang Nawatoli for the "gami" Mass of Mr. Emmanuel Ekka, the elder brother of Fr. Anthony Ekka SJ who died of Corona virus on April 30, 2021. Fr. Anthony presided over the holy Mass which was attended by family members, relatives, villagers and near and dear ones. He delivered a meaningful and inspiring sermon. It was followed by floral tribute to Mr. Emmanuel and his parents. Refreshment and dinner were served for all the participants.

Visitors: Fr. Florence Kujur SJ, Fr. Robert Pradeep Kujur SJ and Fr. Ajay Arun Minj SJ came in August from Ranchi to St. Mary's H/S, Samtoli and visited SXC, Konmenjra, Samtoli campus and inspected the construction work of outhouse. They gave a valuable suggestion to the supervisor and had their late lunch in the community. After the lunch they left for their destination. Fr. Medard Xalxo SJ, the PCF of Ranchi Province came on August 20, 2021 to St. Mary's H/S, Samtoli to meet the Scholastics - Gabriel Soreng SJ and Nitin Bilung SJ and stayed overnight. Scholastics got a chance to share their life, work and challenges as Regents to their PCF. Words of appreciation and valuable suggestions from PCF will certainly boost their commitment and performance. In the evening a dinner was given in his honour and on the following day after breakfast, he left for St. Ignatius H/S, Gumla. Thanks for your visit, dear Fr. Medard SJ! On August 22, 2021, the elder brother and sister-in-law of Fr. Bruno came to see him from home and had their lunch in our community. After a short stay they went back home.

Fr. Pius Xalxo, SJ

## ST. STANISLAUS JESUIT COMMUNITY, LOHARDAGA

On 26th July, 2021 the feast of St. Anne and Joachim was celebrated in the St. Anne's Convent, Lohardaga. All the community members were invited to join the celebration. On 26th

July, Mr. Rakchawardhan Ekka, the brother of Sch. John Ekka visited the community and stayed overnight. It was great joy to celebrate the feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of the Society of Jesus on 31st July. We began the celebrations with the Holy Eucharist. Fr. Ranjit Lakra, S.J, presided over the Holy Eucharist and Fr. Chonhas Tigga, the parish priest of St. Bernadette Church; Lohardaga assisted him. Fr. Anuranjan Hassa Purty, S.J, the Director of Arouse preached the Homily based on Cannon Ball Experiences. The staff members and inmates of the campus participated in the mass. The nearby religious communities, St. Anne Sisters, parish priests, staff members and school committee too were invited to join the celebration.

The school staff members had a meeting on 3rd August, 2021. Fr. Ignatius Xalxo, S.J, the treasurer of the community was suffering from viral fever. He was taken to the Ursula Hospital, Lohardaga on 5th August. He was there for almost a week and after getting well returned to the community on 11th August. The feast of St. John Mary Vianney was celebrated on 4th August. All the community fathers were invited to join the celebration. Fr. Anuranjan celebrated his birthday on 5th August with the community members and inmates of the campus. The community wished him through a beautiful birthday song in the evening. On 6th August Fr. Anuranjan attended a meeting in Arouse Gumla. On 8th August, Fr. Ignatius Lakra, S.J, the superior of the Doranda Jesuit Community and Fr. Fuldeo Sorneg, the vice principal of Dorand School had a flying visit to the community. On 9th August, 2021 the indigenous day was celebrated in the Town Hall. More than 500 hundred people were present on this day. Twelve groups performed their cultural dance on this great day.

The Government allowed the schools to be opened for 9th and 10th standard students on 6th of August, The school teaching faculty conducted the offline classes for them on 10th August. On 11th August, Fr. Ranjit and Br. Nicholas Topno, S.J the minister of the House

made a trip to Sadbhavana for a special work. On 11th August four members from XIPT, Namkum visited the school to promote 10th passed students to study in XIPT, Namkum. On the same day, the Arouse team, Lohardaga distributed the food materials to the poor people. The community fathers helped Ursuline Sisters of Lohardaga in the confessions from 12th August to 14th August.

On 12th August, Fr. Ajit Kumar Xess, S.J., the Provincial, Fr. Raymond Kerketta, S.J. the Socius, and Fr. Ashok Sandil, S.J., the Secretary visited the community for the meeting. The meeting began with the short prayer led by Fr. Provincial. In this special meeting, the community fathers and brothers shared their feelings and thoughts on three levels, the spiritual, areas of consolations and desolations and certain areas of concerns and improvements. At the end of the meeting Fr. Provincial and Fr. Socius spoke to the community. On 14th August, the school staff members had a meeting. They discussed on the different matter and issues of the school. On 15th August, the school celebrated the 75th of India Independence day in the School. Fr. Ranjit hoisted the flag at 9 am. For the flag hoisting, the staff members and students were present. On this day Mangleshwar Pahan, a student of X standard delivered the speech in English and Hindi. On 21st August, Fr. Ranjit made a trip to Sadbhavana for a special work.

Sch. John Fabianus Ekka, SJ

## SACRED HEART COLLEGE, SHEMBAGANUR

The Tertianship program at Shembaganur was inaugurated with a meaningful Eucharistic celebration presided over by Fr. Patric Ravichandran, the superior of the community on 2nd August 2021. He thanked the Lord for 20 Tertian Fathers from 12 Jesuit provinces



and prayed for them to be guided and accompanied by the Spirit of the Lord. The tertian instructors, Fr. Arul Sivan and Fr. Jose Jacob conducted a well planned orientation program to orient us well to be trained and formed in the 'Schola Affectus', the School of heart. We were privileged to be visited by the provincial superior of Madurai Fr. Denis who enriched us with his valuable experiences of God's constant accompaniment in his personal life and in the mission of the province. On 26 August, we went on a pilgrimage to 'La Salleté' shrine of our Lady at Kodaikanal. It was a kairos moment for us all to place ourselves at the feet of our Lady seeking her intercession to accompany us in our one month spiritual journey with the Lord. We start our Long Retreat from 27th August and conclude on 27th September. We (Edwin Dang and Ajit Kalyan Kujur) request you to keep us and all the tertians in your valuable prayers as we embark in a month long spiritual journey with the Lord.

Frs. Edwin Dang & Ajit Kalyan, SJ

## VINAYALAYA, MUMBAI

The preparation of the feast of St. Ignatius commenced on 22nd July 2021 with the novena to St. Ignatius. We had creative themes for each day. Most of the Juniors used the PPT to enhance the prayer experience. 31st July 2021 was a really joyous day for us to rejoice. We had a high Mass, and then a sumptuous lunch with the house workers. Much more than this, we enjoyed playing crazy games organized by the juniors.

The last Sunday of July 2021 was a great day for us (3 Ranchi scholastics and 1 Pune scholastic). We got a chance to lead the choir at St. Peter's church, Bandra, at the first thanksgiving Holy Eucharist of Fr. Praful Ekka SJ, a newly ordained Bombay Jesuit. He hails from Jashpur. Then on the 26th, together with St. Anne's and Joachim's feast, our Sch. Nelson Hassa Purty SJ celebrated his birthday.

It is said that happiness follows sorrow. 31st July 2021 was also a day of great loss because Fr. Placido Fonseca SJ, a great Bombay Jesuit passed away. He had tirelessly worked day and night for the betterment of the lost and homeless children of Mumbai, both boys and girls.

On 2nd and 3rd August 2021, we had the very first course of the academic year "Critical Thinking and Inquiry" by Fr. Jeevan Mendonca SJ (BOM). On



8th August 2021 we commenced our ministries (teaching children of Snehasadan - a home for lost and homeless children). We Juniors travel to 4 different Snehasadan homes on Wednesdays and Sundays.

In commemoration of the World Day of Indigenous People, on 9th August 2021, we the tribal juniors conducted a wonderful prayer service highlighting the culture, faith, ethos and joy of India's indigenous communities.

We were privileged on 11th August 2021 to attend a course on basic knowledge and practice on the 'Rudiments of Singing' by Ms. Michelle Naidu, a singer.

Finally, the long-awaited day was on our hands. On 14th August 2021 we set out early in the morning just after breakfast for a Mumbai Darshan. We visited significant places in Mumbai, and mostly religious houses; the Generalate of the Poor Sisters of Our Lady, the Cathedral of the Holy Name, a heritage building of the Archdiocese of Bombay, St. Xavier's College, St. Xavier's Engineering College, Mahim, Bandra coast, and Mount Mary's Basilica in Bandra. We enjoyed the day moving around the city. Besides this we also saw some other significant institutions from the vehicle itself. This had to be the case due to the COVID-19 restrictions. With the same joy we celebrated Independence Day. Fr. Trevor Miranda SJ, the Superior of the house, hoisted the flag at the entrance of Vinayalaya. On this auspicious occasion the neighboring sisters joined us to double our happiness.

From 16th to 19th August 2021 we were engrossed in the course "Personal Growth". This course also included the whole aspect of Psycho-Sexual Integration. It was conducted via Zoom by Dr. Nirmala Almeida, a Psychologist. This course has opened our minds and hearts to see things from different perspectives, and to live more free and integrated lives. We are giving our best to learn as much as possible here in the Juniorate.

Sch. Shailesh Khalkho, SJ

## **JESUIT BHAVAN & GANA CHETANA SAMAJ, TEZPUR**

**G**eneral Situation of Tezpur: COVID-19 curfew has been going on since last 4 months but there are some relaxations on it from 16th August. During the day from

5.00 a.m. to 7.00 p.m. peoples' movement with masks are allowed, shops are opened and inter-district lockdown has been lifted up. The night curfew from 7.00 p.m. to 5.00 a.m. is still on. The educational Institutions, Places of worship, big meetings, gatherings, markets, etc. are still closed.

**Community Life:** Our community has become little bigger and more happy as Fr. Rozario Mosahari has come from Namchi, Sikkim on 9th August. He will be staying with us till their B. Ed. College is re-opened to attend physically. He has been attending online classes from Tezpur. Fr. Thomas Barla has been trying to move out to different centres to visit Jesuits and find out the needs of each centres to make project proposals. He has visited Manas Bansbari on August 13th and 14th and to Kathalguri on 15th and 16th August. He took Fr. Ajay Minj along with him so that he could instruct to the fathers and brothers about accounting. They collected the accounts of both the communities to prepare for the audit. After returning from Lower Assam they moved to Upper Assam namely to Pengaree and Bogapani on 21st August. Fr. Cyril Curia also accompanied them. They visited Bogapani and all the sub-centers of Pengaree. Fr. Ajay taught tally to Fr. Alexander so that he could maintain a proper accounts of Pegaree. While returning on 23rd, they had a short meeting with Rt. Rev. Bishop Albert Hemrom, D.D., in Bishop House, Dibrugarh. Fr. Thomas Barla updated him about different centres of ours in Dibrugarh Diocese. He also expressed our desire of handing over of two sub-centers (Konapathar and Kathalguri) to Diocese or any Religious Congregation if Bishop wishes.

**Our Guests:** Fr. Melvil Pereira, S.J. the Regional Superior of Kohima Region, visited us on 17th August. His presence was very gracious as he interacted with all of us and the staff of Gana Chetana Samaj. He shared his experiences and opinions which were quite enlightening for all of us. He also gave some valuable suggestions for our Assam Mission. Fr. Mukti Prakash Xess and Fr. Joseph from Arunachal Pradesh also were our guests on 25th August. Some other visitors were - Fr. Nilesh Parmar, Sisters from Palegy and teachers from different centers of Arunachal Mission.

**Social Work:** The staffs of Gana Chetana Samaj have started moving out to the villages. The evening study centers have been reopened for the children to come for study. There was COVID-19 Emergency Relief

Distribution for the affected families on 18th and 19th August in three villages namely Holeshwar Tea Estate, Bhoroli Basti and Tinighuria village.

Fr. Thomas Barla, S.J.

## ST. XAVIER'S COLLEGE, SONABHEEL

The feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola was celebrated solemnly in St. Xavier's College Community. Jesuits from three communities working in Tezpur Diocese namely Balipara, Sonabheel, Curia- Gana Chetna Samaj and three Urusline Sisters who live and work in the College Campus joined the celebration. Fr. Theodore Ba'a celebrated his 63rd Birthday on the auspicious day of St. Ignatius Loyola. The Holy Eucharist was celebrated by three young priests namely Fr. Ajay Minj main celebrant, Fr. Erenius Toppo, Fr. Suresh Aind and Fr. Theodore were on the altar. Ajay Minj gave a good introduction of this Ignatius feast about 500 year of conversion of St Ignatius due to the Cannon ball hit on 20 May 1521. Erenius preached homily on this occasion and the celebration was followed by agape meal. In the evening our neighbours, S.V.D. Fathers and three Urusline Sisters joined us for the supper. On the same day the Assam Academic Council announced the final results of Class XII. Our St. Xavier's Junior College got the 100% pass results namely in Arts: First Division 79, Second Division 81 and in Commerce: First Division 23, Second Division 25, Third Division 1. Hearty congratulations to the Principal, Staff and students of St. Xavier's Junior College.

Fr. Ajay accompanied a candidate Albert Basumatary to reach Pre-Novitiate, Namkum, Ranchi and came back on July 18th and on the same day Fr. Erenius left for Loyola College Chennai to get his Ph. D certificate and he came back on 23 July with His Ph. D certificate.

Fr. Ranjit has conducted a physical Staff meeting to plan out First Internal exams for class XII promoted students to discuss the mode of exams, when we should start the online classes for them and online exams from 16 till 21 August were conducted. Fr. Xavier received his first vaccine for Covid-19 on 5th August in the Sonabheel Tea Estate Hospital. The feast of Assumption and the 75th Independence Day was celebrated in the campus. Fr. Xavier hoisted the National Flag and gave an inspiring message to the participants.

The Principals Fr. Ranjit and Fr. Erenius, of Senior Secondary and Degree College respectively are busy

taking admissions of new candidates for Class XI and UG Degree First Year. The admission speed is slow but steady.

Towards the completion of second floor of St. Xavier's College building there was an important meeting of the management with Mr. Prosoon Banerjee, the contractor, as urgently needed for the beginning of the new academic session.

Fr. Ajay Minj along with Fr. Thomas Barla, the Delegate, Fr. Cyril Guria went to Manas Bansbari, Kathalguri, Pengaree to visit Jesuits and to get updated reports of the financial matters of communities, institutes for the forthcoming auditing.

Xavier is busy in writing Projects to get required funds to build class XI and XII in all our centres due to the new education Policy of the Country, and to have hostels for senior secondary and the college girls in the campus. We are trying to promote the Jesuit Candidates from different parishes, we may have 7-8 Candidates for Class XI new academic year.

St. Xavier's Degree College received the permission B.A. Major in Assamese, Education, English, Political Science and Geography from Guwahati University on 23rd August. We are grateful to all the former Principals namely Fr. Dr John B. Dungdung, SJ, Fr. Dr Florence Purty, SJ, and Fr. Dr Robert Pradeep Kujur, SJ for their initiatives.

St. Xavier's Junior College was inspected for the permission of Class XII on 25th August by the Assam Secondary Education Council. Dr. Anjan Kumar Ojha, Principal, Chaiduar College, Gohpur, Assam inspected the institute and found it satisfactory. Fr. Ranjit went to St. Xavier's Autonomous College, Patna for his Ph. D interview in Education on 31st August. Best wishes Fr. Ranjit for your higher studies.

Fr. Xavier Lakra, SJ

## LOYOLA KATHALGURI, ASSAM

The community intensely prepared for the feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola with a contextualized Novena. On 29th July Fr. James P. Balmuchu gave an inspiring talk to the community for spiritual preparation. It was very informative and threw some reflective insights. It was a rather subdued, but nevertheless solemn celebration of

the feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola, with us hosting about 25 invited guests, specially priests and religious for the devotional prayer service and followed by sumptuous agape. The feast day Holy Eucharist was presided over by Fr. Kamal Chandra Bage. He was the main celebrant and homily was delivered by Fr. Rakesh Kerketta.

While complying with all the protocols and standard operating procedures regarding covid -19 we have at the same time been keeping our doors open to some selected groups. The Parish Priest and co-pastors continue to attend the spiritual needs of the faithful. Our Loyola School Kathalguri has an excellent result this year in Matriculation. One of our students scored 92% and topped the school. No doubt, it doubles our happiness to have 100% results this year. We are still in the mode of online classes. Teachers are actively involved in conducting online classes and engaging students with various activities.

The month of August has been for us one of the patients waiting in great expectation for the execution of the land deed and clearance of the land. With the community effort this long awaited pending problem has been solved. Now we have land holding certificate with us. On 4th August the entire community went to celebrate the feast of St. John M. Vianney to Bansbari one of our closest religious parish community. We had solemn mass with some of the parishioners and religious groups. After the mass we had a rich food. We celebrated the 75th Independence Day at Loyola School Kathalguri with Parishioners, Fr. Rakesh Kerketta, delivered the Independence Day speech vibrantly and enthused us to be better citizens of India. Fr. Praddep Kullu was the main celebrant at the mass on the feast of the Assumption of our Lady. His homily inspired us to be ardent devotees of our Lady and good responsible citizens of India. The mission superior, Fr. Thomas Barla, made his maiden visit to our community. In a short community meeting we apprised him of the activities and our way of proceedings. He encouraged us with his reflective words.

Fr. Rakesh Kerketta, SJ

## ST. JOSEPH COLLEGE, DARJEELING

**W**e the first year collegians Schs. Rasal Prabhat Xess and Joseph Prashant Toppo reached New Jalpaiguri on 5th August 2021. Fr Xavier the PCF of Darjeeling came to take us from station. We stayed in Jesu Ashram

Matigara for 5 days. We really enjoyed our stay in Jesu Ashram with some scholastics of Darjeeling Province.

On 10th August we reached St Joseph school North Point community Darjeeling. Fr. Stanly the Rector of the North Point welcomed us with an open heart and warm embrace. All other community members were very glad to have two scholastics from Ranchi Province.

On the second day of our arrival, we went to St. Joseph College Darjeeling for our college registration. On the same day Joseph Prashant got mild cough and cold. Therefore he was kept in isolation for a few days and after that he recovered.

Fr. Stanly asked the two Ranchi Scholastics to take catchesim class for children in the mission station called Lepcha Busty. The community had a joyous celebration of Onam Festival on 21st August. On 28th August we the Ranchi Scholastics joined the Darjeeling scholastics for a recollection in Matigara given by Fr Zacheus Dung Dung.

Finally, we are indeed grateful to Fr. Stanly the Rector who has been organizing different activities like Music classes, English class and Nepali class for the growth of the scholastics. We find this SJS North Point community very loving, caring and supportive. Each one of this community members are ever ready to help us regarding anything. We are extremely glad to be a part of this community. We request your support and prayers that we may excel in our intellectual mission entrusted to us by the province.

Sch Joseph Prashant Toppo, SJ

## DIGLIPUR, ANDAMANS

**O**n 26th July at 10.45 A.M. both the Fathers Alex and David moved to DSA convent, Magarnala for the celebration of Holy Eucharist on the occasion of the feast of Sts. Joachim and Anne. There were also some special invitees who participated in Holy Mass. Fr. David was the main celebrant whereas Fr. Alex concelebrated with him and preached the homily and explained the historical background of the Congregation of St. Anne, Ranchi elaborately. All were served lunch and then dispersed to their destination. On 27th July Magarnala community of DSA sisters set out for Ramanagar to be with the nearest DSA community to share their joy and happiness and were back on the same day.



Today is the very last day of the month and being the 31st July we celebrated the feast of St. Ignatius Loyola. As it was not possible to come together in a bigger group for Holy Mass due to restriction, Fr. David went to DSA convent Magarnala for the celebration of Holy Mass at 6.30 A.M. We did have solemn Mass then just after breakfast accompanied by sisters, parish priest came back to the parish. Fr. Alex went to M.C. convent, Diglipur for the celebration of Eucharist at 7.00 A.M. Sisters and various committee members of the parish were invited for lunch on this occasion. Prior to lunch Sr. Teresa led us into prayer followed by felicitation.

Following the principle, you have received freely give it freely, M.C. Sisters had been very generous to give the things to the poor of various villages on 2nd August to Sitangar and Kalara Junction accompanied by parish priest and on next day they went to Laxmipur and Bhasadeg then proceeded to Lamia Bay on 4th August. Faithful gathered together, prayed and thanked God for the generosity of MC Sisters and donors. Sisters instructed the people to be faithful to their religious duties though they face different difficulties and problems due to COVID -19. The Feast of St. John Mary Vianney was meaningfully celebrated, during Holy Mass we prayed in a special way through the intercession of this great Saint for all the priests throughout the world and also prayed for vocation.

Availability is one of the virtues of priests and Jesuits. Being Sunday Fr. Alex celebrated Holy Mass at 6.30 A.M. & 7.30 A.M. and 8.30 A.M. for the parishioners of various villages, keeping in mind that there should be not more than 25 participants at a time. We tried to provide facilities to the people according to their convenience. This will continue till next order hoping there will be some relaxation. On the other hand Fr. David tripped to Laxmipur at 7.00 A.M. and then proceeded to Bhasadag for the same at 9.00 A.M. After a long time people gathered for Holy Mass. After Mass Fr. imparted some important information about the forthcoming events in the parish and diocese. He also told the faithful that on 21st August 2021 at 4.00 P.M Rev. Fr. V. Selvaraj will be ordained as bishop of Port Blair diocese but only a few people will be allowed to participate in this function.

House visit is quite important but due to weather and pandemic situation, it is difficult to have this programme continuously. Hence on 10th August Fr. David and Srs.

Abha and Kusum went to Ariel Bay which is one of the sub-stations of Diglipur parish for house visit and blessing. Mr. Bimal Toppo accompanied and guided them for the smooth running of this programme. People were found at home waiting for father and sisters. There was enough time to spend with the faithful sharing and listening to them. Next day on 11th August again parish priest set out for Durgapur accompanied by pastoral sisters for the same. On the way Bimal joined the group and guided them for the smooth running of programme. The family members were at home waiting for us but there are also some families who are not coming to the Church and they are informed that father and sisters are coming, they run away. This is very peculiar case and situation of people. We need to work out how to reach the people. Thanks to all the people for their hospitality and in a special way to Bimal for guiding them while coming back they dropped him at Ariel Bay.

On 19th August both the fathers Alex and David moved to Port Blair for the visitation of Fr. Provincial as because it was not possible to come to Diglipur due to lockdown and home quarantine therefore it was decided that all the Jesuits are expected to come to Prothrapur to meet Fr. Provincial. Fr. Lalit John Tigga came back to Prothrapur refreshed from mainland on 19th August after his holidays and rest with a cook Bhudhiman Kerketta.

Fr. Ajit Xess, the Provincial Superior and Fr. Ashok Sandil reached Port Blair via Delhi on 20th August primarily to attend the Episcopal ordination of Rev. Fr. Visuvasam Selvaraj which will be held on 21st August at 4.00 P.M. at Stella Maris Cathedral Port Blair. 21st August 2021 was very memorable day for the Diocese of Port Blair as Most Rev. Fr. V. Selvaraj was ordained as a Bishop of Port Blair Diocese by Most Rev. Bishop Aleixo das Neves Dias, SFX, The Bishop Emeritus of the Diocese of Port Blair whereas Co- Consecrators were Most Rev. Leopoldo Girelli, The Apostolic Nuncio to INDIA and Most Rev. Felix Toppo, S.J., The Metropolitan Archbishop of Ranchi. Keeping in mind of COVID - 19 a sizeable and limited number of faithful participated.

Fr. David started his journey back to Diglipur on 24th August early morning whereas Fr. Alex stayed back at Prothrapur in order to continue and complete some portion of work related to school. Fr. Provincial and Fr. Ashok went back to Ranchi on 24th August in the afternoon. Frs. Lalit the zonal superior and Justine

went to the air port of Port Blair to see them off. We extend our sincere thanks to Fr. Provincial to come over to Andamans to visit us and also to share his joy and concern.

Fr. David Bara, SJ

## GUYANA

The Religious Education Department, Georgetown continued the zoom series on Discipleship every Saturday in August on the following themes – conversion-take up the cross and follow, dreams-exploring our hopes and dreams for our church, service-living for others and synodality-journeying together for the lay leaders' faith formation. It was very insightful and fruitful.

Sr. Sosan A. Kujur, OSU and Sr. Helena Soreng, OSU who rendered their tireless, selfless and generous service to the people of God in Karasabai, South Pakaraimas in Guyana for last four years returned to India on August 7. Thanks a lot for your service and wish you all the best for your future ministry in your respective provinces. Sr. Nishi S. Kujur, OSU and Sr. CrecenciaToppo, OSU were trying their best to proclaim the Good News through teaching, preaching and healing.

From August 13- 23, Fr. Jose Sylvester, Br. Vincent Nyugen, Br. Daniel Vierra, Br. Kevon Chase and Br. Scott La Rose, the IVE priest and four seminarians from Hosororo Hills Mabaruma came for their ten days pilgrimage to the beautiful Pakaraima Mountains and Rupununi Savanas visiting all the villages on the way to find God in everything. Fr. Elias Surin, SJ extended his warm and hearty welcome to these young priest and brothers. Indeed, they have grown in their faith journey at the same time they have left a great impact on the youth to listen to the call of Jesus Christ.

After one year and four months of rendering service in St Ignatius mission Lethem in Rupununi as an onsite facilitator for the program "Learning Facilitator" offered by Germany University and St. Xavier's Bhuvaneshwar India on "Sustainable Development" Fr. Amar Bage, SJ is moved to St. John the Baptist's Parish in Plaisance, East Coast Demerara, Georgetown to be a parish priest. On 15th August, 2021, on the solemnity of the Assumption of Our Blessed Virgin Mary, Fr. Paul Martin, SJ the Platform Superior in Georgetown, presided over the

Solemn Holy Eucharist with the parishioners in St. John the Baptist's Church Plaisance where Fr. Amar Bage, SJ the incoming parish priest and Fr. Boby Joseph, SJ, the outgoing parish priest were concelebrants. Being as the parish priest he visited all his ten communities and realized that lot to be done for the people in the communities. He was busy in planning so that he could give better service to the people in need.

Fr. Elias Surin, SJ

## AMMAN (JORDAN)

Covid-19 situation is getting better here day by day. This gave the opportunity to open up to the activities following all Corona safety measures.

The first two weeks of August were the annual summer holidays for all our co-workers together, including the cook. It was a new experience for me. It meant that all major activities were postponed for later dates. This year various activities and programmes are being held in the name of "Inigo Year 500". Fr. Youssef Abdelnour, SJ (Egypt) was invited to give a full week intensive theatre course for a mixed group of 20 people from August 15-21. The varied age group was between 18-40. At the end, based on their learning and innovative group ideas, they performed a spectacular show of forty-five minutes. The other invitee was Fr. Nader Michel, SJ, Province Socius. He gave a weekend and a six days' retreat to an Arabic speaking open group. Youth, men/women and religious profited from it.

This summer has been a challenging one. It is still a long one. Water facility from the Municipality is available only once a week throughout the year. No other source is there. One has to store water in tanks for the house and the garden. All the houses/Institutions/hotels, etc. have their water tanks on the rooftops. If not, water has to be bought through lorry-tanks, which is not cheap.

Fr. Bimal Kr. Kerketta, SJ

## INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE OF GESÙ

On 31 July, Kuldeep and Sandeep left the Novitiate Community of Genova and went to a Parish in Genova itself. There they stayed until 19 August. Apart from extending their helping hands in some of the Pastoral works of the Parish, they visited many places of religious, cultural, and historical importance. Close to the Parish,

there is a Community of Sisters of Missionary of Charity. They distribute food packages to the poor people every evening. Both Kuldeep and Sandeep went to help the Sisters in distributing the food. It was very enriching experience to both of them in serving the poor even in a small manner. After staying in the Parish, both of them came back to Rome on 19 August. On 27 August, both of them will leave for Spain along with their companions for the Pre-Ordination Program in Loyola, popularly known in Rome as “Mese Arrupe” (Arrupe Month).

## COLLEGIO SAN ROBERTO BELLARMINO

San Roberto Bellarmino, the community of Deepak and Kulwant remains closed for the summer vacation. While Kulwant stayed back at home to continue his study and research, Deepak visited Germany, Belgium and France. After burning mid-night oil in a continuous and sustained manner, he completed a revised and more concrete presentation of the theme of his doctorate by inserting all the suggestions given by his Doctorate Guide. His hard work yielded the sweet desired fruit and he was extremely happy that his theme was finally approved. Now, he is concentrating on developing his central argument by consulting various major and minor sources, which requires lots of patience, presence of mind, and of course, dedication and perseverance. No doubt, Kulwant is good at that point. He had a bit problem with his legs, but he maintained calm and continued his study and research.

Deepak first went to Cologne, a beautiful city in Germany at the bank of the river Rhine. Going to Belgium and France for him was like making a pilgrimage. Belgium (a sacred land for the people of Ranchi), through its Missionary sons took and planted the seed of Christianity in Ranchi, Chotanagpur. The people of Chotanagpur owe deep sense of gratitude to Belgium and its Missionaries. He visited Leuven; a city meant for students, which contributed so much to Ranchi and Ranchi Jesuits. So many of Ranchi Jesuits were formed there to give Jesuit leadership to the Chotanagpur Church. He spent a day in Brussels too. Later, he went to Lourdes, France for three days, to spend some days in prayer and silence. Being at the Basilica of Lourdes and praying at the Grotto where Mother Mary appeared to St. Bernadette 17 times, gracefully blesses one with many spiritual experiences. In spite of Covid-19 situation, (Covid-19 requirements are strictly followed here), every day, thousands of

people get here for their pilgrimage. Seeing them praying, reciting Rosary, participating in the Holy Mass and Night Procession with great devotion and faith is truly inspirational. They simply make one feel concretely to get strengthened in one's faith and love for God. The entire Province was remembered prayerfully while being with Mother Mary in Lourdes. May her blessings be with us always.

## GENERAL CURIA

Anselm shares his enriching experiences in Curia while a good number of the Community members was away for summer vacations:

This year we missed the visit of Pope Francis to Curia on the occasion of St. Ignatius' feast, because he fell sick and admitted to the hospital. Every year he comes to the Curia to partake in the festive meal, to meet his Jesuit companions and spends his valuable time in meeting, listening and sharing of life and mission. His visit brings a lot of blessings and joy to each individual and the community. We pray for his good health and for the power of the Spirit to shoulder the challenging mission of the Church as a good shepherd.

The Ignatian Year has offered a time of renewing our prayer life and becoming a contemplative person. On the past years, we usually went back to our respective Provinces for our retreat and vacation. However, this year due to the pandemic situation most of us have rescheduled our program for Retreat and vacation in Italy itself. Therefore, to obtain a special grace during the Ignatian Year, we made our retreat in different small groups under the direction of retreat directors. The retreat time became a blessing to renew our prayer life to celebrate the Ignatian Year.

We utilized the summer vacation for renewing our commitment and spiritual life and for enhancing the Spirit of our Jesuit companionship. There was a deep desire and quest to visit the historically important places from Ignatian point of view in order to capture and relive the experiences of St. Ignatius. The Curia members formed small groups and visited such historical places. This visit filled in us a sense of admiration and humility. It was a challenging and worthwhile experience to grow in the spirit and life of St. Ignatius. Hope this visit will aspire and strengthen us to lead a truly Ignatian way of life in Curia.



The Economato Generale Office was remained open during the summer vacation and performed all the financial transactions unabated to fulfill the needs of the universal Society. We did the transition from the old financial year to the new financial year smoothly in due time. In the month of August, most of the members of Economato were out for their vacations and Retreat. A few of us were working in the office, managing and taking care of all the needs and demands of the Curia, common houses and the Provinces worldwide. With the commencement of the new financial year, there was a great number of requests for fund transfer to start their new projects, to clear their academic/formation bills and to make an internal payment from one province to another to settle various outstanding dues and expenses.

On my personal level, this summer vacation offered me scores of opportunity to grow in my availability and commitment by bearing the responsibility and the mission entrusted by the Society of Jesus including the Curia Community and other Offices. There was no reduction in my regular office works, yet I could spend a quality time in reading books on various subjects.

## PONTIFICAL GREGORIAN UNIVERSITY

Linus went to the community of St. Peter of Canisius in Rome for his holidays as the Gregorian Community was closed. 'SanCasa del Canisio' is a well-organized house with individual self-contained air-conditioned rooms, from where many members are giving their services in Radio Vatican and in different commissions of the Vatican State. This is a community of communities made up of Priests, Scholastics and Brothers staying here to 'Pray for the Church', to give active service in the Church and some youngsters still in formation.

Unfortunately, few elderly in the infirmary got infected with Covid-19 and the whole house had to be in quarantine. But there was nothing to be alarmed, for the organised community knew how to face it well. Each member was served breakfast, lunch and supper in his room. No community activity was held and even the members executed their official works from their rooms. Probably a model to fight covid-19 as a community! Linus is feeling fully safe in the 'Casa Canisio'. On 01 September, he will return to the Gregorian community.

All Professors from South Asian Assistancy opted not to go back to their respective Provinces for the usual

summer vacations. Prem too remained at home, but since all the services in the Community were suspended until 01 September, he joined Biblicum Community for meals. From 19 to 30 July, he conducted intensive online lessons for the students of DVK Bangalore on Communication Ethics: A Moral-Theological Appraisal. Despite time differences, the mutual sacrifices turned the lessons highly enriching and interesting. At the request of Michael J. Garanzini, Secretary for Higher Education, R.P. Rector of Gregorian University asked Prem to join the University Working Group, which is working to develop Laudatosi' Action Platform under the guidance of Michael Schuck of Loyola University, Chicago. The University Working Group consists of one or two members from various Jesuit Universities all over the world. The Meetings are being held on regular basis through Zoom. The Group eventually plans to meet in Boston in August 2022. On 11 August, Prem left for Loyola for his Annual Retreat. In the Ignatian Year, the Retreat in Loyola was highly significant, meaningful and enriching. Later, he went for a pilgrimage to all-important places attached to the life of St. Ignatius. From Loyola, he moved to Pamplona, and then to Barcelona, Manresa and Montserrat. Walking on the footsteps of St. Ignatius was profoundly inspiring, touching and enriching. The Jesuits in Spain were very cordial and hospitable in all places. May the Ignatian Year be a year of conversion and spiritual renewal for all Jesuits and non-Jesuits alike who follow the Ignatian spirituality and way of life!

Fr. Prem Xalxo, SJ

## ROME

### Vatican radio, Pietro Canisio

Fr. Federico Lombardi the former Director of Vatican Radio presided over a requiem mass for Fr. Bernd Hagenkord (56) a German Jesuit who worked in the Radio for ten years died of cancer on 26 July. It was a shocking news for all of us and especially the entire Vatican Radio.

The 31st July passed by quietly as we remained fully busy with radio transmission. Having finished the daily programme Fr. Sanjay celebrated the festive mass solitarily yet it was a moment of great consolation.

The month of August became all the more hectic as one of us Sr. Anugarh Minj (HC) went for her holidays. We

all were succumbed to the fear as covid-19 entered our infirmary on 9 August. Fr. Augusto Iori (96) fell down from his bed and was taken to hospital where he got infected. On his return, nine other infirmary members got affected and the whole community remained totally isolated. Fr. Federico Lombardi too got infected as he visited his community members in the infirmary. Fr. Linus Kujur made a wise choice utilizing this difficult phase journeying with the Lord and secured his safety. We the radio team had no other choice than going to work every day.

Fr. Iori, the first to be infected, passed away on 13th August. In hibernation, trusting in the Lord, we kept on praying for one another and finally on 25th evening the first report of all the infected members resulted negative.

The new community members mainly the scholastics for their regency in the Vatican Radio have started coming. This year there will be seven scholastics who will do their regency in radio and general curia.

Fr. Sanjay Ekka, SJ

## FRANCE, PARIS

### Bonjour à tous

After completing our exams, we all are in our summer vacation. We began our summer vacation in the last week of June. According to our summer plan we all are doing different ministries, activities and program. The summer program is left to each individual and plan according to their interest. There are many group activities and common program for spending our holidays meaningfully and actively, which is organized by the different group of people. Sch. Sudhir went to Lourdes (Notre dame de Lourdes/ our Lady of Lourdes) for the pastoral and Liturgical service from 27th June to 13th July. It was a very good experience to be in pilgrimage place, "Our Lady of Lourdes". We were there as the seminarist so basically our work was to help in the Liturgy, to be guide for the path of Bernadette and path of Grotto and also to accompany the people who are sick and handicap. We were also engaged in Way of the Cross, Rosary and daily evening procession. This gave us the opportunity to know and realized the devotion and faith of people who come for pilgrimage to Lourdes. This place itself provide us the atmosphere and suitable place for the prayer and feeling of coming closer to God.

On 13th July I went to Marseille the south of France to participate the camp of MEJ (Mouvement Eucharistique des Jeunes). I stayed two days at Marseille for some works then I went to Cotignac, the place where we had the camp the MEJ. It is situated in mountain where the Holy family appeared to the people in different places. In this place we have different Basilica for the St. Joseph, Mother Mary with the child Jesus. This is very much known for the Pilgrimage of the holy family. Many pilgrims come with their family for the prayer and have the experience of God. Our camp was also in campus of Sanctuary. This camp was for the young people at the age of 15 to 20. There were 49 youth for the camp. We were 6 animators, 2 cooks and 1 director for the camp. The camp was for the 20 days. It was basically to learn about the Christian way of life, importance of morality and to do some physical activities. Through this camp we come to know each other and build a good relationship with others. When I completed the camp on 30th July, I returned to the community. The feast of St. Ignatius was celebrated in our own ministry places. It was new experience to celebrate the feast day in different way.

On 27th June Sch. Peter Paul joined the community of Blomet in Paris for the summer French language course with other Scholastics of different country. He will be staying in community of Blomet for one month because he is invited to stay there for the study, from June 27 to July 24. They have very good time learning the French language in a creative way and enhancing the French Culture. The scholastics from the province of Francophone had helped and taught them the language and culture of the France. After completing his summer French language on 27th July, he went Lourdes for the summer ministry. They celebrated the feast of St. Ignatius at Lourdes. On 9th August he Came from Lourdes to Paris. on 11th August he went to Loyola, Spain for his retreat. After completing their retreat, they spend their holidays in Spain. They visited the different places in Spain.

As some of scholastics have finished their theology and philosophy, they went back in the month of July to their respective provinces to take part on a new mission. We wished them all for the best future efforts.

Now we all are in summer Vacation so those who are in community they have to cook or prepare their own meal. The cooks have also gone for their holidays so everyone has to take their turn to prepare the breakfast, lunch

and dinner. Everyone tries to do something special and different this adds taste in our life.

We finish our summer vacation in the first week of September then we all will begin our regular class at Centre Sevres in Paris. Before that for all the Scholastics those who have not done their annual retreat. They will have their common retreat for the scholastics at Clamart spirituel centre at Paris.

Sch. Sudhir Lakra, SJ

## OBITUARY

### BR FELIX PRAKASH TETE, SJ (85/65)

**[1936 -2021]**

**B**r Felix Prakash Tete, SJ breathed his last at the age of 85 on Friday, June 11, 2021 at 5:45 p m in St Anne's Hospital, Ulhatu situated in the periphery of Ranchi. He had been admitted there nearly a month earlier for his complain of persistent cough and cold which were later diagnosed as the symptoms of dreaded Covid-19 pandemic. He was treated for the pandemic but he succumbed to it with a cardiac arrest on the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. His burial took place on Saturday, June 12, the feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. His devotion to the Sacred Heart and to Mother Mary was seemingly rewarded in his heart being sandwiched by the two Heavenly Hearts. United with the two Hearts he joined the 14 Ranchi Jesuits who went before him from September 2020 onwards to the Father's House. With his death finally stopped the series of deaths of the Ranchi Jesuits during the 2nd wave of the pandemic. In this series of 15 deaths spread over 10 months Ranchi Province suffered the loss of 11 Priests and 4 Brothers.

Felix Prakash saw the light of day on April 8, 1936 in Karangaguri Jhipatoli which then fell under the jurisdiction of Banabira parish of the current Simdega diocese. He was the youngest and the sixth child of his father Mr. Louis Tete and his mother, Mrs. Gertrude Soreng. He was orphaned at the age of 7 when his mother died of a fatal fall and his father was away stranded in Andamans due to the 2nd world



war. When he was 8 years old, his eldest brother got married and little Felix began to be looked after by his newly-wed sister-in law as his own mother. God took care of him as his beloved child who was destined for Jesuit Brotherhood. Felix did his primary schooling in the village school and he finished his middle school in R.C. School, Banabira staying there as a boarder.

After having passed his 7th standard, in 1955 along with his two village companions he joined postulancy in St Stanislaus College, Sitagarha where a year later he entered the novitiate on 1st February 1956. His Novitiate period had the record of largest number of novices for Brotherhood as many as 35 including both the years. His novitiate was followed by his Juniorate in Sitagarha itself. As a Novice and a Junior he was much loved and appreciated for his simplicity, honesty and generosity by his fellow companions, the Fathers of the community and even by the Tertian Fathers of that period.

Apart from some formal training in medical service in Bangalore and much later a short theological formation in DNC Pune, he upgraded his minimal educational status of 7th standard through his hard private studies. Like our Founder he realized the need and importance of studies for carrying out one's mission effectively. Therefore one after another he accomplished his private matriculation, B.A and even B. Ed. while engaged in different assigned ministries in different institutions of the Province. In the span of 65 years of Religious life after his basic formation at Sitagarha he was assigned to nine different institutions for different types of ministries. In these nine institutions one could describe his personal, community and apostolic life as characterized by seven C's: commitment, compassion, concern, counsel, courage, criticism and correction.

Br Felix got his first assignment to Loyola Kunkuri with the office of domestic administration. Besides this office, he also looked after the two big hostels of nearly 300 boys blending strictness with kindness. All the 7 C's started germinating in discharge of his office and in his general conduct. He criticised the boys and corrected them with love and concern. He was committed to them in taking care of them day in day out. He was prudently courageous in pointing out their faults for improvement. With his good experience of domestic care and dealing with the boys in Kunkuri he did still better with growing confidence



in his 2nd assignment given in Ambikapur where he had an additional charge of an assistant teacher. After his medical training in Bangalore he was given charge of an infirmarian in Kunkuri in his third assignment. With this office he grew in his compassionate care, concern and medical skills. Seeing the quality of his medical care he was assigned to St. Albert's College, Ranchi as an infirmarian. He was much appreciated by the Seminarians and the staff for his vigilant and friendly medical service. The theological ambience of the Seminary instilled in him an interest in tribal culture, in social justice issues and even a desire for doing theology. So, he had a brief theological formation in DNC Pune after which he was made the Director of Brother candidates and Vocation Promoter in Loyola Khunti. He loved that work and conducted several youth camps and retreats in Biru and Barway accompanying the youth and showing them the way to God.

The 7 C's could be evident more conspicuously in St. Mary's Samtoli where he was assigned as Assistant teacher on an approved post along with his office of an infirmarian and Brothers' Vocation Promoter. He was much appreciated and loved by his students, especially the day scholars. He was always available for the needy whether they be students or people of the neighbourhood or strangers. He would visit villages and hold meetings with them offering them counsels for leading a life of dignity. He was alert to the needs of the sick and suffering, more especially the sick of his village, Karangaguri. When he was transferred from St. Mary's Samtoli to Manresa House, Ranchi one elderly lady exclaimed, "Br. Felix is going away; all of us will be dying one by one". It did happen that she and few others died shortly afterwards. After his service of one year in Manresa House he was transferred to Catholic Church, Soso as Minister and in charge of farms and fields. There he took tuition classes for the poor students. While there he celebrated his golden jubilee in 2006 in the presence of nearly all the Brothers of the Province. From there he was transferred to ATC, Namkum where he celebrated his diamond jubilee of Religious life with much felicitation in 2016.

The four Universal Apostolic Preferences (UAPs) are the concrete expressions of Jesus' attitudes, values, words and deeds. In the latter part of the Religious life of Br. Felix, UAPs found their spontaneous expressions.

He accompanied the youth either organized or disorganized with his interest in their all round growth through his constructive criticism and corrections. He took care of the mother earth by taking care of trees and plants, by planting new trees wherever he went and by counselling people to do so. He showed the people the way to God though his counsels in retreats and meetings. He courageously participated in meetings, rallies, and 'dharnas' to promote the cause of human rights. With his compassionate love and concern he walked with the poor and extended his helping hand to the needy, the sick and the suffering. His last visit to his sick grand niece, an Ursuline nun turned out to be his last step towards his heavenly abode. May the Eternal King and the Universal Lord who called him to labour with him make him share in his eternal joy and glory!

Fr. Ignatius Tete, SJ



## GONE FOR ETERNAL REWARD

1. **Fr Cheruparambil J John (AND, 72/56)** on 7 August at Loyola Academy Alwal, Secunderabad
2. **Fr Gregory Naik (Goa, 88/70)** on 9 August in Porvorim, Goa
3. **Fr Roshan Lobo (KAR, 49/32)** on 13 August in Bengaluru
4. **Mrs Rauni Orea (79 years)**, mother of Fr Rajat H Purty & Br. Florence H Purty on 11 August at home
5. **Fr Joseph Parekattil (PAT, 85/65)** on 27 August in HFH Kurji, Patna.
6. **Mrs Josphena Saras (56 years)**, sister-in-law of Fr Ajit Saras on 28 August.