

# RANCHI BULLETIN



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## WISH YOU ALL A MERRY CHRISTMAS



AND  
A GRACE-FILLED NEW YEAR 2012

## R.P. PROVINCIAL'S PROGRAMME

### DECEMBER 2011

05-08 Province Congregation  
08 Jubilee Celebration  
10 **PROVINCIAL'S CONSULT**  
14-16 Meeting of CZ Provincials  
17 To Delhi, VJ Scholastics  
18 VJ, ITI Delhi  
19 ISI, Delhi  
20 To Jammu  
22 Jammu – Delhi - Ranchi

### JANUARY 2012

3-5 Bangalore  
6-8 Satya Nilayam  
9 Berchmans Illam  
11 Vijaywada  
13 Back to Ranchi  
16 **PROVINCIAL'S CONSULT**



The 70th Congregation of Procurators will take place in Nairobi, Kenya. It will begin on the morning of July 9, 2012 and last approximately five days. In preparation to the congregation of Procurators, Ranchi Province had its Province Congregation (PC) from the evening of 5 December till 8 evening to deliberate on the state of the province and of the Society. One of the important functions of the PC was to elect a procurator and his substitute which was accomplished successfully. Former Provincial, **Fr. Ranjit P. Toppo** is elected as the procurator and **Fr. Joseph Marianus Kujur** as substitute. Province Congregation concluded on 8<sup>th</sup> December (evening) 2011.

### INFORMATION

- o Scholastics **Bage Roshan, Beck Anand Amar, Kullu Francis David** and **Minj Ajay Prakash** have applied for the Major Orders. If you have any information about them, kindly send to Fr. Provincial.
- o **From 24 December 2011 to 1 January 2012**, Fr. Provincial will **not** be available for any appointment or visit.

- o **New Address of Assam Mission (Curia):** Jesuit Bhavan, Hazarapar / Near Rail Gate, Post Box No.96, P.O. Tezpur, Dt. Sonitpur. Assam - 78400
- o **From the Province Treasurer:** This is to remind you all Fathers and Brothers that the accounts are kept up-to-date for the preparation of budget for the year 2012-13. You are expected to present your budget by the 15<sup>th</sup> February 2012 to the Provincial. Kindly give your contribution towards FACSI and common expenses by 31<sup>st</sup> January 2012.
- o **PRIESTLY ORDINATIONS:** Four Decons of Ranchi Province will be ordained priests:
 

Dn Sylverius Chermako	03 January 2012,	at Kapodih, Gumla
Dn Ajay Minj	08 January 2012	at Mandar, Ranchi
Dn Elias Surin	10 January 2012	at Bindhaintoli, Simdega
Dn Suman P. Toppo	12 January 2012	at Salangapos, Simdega.

o **SADHANA INVITES YOU:** As a follow-up to A *Jesuit Confluence: Ignatian Psycho-Spirituality*, we invite all Jesuits to **Confluencing Ignatian Psycho-Spirituality**, in two parts, each consisting of ten days, from March 5 – 30, 2012, at **Sadhana Institute**. We will accept twelve Jesuits to participate in the entire process. During the First Part, A Retreat: Confluencing Ignatian Psycho-Spirituality, each Jesuit will receive input and guidance while doing his personal psychospiritual retreat. During the Second Part, the same Jesuit will apply learned or refined spiritual and psychological direction skills and insights while directing two participants in the Ignatian Psycho-Spirituality: A Process Retreat, and simultaneously receive supervision in the same. If you feel ready for it and are interested in this Psycho-Spiritual adventure then please contact the Admissions Director **Fr. I.S.F. Jeyaraj** by **phone** (09922536520) or by email: [isfjeyaraj@gmail.com](mailto:isfjeyaraj@gmail.com) as early as possible.

## NEWS FROM INSTITUTIONS AND FORMATION HOUSES

### MANRESA HOUSE, RANCHI

On All Souls' Day, community members went to Tamtamtoli cemetery to offer their prayers for all the departed brethren. On 3<sup>rd</sup>, Fr. Raymond Kerketta on his way back to the Province after a year of spirituality course in the U.K, landed safely at Birsa Munda Airport. Fr. Pius Xalxo was there to welcome him back home. On 7<sup>th</sup>, Jesuit Brothers went to Patrachauli for a get-together. Thanks to Fr. Lalit John Tigga, the Parish priest and his team who welcomed them with a colourful entertainment programme. On 13<sup>th</sup> the CRI meeting was convened at Satya Bharati. On 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> respectively the core committee of Manresa House headed by Fr. Walter Ekka conducted a motivation programme comprising study skill, time management and goal setting for the boys of St. Aloysius' Minor Seminary and girls of St. Anne's college hostel. The committee was ably assisted by Fr. Nabor Lakra who substantiated diverse topics with his valuable empirical experiences. The response

was extremely positive from both groups. We do hope that this effort bears fruit in the life of the tribal youth.

On 26<sup>th</sup>, the Feast of St. John Barchmans, the youthful patron saint of our Scholastics, we had the community mass wherein we thanked and praised God for the blessings and graces of the old liturgical year led by Fr. Aurel Brys. For a smooth and better running of the community on 28<sup>th</sup> Fr. Rector called for a community meeting wherein some general concerns of the house were discussed. Our collegians began their semester exam on 1st of November; kindly keep them in your prayers. Fr. Raju our great missionary to the *Munda Disum* is improving quite fast after his spinal operation. He does not need any more support for his back; he can be seen moving around in fourth gear without the help of a third leg. Satya Baharati has released three New Christmas CDs: *vkbz gS BMh jkr- iforj xkqj ?kjs /Ek3 [kna4 cjpl* on 3<sup>rd</sup> December.

*Fr. Sanjay D. Ekka*

## **ST. XAVIER'S COLLEGE, RANCHI**

Unlike other years, the Durga Puja holidays this year did not include the Deepawali holidays, yet some of us were able to go out for various activities. Frs. Ephrem and Pradeep accompanied two groups of students in their educational tour. Fr. Ephrem led the group to South India touring several places like Chennai, Pondicherry, Vellankanni, Rameshwaram, Kanyakumari, Kodaikanal Hills and Madurai, while Fr. Pradeep led his group to Darjeeling and Sikkim. Br. Santosh joined the group of Brothers in Allahabad for retreat and some of us had ours in nearby places.

After the long holidays, classes resumed on 3<sup>rd</sup> November with lots of extra hours because the syllabi had to be completed before the end-semester examinations. Some of us had to take classes even on holidays and Sundays. In spite of the examination tension the College Hockey team played the final match in the Inter College Hockey Tournament held in Simdega on Nov. 21. Though for some time St. Xavier's team was leading by 2-1, Simdega College had the advantage of winning the match by scoring two goals in the last seven minutes. Hockey players had to rush back because classes were going on in full swing. During this hectic time news about the International Award for Fr. Peter Paul Ekka, the Vice Principal, from India International Friendship Society was a matter of great joy for all of us. On November 16, Fr. Peter flew to Dubai the capital of UAE to receive this award. There in Dubai on Nov. 18, during a grand Felicitation Ceremony attended by more than 100 people from all over the world, especially from U.K and Kuwait, Fr. Peter received the 'Glory of India Award' from Mr. Joginder Singh, the chairman of the Award Society. This Award was given to him for his able leadership and efficient work in the field of education. This Society had already awarded Fr. Peter on October 12, 2011 with "*Shiksha Ratna*" (Jewel of education) for creative writings and guiding the youth for about forty years. He has written four Novels, one Biography and more than 150 Hindi Short Stories which have been collected in three volumes. For this the Award Ceremony was held in the Speaker's Hall in the prestigious campus of the Parliament of India. Hearty Congratulations, Fr. Peter!

*Fr. Ephrem*

## **ASHIRVAD/JHARNA, NAMKUM**

In November eleven groups came to Jharna for their spiritual renewal so as to re-energize themselves for generous service. Among these, 39 of them made their eight-day retreat. There were two groups of religious Brothers and Sisters who made one-day recollection on different days. Sr. Oliva, belonging to St. Charles Boromeo, came for three days with 10 women to prepare them to commit themselves as Associates of St. Charles Boromeo.

Second year novices had a fruitful hospital experiment at Radha Rani, a centre run by the M.C sisters. First year novices made thirty days of Ignatian Spiritual Exercises under the guidance of their Master, Fr. Benedict Lakra. Fr. Samir Dungdung got an opportune time to make his own annual retreat for which he went to Pengree, Assam. After the retreat he had some time to visit different mission stations. He was delighted meeting the missionaries there, listening them about the growing Christian communities and seeing many children being educated. He was touched by the warm hospitality for which he feels very grateful to all. After his visit he strongly feels, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few..." (Lk 10:2). He came back enriched on 20<sup>th</sup> November. Frs. Benedict and Samir visited the second year novices at Radha Rani.

*Sylvanus & Samir*

## **ST.MARY'S, SAMTOLI**

The month of November was filled with different activities. Starting with holidays, the apostolic boys went fishing on the 1<sup>st</sup>. We all came together to pray for the faithful departed on the All Souls' Day. We also started harvesting on 2<sup>nd</sup> with the help of apostolic boys. The Sohrai, feast of cattle was celebrated with much gusto. Br. Juel back from the retreat in Allahabad was in full spirit being the caretaker of our cattle. On 5<sup>th</sup> Sch. Edwin went to Ranchi to get back the musical instruments given for repair. All of us joined in celebrating Fr. Ajay's Birthday at Rengarih. It was a joy to be together. On Children's Day, the staff of St. Mary's English Medium School entertained the students with colourful stage-show and various games. Apostolic boys began practicing dance in preparation for the video shooting

for the New Christmas Album of Fr. Sibil. 15<sup>th</sup> of November being the Foundation day of Jharkhand, marked many great events. The video shooting on Buddhadhar, Rengarih also took place on 15<sup>th</sup>. The district level hockey and football tournaments were inaugurated on this day. Unfortunately on the same day our three active and energetic priests, Frs. Philemon, Irenius and Billianus were down with Typhoid and Malaria. They had a short stay at Ranchi for convalescence. On 18<sup>th</sup> of November our students of 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> started their sent-up test. Frs. Vijay, Sikander and Ajit went to Noadih to celebrate 50 years of priesthood of Fr. Elvius Kujur. On 20<sup>th</sup> Samtoli parish celebrated the solemnity of Christ the King with a procession. Fr. Irenius went to join the celebration in Pakertoli with Fr. Robert. After this he was back to the Ara Gate clinic for further treatment of Typhoid. To mark the 26<sup>th</sup> of November, Berchmans' Day Jesuits played a volleyball match against St. John's Apostolic Boys. Fr. Philemon thrilled everybody with his agile movements. The audience clapped on every jump and smash of Fr. Vijay. Frs. Sikander and Ajit were the ace players of the Jesuit team. Jesuits generously gave the match to the boys by 2-1 as an encouragement for the future Jesuits. Now we are busy giving away the sent-up test results and the students of junior classes are warming up for 2<sup>nd</sup> terminal examination which starts from 5<sup>th</sup> of December.

*Sch. Edwin*

### **ATC - ST. JOSEPH'S COMMUNITY COLLEGE, NAMKUM**

ATC was busy harvesting a very good paddy crop this year. ANM trainees generously helped A.T.C. workers in harvesting 10 Acres of paddy field. The threshing of the paddy is to be done. The campus looks green with different kinds of vegetables and cash crops under the supervision of Fr. Erenius and Br. James.

From 7<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> November, Fr. Erenius Toppo attended 27<sup>th</sup> Teachers' Training Programme for the Community Colleges in India and Papua New Guinea (PNG) at St. Thomas International Center, Chennai, organized by Indian Centre for Research and Development of Community Education (ICRDCE). He feels motivated and inspired with the mission vision,

concept, curriculum and teaching methodology and its affective approach with the motto "Including the Excluded & Giving the Best to the Least". There were 51 participants from all over India and 14 participants from Papua New Guinea (PNG). The Community College movement is certainly a noble endeavour of Dr. Fr. Xavier Alphonse, S.J. (MDU). As the workshop was over Fr. Erenius stayed at Satya Nilayam, Chennai with his province men and his professors.

On 16<sup>th</sup> Nov. Fr. Erenius flew from Chennai to Andamans on his mission tour. It was a firsthand experience in his life and after two hours of exciting journey over the blue sea he landed at Port Blair. Fr. David Bara, S.J. the Mission Superior received him at the airport. On 17<sup>th</sup> Fr. Provincial, Xavier Soreng, and Fr. Ignatius Minj landed at Port Blair airport. They were received by Frs. David Bara and Erenius. The Ranchi Mission tour began from Prothrapur, Diglipur and Ramnagar. All of them visited the Andaman Mission for the first time and had very enriching experience meeting the province men and people over there. They paid homage to our missionary fathers late Fr. Cornelius Ba'a at Diglipur and Fr. Joseph Minj, S.J. at Port Blair. Fr. David Bara accompanied them all through the mission of Andamans.

Xavier Institute of Polytechnic and Technology (XIPT) has been shifted to its new site at Kishor Nagar campus, Bargawan on 17<sup>th</sup> November 2011. The 60 XIPT hostellers are staying in a new Hostel Building of ATC.

ATC - St. Joseph's Community College celebrated the birthday of Fr. Ignatius Dungdung S.J. with great solemnity on 26<sup>th</sup> November. The ANM students felicitated him with cultural programme followed by agape meal. Ashirvad-Jharna and Bagaicha Jesuits wished him in the evening followed by fellowship meal and community dance. Fr. Sylvanus Kerketta is busy arranging the hospitals for the trainees for their hospital experience.

*Fr. Erenius Toppo*

### **LIFE (Lievens' Institute of Film & Electronic media)**

After the completion of the theory courses, the students began projects. The first was Non-Fiction Film. Two projects titled "Dreams I did not see" of the

blind who could also have dreams like us and the other is "Hockey" - it is about the state of Hockey in Jharkhand and its promises. A former Olympian Sylvanus Ddungdung was interviewed along with Asunta Lakra, the new captain of Indian Women's Hockey team. The second project was in online TV production using more than 3 cameras. One group did a show titled "Knick-Knack Christmas Special," the other did a music video "Sparsh," and the third one did a tribal music instrumental show titled "Akhara." Students handled all the jobs connected to the productions using our own equipments and the format of all the productions was High Definition (HD).

At present the students are busy shooting their project under the category of Short Fiction Film (SFF). They will have to shoot two of them. While the first one will be completed on the 9<sup>th</sup> of December, the second one will be shot at XIC, Mumbai when the students will visit XIC, Mumbai from Feb 4-19, 2012. Students did an online TV production at Loreto School for "Nine is Mine" campaign on the 17<sup>th</sup> November.

Fr. Lourduraj had a few trips in the past few months. He attended the JESCOM meet at XIC, Mumbai from Oct 4-8. He is elected as the Central Zone JESCOM secretary by the central zone JESCOM members. On the 25<sup>th</sup> of October, he spoke to the JCSA on the new website of JCSA and released the same. The domain name is <http://jcsaweb.org>. The work is still in progress. Please visit the site and you are free to send your opinions to [lourdurasj@gmail.com](mailto:lourdurasj@gmail.com). He was at Nav Jyoti Niketan Patna to attend the annual BIJHAN CRI-Bishops- Priests meeting from Nov 21-24. LIFE is planning to come out with a half-an-hour programme in Doordarshan, Ranchi on the 25<sup>th</sup> of December. The spadework is on. The idea is to render a few carols with the message.

*Fr. Lourduraj*

## **ISI, DELHI**

Fr. Christopher Lakra and I have been as busy as ever. Both of us have been part of some important policy consultations in and outside the religious circles. While Christopher was in ISI Bangalore as its ex-officio Governing Body member, he was also invited by the National Commission for Women on the issue of

'Human Trafficking'. He was invited by the Standing Committee of the Parliament to present the views of the civil society on the controversial 'Lokpal Bill'. Prior to this ISI had organized a one-day Consultation on the theme of 'Combating Corruption: Instrumentality of Lokpal Bill' on September 13. Recommendations of the senior civil society members on Personnel, Public Grievances, Law and Justice, were earlier submitted by the ISI Delhi to the Standing Committee. Christopher was in Ranchi to participate in the meeting of the XISS alumni and in connection with his pet projects on 'witchcraft' and 'displacement'. Under Christopher's leadership ISI organized a condolence meeting at the brutal and dastardly murder of Sister Valsa John. It was followed up by candle-light protests at the premises of the Delhi Cathedral as well as at India Gate. A memorandum was submitted to the Chairperson, National Human Rights Commission and a copy each sent to the Chief Minister, Human Rights Commission and Women's Commission of Jharkhand.

Caritas Asia had invited me to conduct a training programme on 'Peace-building in South Asia' at Paradise Beach Hotel, Negombo, about 30 miles from Colombo, the capital of Sri Lanka during 20-30 September. There were 33 participants for the training from Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka. During the inaugural session I gave the key-note address on the theme "Ensure Peace in South Asia through Religious Education on Human Rights". His Excellency Mr. Bruce Levy, High Commissioner for Canada in Sri Lanka and His Excellency Most Rev. Dr. Joseph Spiteri, Apostolic Nuncio in Sri Lanka, were present on the occasion.

I delivered inputs at the inaugural function of the National Tribal Festival (Adivasi Mahotsava) organized at Campion School, Bhopal by JEMAI (Jesuit Ministry among Indigenous Peoples in India) under the guidance of Fr Alex Ekka, the National convener of JEMAI, and Fr Agapit Tirkey, the regional coordinator. I had to fly back to Delhi leaving behind two more days of the festival in order to be able to participate in the penultimate meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> Five Year Plan (2012-17) at Vigyan Bhawan, convened by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs on October 05. I was part of a similar consultation organized by Delhi Government

in Delhi Secretariat on November 09 in view of recommendations to the Planning Commission from the perspective of the Adivasis in India. Tribal Unit in collaboration with the tribals of Delhi organized a workshop-cum-cultural programme to mark the Birsa Jayanti and 11<sup>th</sup> Foundation Day of Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand. I am just back from the Sonbhadra district in Uttar Pradesh where Tribal Unit of ISI is conducting a survey of the "Tribal communities in Uttar Pradesh with special reference to the Baiga Tribe".

*Fr. Joseph Marianus Kujur*

### **DNC, PUNE**

The month of November had a graceful beginning with the feasts of All Saints and All Souls. In the first week of the month POSA met all DNC members. Soon after that we celebrated the state feast of Karnataka under the leadership of Karnataka scholastics. The long-awaited mega event '**BALMELA: Nanhe Sitaron ke Sath**' was held on 26th. Children from our locality and ministry places came in huge number to be part of it. The total was approximately around two thousand. Keeping the objective 'option for the poor' the underprivileged children were given preference. Besides games stalls, the science exhibition, documentary movie show and cultural programme also were the integral part of the BAL MELA. Our province Dholak was repaired under the leadership of Schs. Fuldeo and Bipin, and now it is ready for the forthcoming celebrations.

*Sch. Ajit*

### **APOSTOLIC CUM LANGUAGE SCHOOL, RANCHI**

During the Puja Vacation, candidates and the first year collegians made their annual retreat under the direction of Fr. Camil Kerketta, S.J. With the renewed spiritual life, the first year collegians left for home visits. The pre-novices also went for the same. The language school celebrated the feasts of the Christian Doctrine Fathers and the St. Vincent de Paul sisters on 26<sup>th</sup> October. Fr. Paul CDF gave a very inspiring message on the festive occasion. Students of language school took active part in dancing and singing competition on 3rd November. It instilled self-

confidence and drove away their stage fear and helped them in all aspects of life. They came back on 9<sup>th</sup> November for their annual retreat under the guidance of Fr. Deepak Toppo, S.J. in Jharna. They came back with renewed spirit and vigour to continue their studies. After a long waiting, two wooden electric poles were replaced by cemented poles in the campus. It was a herculean task to contact and get it done from the Jharkhand Electricity Board.

The candidates went to pray for the departed souls in the Parish graveyard. The language school conducted a prayer service on the occasion of the feast of Deepawali. The students participated creatively presenting the meaning of light in today's context. The month witnessed creative literary competitions among the students. The vocabulary Quiz was an informal test given to the students. The Director was the quiz master who conducted the general knowledge quiz. There was a marathon speech contest for all to tap their potentialities in public speaking. Students honed the speaking skills with great enthusiasm in articulating and putting clear diction in their efforts. The language school celebrated the feast of the Missionary Sisters of Jesus the Eternal Priest on 21<sup>st</sup> November. On this occasion, Sr. Celo, the Superior and Sr. Madhuri, the candidate in charge came to enhance the joy of the day. The mid-second semester had a unit test for all to mark their comprehension which started after their co-curricular activities. These activities infused a sense of competition among them.

*Sch. Ashok*

### **SSC, SITAGARHA**

Each day of the Juniorate life is molding and shaping us to be effective Jesuits. On 4<sup>th</sup> November we were back to Sitagarha after a 10 day-course on journalism and media communication at Ravi Bharati, in Patna. The course provided us with lots of experiential knowledge about media both print and electronic. The course helped us to know its functions and reality. It was an eye-opener for us in many ways. It has broadened our outlook and perception about the society, media and marketing management. We also visited some historical place in Patna. We enjoyed going round there. We took rich experiences back home from the course.

From 7-19 November we had a course on yoga by Fr. Robin. It enhanced our concentration and also helped to keep our body fit. On 13<sup>th</sup> November, on the occasion of the feast of St. Stanislaus Kostka, we had a community mass. A friendly basketball match was played between the tertians and the juniors. We celebrated the Solemnity of 'Christ the King' with the parishioners of Sitagarha on 20<sup>th</sup> November.

As gold is tested in fire so is a student tested by the exam. The first semester exam was held from 21-26 November. The visitation of Fr. POSA on 21<sup>th</sup> November encouraged and inspired us to equip ourselves better for the future and the universal mission. Fr. Robin gave us recollection on the theme 'I have a dream' on 26<sup>th</sup> November. The same day we commenced the second semester with renewed zeal and vigour to strive towards our dream of becoming perfect Jesuit in the Juniorate life.

*Sch. Pramod Bara*

### **JESUIT NIVAS, BANGALORE**

In the month of October Sch. Claver and Samir were fully busy with their exams. After that there was a full one month of holidays. But it was simply a change of work than mere holidays. Sch. Samir went to make his annual retreat at Mount Joseph's Bangalore and Sch. Claver went to make his Triduum at the RTC, Anekal, Bangalore. Meanwhile Sch. Claver completed his first semester Post-Graduate Diploma exam and Sch. Samir started to write his dissertation paper.

The house was full of different activities. Fr. Provincial of Karnataka Province came for his annual visitation. He met all the community members including the Ranchi Scholastics. On the final day of his visitation he addressed the community on different points relating to the community and the province at large. His talk was inspiring and motivating. Meanwhile on 6<sup>th</sup> November there was a priestly ordination of a deacon of Karnataka Province.

The visitation time is the time of grace. So it was for Schs Samir and Claver. Fr. Michal Kerketta was with them on 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> November. Early morning they went to receive him at the Yesvantpur Railway Station. Heartfelt thanks to Sch. Royston (KAR) who willingly accepted to wake up at 4 a.m. and drove the

car for them to receive Fr. Michael. His visitation has encouraged them to move ahead in their vocation and encouraged them to put more effort in their studies.

The visit of Fr. Lisbert D'Souza was another happy moment for the community. It was his official visit to Karnataka Province. He visited different Jesuit educational institutions in Bangalore and met the directors of works. On one evening he addressed the community. Beside this, his address to the scholastics of Jesuit Nivas and Arupe Nivas was a wonderful experience for the scholastics. His sharing was especially based on interaction and personal experience. It was yet another happy moment to see Fr. Provincial of Madurai Province and Fr. PCF of Gujarat Province. They came to visit their men. The entire house was thrilled to find them among them. Sch. Claver went for three days' street-experiment along with his classmates to look for the street children under the guidance of BOSCO. This was part of social awareness programme for them. BOSCO is an NGO run by Don Bosco Fathers in Bangalore with the purpose of rehabilitation of the street children. They have child-helpline centres at railway and bus stations.

*Schs. Claver & Samir*

### **BERCHMANS ILLAM, CHENNAI**

The whole Loyola College campus looked quiet and serious in the month of October as the students were busy in preparing their second internal test and the forthcoming semester examinations. From 10 to 15 October we were busy in our 2<sup>nd</sup> internal test. On October 16, Fr. Ephrem Baa reached Chennai with a group of students for their south-India tour. He took some time to visit and encouraged us. We began our semester examinations on October 31, and finished on November 12.

In the course of semester holidays, there was a felt need to be united with God. On November 14<sup>th</sup> we went to Pondicherry to make our Triduum at St. Xavier's pastoral centre. Fr. Robert Bellarmine S.J. was the retreat director who guided us to be disturbed by the prevailing injustice and discrimination in India. He encouraged us to grow in our God-given

talents for the service of faith and promotion of justice. On November 17, we renewed our vows and commitment to the Lord and then went for Pondicherry darshan. We came back to Chennai on 18<sup>th</sup>, spiritually refreshed and strengthened. After a week of holydays, college reopened on 21<sup>st</sup>. We began our new semester with great hope and zeal. 22<sup>nd</sup> was another moment of grace when Fr. Michael Kerketta paid his annual visit. He boosted our spirit to perform better in this semester. We celebrated the feast of St. John Berchmans, the patron of our community as well of the Jesuit Scholastics. Our joy was doubled when Fr. Arokia Swami, deputy principal joined us in

our celebration. He inspired the scholastics with his homily.

*Sch. Bimal Minj*

#### **PREMALJYOTI, AHMEDABAD**

We were happy to receive Fr. Provincial who was with us from 1-3 November, while Sch. Subodh was recovering from malaria. On 6<sup>th</sup>, Rohit and Valentine went to Songudh (Surat) get first-hand experience of social work in South Gujarat. They came back on 12<sup>th</sup> evening. Our college reopened on 14<sup>th</sup> after holidays. There is a change in our college timings due to 1<sup>st</sup> year's semester exams; it is from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

*Sch. Subodh Lakra*

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### **NEWS FROM PARISHES**

#### **SARWADA**

The key occasions in Sarwada parish exhibited uniqueness in its own way, like the Vicariate Krusbeer rally from 3-6 November. Fr. Deepak Toppo from Jharna Spirituality Centre was the main speaker in this program. The participants and organizers appreciated the insights and inputs of the preacher. Innovative ideas and tireless efforts of Fr. Brice Bilung made this program a successful one.

In spite of old age and weakness Fr. Victor Surin showed his qualities of being farsighted and capacity to organize and plan for pastoral works. He is already in the Advent tours and simultaneously in preparation for the Parish Day celebration.

Fr. Frederick Kujur enthusiastically made strategies to enhance the quality and value of education in this month. He organized competitions and conducted hockey camp to enable the students to face the challenges of life with varied talents, skills, good results and fluent speaking in Hindi and in English. But seeing the poor response and slow progress of the students he was discouraged and let out with a heavy heart "it's challenging to work in the Munda Zone;" yet he continues to work as a smiling Oraon.

*Frederick Kujur, S.J.*

#### **KANKE**

Although late, we had the "Naya Khani" celebration on 6 November. Probably Kanke parish did not have the tradition of celebrating this tribal feast; if at all

there was any, it was long time ago. Parishioners on the whole were delighted to come together, thanking the Lord for the nourishing fruits of the earth. The theme of the celebration was: "As the Israelites were driven from place to place before they landed in the Promised Land, so also our ancestors wandered about various places and regions until they came to the promised land of Jharkhand. Even now God is leading us to different places in order to find greener pastures."

Fr. Provincial, Xavier Soreng came on 9 November for his first official visitation to Kanke. We were happy to have him amidst us. It was a happy moment of sharing our life, apostolate and plans for the future. We are grateful to him for sympathetically listening to us and above all for his guidance and support.

The Solemnity of Christ the King was a double feast for us. Since the church is dedicated to Christ the King, together with the feast of Christ the King we celebrated also the Parish Day. As the construction of the main road is in progress, we decided to have a short procession after the solemn Eucharist in the premises of St. Joseph's school. The Mass began at 8.00 a.m., half an hour later than planned. Fr. John Mundu in his homily dwelt on the relevance of the inspiring kingly figure of Christ for the contemporary world. Soon after the Mass there was a tribal dance competition in which almost all the "tolas" participated. The winners were awarded the late Fr. Paulus Kullu Trophy. Then followed the Bible Quiz for children, the youth, women

and men separately, based on Luke, Mathew-Mark, Jeremiah and Genesis respectively. This programme did not attract much response though. Lunch was served to the satisfaction of almost all. On the whole it was a day where the parish community renewed its unity.

*Fr. Emmanuel Horo*

### **KEONDTANR**

On October 28, Parish Priest arranged a pilgrimage to Jarandih Dhorimata for the Mahila Sangh. Fr. Elvius and Sr. Emmy accompanied the group of 50 women. Feast of All Saints and the cattle feast - Sohrai - were celebrated joyfully on 1<sup>st</sup> November. After the Eucharist, Frs. Elvius, Ernest, Ignatius and Rajenius went to different villages with catechists and hostel boys for the blessing of cattle and cowsheds. On 4<sup>th</sup> November Fr. Ignatius went to attend the Zonal meeting at St. Mary's Samtoli. Parish priests from Keondtanr, Rengarih, Sogra and Jharain came together to plan how to march together with the tribal youth today.

From 11-13 November a three-day "Yuva Jagriti Seminar" was held in Keondtanr parish. Different speakers were invited to address the youth on different issues like Life-orientation, Spiritual Renewal, Career-based training and education, Socio-Religious and Moral crises of the Adivasi youth, etc. Fr. Rajat Ekka, Mr. Chaitu Oraon (JP), Sr. Emmy were the main speakers. Feast of Christ the King was solemnly celebrated in the parish on 20<sup>th</sup> November. The Mass was arranged far from the Parish where the faithful could come in procession from four different directions with the Blessed Sacrament. The faithful participated in the procession and adoration, and in the Holy Eucharist with great devotion. Nowadays the parish priest is busy in guiding and helping the young couples in preparing them for their married life.

*Fr. Ignatius Tirkey*

### **PATRACHAULI**

Patrachauli community accorded warm welcome to all the Jesuit Brothers of Ranchi Province who gathered to celebrate the feast of St. Alphonsus Rodriguez on 7<sup>th</sup> November. More than 40 guests were present for the celebration. On this occasion Fr. Lalit heartily

welcomed all on behalf of the community. Hostellers enthusiastically presented a short cultural programme to felicitate the guests. It was a good gesture of appreciation to our brothers and Jesuit fellowship as well. Thanks to Patrachauli community for hosting this celebration.

On 14<sup>th</sup> November Fr. Lalit was invited to take part in the Krusveer rally of Ranchi Ursuline at Hesag. With the beginning of the Advent season, he also began his advent tour to different village units and mass centres. Under his leadership, some pastors of different churches gathered in Patrachauli parish to plan out combined Christmas gathering for all churches. Fr. John went to attend a youth meeting at Dighia for planning the forthcoming Christmas gathering for the youth at Vicariate level.

On the occasion of 'Bal Diwas' on 14<sup>th</sup> Nov. several competitions were organized for the students. Fr. Solomon Barwa with his Jeevan Pravesh team reached Patrachauli on the same evening. The team conducted life-orientation programme for the High School boys and girls. Altogether 224 students took part in it for three days. It was first time that such a programme was held fruitfully for the students. Fr. John Crus took initiative in organizing it. It was an enriching experience for the students and its effect is quite positive.

On 30<sup>th</sup>, Marcel Kacchap - a teacher of the Middle School was given a grand farewell for his 31 years of committed service in the school. On this occasion students presented a colourful cultural programme as a sign of appreciation for his contribution in the school. There was also a thanksgiving Eucharist on this occasion.

*Fr. John Crus*

### **SOGRA**

Frs. Florence Kujur, Vijay Paul Minj and Sebastian Ekka visited Sogra parish to celebrate 'Sohrai' on 26<sup>th</sup> October and took stock of the school building construction. Just now the workers are busy in painting and white-washing the walls. Fr. Tej Mati attended the Jesuit Headmasters and Principals' meeting at St. Xavier's School, Doranda on 12<sup>th</sup> November and acquainted himself with the spirit and the modern pedagogy of Jesuit Educational apostolate. On 14<sup>th</sup> November the students and the

staff celebrated 'Bal Diwas' with great enthusiasm and joy, honouring 'Chacha Nehru' with a variety of programmes. On 15th November the parishioners had a historic day when Bishop Vincent Barwa and Sr. Flora, Provincial of FC Sisters, jointly inaugurated the new dispensary for the service of the parish and people of all faiths. The junior sisters from Falsa, Hamirpur and other convents conducted melodious hymns, raising the hearts and minds of the people for the beautiful gift. Frs. Philemon Ekka, Alex Dungdung and two other parish priests joined the sisters and the parishioners to implore God's abundant blessings in this new venture.

On 16<sup>th</sup> November Frs. Aurel Brys and Tony Herbert visited the parish community and explored the possibility of LNN programmes in the parish. On 20<sup>th</sup> November Frs. Albert Dungdung and Raymond Kerketta led the faithful in the solemn procession of Christ the King. The Kurusveer children were the centre of attraction since they kept on raising slogans for Christ the King. The youths of Sardartoli had prepared beautifully the place for the Eucharistic celebration. On 30th November Fr. Tej Mati along with three teachers and 58 students had gone to Ranchi for study tour. All the students were excited to see the airport, Hatia railway station, Khelgaon and the Birsa Park Ormanjhi.

*Fr. Tej Mati Bage*

#### **VIJAYGIRI**

Fr. Solomon and his Jeevan Pravesh team conducted a four-day life orientation seminar from November 1 to 4 for the students of standard X. The seminar

started with lighting of the lamp and a short welcome by Fr. John, the principal of the school. There were 69 participants (54 boys and 15 girls). We were pleased to get 19 students from our neighbouring school, namely Holy Cross High School Chowka, Chandil. The annual sports day began from 16 and concluded on 23 November. Fr. George, the Secretary of the School, hoisted the flag. On the concluding day, local MLA Shri Gopal Krishna Patar was the chief guest. He encouraged the students for all-round development. He also inaugurated the P.C. road from the school entrance to the cycle stand.

Frs James and John attended the province educators' meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> Nov. at St. Xavier's Doranda. Fr. Norbert Menezes, JEA secretary, was the resource person who enlightened us with special reference to GC 35: identity, mission and community life. Having the objective of promoting Christian unity, an inter-church pastors' meeting was convened at the school premise on 10<sup>th</sup> November. It is the first attempt to unite all Christians for a combined Christmas Get-Together on 19<sup>th</sup> December. Pastors are happy to bring their faithful for the inter-church Christmas gathering.

Birsa Jayanti at Vijaygiri was held on 20<sup>th</sup> November. On this occasion hockey tournament and cultural programme were organized by the SHG. Mr. Sudesh Mahato, the deputy C.M, graced the occasion. The school campus was crowded to witness the programme. The winner teams were awarded by the chief guest.

*John Dungdung*

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### **NEWS FROM ASSAM MISSION**

#### **ST. XAVIER'S COLLEGE**

November was disturbed by sporadic 'Bandhs' announced by different political parties. On 3<sup>rd</sup> November students of class XII, (Four boys and four girls) left for an educational tour of Delhi, Agra and Jaipur. The whole tour has been organized by one of the Army units. The tour is arranged for 10-12 days. A visit to the president of India is also in the card. Our students will also interact with the other students of different schools.

On 14<sup>th</sup> Nov the hostellers on their own initiative collected some money and visited the orphanage nearby. They distributed sweets among the orphans and felicitated them with songs and dances. Eight students came back from their educational excursion arranged by Indian Army. They had a beautiful sharing of their experiences. Some highlights of their sharing were: They experienced India as a vast and beautiful country. They felt a certain pride to be Indians. They certainly feel very happy and grateful to the college and the Indian Army.

Preparation for the annual sports started one month before. The whole college was divided into 12 houses. Mr. Tanti the Deputy Speaker of Assam and standing MLA of Rangapara Constituency was invited to preside over the function as the chief guest. As the chief guest could not come, Fr. Xavier Lakra, the Mission Delegate Assam presided and took the salute for march past. In his brief speech Father Xavier stressed on character formation of the students. Besides all the other athletics items the march past by all the houses was a beauty to watch. Father John Dungdung had trained the students.

Just before the sports day an ugly incident of fight took place. The students grouped themselves. The college was unaware of this unfortunate development. After the sports the college took this incident for reflection and learning. The whole incident was reflected upon by the staff and the students. The specific consequence of this incident was that gloom and fear in the faces of all the students and staff was clearly visible. One full day was devoted to reflect on what, why and how of this event. This distressing experience has finally brought the whole college family to experience God's forgiveness, grace of forgiving each other and living for others.

### **Outreach**

On 3 Nov. Mr. Junas and Ruben left for Jharkhand to attend and represent Assam LNN-Annual Sabha. They will attend the general assembly and give a report about the activities of LNN in Assam especially of Balipara.

On 12 Nov the two delegates came back from the general Assembly of LNN which was held at Jharna in Jharkhand. Fr. Aurel Brys, the Director of LNN movement, wrote that the other members of LNN were quite impressed by the report and activities of Assam LNN Movement.

On 20<sup>th</sup> November, during the monthly meeting of the youth, new office bearers were elected. Under their leadership the youth have promised to cooperate with the parish.

*Fr. James Lakra*

### **MUSHALPUR**

On 29 October Parents cum Annual School Day was celebrated; 250 parents attended the meeting. Fr.

Francis Basumatary, SDB the Parish Priest of Domini, was the guest of honour, whereas BAKSA District Additional S.P. Mr. Hiranya Barman was the chief guest. It was his first visit to the Mission schools. He was very much impressed by the discipline and disciplined behaviour of the students. On this day Boro, Assamese and Nepali dances were presented by the students in the newly built hall of the school. On 5<sup>th</sup> November once again there was a parents' meeting to discuss about the increase in the tuition fee, to which all the parents consented. On 14 November the staff presented the programme for the students and on this occasion there was football match between Staff and the students' teams. The students' team won the match by 3-0.

*Fr. Pradeep Kullu*

### **BALIPARA/ TEZPUR**

In the parish on 13 November 20 students of St. John's Boarding were prepared for the first communion and for the sacrament of confession by Scholastic Rosario Mosahari. Fr. Xavier Lakra was the main celebrant for the day. These days in the parish Sr. Pratibha and catechist Subiron are going round different villages and tea gardens, and preparing the people for the sacrament of confirmation, which will take place in January 22 on the occasion of the blessing of the New Church of Balipara. Construction work of the Church is in full swing to give it the finishing touch. In the month of November Frs. Ranjit and Theodore were out in all 25 different units for Mass of the deceased members. It was taxing but they managed to go to all the units.

Fr. Xavier had been to Bilaspur to attend the PDDs meeting of the Assistency. There were only 15 members but sharing was very fruitful and this sharing enriched each other and we are learning the trick of the trade. After the meeting Xavier visited Ambikapur and Kunkuri Jesuit Schools.

On 27 November Gana Chetna Samaj has organized Career Guidance programme for 34 college hostel girls of Shanti Bhavan. They profited a lot from this meeting. Frs. George, Xavier, Anand, Rajiv and Miss Mary Paul were the resource persons. It was a very good experience for all of them.

*Fr. Xavier Lakra*

## **MANAS BANSBARI**

2<sup>nd</sup> November the All Souls day was very taxing on the part of the priests but within a week we celebrated the Eucharist in the entire village units. On 6<sup>th</sup> November 100 students of St. Albert's school Bhawlaguri, under the guidance of Fr. Michael came to Manas Bansbari for the environmental tour and they visited the Manas reserve forest also. The construction work of St. Anne's convent is in full swing. Fr. Severius had been to Ranchi and Simdega for the pension and came back safe and sound. Mr. John Swansi and Mr. John Xess represented the parish for North East Mission Congress from 10-14 November at Shillong and Sr. Alka DSA represented the Diocese of Bongaigaon. They had very rich experience attending this congress.

*Fr. Ajay Tirkey*

## **PENGRREE**

November was the month of praying for all souls. A custom in Assam is that, the whole of November, Masses and prayer services are organized in the graveyards and the faithful gather there and pray. We too had Masses in all the villages on different days. The Parish priest organized CFC (Couple for Christ) programme in Mohong and Konapathar villages. School children were busy in their final exams in this month. Teachers were all busy correcting papers. Fr. Dominic had fixed 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> as the '*Bachandatta*' dates since marriage days are coming. Since here in Assam normal marriages are very few, only a few came for '*Bachandatta*'. Dominic has been still running tirelessly from pillar to post for getting the land registration papers. Telesphore was disappointed due to a land which he had been trying to negotiate for the school for EDUCO and now it is already occupied by the Bogapani Tea Company. However, Bogapani Catholic community is all determined to provide their own piece of land for the school, and work is almost done. Now officially it has to be settled. Educo and Irish Indian Charity, which helped St. Xavier's school building to come up, have promised to give another donation for an English Medium School. Telesphore has been running around for this project for almost last two years. Fr. Xavier, the Mission Superior, made a flying visit to Pengree last week and encouraged

the Fathers for mission works. Frs. Dominic, Beni and Telesphore wish a very Happy Christmas and a prosperous new year 2012 to all our Ranchi Bulletin Readers.

*Fr. Telesphore*

## **KATHALGURI**

### **Schools and Building Construction**

On 27<sup>th</sup> October Fr. Mukul left for Pune to attend the PCE's meeting held from 31<sup>st</sup> October to 3<sup>rd</sup> November and then he went to Ranchi to collect all his certificates. He came back to Kathalguri on 14<sup>th</sup> November, the day dedicated to Children. In order to observe the Children's Day the students of Loyola and St. Joseph's Schools gathered at Loyola School Kathalguri. Fr. Jerome inaugurated the celebration by lighting the candle and inspired the children by his presence to be good citizens of the country. Sr. Carmel SCJM told the children about the importance of the Children's Day celebration and gave a beautiful message to promote awareness about children's right and their welfare. The teachers of both the schools entertained the children with their beautiful and creative dances and songs. On 22<sup>nd</sup> November Free Medical Camp was organized by the Army for the people of Santhal Colony at St. Joseph's School Jacobpur in which more than 1000 people with various ailments were given free checkups and medicine. It was also an occasion to bring all the leaders together to create a networking for the better development of the area. The SDO of Gossaigoan inaugurated the camp. Frs. Mukul and Laurentus were also present in the camp. In both the schools, Loyola and St. Joseph, the final examinations are going on and will be over on 8th December. The building construction work is in progress in its own speed.

### **Parish, KATHALGURI**

On 4<sup>th</sup> November Fr. Jerome had organized a catechists' monthly meeting at Khayerghuttu village unit in which 30 catechists participated to plan out the activities for the month of November. In the meeting it was decided to have Holy Mass in each village unit followed by blessing of houses and graveyards. So, Fr. Jerome Dungdung was busy from morning till evening in

blessing houses and graveyards in the month of November and to strengthen the faith of the people. On 13<sup>th</sup> November Sr. Asha Kerketta SCJM and Catechist Mr. Ismail Hembrom had organized a meeting for the youth of Kathalguri parish to motivate and guide them in their journey of faith. Frs. Laurentus and Jerome gave them inputs. On 12<sup>th</sup> November under the leadership of Sr. Asha, 7 members from Kathalguri Parish went to Shillong to participate in the Mission Congress held from 10-13 November. There was a meeting at Mornai Tea Estate for the members of Parish Pastoral Council and Parish Sabha Executive Body to evaluate the Parish Sabha held in the month of February and also to finalize suitable dates for Parish Sabha for next year. On 20<sup>th</sup> November for the first time Christ the King feast was celebrated at Kathalguri parish. A good number of faithful participated in the procession raising slogans '*Khrist Raja ki Jai, Khrist Hamara Raja Hai*'.

### **Social Wing, KATHALGURI**

Fr. Laurentus Kiro with his team had organized a One-Day Training Programme at St. Joseph's LP school Jacobpur on November 8<sup>th</sup> for the 38 selected leaders from CBOs, SHG federation and Support Group on

Government Social Security Schemes in order to enhance their knowledge and thus strengthen them on government schemes. The resource persons of the training programme were Sri Rama Ranjan Bepari and Nilmohan Biswas from Hathidura Block. On November 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 14<sup>th</sup> there were sensitizing programmes at Molikapur, Billanpur, Grahampur, Karlinpur and Jacobpur respectively for increasing the saving habit among the poor and to eradicate poverty. Fr. Laurentus Kiro told the participants about the importance of savings. He encouraged individuals to go for group savings. He assured them that when low income individuals save collectively, they accumulate a larger amount of money quickly than if one saves individually. On 20<sup>th</sup> November one-day training on conflict management for CBOs, SHG federation and farmers' club was conducted at LP school Mornai Tea Estate for 38 people. Without conflicts or differences a group cannot perform at optimum levels. It is a challenge for the group how to manage a conflict. Our Kathalguri social wing is trying to organize, promote and strengthen people's organizations to increase their collective strengths to address their issues and to carry out their own development process.

*Fr. Laurentus Kiro*

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## **DIASPORA**

### **GREGORIAN UNIVERSITY ROME**

Gregorian University witnessed a number of important academic events and international conferences during the month of November. On 12 November, an international Conference was held on a theme "Living Together in Today's Europe" to commemorate the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Unification of Italy. Among the prominent dignitaries present for the occasion were R.P. Adolfo Nicolás, Jesuit Superior General, H.E. Cardinal Zenon Grocholewski, President of the Congregation for Catholic Education and Hon. Herman Achille Van Rompuy, President of European Council. In his welcome address, R.P. General shared his experience of living together in multiple places, "To me, who was born in Spain, but now living in Rome and in Italy and who lived in Japan and in Asia for many years,

the theme of living together is of great importance". The key address delivered by Hon. Van Rompuy centered on an amplified vision of the essence of living together in Europe. He made it a point to remind everyone present of his Jesuit roots as one of the Jesuit alumni.

From 16-19 November, there was another International Congress on the theme "Modern Era Man and the Church". The Faculty of Philosophy spearheaded the Congress, while all other faculties contributed with resource persons and for key note addresses and for the panel discussions.

The Vicariate of Rome organizes every year a pilgrimage for the students of Rome. This year the destination was Assisi, the city of peace. As many as 64 bus loads of students from different Roman universities descended on Assisi for a whole-day

prayer, refecton and catechism. Two buses were allotted to Gregorian University, and as the Chaplain, I had to accompany our students to Assisi. The pilgrimage was aptly concluded with a solemn Eucharistic celebration in the main square in front of the Basilica.

On 27 November, Adivasis in Rome came together under the banner of All India Tribals to welcome the new members. The organizing committee led by Justin did a marvelous job in creating a homely and cordial atmosphere for interacting and knowing each other. His Lordship Emmanuel Kerketta, Bishop of Jashpur presided over the Eucharistic celebration. In his homily, he exhorted the Adviasi brothers and sisters in Rome to carry out their responsibilities entrusted to them by their authorities with sincerity, dedication and hard work keeping always in mind their roots. The grand finale of the Gathering was the community dance on the beat of mandar and chadra, which helped each one to re-live the experiences of their homeland and to share the joy of being together as one Adivasi family.

*Fr. Prem*

### **MINIA, EGYPT**

November 19-22, historic Tahrir Square witnessed an ugly scene. Roads around Tahrir and in some streets of Cairo were the scenes for some of the worst violence since Mubarak was toppled. According to reports, 42 were killed in Cairo and elsewhere in violence triggered by protests against the Military General. In spite of this, the post-revolutionary Parliamentary elections, slated to begin on 28<sup>th</sup> November were not postponed. The first phase of multi-stage voting took place in the main cities of Cairo, Alexandria and other Governorates, but the long drawn-out and highly complex procedure will last until March 2012. Voters will be called to the ballot boxes again on January 29 for the elections of the Shura Council, the Upper House of Parliament, which has a mainly consultative role. Results from that vote are due at the end of March. It is feared that the long electoral procedure may badly affect the smooth running of all Educational Institutes all over Egypt. The Near East Jesuit Province is offering to interested Jesuit scholastics from the entire Province, with a clear

permission of their Superior, a programme called "An initial, month-long immersion experience with the Arab Muslim World." It will be in Lebanon from July 04 to August 04, 2012 with included visits to Syria and Jordan. For further detail kindly look into Jesuits in Europe - News Bulletin # 164 December 2011.

*Fr. Bimal Kerketta*

### **BRITISH GUYANA**

The first part of the tertianship is fruitfully completed. Besides tertians' directors there were resourceful people like Fr Howard Gray, S.J and John W. O'Malley, S.J from Detroit province who came to speak to us on Jesuit constitution, on The First Jesuits and on the Spiritual Exercises. It was very encouraging to listen to them. Talking to us Howard Gray said, "You are the future of the society". Each one is responsible to save his soul and of the others.

The second part of the tertianship is the experiment. I am among the American Indians in South Dakota, USA. I had very good experiences of bus journey from one end to the other. It took me three days and two nights to reach this place. Though it was tiring, I had very enriching experience of America. This journey gave me the opportunity to see the image of the rich and the poor in America. This is a beginning for me among the American Indian community. I have just started my pastoral ministry. I have to say three masses each Sunday and also weekday masses including a few catechism classes as well. After a week's experience I suspect I may have to enter into both spiritual and social apostolates. The Churches are beautiful but participants are few. Everything (music system, prayer books, hymn books and many other religious articles) is available but very few faithful to use them. The situation made me to compare it with Guyana. Though the people in Guyana have no proper place for adoration and worship they have huge space for God in their heart. They don't have books for prayer and singing, yet they sing and pray from their heart. It is a challenge to rekindle the faith in the peoples' life here in South Dakota (SD) and maybe in many parts of America. I may have some deeper experiences if I spend more time with the people here in SD.

*Fr. Amar Bage*

**LET US REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS**

**Mr. Rameshwar Tudu**, Brother in-law of Fr. Jaywant Soreng passed away on Nov. 25, 2011  
**Sri Alois Lakra** (88), Brother of Br. Polycarp Lakra died on December 5, 2011  
**Sri Petrus Tete**, uncle of Fr. James P. Tete (72) died on 24 November 2011  
**Mr. Peter Claver Dungdung** (76), brother of Fr. Linus Dungdung expired on Dec. 2, 2011  
**Sri Francis Horo** (85), Brother of Fr. Emmanuel Horo died on 7 December 2011.  
**Br. Hilarius Toppo** (84) expired on December 10, 2011.

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**BIRTH DAYS: DECEMBER AND JANUARY**

**DECEMBER**

01 Surin Elias  
07 Tirkey Vijay Manohar  
10 Breye Erik  
11 Sanjay Kerketta  
12 Kerketta Elphiz  
18 Xalxo Ignatius  
Bage Kamal Chandra  
Toppo Bruno  
22 Bilung Gilbert  
Kullu Ferdinand  
23 Toppo Christopher  
24 Lakra Christopher  
25 Barla Emmanuel  
Kujur Ernest  
26 Beck Milianus  
29 Dungdung John B.  
Basmatari Lazarus

**JANUARY**

06 Minj Patras  
07 Ekka Philemon  
Kujur Anselm  
Kiro Laurentus  
09 Lakra Amrit  
11 Terrens Paul  
Kullu Clement  
12 Dungdung Matthias  
Kullu Albert  
13 Kindo Robert  
15 Ekka Beni Alphonse  
Toppo Alok  
19 Kullu Rajesh Kuldeep  
20 Tete Ignatius  
21 De Brouwer Christian  
De Bock Joseph  
24 Lakra Chonhas  
26 Kerketta Raymond  
Tigga Tej Kumar  
27 Lakra Bimal Elias  
28 Ekka Blacius  
Lakra Nabor  
30 Ekka Manoj Kumar

**WISH YOU ALL A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY**