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## R.P. PROVINCIAL'S PROGRAMME

### NOVEMBER 2011

- 01 To Ahmedabad
- 02 Premal Jyoti Visitation
- 03 Back to Ranchi
- 04 Meeting with Local Superiors
- 05 Consult, Archbishop House
- 07-08 Tarunoday [8.00 a.m]
- 09 Kanke Parish
- 10 Muri
- 11 St. Albert's College
- 12 PCE Meeting
- 15 PROVINCIAL'S CONSULT
- 16 To Andamans
- 22 To Ranchi from Andamans
- 26 G.B. Bagaicha (9.00 a.m)
- 26-27 St. Xavier's School Doranda (afternoon)
- 28-29 St. John's H.S Ranchi [morn.]

### 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

### Fr. General Has Appointed :

**Father Anthony da Silva**, (Goa) Secretary of the new Secretariat for the Collaboration with Others at the General Curia in Rome.

The **Secretary of the Society** has appointed:

**Father Roy Sebastian Nellipuzhayil**, (NEP) Assistant to the Director of the Communication and Public Relations Office at the General Curia in Rome.

### 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 **Province Congregation (PC)** is scheduled from **5 December (5 p.m.)** till **8 December 2011** in Manresa House Ranchi.
  - ❖ All the members of the Congregation are supposed to be present for the First Session.
  - ❖ Please do not forget to bring along the Formula of Province Congregation.

- ❖ **Fr. Minister Manresa House** announces that no guest will be accommodated in Manresa House during the Province congregation [5-8 December 2011].
- **Deacons' Retreat before Ordination: November 13 (Eve) to November 23;**  
**Venue: Upasana, Mango Jamshedpur**
- **Province Jubilee Celebration** of Fathers Severius Ekka, Joseph Kandulna and James Lakra is on **8 December in Manresa House Ranchi**. All the members of the Province are most welcome to join them to praise and thank the LORD. Accommodation will be available on the Jubilee day.
- **Father Christopher Kujur** left the Society on 17.10.2011
- **Scholastic Sandeep K. Minj** left the Society on 24.10.2011

## NEWS FROM INSTITUTIONS AND FORMATION HOUSES

### MANRESA HOUSE

The shiny weather of October brought lot of cheers after the gloomy monsoon. The city was steeped in religious fervor of Durga Puja. Colleges and schools were closed for the Puja vacation. Manresa collegians had community-days for three days with lot of fun and frolic to refresh and enliven themselves, and thus to break the monotony of their routine life. Varieties of sports activities which included basketball, volleyball, cricket, table tennis, fishing, swimming, quiz which kept them healthy, fit, slim and trim were held. Rest of the community though busy in various ministries, in the spirit of solidarity participated in indoor games that rejuvenated life and enhanced the fun of the collegians. Their creative and innovative cultural programme on 6<sup>th</sup> was the culmination of the community days.

On 8<sup>th</sup> Fr. Walter Ekka and Fr. Alexius Tirkey along with Sch. Sanjeet Ekka (PAT) left for Patna, the former for his official work latter for the Vatican Radio and Radio Veritas programme. Fr. Lourdraj flew to Mumbai for JESCOM meeting. Fr. Peter Mahindra left for Chennai to attend JESA meeting.

On 14<sup>th</sup> having received the feedback from three different hostels, the seminar core committee schematized some preferred and desired topics for the forthcoming seminar for the tribal youth. The committee would be conducting one day seminar for different youth groups in and around Ranchi city starting with the apostolic school, college section on 18<sup>th</sup> of November.

The bookish knowledge is substantiated by study-tours and excursions as some of the collegians joined departmental study tour and enriched their empirical knowledge. Seeing the youngsters moving out for the tour the elderly brothers as well made up their mind to go for eight days of spiritual tour to Allahabad on 16<sup>th</sup>.

Scholastics came back from their tour on 19<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> respectively. On 24<sup>th</sup> Fr. Anuranjan H. Purty, a student of rural management at XISS, having lost his colour complexion in managing his colleagues for ten days in one of the villages near Murhu, rejoined the

community. He has hundreds of different stories and experiences to narrate, namely how he had to overall manage developmental work of the village as well as the students.

On 25<sup>th</sup> Manresa collegians started their triduum guided by Fr. Shailendra. On 28<sup>th</sup> with renewed spirit and vigour Jesuit brothers came back from Allahabad after their annual retreat to carry out their ministries in their respective places. On 31<sup>st</sup>, the feast day of St. Alphonsus Rodriguez, the Patron of our Brothers was celebrated in scintillation with community Mass presided over by Fr. Rector followed by a short beautiful felicitation.

The community had rare guests like Fr. Donnelly Bernard (Haz), and Fr. Gavin who was undergoing medical treatment. Fr. James Dungkung had his eye treatment and gradually getting better.

*Sanjay D. Ekka*

### ST. XAVIER'S SCHOOL DORANDA

It's great to be back with more news and views from St. Xavier's Doranda. We have been unassumingly going about our duties with lots of interesting and encouraging developments occurring here. Once the examinations for Mid Term and First Selections Tests were over, we were pretty busy with very important Parents-Teachers Meeting. Such meetings are organized very systematically on a regular basis to create consensus on issues that ultimately help our students for their future growth. The parents not only come to know about the mental growth of their child but they also get to know their ward's emotional growth. It was nice to see parents discussing with the teachers all the matters regarding their wards so as to have a healthy growth.

Recently, our school team won the Inter Jesuit School Basketball Tournament organized by St. Xavier's Hazaribagh. We came out victorious over the following teams:

Loyola Jamshedpur, Prabhat Tara, Dhurwa, De Nobili, Dhanbad, St. John's Ranchi, St. Robert's

Hazaribag, St. Xavier's Hazaribag, St. Xavier's Bokaro, St. Xavier's Chaibasa and St. Xavier's College, Ranchi

Moreover, our junior school team was instrumental in getting the ICSE Basketball Championship held at Kerala. The regular practices and untiring dedication put in by our students and coaches are now reaping us rich harvests.

In the first week of November, we had delegates visiting us from Ireland. They conducted a path-breaking seminar for the teachers from St. Xavier's, Sacred Heart, Loreto Convent, St. Antony and St. Francis. The seminar was specifically organized to enlighten the teachers on the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) that United Nations has sought to achieve by 2015. The teachers were guided through the understanding of the entire vision that UNO wants to inculcate among all the youngsters of the world. During their stay here, the Irish team also visited these schools to have first hand interaction with the students and for getting the ethos of the youth at large. They were highly impressed by the sense of dedication and fine display of discipline in St. Xavier's Doranda which mesmerized them through its sheer excellence.

Few days before, our students won quite a few contests in Ranchi, apart from the regular victories in the field of Quiz. A group of eight students won six prizes out of eight in the **Central University of Jharkhand**. The University has been celebrating the 150<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary of Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore. The students recited poetry and stories written by the immortal Laureate and amazed the audience with their performance. Similarly, we were declared champions in the **Debate Contest** held at **Delhi Public School, Ranchi**. The debaters from the school deliberated on Anti-Corruption Actions for the future: the Jan Lokpal Bill.

Good News! We have successfully managed to obtain Minority Status Certificate from the National Minority Commission of India, New Delhi.

Things are moving in the right track and there is always innovative vigour sweeping the campus here. So long...

*Ajit Kr. Xess*

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

After the Puja vacation the school reopened with the "Charismatic Retreat" for the Christian students. About 600 boys and girls as well as the staff members profited from it. The retreat preachers were Br. John Jacques, Bimal and Oliver Francis. Among them Br. John Jacques was the main one. They narrated their own

personal stories and experiences of conversion which fascinated the participants. The 'healing session' was quite powerful in which many felt the healing touch of the Lord. Kudos to the Principal and all fathers and brothers who made this programme a successful one. After the retreat three days of parents-students meeting was held from 11-13 October for the students of 10<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> respectively. It was an initiative to build up a good rapport of the school with the parents and the students. There was an open forum for the principal, staff, parents and students to share their expectations and observations. The meet took place in an atmosphere of mutual trust and confidence. The expected result is achieved as parents desired to come back every year for such encounter. Thanks to Principal for taking such initiatives.

This year from 20<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> October our School Sub-Junior hockey team represented Jharkhand state. Sch. Sandeep felt proud as he went to Delhi as manager of the team. In the first match against Chhattisgarh our school team won by 6 goals. The second match was against Goa, which was defeated by 19 goals. After this our team entered in the second round of super league. In the first match of the super league, our team played against a team from Punjab in which our team was leading by 2-1 in the first half but ended in a draw with 3-3. The second match was against another team from Punjab. In this match our team lost by 4-2 and was out of the tournament. But Sandeep says it was a good experience. Congrats to Sandeep and Jagan (Coach). During the Puja holidays, Fr. Sikander went to Ranchi to attend the CLC meeting and returned with enriched experiences. On 29<sup>th</sup> a 'Fancy Dress' Competition was conducted for the LKG and UKG pupils of our English Medium school. 46 children participated in it. It was really interesting to see the tiny tots coming in attractive make-ups. Frs. Philemon, Ajit and Sr. Amini were the judges.

Brothers Angelus and Juel had gone to Allahabad for their annual retreat and returned spiritually renewed. However, Br. Juel had to take rest due to ill health. There were a few others who were also sick. Fr. Philemon was suffering from typhoid; Fr. Billianus was admitted at Seva Nilaya Aragate while Fr. Irenius To'ppo was admitted at Martha dispensary Samtoli for malaria. Kindly pray for their quick recovery!

*Philemon Ekka*

## **TARUNODAY**

Two significant programmes are worth recording, both for the theologians and for the RTC itself. The first year students enriched themselves with their Immersion Programme from 10 October to 22 in eleven Sarna

families organized under Soso Parish. We thank Fr. Tej Kumar Tigga for his meticulous and arduous planning. He contacted far away villages and the people were our generous hosts. Frs John Lakra and Albert Kullu introduced the parish and the local situation. We thank Frs Tej and Pratap for their warm hospitality. Although the first years had a rich ambience of experiences in their own existential situations, their singular idea of contextualizing oneself outstood soul-stirring. Their visit to the Adivasi Museum at St Ignatius' Gumla helped them deepen their understanding of the tribal society; and of course, the hospitality of St Ignatius community made them feel at home.

About the same time the Second years went to Kandhamal (Orissa) for their five days of mission tour. The recalling of the past atrocities on Christian-Adivasis challenged their present identity as Jesuit Theologians; moreover, conversing with different people of that niche was a catalyst that deepened their Christian faith. The RTC community is indebted to the Jesuits of Jamshedpur Province who accommodated and arranged transportation facilities for them. Br. Isidore journeyed with the Lord in Allahabad from 18 to 27 October along with other Brothers of the Assistancy. Fr. Amrit Tirkey went to Kolkata to attend 'Kaman' of his belated sister-in-law who passed away recently. As the nippy weather creeps in, regular classes, exams, and *Sohrai Jattras* in neighbouring villages make our life quite feisty and warm.

**Rajesh Kullu**

### **ASHIRVAD/JHARNA**

October in Jharna started with an annual meeting of the Assistancy Commission for Formation (ACF) in which all the PCFs and Rectors of Common Houses participated with Fr. Edward Mudavassery (POSA), Gratian Carlo (ADF), and Fr. Xavier Soreng, Ranchi Provincial. Fr. Michael Amaladoss (MDU) was the resource person to give an inspirational talk to the participants. The meeting ended on 4<sup>th</sup> October, at noon.

25 JMJ Sisters came on 5<sup>th</sup> October evening to make an eight-day retreat under the guidance of Fr. KC Philip. After the retreat they continued reflecting and sharing three more days about their charism.

Fr. Sylvanus Kiro was invited by Dumka-Raiganj Jesuits to give a retreat in Jeevan Dhara retreat house. He was suggested to highlight the challenges of and possible response to GC 35.

Jharna staff was busy giving retreats to some individual retreatants. There was a six-day retreat for Brothers of Charity, and a pastor who was making his long retreat guided by Fr. Giorgio Mennini. 29 Franciscans

also made their retreat under the guidance of Fr. J. Prasad Pinto, Rector of St. Albert's Seminary Ranchi. There was also a three-day math's seminar organized by Sr. Basanti, SCN and given by Sr. Mennini, SCN for the teachers of their schools.

On 22<sup>nd</sup> October, novices were happy to go for an outing on cycles to Getalsud dam some 40 kms from here. They enjoyed fishing and diving, singing and dancing, sharing and celebrating life together. Frs. Benedict, Samir, Suman and Deepak joined them and doubled their joy. The first year novices started their thirty days of the Ignatian Spiritual Exercises from 2<sup>nd</sup> November. From 1st of November, the second year novices began their Hospital Experiment at Radha Rani, a centre run by the MC Sisters.

**Sylvanus & Samir**

### **ATC NAMKUM**

ATC and St. Joseph's community college had community-days for three days with various games and cultural activities. Community members had been in and out for several important meetings. Br. James Barla went to attend brothers meeting held at Dhyana Ashram, Chennai. Fr. Erenius Toppo went to Assam Mission as he and Fr. Ignatius Minj have been accompanying Fr. Provincial during his canonical visit. Fr. Erenius has witnessed "harvest is plenty but labourers are few" in Assam Mission. There is immense scope for missionary outreach in the tea gardens of Assam. Fr. Erenius also gave three days retreat for the students of Ursuline and Lievens Academy, Lohardaga. Fr. Sylvanus Kerketta attended JESA (Jesuits in Social Apostolate) meeting held for three days at Dhyana Ashram, Chennai. Meanwhile Br. James went to Allahabad to make his annual retreat. During their absence Fr. Ignatius Dungdung, the Superior managed everything alone. Mr. Matias Kerketta the ATC tutor gave a workshop on sustainable agriculture for 50 participants at Salgapos. And Fr. Sylvanus organized a Malaria Eradication workshop at Rumtukel for village health animators. At the end of the month ATC celebrated a picnic at Vijaygiri and made the day joyful. ATC community was shocked after receiving the sad news of the sudden death of Fr. Clement Minj (63) in Dorea, Tamar. The Funeral Mass took place in the evening and burial was over by 8 p.m. May his soul rest in peace.

**Erenius Toppo**

### **DNC PUNE**

October saw a blend of many things. Monsoon has yet to go away; we still enjoy some occasional showers. On 3<sup>rd</sup> of October, JDV organized an inter-Faculty Seminar: Jnana Deepa Vidyapeeth and Satya Nilayam tracing the topic on "Relevance of Religion in Contemporary India."

For the first time DNC danced with Karam feast on 6<sup>th</sup> October. On this occasion, the Karam puja, tribal dance, Adhunik Dhamaka dance, and the History of the Chotanagpur Mission with a documentary video presentation were introduced to the community in a very fascinating and memorable way. With the support of DNC scholastics of the tribal belt our Adivasi brothers and sisters who are in Pune also celebrated “Karam” on 9<sup>th</sup> in St. Felix Church.

Fr. Patras Kujur (MAP) gave us a recollection talk ‘Transparency & Accountability’ on 7<sup>th</sup>. We were in our JDV Exam yet we were very eager and happy to receive ten Jesuits Parish Priests from Ranchi Province who arrived for their JEPASA meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> of the month. Fr. Vincent Saldanha (GUJ) enriched the Philosophers and theologians with his God-experience talk and helped us to walk with the Lord from 19<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> in our Annual Retreat. 28<sup>th</sup> was a Dinner day with all the provincials who were busy in their JCSA Meeting in PG Block of JDV. On behalf of all the provincials Fr. Xavier Soreng proposed a vote of thanks at the end of the dinner.

No sooner had we heard the arrival of many Jesuits to Pune, than a room was rearranged under the guidance of Sch. Fuldeo Soreng. Now it looks very decent and attractive. We were reenergized with the visitation of Fr. Provincial on 30<sup>th</sup>. Fr. Joe Mathias joined us for fellowship province dinner on 31<sup>st</sup>. For some of us it was the first time that we met Fr. Xavier Soreng as provincial.

*Roshan Ba’a*

## **SATYA NILAYAM**

The Second Continuous Assessment Exam of philosophy was from 1 to 7 October. The POSA and the ADF had interaction sessions for three days [7 – 10 October] in Satya Nilayam. They stirred up the Scholastics’ spirit by their talks, showed a lot of concern for them at this stage of growth.

Ranchi Scholastics were gladdened by the visit of Frs. Peter Mahender, Anselm Kujur, Sylvanus Kerketta, Billianus Minj and Christopher Lakra who came for JESA Meeting in Chennai. They were happy to visit Satya Nilayam which refreshed their memories of their philosophy days.

First Semester Exam for the first years and third Semester exam for Second years were from 20 to 28 October. Once that was over, we had 2 days of community days to strengthen our community spirit.

Sch. Pradeep Soreng went through a minor operation on his right palm to remove a nasty corn [*Machali Ankh*] on 29 October. Now his condition is normal.

One more additional mobile number of Ranchi Scholastics in Satya Nilayam is 07418590871.

*John J. Kujur*

## **PREMAL JYOTI, AHMEDABAD**

A group of students and teachers from St. Ignatius’ Gumla, under the leadership of Fr. Bimal and Sch. Bipin came to Ahmedabad on 27<sup>th</sup> September. They stayed at Loyola School and went around visiting the important places in Ahmedabad. They were lucky to enjoy the speciality of Gujarat, that is, Garba – one of the main festivals of the state.

In October, scholastics were busy with their first term examinations which were held from 14- 22 followed by holidays. During the holidays, Sch. Gabriel went for Media course conducted in Gurjarvani Mass Communication Centre. Ten scholastics went for their annual retreat to Nagara. Fr. Vinayak, the Superior of PJ, also went to Mount Abu to make his annual retreat. Unfortunately some scholastics were sick and were admitted in the hospital. Our Sch. Subodh Lakra was down with typhoid.

This year St. Xavier’s College has introduced the semester system. Hence, first years will have their exam from 15<sup>th</sup> November while the second and third years will start their regular classes. St. Xavier’s College is well-known not only in academic field but also in the area of games and sports too. This year once again it has become the champion in both hockey and football in the Inter College tournaments.

*Gabriel Ekka*

## **SSC SITAGARHA**

On 1<sup>st</sup> October, the juniors and the staff had gone for a cycle-picnic to ‘Krishi Vigyan Kendra’ (KVK). We enjoyed ourselves by being together away from our ordinary routine. It was a thrilling and exciting experience of climbing up the top of Kanhari hill. We could admire the panoramic landscape from the hilltop.

On 21<sup>st</sup> Fr. Micheal Kerketta visited us. And the very next day, on 22<sup>nd</sup> SSC Juniors presented two Hindi plays. We, the Ranchi Juniors took part in both the dramas. It was excellent. It was enriching for us all. Now we think that we have grown a little in self-confidence. This performance built up our emotional maturity too. Regular practices trained us to act our roles more confidently and spontaneously on the stage. It provided us with an opportunity to express our hidden talents and qualities. The audience found the plays quite entertaining. Our acting also won the hearts of the audience.

*Alok Toppo*

## NEWS FROM PARISHES

### SARWADA

Sarwada had its privilege to organize Munna – Munni hockey tournament of Sarwada Vicariate from 11 to 14 October. Fr. Brice and his colleagues painstakingly arranged it. Altogether 16 teams participated in it. In the neck to neck fight finals R.C. Boys' Middle School Dolda bagged the first prize i.e., a Khassi ( he-goat) among the boys, and among girls St. Xavier's High School Sarwada won the first prize i.e., Khassi. Fr. Frederick, who spent much of his time and energy to train his team during Puja vacation, was overjoyed at their victory.

Fr. Victor Surin, the superior makes his every effort to keep himself fit and healthy. He continues to take medicines and minutely observes the prescribed diet and does some exercises too. In spite of the busy schedule in the school Fr. Brice spared his time to attend JEPASA meeting held in Pune. He came back home filled with new insights and pastoral vision to work innovatively in the mission.

Fr. Frederick surnamed as "tourist agent" traveled with 50 persons comprising of students and staff for educational tour to Kolkata. The students had wonderful experience of joy and amazement as all the students traveled first time by train. They also got a glimpse of modern city life and culture.

In the absence of Frs. Brice and Frederick in the community during Puja vacation Fr. Victor could not manage to safeguard the existing set up of Solar light system, water motor, generator of the community and Church because he is untuned to it. The hazardous effects caused by the lightning and thunder put us into darkness and forced us to incur financial losses.

*Frederick Kujur*

### TONGO

The month of October had been a busy month at Tongo. On October 2, there was a cultural dance competition for the youth which was organized by the parish youth. Youth of 21 village units took part in it. The youth of all the villages were seen very enthusiastic. The judges were Fr. Swarn Tigga, Alphonse Aind and Emile Dungdung. Those units which were adjudged first, second and third were given prizes while others were also given consolation prizes. Good number of people came to witness this cultural dance competition which concluded successfully.

On 9<sup>th</sup> October the feast of TUSGO (harvest feast) was celebrated in Barway. A large number of the faithful participated in the thanksgiving Eucharistic celebration. Due to a big number of participants, the Holy Mass was

celebrated at the mango grove in front of the catechists' training school. Fr. John was the main celebrant. His homily was very much relevant and touched the heart of the faithful. Fr. Manohar Toppo had gone to celebrate TUSGO Mass in his village.

On October 12, Bishop Paul Lakra gave the sacrament of Confirmation to 400 children. During his homily he gave a good inspiring reflection on the sacrament and insisted on family prayer. The Mass lasted for 3 hours followed by one and half hours of cultural programme.

On October 16, there was another celebration at Bendora on the occasion of the arrival of Fr. Lievens in the village. At 9.00 a.m. about 500 school children and men and women started prayerful procession from the main road and came to the pilgrimage place. V.G Cyprian Kullu, chief guest and the main celebrant, reached at 10.00 a.m and the Mass started. 30 priests concelebrated the Mass. Fr. Cyprian gave a good homily on mission but it was as long as 45 minutes. After the Mass there was a short cultural programme.

There was a seminar for the youth at Tongo on October 20. Mr. Benjamin Lakra gave this seminar. Above 400 youth from Class IX participated in it. The theme of the seminar was: "Aaj ke yuva ki Dashaa evam Dishaa" and career guidance. At the end of the seminar Mrs. Jancinta (wife of Mr. Benjamin) too gave her thought at the request of the youth. Listening to her the youth was happy because she gave a motherly touch through her speech. Overall the seminar was inspiring and motivating. From October 22 to 24 noon there was a seminar for the catechists and panches of Tongo parish. Fr. Aurel Brys was the resource person. He gave them some tips for becoming leaders in their respective villages. 80 Catechists and panches participated the seminar and profited from it. Fr. Brys too was happy with the group.

Fr. Pillen was feeling weak and therefore he was taken to Seva Nilaya Health Centre Aragate on October 04. Fr. Manohar and Sr. Manju accompanied him. He came back to Tongo on October 17, healthy and strengthened.

*Linus Dungdung*

### VIJAYGIRI

St. Ignatius' High School organized Inter-class Hindi and English elocution competition on 1<sup>st</sup> October. Again on 27<sup>th</sup> October, drawing competition was held for Stds. VII and VIII on the theme of Environment. The response was quite encouraging. Winners were given prizes.

The feast of the Patroness of the Parish, St. Teresa of Child Jesus was celebrated on 2<sup>nd</sup> October by the parishioners who came to attend the Eucharist in good number. This feast was combined with *Nawakhani (Jom Nawa)*. On this occasion Fr. George offered thanksgiving Mass, followed by a short felicitation programme for the priests.

The long awaited Pig and Goat Hockey tournaments for the parishioners began on 2<sup>nd</sup> October. There were 56 teams enrolled for the tourney, which had its purpose to strengthen the tribal unity in the locality as well as to promote interest in games and sports.

Frs. James and John made the best use of Puja holidays by visiting some important mission stations like Burudih-Kochang, Dolda, Sarwada on 4-5 October. Fr. George is off and on away from the parish as he is shouldering several responsibilities of the province. On 27<sup>th</sup>, he left for Bilaspur to attend the meeting of the Province Development Directors (PDD), and he came back on 31<sup>st</sup> October.

*John Dungdung*

### **KANKE**

The month of October was a normal one except for the Youth Day on 23<sup>rd</sup> October. About 150 Kanke boys and girls came together to mark the international year of the youth and to strengthen their bond and to discover their own talents. They were joined by some 50 youths invited from the neighbouring city parishes. The day began with the Holy Eucharist at 9.00 a.m. which was presided over by Fr. Nabor Lakra S.J. of St. Xavier's College, Ranchi. His message to them was enlightening and motivating.

Soon after the Mass Mr. Vikas Tirkey, a BDO from Kanke Parish gave them some tips for their life and

career. The number of questions they asked him was a sign that his talk was relevant as well as challenging. After the lunch break, there was a variety entertainment which they enjoyed thoroughly. Thanks to St. Anne Sisters who generously made their school campus available for the youth day programme!

*Emmanuel Horo*

### **PATRACHAULI**

Patrachauly parish is dedicated to Our Lady of the Rosary which is specially remembered on 7<sup>th</sup> October. On 9<sup>th</sup>, belated feast of the Rosary and Parish Day were celebrated with the parishioners, offering a thanksgiving Eucharist followed by a short cultural programme and the fellowship meal.

The community members are busy in their ministries faithfully. Fr. John Crus finalized Christmas letters of the sponsored children with the help of Fr. Lalit on 14<sup>th</sup> October. Fr. Lalit left on 15<sup>th</sup> October for Pune to attend JEPASA Convention along with 9 other Jesuit Pastors of Ranchi Province. After his return, Fr. Lalit reported that the convention was insightful, inspiring, worth-attending and well organized. Br Patras was in Allahabad for Brothers' Annual Retreat. In his absence, Fr. Gabriel took care of the School. He is also working hard for qualification upgradation by joining IGNOU, and every Sunday he attends classes faithfully.

The Patrachauly community was glad to welcome Fr. Willie Delputte who joined the community on 20<sup>th</sup> October. At present Fr. Willie seems to be quite happy in his new community. The end of the month was marked by the celebration of the Feast of St. Alphonsus Rodriguez, the patron of our Jesuit Brothers. On this occasion Br. Patras was specially felicitated by the community.

*John Crus*

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## **ASSAM MISSION**

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

On 1<sup>st</sup> October, the college organized an Inter Class Quiz Competition. Six groups of students participated. After the first round of general knowledge test, the second round was fully Audio-visual. Both the staff and the students enjoyed the programme. The quiz programme was fully an initiative of the staff, and all of them contributed in the success of the same. At the end Fr. Anup gave away the prizes. Fr. James proposed a vote of thanks. With this the Durga Puja holidays commenced and the College reopens on 12<sup>th</sup> October.

On 13<sup>th</sup> October, the new Provincial of Ranchi Fr. Xavier Soreng graced the College with his visitation. In a small programme in his honour, the whole Junior

College family welcomed him. We thanked the provincial for all the facilities that the province is providing for pursuing the higher studies in this area of Assam. Fr. Provincial, in his address to the college, stressed on prayer, loving relationship and efforts for excellence. He also met the teaching and non-teaching staff members. It was a very cordial sharing. Finally, he met the volunteers of St. Xavier's Outreach Programme. He was very much impressed by the illiterate Adivasi women who could express their thoughts and experiences in their dialect, i.e., Sadri. Frs. Ignatius Minj and Erenius Toppo, who had accompanied Fr. Provincial, were also in full praise of the Outreach Programme, which covers –Non-formal Education, Youth Movement, LNN Movement, Sports

Development and Grihini Training for the illiterate girls. On 19<sup>th</sup> October the first year students began their 1<sup>st</sup> Terminal Exam.

### **Outreach Programme**

The end of September and the beginning of October were marked by the preparation for Karam festival. New Adabari and Old Adabari have celebrated in September and Kachubil Unit is getting ready to celebrate Karam on 9-10 October. All the non-formal education groups – the youth and the LNN groups participated in practicing the songs and dances of the Karam festival – particular tunes of Karam songs filled the atmosphere. The beat of Mandar resounded in the whole locality. Young and old women folk enjoyed Karam festival stepping and dancing. The ancestors are remembered. Karam Raja is identified in Christ Jesus. God is seen and worshipped in nature.

On 9-10 October, the Kachubil Unit celebrated Karam festival. In the beginning of October LNN unit of Bakola had a monthly meeting. The whole unit was concerned about a family whose house was destroyed by elephants. So they helped the family to build up the house. The outreach football team is making its presence felt in the local tournaments. They have already bagged two shields. The girls' hockey centers participated in women's sports festival. Sonabil unit won the final by 2 – 0 margin.

*James Lakra*

### **TEZPUR**

Fr. Provincial, Xavier Soreng along with Frs. Ignatius Minj and Ireneus Toppo came for the visitation of the Assam Mission and came to Tezpur Jesuit Bhavan on 10 October. This was an occasion of grace and support from the Provincial for all of us. He spent the morning with us in Tezpur meeting each individual Jesuit. In the afternoon Fr. George Soreng had arranged a visit to Missamari parish some 45 km. away from Tezpur where the Self Help Groups, coaching centres, and Income generating activities are going on. All the groups had gathered together and they presented their various activity reports and variety entertainment programmes. The students showed how they are profiting from the various coaching centers which are running in their areas. The income generating centre is producing variety of shawls,

*gamoshas*, and making good profit. These items are very much in demand.

The next day Fr. Provincial and team visited the Balipara Community, met the Jesuits, had the interaction with the students, also with the staff and met the Holy Cross Sisters Community. In the evening the Provincial and team were invited for dinner to the Bishop's House. Bishop Michael Akasius shared his impressions about the works of Jesuits in his Tezpur Diocese and also he expressed some of his concerns where we Jesuits have to improve and cooperate more with the Diocese. On the third day Fr. Provincial had been to St. Xavier's College Community, Sonabheel. He was received warmly by the staff and the students. In the evening of 13 October Fr. Provincial met 8 Jesuits and shared with us his observations, concern for the Assam Mission and things to improve upon. Then we had supper together. 14 October Fr. Anup went along with the team to Pengree via Jorhat and Dibrugarh. At Dibrugarh, the Provincial met Bishop Joseph Aind SDB and finally in the evening around 5.00 p.m. they reached Pengree.

From 11 to 15 October, para-legal training was held for 5 days at Jesuit Bhavan Tezpur for the leaders of Tinsukia, Jagun, Mazbat, and Guwahati. Some 23 participants profited from this training programme.

*Xavier Lakra*

### **KATHALGURI**

Fr. Provincial Xavier Soreng along with Frs. Ignatius Minj and Ireneus Toppo landed at Alipurduwar railway station on 6 October and were warmly received by Frs. Mukul Lakra and Lawrentus Kiro and they came down to the Jesuit Community Kathalguri. The next day Fr. Provincial had a very hectic time to meet the Jesuits, the Sisters, students and the staff. All the same they found some time to go to Tipkai to see the new centre where the Jesuits have started L.K.G. and U.K.G. classes some 40 km away from Kathalguri, among the mixed groups of Boros, Garos, Rabhas and Santhals. Fr. Provincial and team saw the construction works of the Kathalguri and Jacobpur also. Due to shortage of funds the construction work has slowed down but these school buildings have to be finished by the end of December 2011.

*Mukul Lakra*

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## **DIASPORA**

### **GREGORIAN UNIVERSITY ROME**

The new academic year of Gregorian University was aptly inaugurated with a solemn Eucharistic celebration in the beautiful Church of St. Ignatius. As the Chaplin of the

University, I had to slog extra time to plan out every detail of the celebration. Despite the holiday period, a group of energetic students and coworkers offered their helping hand in composing the Mass booklet, in writing different

prayers and in singing. A careful and meticulous planning resulted into a solemn and well-participated Eucharistic celebration presided over by R.P. Rector. In his inaugural address, he exhorted everyone to leave no stone unturned in his or her arduous research of truth (*la ricerca della verità*). Apart from the students and staff of the University, a large number of our friends, well-wishers and benefactors participated. Many well-known political figures and as many as twenty Ambassadors too participated devoutly in the celebration. A social gathering followed the Eucharistic celebration, which offered a wonderful platform to meet and inter-act persons from different social strata.

On 27 October, when the Holy Father and world leaders of different religions had gathered in Assisi to pray for peace and justice, the Gregorian community too came together to be one with them in solidarity and prayer. Again, with the help of the students, we had planned out carefully every detail of the prayer meeting combining well the moments of silence, invocations and singing. Such coming together as one community for a specific purpose left a powerful impact on all those participated in the prayer meeting.

Right from the first day, the usual classes have picked the full rhythm. Linus is having two courses during the first Semester – Evangelization in Asia in the Light of “Ecclesia in Asia and The Early Missionary Method of Jesuits in Asia. I have one course on The Questions of Faith and Morality in the Current Ecological Crisis and one Seminar on the Christological reflections of Walter Kasper in his book Jesus the Christ. Justin is trying his best to get published the Hindi versions of Pope Benedict’s recent encyclicals *Deus caritas est*, *Spe salvi* and *Caritas in veritate*. If published on time, it will be a remarkable contribution of the Hindi section of Vatican Radio to the Hindi world.

*Fr. Prem*

## **MINIA, EGYPT**

October 9 was a Black Sunday for Christians in Egypt. In the presence of military police 28 were killed and hundreds were injured. Protesters had gathered at Egypt’s State television and radio building (Maspero) in Cairo. They were protesting against authorities’ failure to investigate the burning of a church in southern governorate of Aswan. After the January revolution, the graph of sectarian violence has gone up and appears frightening.

At the special invitation of Near East Provincial, all the house superiors, ministers and region delegates of the Province had gathered in Tanail-Lebanon from October

28 to 31. The response was positive. All concerned were present from Turkey, Lebanon, Syria and Egypt. One of the main purposes was to review the Community life and its challenges in varied situations. Fr. Jean-Paul from France was the moderator. On such auspicious gathering on 29<sup>th</sup> October four second year novices (one each from Syria and Egypt, two from Lebanon) took their first vows. Their family members were present to add the joy.

*Fr. Bimal Kerketta*

## **BRITISH PROVINCE, UNITED KINGDOM**

After spending ten very useful months in different spirituality centres in Great Britain and his fruitful spiritual journey with the novices of British province at Birmingham, **Fr Raymond Kerketta** has left for Ranchi on November 1. He is scheduled to arrive at Ranchi by November 3<sup>rd</sup> noon. I am pretty certain that he has a lot to offer to the province in whatever capacity possible. Prior to his departure he spent three days at Jesuit missions at Wimbledon, very close to the community where I live. Since I had a pretty hectic weekend due to my upcoming seminar presentation at the university, I could not spend much time with him as I juggled around different universities in the city trying to fine tune my research material. Raymond on his own tried to have a last look at the city very especially the ‘London Eye’ and the ‘British Museum’ at Russell Square, London. I wish him the very best for his future ministry in Ranchi.

In two years of my stay here in this country I had failed to notice how fun-filled and horrifying October 31<sup>st</sup> could be until I bumped into two little girls masked as a Teddy Bear and Mickey Mouse, trying to block my way and playing pranks on me while I was on my way back home from the college. Hallowe’en (a contraction of All Hallows’ Evening), also known by Halloween or All Hallows’ Eve, is an annual holiday observed around the world on October 31, the night preceding All Saints Day. Much like Day of the Dead celebrations, the Christian feast of All Hallows’ Eve also incorporates traditions from pagan festivals of harvest time and festivals honouring the dead. It was traditionally believed that the souls of the departed wandered the earth until All Saints Day, and All Hallows’ Eve provided one last chance for the dead to gain vengeance on their enemies before moving onto the next world. To avoid being recognized by a soul, Christians would wear masks and costumes to disguise themselves, following the lighted candles set by others to guide their travel for worship the next day. Today, this practice has been perpetuated through trick-or-treating and guising. That’s what I encountered on the road and I am glad to have discovered such a beautiful and fun-filled

meaning that has been attached to these two great days in our liturgical calendar.

All Saints' Day this year became more significant for us young Jesuits living in Wimbledon because it coincided with the first visitation of Fr Dermot Preston, the new provincial of British province. We are hoping that his visit would be a time of joy and fun, as much as a time for meaningful interaction and self-appraisal for each member of the community.

*Vinod S. Soreng*

### **CAMPION CENTRE, BOSTON, USA,**

After coming back from India to London in August to complete my Master in Birmingham University I left the UK on 22<sup>nd</sup> of August 2011 for Boston for my tertianship. My tertianship started here in Campion centre on 24<sup>th</sup> of August 2011 with Holy Mass. We are exactly twelve in number like the disciples of Jesus from 10 different countries.

Our tertian directors Fr William Barry and Ken Hughes from New England province started the session with their life sharing and after them we all twelve did the same. Sharing was very enriching, same Holy Spirit working on each person but personal sharing was very unique. Some tertians' family background was very painful yet they felt the call of Jesus. The open sharing of each individual made the group to feel as one family. It was heart touching experience for me.

Next was the long retreat: Our long retreat started on 16<sup>th</sup> of September 2011 and ended on 16<sup>th</sup> of October 2011. I had very enriching experience from this retreat. Everyday prayer-reflection and sharing with retreat director helped each individual to deepen the relationship with Jesus. It was a joyful experience for each individual as we all shared our experiences after coming back from the retreat. Atmosphere was beautiful for my personal prayer and reflection where as some felt the sea was very scary because the retreat centre was on the sea shore.

At present again we are busy with the Spiritual Exercise, looking for more fruitful way to help one another and others. Last night we had first snow fall of this winter which is unusual.

*Fr. Amar* (amarbage@gmail.com)

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### **An Invitation to participate in the Issue-based 'Global Ignatian Advocacy Network':**

Social Justice and Ecology Secretariat (SJES) Rome with the approval of Fr. General has initiated 5 Issue-based Global Ignatian Advocacy Networks on (a) Right to Education; (b) Ecology; (c) Governance of Natural and Mineral Resources (GNMR); (d) Migration and (e) Peace and Human Rights. In order to obtain a comprehensive data base of all those individual Jesuits, social centres, parishes and educational institutions that are involved or interested in involving in the above mentioned issues through GIAN, SJES along with JESA in South Asia is doing an 'Internal Mapping' through a questionnaire. Hence, all the Province Coordinators of Social Apostolate (CSAs) have been requested to send a letter of invitation to all those whom he considers as people involved in some way or other, to participate in this effort of gathering the basic information through this questionnaire, to be filled in the website itself. This data base will help us in South Asia to build a broader base for future Advocacy actions at various levels.

Hence, if you, as an individual or head of any Educational Institution or Parish Priest or Youth Coordinator or Director of Social Centre etc., are interested in joining and being part of this larger network on any of the issue(s), and if you have not been already contacted by the Province CSA, kindly contact your Province Social Action Coordinator or JESA Secretary at [jesa.secretary@gmail.com](mailto:jesa.secretary@gmail.com) or [jesadelhi@gmail.com](mailto:jesadelhi@gmail.com).

If you want to know more about GIAN you may also visit: <http://www.ignatianadvocacy.org>

*J. Stanny. JESA Secretary*

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## **NEWS FROM JESUIT CURIA**

### **RENEWAL OF PROVINCE STRUCTURES**

On 27 September Father General sent a letter to all Major Superiors, accompanying a document entitled The Renewal of Province Structures in the Service of Universal Mission, an "important document for study, prayerful reflection, and implementation by all Regions, Provinces, and Conferences. This document fulfills one of the mandates of the 35<sup>h</sup> General Congregation and is aimed at 'better serving our universal mission.' (cf. Decree 5, n. 26). After examining the internal and external challenges facing the Society today, the

Congregation called us to re-imagine the ways we have organized ourselves for the sake of our Jesuit life and mission. With all the changes we are experiencing, how can we rethink our structures so that we can better serve the Church and the world? This entire process requires the Ignatian indifference or spiritual freedom which allows us to go beyond personal interests, ideologies, or disordered attachments, so that we can see and embrace God's will. At the same time, this process calls us to deepen our Jesuit identity. St. Ignatius and his first companions came from different countries and cultures,

and they deeply felt the impact of diversity and historical conflicts.”

### COMMITTEE FOR MISSION

With a letter of 13 October Father General announced the formation of a Committee for Mission (CM). The Members of this “Committee for Mission” will be the three Secretaries: Gerald R. Blaszcak, who heads the Service of the Faith, Francisco Javier Álvarez, who heads the Promotion of Justice and Ecology, and Anthony D’Silva who heads Collaboration with Others, and three General Councilors, Fathers Marcos Recolons, Antoine Kerhuel, and Daniel P. Huang. The goal of the Committee “will be to expand the capacity of the General for reflection with regard to the items in which the Society has defined

itself in the last General Congregations and to submit proposals and suggestions for the Society’s Mission to be discerned with the help of the General Council.” As a way of working “I anticipate the following: 1. The topics and the meetings will be decided by Father General; 2. The General will preside at the sessions, although he may ask others to lead the discussion; 3. Proposals and suggestions will be directed to the General; 4. The General will present these proposals to the General Council for discernment and treatment according to the importance they have for the mission and service of the Society; 5. Decisions will be made by the General after hearing the opinion of the General Council.” The Committee will begin to work on November 1<sup>st</sup>.

(Courtesy: [www.sjweb.org](http://www.sjweb.org))

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### LET US REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

<b>Fr. Clement Minj (62)</b>	passed away on October 28, 2011 at Doreya
<b>Mr. Ruben Lakra</b>	Elder brother of Fr. Peter Clever, died on 8 Oct. 2011
<b>Mr. Vinod Kullu (49)</b>	Youngest maternal uncle of Fr. Xavier Soreng (Prov.) and Fr. Vinod S. Soreng, died on 30-10-2011
<b>Mr. Tarcisius Xalxo (80)</b>	father of Fr. Medard Xalxo died on November 3, 2011.
<b>Mr. Felix Beck (83)</b>	father of Fr. Walter Beck, expired on 28.10.2011

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### Fr. Clement Minj, S.J. (1948-2011)

“Each day is important for us so it let us enjoy the day” is what Clement used to say whenever he was in good mood. Indeed, he lived that way till the very last day.

Fr. Clement Minj was born on 6 May 1948 in a large family of Konchora then under Tongo Parish. Third among the five brothers and two sisters, Clement was the pet of his parents. His father died when Clement was still young so his mother shouldered the responsibility of bringing up her children. Desiring to give good education, she sent Clement to RC Boys’ School Tongo. On completing Middle school, Clement went to Lievens’ Barway High School Chainpur. While studying in Tongo, Clement was impressed by the life of the Jesuits and wished to become a priest. So, after a year at Lievens’ Barway, he decided to go to Apostolic School Gumla where he did his matriculation in 1967. He came to St. Xavier’s College Ranchi to do his Intermediate Studies after which he entered the Novitiate at St. Stanislaus’ College Sitagarha on 20 November 1970. There he also did his classical Juniorate before coming back to St. Xavier’s College for his B. A. His further Jesuit training took him to De Nobili College Pune and to Vidya Jyoti Delhi where he did his Philosophy and Theology, respectively. He was ordained a priest on 28 April 1983.

As an enthusiastic young pastor he rendered his service in Soso [Gumla], Rengarih [Simdega], Patrachauli

[Ranchi], Kachabari and Bingaon [Khunti] as Parish Priest and as Assistant. St. Ignatius’ Mission Station Dorea-Tamar was the place where he spent last eight years of his life looking after the boys, teaching in the school and taking care of the fields. Recounting one of his pastoral endeavour he once told how he had succeeded in motivating the faithful of Patrachauli to contribute to the Parish and had restored some unity.

Clement’s life-long asset was his ever happy smile on his face and his very approachable person. Thus, wherever he worked he could get along very well with the people of all walks of life. Though his circle of friends was small, he was liked by many. In Dorea, even after he was relieved of the burden as in-charge of the boys, the parents always sought to see him and have a chat with him.

Service and availability was his forte. As minister of different houses- St. Ignatius’ Gumla, Manresa House Ranchi, Regional Theologate Arsande and Loyola Pastoral Centre Matigarha (Darjeeling), he was always approachable. He would keep awake for the guests who would arrive late and keep a vigil to guard the corps in the fields. He had special love for animals.

Difficult situation and problems of his family bothered Clement much. Unjust occupation of ancestral landed property of his family worried him and it often

disturbed peace of his mind. One of the causes of his high BP and Sugar could not be isolated from this situation. All the same, in the last months, he was definitely looking better.

On *Sohrai*, local feast of the cattle on 27 October 2011, Clement took part in the blessing of the cattle in the school campus thereafter he visited his friends in Dorea. He came back around 7:00 p.m. but he went out again and visited some nearby families. Clement did not come back to the house that night. On the following morning he was still not back to the house. Some search and inquiry

was made about him around the place but he could not be traced. Meanwhile someone happened to notice one of his slippers floating in the well near the school-building. It was suspected that he might have got drowned in the well. The worst suspicion became true when an attempt was made to search for him in the well. How he could have fallen into the well could not be ascertained but his sudden demise, no doubt, left deep sadness among the students of the school. May God grant him Eternal reward in his Kingdom.

*George Burh*

## BIRTHDAYS: NOVEMBER & DECEMBER

### NOVEMBER

04 Jacques Raymond  
 05 Kerketta Camil  
 Minj Damian C.  
 06 Lakra Peter C.  
 07 Lakra Amit  
 09 De Cuyper Joseph  
 Kerketta Ranjan M.  
 Minj Sudhir Kr.  
 10 Kujur Augustine  
 Soreng Ajay Remis  
 Toppo Alok  
 11 Kerketta Stanislaus  
 12 Soreng Vinod S.  
 Tirkey Alexander  
 13 Bage Roshan  
 15 Kujur Marianus J.  
 Soreng Fuldeo  
 16 Minj Walter Xavier  
 Barla Thomas  
 17 Brys Aurel  
 21 Tigga Swarn  
 23 Ekka Clement  
 26 Minj Linus  
 Dungdung Ignatius

### DECEMBER

01 Surin Elias  
 07 Tirkey Vijay Manohar  
 10 Breye Erik  
 11 Kerketta Sanjay  
 18 Xalxo Ignatius  
 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.

### TAKING TEXT TO CONTEXT: A Festschrift in honor of Fr. T. K. John on the occasion of his 75<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary,

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### INDIA DESK

One of the responsibilities of **INDIA DESK** is to send the yearly “**RANCHI CALLING**” Christmas and New Year letter to family, friends, benefactors and well-wishers of the Ranchi Mission. A Flemish version is sent to Belgium / Netherlands. An English version is sent to India and abroad.

Kindly give to **Fr. A. Brys SJ** or to **Fr. Socius** the names of your family and friends who would be happy to receive this English “Ranchi Calling” letter. The India Desk will send them, or will give you the required number of letters, envelopes and stamps. Thanks.

*Aurel sj, India Desk*