

**RB MARCH 2013 is Uploaded.** (887) By **Michaelsj** on 08-March-2013

**Ranchi, 8 February:** Dear Readers,

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**Church celebrates the election of the new Pope Francis I** (888) By **Michaelsj** on 15-March-2013



**Ranchi, 15 March** : The church of Chotanagpur erupted in joy over the election of the new Pope Francis I. Good many people remained glued to their TV sets following the live relay of the announcement of the new Pope and his first Mass on the subsequent day. Learning about his Argentina background, simplicity and his down to earth approach to life and work, the faithful felt closer to the Pope and hoped that his Holiness will share their day to day life struggle and joy. Pre and post Media briefing and coverage of Telesphore P. Cardinal Toppo from Rome in the Hindi print and electronic media had sense of proximity for the people of Chotanagpur. The Jesuit fraternity felt special sense of joy as Francis I happens to be the first Jesuit Pope. Thinking with the Church will be much easier they felt.

(By Fr. Ranjit Toppo SJ)

**Will Mahila Sangh leader make a mark in the Municipality election?** (889) By **Michaelsj** on 16-March-2013

**Ranchi, 15 March:** Mrs. Martina Samad has filed her nomination for the post of Mayor with the support of Bandhu Tirker's Jharkhand Janadhikar Party in the forthcoming municipality elections. Mrs. Martina Samad is a well-recognized name in the Mahila Sangh of the Catholic Church. She understands the needs of women in the streets of Ranchi. one will recall that in 1935 election Catholic Sabha had done well by fielding candidates like Sri Ignace Back, who went on to become a very strong peg in the movement of Sri Jai Pal Singh Munda. For Mrs. Samad it will be a good challenge to fetch the votes of other churches. She should expect the charisma of Bandhu Tirkey for the Sarna vote. 7th April the day of voting is the white Sunday. Catholic of Ranchi Archdiocese marks this Sunday for the first communion of the children.

By Fr. Ranjit P. Toppo

**Rating of ranjesu.org** (890) By **Michaelsj** on 20-March-2013

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(sent by Father Ranjit P. Toppo)

**Integrating Socio-Pastoral Ministry: Makunda Experience (891) By Michaelsj on 20-March-2013**

**Ranchi, March 20** : It was in May 2012, I requested Fr. Lalit Tigga s.j. the Parish Priest of Patrachauli to give me a village, where I could get positive response from the villagers on micro watershed management. After looking into the list of his villages, Fr. Lalit finally suggested the name of Makunda, a village in Itki Block with 156 house-holds, 40 of which belong to the Roman Catholic Church, 35 CNI and the rest Sarnas and a few Gop families. In the first meeting, which was shortly arranged, villagers came and shared their patterns of livelihood. From the farmers perspective of Jharkhand, the villagers were good agriculturists, particularly, in vegetable growing. They concentrated in vegetable cultivation and sold in the nearby markets,

which are well linked with the cities of Eastern India. Upon enquiring as to what their main problem was, they replied in unison that the small rivulet flowing nearby their fields was the life line for their livelihood. One old check dam, which was constructed way back in the 60s by the help of Patrachauli parish was badly damaged. For their paddy cultivation, the only source of irrigation was no more and the production had suffered significantly. For the winter crop, they wished another check dam could be constructed. The villagers committed themselves to form a committee to supervise the village mobilization and cooperation.

On the question of Corporate Social Responsibility, XISS then contacted Hindustan Petroleum Chemical Ltd. in Mumbai office which agreed to fund the project which had peoples contribution in terms of labour apart from the capital requirement. Within six months before the rains the first check dam was completed and was ready for the monsoon. People were overjoyed to see how the spill way managed to irrigate around 100 acres of paddy land. Within the next six months the second dam to got ready as the villagers put all their effort. It too got ready for the winter crop. Farmers in Makunda normally irrigate their vegetable cultivation through their earthen well dug in their fields. Having added water from the check dam not only increased number of acres of the cultivated land but also helped to raise the water level in the nearby wells. [For complete article kindly read in the Resources section of [ranjesu.org](http://ranjesu.org)]

(By Rranjit P. Toppo, SJ)

**Fr. Joachim Dungdung defended his doctoral thesis. (892) By Michaelsj on 24-March-2013**



**Ranch, 22 March:** On March 22, 2013 Fr. Joachim defended this doctoral thesis Kharia, Munda aur Uraon Sanskriti ka Tulnatmak Adhyayan (Comparative Study of Kharia, Munda and Uraon cultures). He worked under Dr. R.P. Sahu, retired Prof. of Kharia Department, Gossner College Ranchi. It took place in

Ranchi University. He was very happy after the defense because he had laboured for years. The external Professor Bahadur Mishra, HOD, Hindi, Bhagalpur University was the main examiner. Fr. Joachim defended well his thesis. Congratulations to Fr. Joachim for his achievement. Well done Fr. Joachim!

**Pope Francis sends his apostolic Blessing. (893) By Michaelsj on 24-March-2013**



**Ranchi, 24 March:** His Holiness Pope Francis has written a letter to the faithful of the Church of Chotanagpur on March 19, 2013. Here is the letter:

Dear Brothers and Sister,

With great joy, I offer a cordial greeting to my brother Cardinal Telesphore P. Toppo, Archbishop of Ranchi, and to you, the faithful of the Church in Ranchi, India. You are a vibrant Church, full of life, vigor and vitality, despite various moments of trials, tribulations and sufferings. I wish that, as part of the Body of Christ, you persevere through all difficulties with unwavering hope and faith in Jesus Christ, because He is the reference point at the heart of the Church. We have to remember that our Church has always grown and been reinvigorated by the blood of the martyrs. Therefore, do not be afraid of taking up your cross and following Him, who carried His Cross up to Calvary, and be steadfast in the spirit of love and service.

I pray for all of you so that you become the salt and the light for the people in India and beyond, who endeavour to live in harmony amidst religious and cultural diversity. Our vocation today as Christians in a multi-religious and multi-cultural context means living with faith and bearing testimony through our works of charity, which involves showing loving concern for each and every person, especially those in need children, elderly, the poor, who are often the last we think about. Our Christian vocation also means protecting all creation, the beauty of the created world, as the Book of Genesis tells us and as St. Francis of Assisi showed us, whose name I bear. I impart my apostolic blessing to each one of you and I ask all of you to pray for me.

At the end he has signed just Francis. We thank our Holy Father for imparting us his apostolic blessing. We also assure him of our sincere prayers for him.

**Fifty Golden years of Fr. Placidus (894) By davidsj on 25-March-2013**

**Bardih::** Jubilee! Jubilee! Jubilee! It is a gracious and remarkable day for Fr. Placidus Lakra, SJ who completes fifty years of his Priesthood today. Born on April 18, 1928 in Murumkela (now a separate parish from Tongo) Fr. Placidus, (85) is hale and hearty in Bardih Parish. Given his age, he is really a gifted person in many ways. He is quite cheerful despite the difficult situations in a place like Bardih.

There was a simple Thanksgiving Mass in his name this morning. He was ever calm and composed in the Mass silently thanking God for his marvelous gift of everything. Hopefully there will be some special Jubilee celebration! Congratulations Dadu! and wish you a good health in your life journey ahead.

Fr. Placidus Lakra was ordained on March 25, 1963 at St. Marys Cathedral Ranchi together with other eight Jesuits of which, he recalls, four were Adibasis. He studied in St. Johns High School, Ranchi and joined the Society of Jesus on June 20, 1951. Long years of Jesuit formation (12 years in his case) was over and he was finally ordained. Just after his ordination he was sent to Kunkuri for a year. After a year, he was sent for Tertianship. He did his B.Ed in Bombay in the year 1966. He took his Final Profession in the Society of Jesus on February 2, 1967.

In his fifty long years as priest, he rendered his valuable service in many places- Kunkuri being one of his important mission places. Majhatoli, Gangutoli, Jalpaiguri, Kanke, Lohardaga, Noadih, Soso, Rengarih and Bardih. He served the society both as an educationist and as a pastor for long years. Out of his experience he shares, He was sent to Jalpaiguri on 1 January 1981 only for two years but he had to stay there for eight years. He served as a Headmaster of Malbazaar School, Jalpaiguri. Malbazar was the most difficult mission but very rewarding! he shared when he was asked yesterday about his priestly life. In his receding life he has been in Mission stations like Rengarih ( 9 years) and now in Bardih (now for 6 years) as JWT- Jesuit without title.

Life in Gangutoli with diocesans he recalls, had been a good experience to work with. When asked about any of his bitter experience in the Society of Jesus he says, A bad reputation (record) once you get in the society, you never get a chance again to prove yourself. Life with good and bitter experiences goes on. Well done Dadu! Congratulations once again and Happy Jubilee.

**Easter Greetings (895) By Michaelsj on 30-March-2013**

**Ranchi:** Happy Easter to all the well wishers and readers of ranjesu.org.