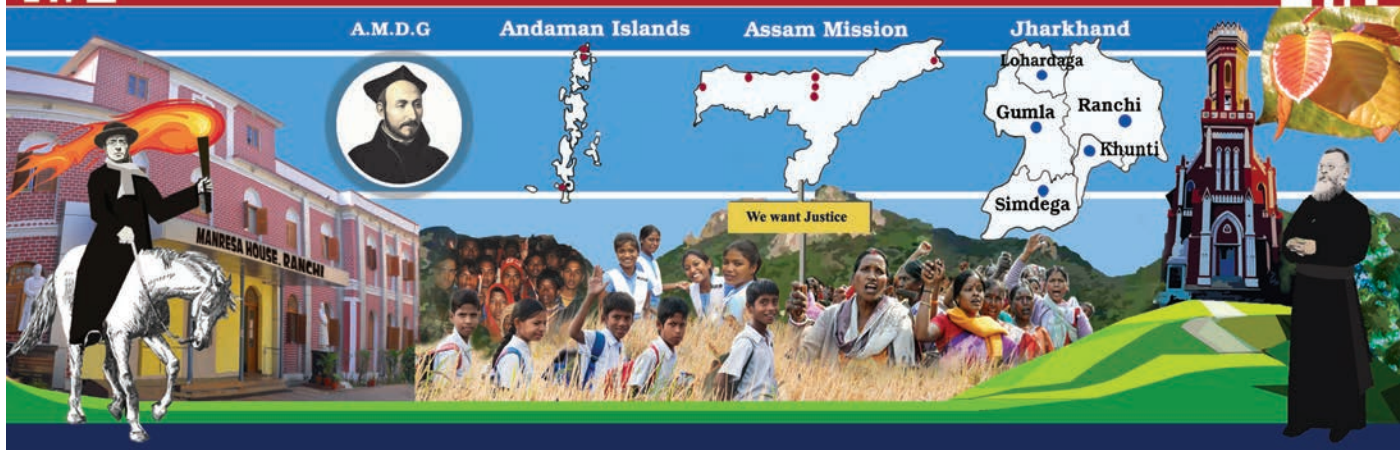




RANCHI BULLETIN



80/2 Ranchi Jesuits, Sadbhavna P.B. - 4, Ranchi -834 001, Jharkhand **February 2021**

APPOINTMENTS BY FR. GENERAL

- Fr. Sean O. Carroll, 54 years old, as the Provincial of the United States West Province.

ANNOUNCEMENT FROM GENERAL CURIA

In a letter sent to all Major Superiors, Fr. Arturo Sosa announced the 71st Congregation of Procurators to start on 16 May 2022. It will be held in Loyola and will be preceded by a week of Spiritual Exercises to allow the delegates “to attend more deeply to the Holy Spirit who is active in our Society.”

An announcement 16 months in advance, isn't it a bit early? No, it isn't! A Congregation of together delegates from each of the administrative units of the Society – Provinces and Regions. They must be elected in a Provincial Congregation and they have the duty to visit Jesuits and Jesuit works in order to prepare a picture of the situation of the Society in their Provinces and to answer questions that the General suggests to them for further discussion during the meeting. Such an assembly therefore requires a long preparation. The first role of the Congregation of Procurators is to decide whether a General Congregation should be convoked, after having informed Father General of the “state of the Society.”

From the 31st GC, another purpose was added: to deal with important matters at the level of the universal Society. This greatly expanded its role. This meeting allows a representation of the ‘grass roots’ of the Society, since the Procurators are not Provincials. In his letter of convocation, Father Sosa situates the next Congregation of Procurators within the framework of the Ignatian Year, with the same theme: Seeing all things new in Christ. More specifically, he writes: “the Congregation can be a time when we examine together the lights and shadows of the Society, the particular challenges that face us, and action of the Holy Spirit, who calls us to ever greater generosity in the service of Church and our world.”

With regard to the issues that the Superior General asks the Provincial Congregations to deal with, the first is the follow-up given to the broad project of the Universal Apostolic Preferences, paying particular attention, according to the wishes of Pope Francis, to the first one, that of “showing the way to God with the help of the Spiritual Exercises and discernment.” And secondly, the Ignatian youth ministry and the link with the promotion of Jesuit vocations.

(Newsletter from Rome, 20 Jan 2021)

PROVINCIAL'S PROGRAM

February '21

- 6 : Meeting of the Central Zone Provincials
- 7 : Priestly Ordination of Dn. Samir Bhounra in Dhingurpani
- 11 : Final Vows of Fr. SwarnTigga in Prabhat Tara, Dhurwa, Ranchi
- 12 : Jubilee Celebration of Fr. Britius Ekka in SXD
- 13 : Diaconate in Catholic Church Kanke, Ranchi
- 14 : Final Vows of Fr. Binod Toppo in Manresa House, Ranchi
- 18 : Governing Body Meeting (St. Ignatius' Gumla)
- 19 – 20 : Province Consult
- 20 : Managing Committee Meeting in St. Xavier's Doranda
- 22 – 26 : JCSA Online Meeting

March '21

Annual Budget Sessions:

(Rectors/Superiors/Directors of work & Treasurers must attend the Budget sessions)

- 01 : Simdega Zone in St. Mary's School, Samtoli
- 02 : Khunti Zone in Loyola School Khunti
- 06 : Gumla Zone in St. Ignatius School, Gumla
- 08 : Ranchi Zone in Manresa House, Ranchi
1) St Xavier's College Ranchi 2) St John's School 3) XISS 4) Manresa House 5) Satya Bharati 6) Catholic Press 7) Xavier Publication 8) Apostolic School Ranchi 9) Hoffmann Law Associates 10) Lok NetritwaNirman 11) Sadbhavna 12) LTC 13) ATC 14) Jeevandeep Pre-Novitiate
- 09 : Ranchi Zone in Manresa House, Ranchi
1) St Xavier's Doranda 2) Prabhat Tara 3) Saparom 4) Patrachauli 5) Kanke Parish 6) Tarunoday 7) Muri 8) Kishor Nagar 9) Ashirvad Novitiate 10) Jharna Spirituality Centre
- 15 : Assam Mission in Tejpur
- 16 – 27 : Visitation, Assam Mission

New Editor of Ranchi Bulletin:

Ranchi Jesuits sincerely thank Fr. Camil Kerketta, the Editor of Ranchi Bulletin who efficiently published Ranchi Bulletin and made it available for them every month.

Fr. Provincial appoints **Fr. Medard Xalxo as the new Editor of Ranchi Bulletin** with effect from February 2021. He also appoints Fr. Ajay Soreng as assistant editor of Ranchi Bulletin. Kindly send all the articles/information of your communities in **the email of the Editor – medardsj@gmail.com**.

Ranchi Jesuits wish all the best to Fr. Medard and Fr. Ajay.



A Committee for Ignatian Year Celebration

1. Fr. Sylverius Chermako (Coordinator)
2. Fr. Medard Xalxo
3. Fr. Ignatius Lakra
4. Fr. Michael Kerketta
5. Fr. Edwin Dang

Annual Budget:

The financial year 2020-21 is coming to an end and very soon we will begin new financial year 2021-22.

On behalf of Finance Commission, Province Treasurer requests you to prepare annual budget meticulously for your Community/Institution/Work/Parish/Commission for FY 2021-22 and submit it to the Province Treasurer's office latest by 20th February 2021.

It is highly recommended that you use the format introduced earlier and you have to submit a copy of your budget in forms, hard copy as well as soft copy.

Editorial Board of RANCHI JESUITS: Year Book 2021

1. Fr. Sanjay Kerketta (Chief Editor)
2. Fr. Francis David Kullu (Assistant Editor)
3. Fr. Ajay Soreng
4. Fr. Medard Xalxo
5. Fr. Francis Minj
6. Fr. Edwin Ritesh Dungdung
7. Fr. Edwin Dang
8. Sch. Ajay Paulus Minj
9. Fr. Alexius Tirkey



*“With Christ as the center of your life, you will never be disappointed.”
- Pope Francis*

STATUS OF SCHOLASTICS 2021**I Year: COLLEGE STUDIES**

S.N.	NAME	SUBJECT	PLACE
1	Benojit Nazari	English	Mangalore
2	Amit Barla	Biology	Ahmedabad
3	Thomas Purty	Physics	Ahmedabad
4	Shashi S. Dhanwar	English	SJC, Darjeeling
5	Joseph P. Toppo	English	SJC, Darjeeling
6	Damian Barla	Geography	SXC, Ranchi
7	Ashwin Tigga	Geography	SXC, Ranchi
8	Rasal P. Xess	English	SXC, Ranchi
9	Ashwin Kindo	Economics	Loyola Chennai
10	Oswald Ekka	History	Loyola Chennai
11	Rohit Toppo	Economics	Loyola Chennai

SPECIAL STUDIES:FIRST YEAR

S.N.	NAME	SUBJECT	PLACE
1	Sukesh Kerketta	TTC	Sitagarha
2	Arpan Bara	TTC	Sitagarha
3	Br. Florence Purty	TTC	Sitagarha
4	John Fisher Osga	M. Sc. Zoology	Pune University
5	Irenius Beck	M.A. English	Pune University
6	Ravindra Ekka	M.A. Sociology	Pune University
7	Sameer Kerketta	M. Sc. Maths	Loyola Chennai
8	Erencius Minj	M. Sc. Maths	Loyola Chennai
9	Johny S. Dungdung	M. Sc. Computer Sc.	Loyola Chennai

I Year: PHILOSOPHY

S.N.	NAME	PLACE
1	Rohit R. Kujur	SN Chennai
2	Arvind Barla	SN Chennai
3	Mouris Hemrom	SN Chennai
4	Praveen Kullu	SN Chennai
5	Joseph K. Soreng	SN Chennai
6	Rohit Kullu	SN Chennai
7	Rajen Minj	JDV Pune
8	Praveen Minj	JDV Pune
9	Alok Soreng	JDV Pune
10	Robin Minj	JDV Pune
11	Nitish Ekka	JDV Pune
12	Kanchan Minj	JDV Pune
13	Ritesh Dadul	JDV Pune

I Year: REGENCY

S.N.	NAME	PLACE
1	James Ekka	St. John's H. School, Dorea
2	Zacharias Surin	Nepal
3	Benjamine Guria	Balipara
4	Albert Beng	Loyola High School, Khunti
5	Amrit Toppo	Minor Seminary, Ranchi
6	Saban Xalxo	St. Mary's English Medium, Samtoli
7	Nitin Bilung	St. Mary's H. School, Samtoli
8	Jyoti Bhushan Soreng	St. John's H. School, Ranchi, Assistant Hostel Prefect
9	Wilson Lakra	Delhi
10	Paulus Dungdung	Delhi
11	Ravi Sushil Kindo	St. Xavier's School, Bundu
12	Hemant Kujur	Manasbansbari

II Year: REGENCY

S.N.	NAME	PLACE
1	Francis Tirkey	Apostolic School, Gumla
2	Henry Kullu	Jeevan Deep, Namkum
3	Ashish Kujur	St. Ignatius Highs School, Gumla
4	Patras Topno	St. Xavier's School, Doranda
5	John Fabian Ekka	St. Stanislaus' H. School, Patratoli, Lohardaga
6	Sunil Lakra	Bombay
7	Gabriel Soreng	Apostolic School, Samtoli
8	Priyatam Lakra	Japan
9	Vinay Kujur	Kishor Nagar

I Year: THEOLOGY

S.N.	NAME	PLACE
1	Simon Horo	RTC, Tarunoday
2	Ruben Xalxo	RTC, Tarunoday
3	Wilson Kandulna	RTC, Tarunoday
4	Ajay Paulus Minj	RTC, Tarunoday
5	Sameer Ekka	RTC, Tarunoday

DEACONS

S.N.	NAME	DIACONATE MINISTRY
1	Libin Kerketta	Catholic Church, Jharain
2	Sandeep Kujur	Xavier Sadan, Balipara
3	Johny Kujur	Catholic Church, Soso
4	Nirmal Minj	Catholic Church, Tongo

NEWLY ORDAINED PRIESTS

S.N.	NAME	PASTORAL MINISTRY
1	Fr. Bimal Minj	Catholic Church, Rengarh
2	Fr. Subodh Lakra	Catholic Church, Noadih
3	Fr. Bimal Nag	Catholic Church, Bardih
4	Fr. Ajit Kerketta	Catholic Church, Sarwada
5	Fr. Claver Minj	Catholic Church, Sogra
6	Fr. Rohit Kujur	Prabhat Tara, Dhurwa
7	Fr. Elphiz Minj	Catholic Church, Bingaon
8	Fr. Samir Bhawnra	Catholic Church, Patrachauli.

POST TERTIANSHIP PASTORAL MINISTRY w.e.f. February 5, 2021

S.N.	NAME	PASTORAL MINISTRY
1	Fr. Ashok Kumar Sandil	Catholic Church, Prothrapur, Port Blair, Andamans
2	Fr. Suman Prabhat Toppo	Catholic Church, Ram Nagar, Andamans
3	Fr. Anand Amar Beck	Catholic Church, Kathalguri, Assam

Fr. Ajit Kumar Xess, S.J.
Provincial



Fr. Medard Xalxo, S.J.
PCF

ASHIRVAD-JHARNA COMMUNITY

After bidding farewell to the year 2020 by burning effigy, we entered into the New Year with new enthusiasm, joy and happiness. The month was packed with many programs and activities in order to make this year a successful and vibrant one. The Beadle, together with the house leaders organized a community picnic so that we could share our joy and happiness with each other, refresh and lighten our minds and hearts from daily fatigue and thus to begin a new life with new hope.

On January 1, 2021, after light breakfast at 8:30 A.M., we left for the picnic spot called the BHAGATOLI, about 20 Kms in the east of the Ashirvad Novitiate. All of us were very excited to go for a picnic on our bicycles because we had no chance whatsoever to ride bicycles since the pandemic Covid-19 put its steps in the country. Due to over excitement regarding this, some of the novices got even confused about the rightful choice of the picnic spots. Each one was looking for the best site possible. The Picnic Spot was finally decided by our socius, Fr. Jyoti Paul Baxla SJ. The departure was slightly delayed as two of our brothers, NS Rohit P Kerketta and Ambros Toppo, had to come back from Doranda Parish where, together with the sisters of the "Queen of the Apostles" they led the choir at the New Year Eucharistic celebration. They come back to the novitiate around 9:30 A.M. and immediately left for the place. Varieties of menu had been prepared. The food items were delicious to the satisfaction of everyone. While coming back we visited the house of Miss Josphine Tigga, who is one of our cooks. We were very much impressed by such a warm and cheerful welcome by her family members. They offered us water and soft drinks in order to quench our thirst. We had a wonderful time chatting with them and remained there almost one hour. It was already the Sun was down and soon the darkness fell. When we reached the novitiate it was 6:45 P.M. All of

us enjoyed the day thoroughly, not only because of the picnic but because our desire for riding bicycles was fulfilled. And above all one last and the most important program which none of us would have thought to let go unnoticed. That was cultural dance. All of us enjoyed dancing in the Badminton court till 10 o'clock.

The change of the new office holders for the six months was announced on 31st December 2020 but we started our office- work from 04th January 2021. Fr. Master had gone to attend the Priestly ordination of two of our Jesuit Deacons, namely, Claber Minj SJ and Elfiz Kerketta SJ at Kereng Parish (Gumla). On 9th January 2021, at 10:10 A.M., 10 Novices went for the house blessing at Barkumba village. The new house belongs to Mr. Rajesh Linda and Mrs. Emmiliani Toppo. We conducted the choir during the Holy Mass. It was a good opportunity for us to experience through this pastoral ministry. On 12th January Fr. Jyoti P. Baxla SJ went to Noadih (Gumla) to participate in the First Thanksgiving Mass of Fr. Rohit SJ and Fr. Bimal Minj SJ and came back on 13th January. On 15th January 2021, NS Suman S. Oreya went for the Hospital experiment to ORCHID. The next Day Fr. Master and Fr. Socius with seven Novices went to Majhatoli (Gumla) for priestly Ordination of Fr. Subodh Lakra SJ. That same day NS Shailesh Xalxo went for the Hospital experiment to the ORCHID. In the second week Fr. Edwin went to Sitagarha for giving retreat to the Ursuline sisters and came back on the first day of the third week. Meanwhile Fr. Superior and Fr. Minister were busy in giving courses on Ignatian Spirituality and Religious Life to 17 sisters belonging to various Congregations.. On 19th January 2021, we all the Novices went to witness to the Final Profession of Fr Suman at ATC Namkum and we came back around 3:00 P.M.

After 20th January we the novices were busy in dance practice for the preparation of the birthday of our Socius, Fr. Jyoti P. Baxla and celebrated his birthday on 25th January 2021 in a big way. We had grand celebration in the Novitiate. We began the day with the solemn Mass presided over by birthday baby Fr. Jyoti Paul Baxla SJ. And to make that birthday memorable we had organized a short cultural programme at 9:30 A.M. There were only few programmes but they were quite hilarious and entertaining. Fr. Superior, Fr. Master and Fr. Prabodh Bilung were present there to see the programmes. Just after the cultural programme there was a vigorous Volleyball Match between team A (Xavier and Arrupe) and team B (Lievens and Kostka) Team A was badly defeated by team B. Fr. Master played from team A and Fr. Socius from team B. In the evening there was a wishing programme in the Jharna refectory and after supper we watched movie as a conclusion to our birthday celebration. On 26th January we celebrated 72th Republic Day of India. The first half we spent time

in watching programmes of the RAJ PATH and in the afternoon we followed the usual routine.

The month of January was busy due to some important activities and programmes. These gave an ample of opportunities to train and form ourselves for the future mission. Thank God that all of us are fine.

NS. Jay Ekka, SJ

XISS COMMUNITY

First of all, wish you all a very happy New Year 2021! Jesuit Community of XISS had a very meaningful celebration of Christmas and New Year 2021. During this Christmas break, we had as our guests – Fr Vinod Sushil Soreng, SJ and Fr Thomas Barla, SJ who added joy in our celebrations. Fr John Berchmans Dungdung continued to be with us until Jan 17, 2021. Thanks for being with us dear brothers.

After Christmas and New Year break, the institute reopened our classes from January 4, 2021. The staff members resumed offices/duties from that day, however the faculties continued taking classes from home. Fr Joseph Marianus Kujur, SJ offered his valuable time and services to the Daughters of St Anne's Generalate, Loadih, Ranchi from January 5, 2021 to January 12, 2021 in their business sessions of the General Chapter. Last year he assisted them as a guide and counsellor in their General Chapter (Election).

After the reopening of the Institute, we had a series of meetings at various levels in preparation for the Annual Convocation scheduled on January 16, 2021. Thanks to Jesuit Management, Faculty and staff members who planned out the program and executed them in an highly efficient manner. The result was very encouraging as XISS held its 59th Annual Convocation in a virtual mode for the first time in its history due to the ongoing Covid-19 Pandemic. Honorable Chief Minister of Jharkhand, Shree Hemant Soren, by being physically present, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest of the day, while the president of XISS, Fr Provincial Ajit Kumar Xess, SJ was virtually present. On this great day, virtually through Youtube live – streaming, thousands of parents, students and well wishers witnessed to the convocation ceremony of Post Graduate Diploma in various specialization programs being conferred to 304 students of XISS, batch 2018-20. What was remarkable in this batch of graduating students was that the girls have beaten the boys bagging all the medals, merits and awards in all the streams. It was indeed a new experience and new possibility of having annual convocation in a virtual mode. The event was a great success and was widely appreciated by all.

With the massive inoculation drive of Covid-19 vaccines in the country, there seems to be courage

and confidence gaining among the people. Students specially are very eager to come back to campuses. This seemed quite obvious when more than 200 students and faculty and staff members enthusiastically gathered in the institute for the 72nd Republic Day Celebration. Fr Joseph Marianus Kujur, SJ, hoisted the national flag and gave a very insightful message to the gathering on the occasion. This time the students of Financial Management took lead and organized a short but beautiful program to mark the republic day 2021.

Fr. Francis David Kullu, SJ

ST. STANISLAUS LOHARDAGA

The New Year 2021 was well begun by all the community members, co-workers and inmates of our campus with renewed zeal and vigor. Offline as well as online classes for 10th standard students were resumed from January 4, 2021. Now the school is conducting classes for 10th standard students only from 9 A.M. to 3.00 P.M. For the rest of the students the online classes are given regularly.

On January 5, 2021, two of the community members, Fr. Sushil Tirkey, SJ and Sch. John Fabianus Ekka, SJ witnessed the ordination of Fr. Elphiz Kerketta, SJ and Fr. Claber Minj, SJ in St. Joseph's Church, Kereng. On January 7, 2021, the community members celebrated the birthday of Fr. Philemon Ekka, SJ, the Headmaster of the School. On this day, Fr. Philemon presided over the holy Mass in the morning. Fr. Sushil expressed his thankfulness and deep sense of gratitude to Fr. Philemon before the celebration. All wished him a very happy birthday. On January 12, 2021, Fr. Philemon Ekka, SJ and Sch John took part in the ordination of Fr Bimal Minj, SJ and Fr Rohit Kujur, SJ in the Catholic Church of Noadih.

On January 13, 2021, the school teaching and non-teaching staff members had gone for a picnic to a nearby place called Gurgama. It was a wonderful time for all of them to cherish and strengthen their bond of love, companionship and togetherness. From January 15, 2021 onwards the school has begun conducting exams for the students. Teachers have sent questions to the students through WhatsApp. All the students have been told to submit their answer sheets in the school office latest by February 16, 2021. On January 16, 2021, Fr Sushil and Fr Ignatius Xalxo, SJ represented the community in the ordination of Fr Subodh Lakra SJ in Majhatoli Parish.

All the community members are enjoying good health except Fr Dharamsheel Kujur, SJ who was feeling physically weak due to dehydration and urinal infection from January 17, 2021 onwards. So he was immediately admitted in the Ursula Hospital, Lohardaga on January

19, 2021. He was kept in the hospital for 9 days for the medical treatment and care. He was discharged on January 28, 2021 from the Ursula Hospital and on the same day he was shifted to the Manresa House Infirmary, Ranchi for rest.

Fr. Sushil Tirkey, SJ and his team from AROUSE, Lohardaga Unit, had gone to AROUSE Gumla to attend four-days Training for the Trainers Program from January 22 to 25, 2021. The AROUSE Lohardaga Unit has been constantly keeping contact with the Lokmunch, Self Help Groups, Mahila Mandal and Out-reach study centres for the poorer and drop-out students.

Sch. John Fabianus Ekka, SJ

ST. XAVIER'S DORANDA

After Christmas and winter vacations we all came back to our normal routine. Once again the community and institution started this New Year 2021 with full energy and enthusiasm. We resumed our online classes from 4th Jan, 2021. Now the teachers started to take their online classes from school itself with the available WIFI. Finally we got some students in the school campus after 9 months as classes X and XII boys and girls made their entry for offline classes with full gusto following all the pandemic protocol. The ICSE Schools of Ranchi zone organized a workshop on 'Decoding NEP 2020 on School Education' on January 16, 2021 which was successfully hosted by St. Xavier's school. Fr Tony Raj SJ (JAM) was the resource person who beautifully explained the NEP in a nutshell. He also gave a critical analysis of the document with its implications to our school system. More than seventy Principals and teachers of different ICSE and few JAC schools benefitted from this workshop. In a simple manner the Republic Day was celebrated together with teaching and non-teaching staff. Being the chief guest, Fr. Henry Barla sj hoisted the national flag. Apart from renovations more academic activities are running rigorously now in the campus. The students of classes X and XII are writing their Selection Tests prior to the Board Examination. The teachers are covering the last portions for Final Term Examination during online classes and they are correcting the Unit Test copies after the online classes.

Sch. Patras Tapno, SJ

NORTH INDIA MISSION

ST. XAVIER'S BHIWADI

Community: We are all enjoying good health in the community. We welcomed the New Year 2021 with joy and all of us joined the parish youth for a memorable Lunch- party of the New Year. We offered a special Mass on 21st January to pray for Fr Stan Swamy SJ

who is still in judicial custody and also remembered all human rights defenders. Fr Glenn keeps the community updated with the upcoming programs with regular community meetings and prayer. Schs Prakash and Paul Mickey left for their respective study houses on 13th Jan. Their stay added more life and joy to our community.

School: The school was full of life with Rajasthan Government's order i.e. to reopen the educational institutions. The students of classes 9-12 enthusiastically began their offline classes in the campus from 18th Jan. Fr Sangeeth ensured the strict adherence of the SOPs instructions. Students were divided into Odd – Even-number groups for attending classes. They were full of life and joy to be back in school. In addition to that, academic activities got their momentum with students present in the classrooms. We celebrated the 72nd Republic Day on 26th in the school and the Principal hoisted the National Flag commending our deep reverence, prayer and respect. On 29th and 30th Jan, group photographs were taken with the staff and students of class 11 and 12.

The construction work of an additional block to school is in progress. We hold in high esteem, the efforts made by Fr Glenn to steer through hardships in order to seek permission for the new block from the Society and BIDA office for the past three years. Further, he meticulously monitors the G+3 work in progress. Further other community members to take time to move in and see the work and seek updates from the construction team. Fr Glenn's efforts are on to seek permission for G+5 which he is well-determined to get so. His prayers to Black Madonna are bearing much fruits.

Maria Sadan: The Jesuit candidates grew to be more enthusiastic in studies and activities as their offline classes commenced from Jan 18 in the school. Their study atmosphere and performances had a positive shift as they began to go to school. Fr Amalraj A. helped them in their studies and spiritual life closely. He also provides enough freedom with responsibility to use their personal time creatively in day- today life. A one-day outing was arranged for them on 17th January in Gurgaon city. It was a time of relaxation for them, since they remained indoors for a long time. For games, they go to school ground and play football along with director and Sch Nithish, the regent. Currently they are revising their lessons and getting ready for final exams.

Parish: Sunday Mass is going on without any hindrance with all SOPS instructions being adhered to. There was a short program organized on 1st Jan, for the Parish youth on the occasion of the New Year. Schs Prakash and Paul coordinated the lively program which attracted more than 30 youngsters. Fr Sebastian, the Parish Priest is quite positive in the pastoral ministry and has

plans to resume parish activities in the church in the near future.

Sch. Nitish Ekka, SJ

ST. XAVIER'S MAHWA, RAJASTHAN

School: The month of January 2021 was a symbol of hope, zeal and vigour for St. Xavier's School Mahwa as all have started preparing for the new session along with the regular online classes. The staff had a zoom meeting on 7th of January on leadership with Fr Principal. It was regarding new admission process in the school. It was decided that we visit the families in our surrounding areas distributing the pamphlets and informing about the CBSE affiliation and the starting of the admission process in the school. On 20st of January some of our teachers along with Fr Jugal had gone to Jaipur to attend a day's training program organized by the Diocese. The following day most of our teachers came to the school by noon to go to the villages to canvass for the school. The dedication of the teachers is admirable. We had the flag hoisting ceremony on the occasion of our Republic Day following the guidelines of Corona time. Miss Komal Godwara, the Sarpanch of Gahnoli Panchayat was the chief guest of the program. The repairing of the school building has started.

Community: It was a joyous moment for us to join Nevta Community for the New Year celebration on the 1st of January. Fr. Jugal joined the Community on 6th of January after attending his mother's burial and other ceremonies in Jharkhand. A recollection was organized in Mahwa for the Scholastics residing in C-Scheme Jaipur, Nevta and Mahwa from 13th evening to 14th Noon. Thanks to Fr Dayal who guided the Scholastics and provided with the spiritual nourishment and inspired to follow our master Jesus Christ more closely. As the recollection was over we had a fellowship meal in Mahwa community in which, mostly all the Jesuits from C-Scheme and Nevta participated.

Sch. Ruben Kalxo, SJ

SANJEEVAN NIWAS, VIJAYWADA

The year 2020 was the year of uncertainty for the entire world due to pandemic. The world entered into a new phase battling against the Covid – 19, living the new normal life this New Year, 2021. We the Sanjeevan community too started off a new phase with hope, zest and determination to continue our academic sojourn. On 1st January, we organized a basketball match for ourselves to refresh our energy and to unleash our stressful minds. On 13th January, the blessings and joy of the Sanjeevan community doubled as the Provincial of Andhra Province, Fr Stanislaus SJ had the annual

visitation of our community from 13th to 16th January 2021. Our manifestation of conscience, his presence and interaction became a source of grace to all our community members.

We had community days from 14th to 16th. During these days we watched films, had fun games and sports such as cricket, volleyball and basketball matches which helped us to cherish our togetherness. During these days, Andhra scholastics met Fr Provincial personally for the manifestation of conscience and the scholastics from different provinces met him in common, which helped everyone to reflect deeply about our holistic growth in prayer and academic life. On 17th we went to Loyola Public School for a picnic. We were warmly welcomed and accommodated in the boy's hostel. We were guided by the coaches of the L.P.S school for a basketball and volleyball match. Swimming pool had the great attraction and the best part of our enjoyment of our picnic and we had unlimited fun together. We thanked Fr Uvari Antony SJ, the Principal of L.P.S and the community that welcomed us joyfully to his community for a day and sch Narendra whose serviceable nature made our day a memorable one in L.P.S. On 18th, the 1st year engineering students had the inauguration program in the college. Our scholastics Anil Nag and Noel Ekka began their offline classes from 18 January onwards, similarly the offline classes for the 2nd year and the online I led – Mid semester for the 1st year was from 20 to 23. On 20 Jan. the ALC community building was illuminated with lights and decorations on the joyful occasion of Fr Koipuram's 93rd birthday. On the same day we had Holy Mass in the evening together in the ALC chapel followed by a delicious meal. On 21st Sanjeevan community was blessed to celebrate the birthday of Sch Anil Nag. Presently, all the Sanjeevan scholastics are hitting their desks very hard and gearing up for the upcoming semester examination.

Sch. Samir Turkey, SJ

ASSAM MISSION

JESUIT BHAVAN AND GANA CHETNA SAMAJ, TEZPUR

Visitors: Fr. Henry Barla SJ came from Ranchi to our community on January 06, 2021 and stayed with us for a couple of days and visited his relatives in Okha. Fr Alexander SJ and his driver Mr. John arrived on January 08, 2021 to attend the new Church blessing of St. Loyola Church, Kathalguri scheduled for January 10, 2021. Fr. Rozario Mosahari SJ came to our community on January 17, 2021 and attended his online class of B.Ed studies and left for home visit on January 25, 2021. Fr. Nazarius SDB came to meet us on January 22, 2021 evening and at our request had his supper with us and

went to pastoral centre for his night stay. Sr. Nirmala from Palizi came on January 23 and stayed overnight and on the following morning left for her destination. On January 29, 2021 Fr. Praveen SJ along with two Sisters from Palizi, Arunachal came at night, had their supper and stayed overnight and went back to their respective places on the following day after breakfast.

Back to community: Fr. Thomas Barla SJ came back from home visit on January 02, 2021 and resumed his office from January 05, 2021 while Fr. Pius came back on January 08, 2021 after attending a number of programs such as "gami Mass" at Gumla on December 27, 2020, marriage blessing at Kereng on December 28, 2020, thanksgiving Mass at home on December 30, 2020, Ordination ceremony of Fr. Elphiz Kerketta SJ, Fr. Claber Minj SJ and Fr. Amrit Ekka at Kereng on January 05, 2021 and first thanksgiving Mass of Fr. Elphiz Kerketta SJ at home in Kereng village on January 06, 2021.

Church blessing: Newly built Church at Loyola campus, Kathalguri was blessed on January 10, 2021 by His Lordship Bp. Thomas Pulloppillil DD, Bishop of Bongaigaon Diocese. Holy Mass started with an entrance dance and in front of the entrance door of the church, the members of the pastoral council handed over the key of the newly built Church to Bp. Thomas Pulloppillil DD and cutting of the ribbon was done by Fr. Pius Xalxo SJ. It was followed by opening of the entrance door by the Bishop and solemn entry of the faithful in the Church. Blessing ceremony took place in the presence of 16 concelebrating priests, a few Brothers, a good number of nuns and more than four thousand laity. For such an occasion, newly built Church failed to contain them all. Fr. Pradeep Kullu SJ did the commendable job of M.C and directed the participants to maintain the sanctity of the place. Bishop Thomas in his homily highlighted the importance of the altar, the Crucifix and the lectern used in any newly built church. He said that altar becomes a holy place after anointing and therefore, a priest bows his head before it and on this altar bread and wine is transformed into the body and blood of Christ. Crucifix behind the altar hanging on the wall reminds us of Jesus' life sacrificed for others and invites all the faithful to offer their lives for the benefit and service of the humanity. Lectern serves as an important place for reading out the words of God to the faithful. After the homily, altar was anointed with holy oil and got sanctified for offering of the holy sacrifice.

After the Holy Mass, a short felicitation program was presented in the tent prepared for this purpose. It was marked by prayer dance, cultural dance, honouring of the guests with shawls and Assamese gamosas. A short

history of the Catholic Church was presented by the Secretary of the Parish council and Bishop Thomas Pulloppillil, Fr. Pius Xalxo SJ and Fr. Xavier Lakra SJ were invited for the message of the day. It was followed by dinner prepared for all the participants. Congratulations to Fr. Pradeep Kullu, Superior, Fr. Kamal Chandra Bage, Parish Priest, Fr. James Peter, Fr. Rakesh, Sr. Alice, Superior and all the SCJM Sisters and laity for meticulous planning and execution which made the day of the Church blessing a great success and a memorable one. Praise the Lord!

Ordination: Ordination of Dn Bonomy Soreng, Tezpur Diocese was held on January 24, 2021 at Divine Mercy Retreat centre, Rangapara, Tezpur. He was ordained a priest by His Lordship Michael Akasius Toppo, DD, Tezpur Diocese. It was attended by not less than 50 priests, Brothers, nuns and the faithful. Soon after the Mass a short felicitation was held comprising of prayer dance, Adivasi dance, honouring of guests with Assamese gamos. Beloved Bishop and newly ordained priest were invited to address the gathering. It was followed by dinner prepared for the occasion. Fr. Cyril and Fr. Pius from Jesuit Bhavan, Fr. Elvius from Balipara and Fr. Theodore, Fr. John Berchmans, Fr. Anand and Fr. Ajay from SXC, Sonabheel took part in the ordination ceremony. Another ordination, that of Dn Jeremeush Guria, Tezpur Diocese was held on January 31, 2021 in the Cathedral. Bishop Michael Akasius Toppo DD presided over the Holy Mass and ordained Dn Jeremeush Guria a priest. Celebration saw restricted number of faithful, priests, Brothers and religious. Soon after the Mass, a short felicitation was held in the courtyard of the Cathedral Church. It was followed by dinner in the Bishops house.

Celebration: On the feast day of St. Angela Mericci, we visited and wished the Sisters of Ursuline Provincialate, Gotlong a very happy feast and had high tea. In the evening on the invitation of Sr. Clara OSU, Sr. Olive OSU and Sr. Marcella OSU, we went to SXC, Sonabheel where they are residing to celebrate the feast of St. Angela Mericci. We had first the prayer service led by Sr. Clara followed by dinner. Sr. Clara welcomed us all for the festive dinner and invited Fr. Pius to say the grace. We all enjoyed the food prepared for the occasion. Fr. Xavier said the thanksgiving prayer and we left for our respective communities.

DBSTI community of the Salesians celebrated an anticipated feast of Saint Don Bosco on January 30, 2021 in the evening. Fr. Pius, Fr. Cyril, Fr. Xavier and Fr. Erenius took part in this ceremony. It was marked by the Holy Mass presided over by Bishop Michael Akasius Toppo DD, Tezpur who gave an inspiring

homily. All the participants were served festive dinner to be enjoyed by all.

Meeting: Xavier Sadan community, Balipara invited Jesuit Bhavan community and SXC, Sonabheel to have a meeting concerning the ordination of Dn Martin Tuti, Itanagar scheduled for February 07, 2021. Fr. Benedict presided over the meeting who invited Fr. Elvius Kerketta to give details of the program. After listening to the details of program, opinions and suggestions came from the participants. Before the supper, all the newcomers in the persons of Fr. Erenius Toppo SJ, Principal of SXC, Sr. Stella and Sr. Marcel were welcomed with Assamese gamosa and outgoing members in the persons of Sr. Priti and Fr. Robert Pradeep Kujur SJ were also honoured with Assame gamosa. Soon after this a dinner was served to all.

GCS under the Leadership of Fr. Thomas, Director, conducted a monthly review meeting with Instructors on January 29, 2021. Session began with lighting of the lamp followed by a short speech by Fr. Thomas and Fr. Pius. Soon after that booklet on "Child protection and Rights", Calendar and Annual report of Jana Chetana Samaj were released. Good amount of time was devoted for sharing on Study

Centre, Children's Club formation and Communication. With the meal, meeting came to an end.

AASAA began its meeting from January 30 -31 in the premise of GCS. In this meeting, an action plan was drawn for the days to come. Fr. Thomas along with his staff members made all the arrangements for accommodation and meeting. Congrats to you, Fr. Thomas!

Fr. Pius Xalxo, SJ

DIGLIPUR, ANDAMANS

The year 2021 and the month of January started with Holy Eucharist. Fr. Alex celebrated the Mass in the parish at 7.30 A.M., prior to that faithful Prayed Holy Rosary. On the other hand Fr. Roshan left for Laxmipur and Fr. David to Kalara for the same. P.P. had meeting with the faithful of Kalara and wanted to know their future plan for the village chapel and development of the people and to gather some important information.

On 2nd January onwards Parish Priest began special house visit and also to bless the Crib which is the tradition of Diglipur had just after Christmas. As it was well planned and informed to the faithful there were some people of the villages who guided and assisted him for the smooth running of the programme, though

it was not competed to whole of parish but the parish priest double purposes through this programme, to bless the crib and the people, to have census and to meet and know the people personally. Thanks to all the children and youth for their help. After some days Pastoral sisters too accompanied parish priest for house blessing. They visited all the families, spent sometimes with them sharing and listening to them. Faithful were receptive and had welcoming attitude and respect for fathers and sisters. Now slowly we come to know them, their background and economic status.

On 7th January 2021 Rev. Fr. V. Selvaraj, the Diocesan Administrator, Mr. M.V. Jose, the engineer, Fr. Gyan Prakash, Parish priest of Kalapahar and Bishop's house driver Mr. Sunil had flying visit to fathers and Diglipur parish. Thanks them for their visit.

SCC is given top most priority in the diocese of Port Blair and has become the means for the renewal of faithful in all the spheres of the life, consequently the members of Diocesan SCC team namely sisters Marita and Alma reached Diglipur this morning around 10.00 on 18th January. As programme was already set for a week, just after refreshment sisters left in two different groups. The programme consisted of house visit, sharing and listening to the faithful, short evaluation, meeting and ended with Holy Eucharist. Everyday two priests availed themselves for the celebration of Holy Mass which is the climax of the day and programme. This programme continued till 23rd January and 24th was reserved for seminar for animators and evaluation of the programme.

24th Jan was important day due to two things. First, every parish in the diocese inaugurated the year of St. Joseph and secondly Bible Sunday. Parish priest Fr. David was the main celebrant whereas Frs. Alex and Roshan concelebrated with him. In the beginning the statue of St. Joseph was carried by the main celebrant and was placed on the well decorated table followed by garlanding to show respect and reverence. Sr. Teresa pointed out some of the good qualities of the St. Joseph in her introduction. Children like angels led the Bible procession. Choir created a suitable atmosphere to pray well and devotionally. Holy Eucharist ended at 9.15 A.M. followed by seminar for animators. It started with a short prayer and innovation of Holy Spirit. Based on the Biblical passage (Lk. 10: 38-42) various groups discuss the matter and report was presented to the congregation, thereafter, Sr. Marita the diocesan team member of SCC elaborately explained and assisted the participants to come to a solid conclusion. She thanked parish priest, other fathers, sisters and the participants for their cooperation and help. On the other hand parish

priest too extended his sincere thanks to the members of diocesan team and participants. Thus seminar concluded with a short prayer and final blessing and very next day early morning on 25th team left for Port Blair. Parish extends its gratitude for their availability and guidance.

It was republic day and day began with flag hoisting at 7.00 A.M. followed by the celebration of Holy Eucharist. Fr. Alex, the manager of Loyola Academy, Diglipur hoisted the flag and delivered short and sweet speech. Fr. David was main celebrant during the Eucharist. A sizeable number of faithful witnessed the ceremony.

Fr. David Bara, SJ

FOREIGN MISSION

ARRUPE NIWAS, JHAPA, NEPAL

On the second day of year 2021, Fr Vijay Toppo S.J. (lovingly called Nepali) professed his Final Vows at the upper Chapel of Arrupe Niwas Jesuit Community. Many Congratulations to Fr Vijay Toppo S.J! The day was witnessed by Fathers from valley and Jhapa and Religious Sisters' Collaborators. The Holy Eucharist was presided by Fr Amrit Rai S.J., the Regional Superior as the main celebrant; Frs. Arul Selvam S.J. and Vijay Toppo S.J. were the concelebrants. Soon after the Mass, there was a special facilitation to Fr Vijay Toppo S.J. and followed by a sumptuous dinner. Fathers from Valley continued to stay with us and departed to Kathmandu on January 5, 2021. Their gracious presence made us joyful in the beginning of New Year.

On January 17, 2021 Fr Arul and Fr Boniface went to Biratnagar for the blessing of new convent of the Congregation of CJ sisters. Fr Arul went to Rajganj, India to meet scholastics and Pre-Novices at Matigarha on January 18, 2021. Father was back on January 20, 2021 and on the same day Fr Joman arrived from Kathmandu for the data collection for his study. On January 22, 2021 Fr Arul went to Kathmandu for the consult.

The school made a historic move to open physical classes for the students of classes VIII to XII from January 3, 2021 after nine months of classes online. For a week, students of classes VIII to X had twice a week classes but later on the following week they began regular classes along with students of VI and VII. The Higher Secondary has regular classes from the beginning.

Our mass centre had Family Day celebration on January 14, 2021. Fr Arul celebrated Mass for the faithful highlighting the importance of family life and becoming model family like family of Nazareth. There was picnic,

games and dances and all participated actively. Kudos to all youth who took initiative for organizing the 'Family Day' under the guidance of scholastics.

Sch. Wilson Kandulna, SJ

GUYANA

May the Lord bless us and be gracious to us and bring us peace throughout the year in 2021. The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, has given us the great message, to be the blessing for the world as she was.

Along with Sr. Sosan A. Kujur, OSU, Sr. Helena Soreng, OSU, Sr. Nishi S. Kujur, OSU and Sr. Crecencia Toppo, OSU, Fr. Amar Bage, SJ visited all six village communities in South Pakaraimas during Christmas and the New Year, administering the sacraments.

Never forget the deeds of the Lord. On 10th January, Fr. Elias Surin, SJ celebrated his 9th priestly Ordination Anniversary with his parishioners at St. Joseph's Catholic Church Kurukabaru, North Pakaraimas. Along with his Parish Lay Assistants, he made his pastoral tour to some of his village communities- St. Anthony of Padua Church Kato, Sacred Heart Church Itabac, St. Mary's Church Chiungmouth, St. Paul's Church Kamana and St. Theresa's Church Kopinang.

Your presence is our joy. On 19th January, on the occasion of the Birthday of Sr. Crecencia Toppo, OSU, St. Angela Merici House Karasabai was blessed by the presence of Fr. Ronald Fernandes, SJ, the Vicar General and Fr. Amar Bage, SJ from St. Ignatius Mission Lethem. Sr. Helena Soreng, OSU and Sr. Nishi S. Kujur, OSU prepared delicious Indian Cuisine.

The Guyana Council of Churches virtual Ecumenical Worship Service of Christian Unity was held on 24th January, on the theme-"Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit" (Jn 15:5-9).

On 27th January, the feast of St. Angela Merici, the founder of the Order of St. Ursula was celebrated in St. Angela House Karasabai and in Camp Street Georgetown.

His Lordship Bishop Francis Alleyne, OSB celebrated his 17th Anniversary on 30th January in Immaculate Conception Cathedral Brickdam, Georgetown.

Fr. Neil Sebastian Scantlebury (55) will be the new Bishop of the Diocese of Bridgetown, Barbados. His Episcopal Ordination is set on Wednesday March 17 at St. Patrick's Cathedral Bridgetown, Barbados, on the feast day of St. Patrick. He will become the first Barbadian to be ordained a Catholic Bishop.

Fr. Elias Surin, SJ

AMMAN (JORDAN)

For the latin rite, the Christmas and the New Year was on Fridays. The Corona cases were on sudden rise. On October 21, 2020 it was announced that Jordan is to undergo total curfew on Fridays for the rest of year. After a month it was relaxed for Friday noon-prayers only. Daily evening curfew was already there from 10 P.M. to 6 A.M. Those who could afford, their celebrations were kept private. Life has been very challenging for the common people.

The new latin Patriarch of Jerusalem H.B. Pierbattista Pizzabala, OFM was welcomed on 7th January for his two weeks' visit. After his appointment, it was his first pastoral and official visit as the head of the latin Church in the Holy Land. On 8th he received all the religious communities, parish delegates and others following the Covid-19 rules. On 9th he presided over the Holy Eucharistic celebration in the Baptism church commemorating the baptism of our Lord Jesus. It's close to the baptism site of Jesus on the river Jordan. Due to Covid-19 pandemic, for the first time there was no public attendance. Only some priests, religious, representative of other denominations and government delegates were permitted. Two of us were allowed from the Jesuit community to concelebrate for the same.

He had a virtual meeting with King Abdullah of Jordan. He is the custodian of the Islamic & Christian Holy sites in Jerusalem. The King praised Jordan's deep rooted ties with Pope Francis and the Holy See.

After a long wait, Covid-19 situation seemed to improve. Friday curfew was lifted on 13th. Night curfew was relaxed till 12 P.M. A big sigh of relief for many!

Fr. Bimal Kerketta, SJ

NEWS FROM PARIS, FRANCE

As we had already informed and Written in the previous newsletter about our Christmas holidays that this holiday time we visited our community fathers and brothers houses those who are from France. Peter had gone to Savoie with Sch Jonathan Dolidon S.J. to his house along with four other Scholastics. This zone is part of the Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes region of South-eastern France. Myself and companions had gone to two fathers' houses Auray, Lorient, Morbihan and Bretagne region of North-Western France. We were five in our group two fathers and three scholastics. We celebrated the New Year celebration in the regions and places we had gone for our holidays. We had very good experience of knowing the different culture, tradition, atmosphere and system present in the France. Peter and group were

back to the community on 2nd of January. We were back to the community on 3rd of January.

We began the new month of January as the days of giving thanks and sharing of love with one another by the solemn Holy Eucharistic celebration. On the 3rd and 4th January, a special prayer service was organized in each community of France. After the prayer service on 3rd and 4th January we had a community meeting. Fr Bruno Sanitot and Fr. Bertrand Heriard addressed the meeting in our own community encouraging that let us gather the power of God in order to take our life in a new direction. This word of encouragement really strengthened us interiorly and exteriorly.

As we are learning French language and the culture, we are fully committed to learn the French language at the moment. For this point of view we are deepening our awareness and patiently learning the language. We began our regular class in the new year on 4th January 2021. On 4th January Peter began his language classes as usual in the same school EFI (Ecole prive de Francais pour international). On 9th January he started another session in the morning hour with Mr. Arnauld MIOLLIS (FRANCE) who is the former Army retired. He has classes with Mr. Arnauld 3 days in a week, Sch. John Lepcha from Darjiling Province made an arrangement for him. He does his classes in his house. He is very kind and generous to help and guide him. He always thanks him and always shows his gratitude to Mr. Arnauld. Myself I continued to study in the Alliance Française for two weeks. After that on 17th January, I joined the other scholastics of first year the Communauté Saint- Pierre Favre Blomet for my Language Course. Madame Sophie Joesselis teaching us the French Language.

On 10th January we had a sharing or Feedback session about the Christmas preparation in our Living group. All of us shared and enriched one another. On 13th January we began our classes at Centre Sevres with Fr. Philip Endean "Introduction to Christian Theology". At the moment we are having one class in a week at Centre Sevres. However, we are putting our whole effort to learn the French language. On 17th January we had the four main resource persons who shared their mission experiences in four different living groups. They mainly work for the refugees of Paris and Haiti (CAN). Mr Max shared about the work and the challenges of Haiti and France.

On 22nd January we had Living group outing and sharing in the group. There are four groups, two groups went to different cities Normandie and Brutines and the rest two groups remained in the community. They came back to the community on 24th January with a friendly atmosphere.

It is sad to inform you that three communities of France are severally affected by the Covid-19 namely, Communauté Saint- pierre Favre Blomet- 1 member, Communauté Saint- Ignace Centre Sevres -7 membres and Communauté Saint-Francois Xavier Grenelle -27 members. It is very critical and difficult time for us. The government of France is going to declare the third Confinement (Lock-down) in month of February.

All these have enabled us to connect and motivate our intellectual, spiritual, social and vocation. Hence, we always quest to learn new things which are a great help for us at present and in the near future. This is how we are growing in the unity among the people and right relationship with God.

Sch. Sudhir Lakra, SJ

ITALY, ROME

International College of Gesu

The partial lockdown during the Christmas and New Year festivities forced the members of International College of Gesu to stay together and thus, helped to know one another more closely and to strengthen the community bond. On 3 January, the entire community participated actively in the solemn Holy Mass presided over by R.P. Superior General, Arturo Sosa, to celebrate the Holy Name of Jesus. Being the public holiday on the feast of Epiphany, the country was again kept under partial lockdown on 5-6 January. The feast of Epiphany signals the end of all festivities; and as usual, the regular classes resumed in Pontifical Gregorian University from 7 January. Abiding by the norms promulgated by the Government, all the classes were held online. After two weeks of classes, the Semester exams began from 25 January. Being at home during the festivities was extremely useful to the students to complete the assignments ahead of time. However, as soon as the classes resumed, the entire community atmosphere became quite as all started prepared themselves seriously for the exams. Before the start of the exams, the community members came together on Friday 15 January to evaluate various aspects of community as lived and practiced during the Covid- 19, namely, spiritual, academic, apostolic, and immensity of all-round growth amidst cultural and lingual diversity. All had the opportunity to listen to one another and share their experiences in small Living Groups. The Reports from each group were presented to the whole community on Friday 22 January, which opened up new ways and means to make community life more meaning and rich. The Community sang together the hymns of praise and gratitude to the Lord for protecting all the members from various types of evils and viruses during unforeseeable difficulties and uncertainties caused by Covid-19.

Collegio Roberto Bellarmino

After the recommencement of the regular Online classes in New Year from 7 January, the Academic and communitarian life seems to be moving with great momentum in Collegio Roberto Bellarmino, the community of Deepak and Kulwant. Although, the partial lockdown had provided them with the precious time of staying at home and dedicate their full time to study and research, more seriousness and silence dawned on the general community life as the First Semester exams approached. Deepak will concluded his exams on 4 February; however, he will use the one-week of Semester Break to prepare himself to begin the Second Semester with renewed spirit from 15 February. All through the lockdown period, Bellarmino Community seemed to be in a special disposition to receive the graces and gifts, however during exams period, Covid-19 quietly entered into the community though one of its members. Since all were staying at home almost all the time, the community life and activities were not affected, except that all had to undergo Covid Test. Amidst the exam period, there was a common birthday celebration in the community on 27 January. Four books were released to mark the day – 2 in Italian, one each in Spanish and Portuguese – written by Bellarmino Jesuits. The event was to celebrate the achievements on the academic field and also to inspire and encourage one another to publish more books and articles, which in an integral part of the academic life.

Kulwant has completed the required number of courses to enroll himself to the Doctoral studies. He has already prepared the focal argument of his proposed thesis, which needs to be elaborated and developed with serious studies and research. Along with his Doctoral studies, he is also working on the beatification of the Servant of God Herman Rasschaert, whose life, work and mission need to be studied carefully. He rightly planned to use the time at his disposal to go to Ranchi for study and research combining his visit with a family function. After having RT-PCR test in his hand, he left for Ranchi on 7 January. His old Roman companions Ravi Hemant and Edwin Dang warmly received him amidst them. He spent 14 days in Quarantine in Ashirvad under the care of Edwin Dang. After participating in the family function on 25 January, he plans to visit Gerda and adjacent areas for further study and research on Rasschaert's life and mission. He will come back to Rome on 21 February Pontifical Gregorian University

Gregorian Community stayed at home, by and large, during the Christmas and New Year festivities because of the partial lockdown and restrictions imposed by the Government to move from one Region to the other. So far, by God's grace and mutual collaboration, all the community members remained safe and healthy. After the Feast of Epiphany, the regular classes were resumed from 7 January. Because of the Online

classes, the University bears a deserted look, although a few students regularly come to the Library.

After two weeks of classes, the First Semester exams began from 25 January. Most of the Professors have opted to conduct Online exams; however, a few of them have opted for physical presence of the students. The automatic machines have already been installed at the entrance to measure the temperature of each one who decided to enter the University. All other precautionary measures are being carefully followed to keep safe and healthy. After one week of Semester break, the Second Semester classes will begin from 15 February with no more holidays until the Easter. During the exam period, Linus is evaluating the written papers for the semester examination. On 18 February, he will start the Second Semester with 2 courses. Meanwhile, he has also been working on the Dossier (Position) on the Servant of God Constant Lievens, S.J. The first two Chapters of Dossier are officially approved by the Relator. Now he is asked to update the historical context of Belgium at the time of Lievens' childhood. To his great surprise, he found that all documents of the Parish Moorslede were destroyed during the First World War, and so he will have to use supportive sources for the purpose. Earnest prayers are requested from the faithful for the speedy beatification of the Servant of God.

Fr. Prem Kalra, SJ

Hearty Congratulations !!!

Hearty Cogratulations to our 7 Deacons who were ordained priests in the month of January 2021:

1) Fr. Claber Minj, SJ, village Sonatoli, ordained priest on 5 January 2021 at St Joseph's Church, Kereng, Dt. Gumla. His motto was "By His grace I am what I am." (1Cor. 15, 10).



2) Fr. Elphiz Kerketta, SJ, was ordained priest also on 5 January 2021 at St Joseph's Church, Kereng, Gumla, village Kereng: His motto was: "The Lord called me from the womb; from the body of my mother he named my name." (Is.49, 1).



3) Fr. Rohit Kujur, SJ, village Shekhpur, was ordained priest on 12 January 2021, at the Holy family Church, Noadih. His motto was: "I have called you by name." (Is.43,1)



4) Fr. Bimal Minj, SJ, village Harsari Karamtoli, was ordained priest also on 12 January 2021, at the Holy Family Church, Noadih. His motto was: "You did not choose me, but I chose you." (Jn.15, 16).



5) Fr. Subodh Lakra, SJ, village Noagarh Bhandartoli, on 16 January, 2021, at St Ignatius Church, Majhatoli. His motto was: "I thank God every time I remember you." (Phil. 1, 3).



6) Fr. Ajit Kerketta, SJ, village Pushppur Samtoli, was ordained priest on 31 January 2021, at St. Anne's Cathedral, Samtoli. His motto was: "I am whatever I am by the grace of God." (1 Cor. 15, 10)



7) Fr. Bimal Nag, SJ, village Bichagutu Marnghada, was ordained priest on 31 January 2021, at the Sacred Heart Church, Marnaghada, and Dt. Khunti. His Motto was: I am whatever I am by the grace of God." (1 Cor. 15, 10).



dedicated his life fully and completely in the service of Jesus and his people. St. Peter the ordinary person, but chosen by God to take up great responsibility of shepherding God's People.

A Jesuit is a sinner but also called and loved by God. St. Teresa said she is like a broken pencil. God continually sharpens it to make it a mediator.

In the Gospel of today St Peter caught no fish though he toiled the whole night. Jesus told him to throw the net into the deep. He threw it and caught 153 fish – a wonder to him. Peter was expert in fishing, perhaps knew fishing better than Jesus. Yet he obeyed Jesus. He was rewarded bountifully. Today we are to learn to obey God and religious authorities. Miracle is hidden in obedience.

Fr. Jay Soreng, SJ

LET US REMEMBER THE DEAR DEPARTED

1. Fr. Ambrose Augustine, S.J. (PAT 87/58) went to the abode of Eternal Rest, Joy and Peace on 16 January 2021.
2. Fr Ronald Victor Menezes S.J. (KAR) 48/26, twelve years as a priest passed away on 14th January, at Pratiksha, Bengaluru.
3. Fr Maxim Crasta S.J. (GUJ), 54/33 went to eternal rest on 19 January at Baroda, Gujrat.
4. Fr. Anthony A. D'Souza, S.J. (BOM) 94/77, passed away in Mumbai On January 27, 2021.
5. Fr. Lancelot Pereira SJ (BOM) 90/71 passed away on Thursday afternoon of Jan 28, 2021 in Mumbai.
6. Mr. Remis Dungdung , 84 years of age, grandfather of Sch. Rohit D Dungdung, expired on 11/12/2020 in Tirra Jamtoli village.
7. Mr. Peter Ekka, 67 years of age, younger brother of Fr. John Ekka, SJ, expired on 23/01/2021 in Tangarbansli village.
8. Br. Stephen Kerketta, SJ (75/57), expired on 30/01/2021 in Samford Hospital, Ranchi.
9. Mrs Calista Xess, 91 Years, mother of Br. Blacius Tigga, SJ and elder sister of late Br. Angelus Xess, SJ expired on 21.12. 2020 in Paharsada.
10. Paulina Minj, 80 Years, expired on 04.02.2021 at home in Tunjtoli, Majhatoli Parish.
11. Mr. Raphael Pradhan, 51 Years, Senior Development Officer, Ranchi Province expired on 04. 02. 2021 in Ranchi.

FINAL VOWS OF FR. SUMAN BECK, SJ



The final vows ceremony of Fr. Suman Beck, SJ, was held on 19 January 2021 at the Agricultural Training Centre, Namkum, Ranchi. Fr. Provincial Ajit Kr Xess, SJ received his vows

with obedience to the Pope. Present were a few of his family members among whom his mother in prominence, about 25 Jesuits from different communities and some local faithful. The novices led a melodious choir.

In his homily Fr. Provincial described the person of Suman as a person of prayer, dedicated to the apostolate, open in character and kind at heart. Imbibing the spirit of Isaiah: "I am what I am by the grace of God..." He did his spirituality studies from Rome and is practicing what he studied for the AMDG. After a long preparation, prayer and reflection he has arrived at this date for the final yes into the service of the Lord.

Sts. Paul and Peter are the model and example. St. Paul confessed he was the least among the apostles. But Jesus loved him and called him. And he thereafter

BIRTHDAYS

FEBRUARY

- 02 Kerketta Rakesh
 03 Tigga Blacius
 04 Kacchap Johnson
 05 Beck John Anuranjan
 Kerketta Cherobin
 Dhanwar S. Samir
 Nazari Benojit
 06 Ekka Anup Arvind
 09 Kujur Ranjit
 10 Kujur Robert Pradeep
 11 Kujur Rohit Roshan
 Minj Anuj
 12 Kujur Ignatius
 13 Dungdung Paulus
 14 Kujur Johny
 Kujur Ravi Hemant
 15 Ekka Sameer
 16 Toppo Deepak
 Lakra Amit Juel
 19 Xalxo Ruben
 21 Tirkey Suresh John
 22 Kerketta Bimal
 Tigga Ashwin
 23 Tete Isaac
 Ekka Alok
 24 Horo Emmanuel
 Kerketta Edward
 Kullu Pradeep
 Kujur Amit
 25 Lakra Subodh
 27 Minj Kanchan
 Soreng Sumit
 29 Dungdung James W.



MARCH

- 01 Ba'a Roshan
 05 Kujur Frederick
 Xess Ravi Bhushan
 06 Lakra Ranjit Walter
 Lakra Pryatam
 Beng Albert
 07 Kindo Alexius
 Minj Celestine
 09 Lakra Sudhir
 10 Kerketta Rohit Paul
 Kujur Habil
 11 Kullu Anil
 12 Lakra Suman
 14 K.C. Philip
 16 Dungdung Christopher
 Tirkey John
 17 Barla Henry
 19 Horo Sibil Joseph
 Soreng Jaywant
 20 Nag Bimal
 Soreng Wilson
 21 Lakra Benedict
 Beck Anand Amar
 23 Bilung Brice
 24 Kullu Ranjit
 25 Soreng George
 27 Tete Nicholas
 29 Kiro Benedict
 Bhanwra, Samir
 30 Bilung Tej Kumar

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