

RANCHI BULLETIN



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FR. PROVINCIAL'S PROGRAMME

NOVEMBER 2020

- 05 Nov : Governing Body, St. Xavier's College Ranchi
- 10 Nov : Governing Body, Meeting XISS, Ranchi
- 12 Nov : General Body, XISS
- 20-21 Nov : Province Consult
- 22 Nov : St. Ignatius School, Gumla
- 23 Nov : Governing Body, AROUSE, Gumla
- 27 Nov : Final Vows of Fr. Mahendra P. Tigga SJ in Manresa House

APPOINTMENTS BY FR. GENERAL

1. Fr Agnelo Mascarenhas, SJ (GOA) : Provincial of Pune Province.
2. Fr. Fabien Gasigwa SJ : Regional Superior, Rwanda-Burundi Region
3. Fr. José de Pablo SJ (ESP) : Vice Ecclesiastical Assistant, (CLC)

APPOINTMENTS BY FR. POSA

1. Fr Paul D'Souza (GUJ) : Acting Superior ISI-Delhi Jesuit Community.
2. Fr Siji Chacko (PAT) : Coordinator of Conference Secretaries.

APPOINTMENTS BY FR. PROVINCIAL

1. Fr. Dominic Topno : Spiritual Director Apostolic School, Samtoli
2. Fr. Justin Kandulna : Hostel Prefect, Loyola Training Center, Ranchi
3. Fr. Amrit Lakra : Editor, Nishkalanka (Additional)

FORTHCOMING PROGRAMMES

2020-2021

FINAL VOWS

- 1. Fr. Mahendra Peter Tigga SJ: **27th November 2020** in Manresa House Ranchi
- 2. Fr. Sylverius Chermako SJ: **08th December 2020** in Jharna-Ashirvad Namkum

ORDINATIONS IN THE PROVINCE

- 1. Dcn Claber Minj & Dcn Elphiz Kerketta: **05 January 2021** in Catholic Church Kereng
- 2. Dcn Rohit Kujur & Dcn Bimal Minj : **12 January 2021** in Catholic Church Noadih
- 3. Dcn Subodh Lakra: **16 January 2021** in Catholic Church Majhatoli
- 4. Dcn Ajit Kerketta : **31 January 2021** in St. Anne’s Cathedral Samtoli
- 5. Dcn Bimal Nag: **31 January 2021** in Catholic Church Maranghada
- 6. Dcn Samir Xavier Bhawnra: **07 February 2021** in Catholic Church Dhingurpani



ST. XAVIER’S, MAHWA

School: The month of October was a great blessing for us. On the one hand online classes were on as usual while cleaning of the campus, septic tank etc. under the leadership of Fr. Administrator and Principal on the other. Yes, the classes were not held but offices and other important rooms were fumigated regularly, since our supporting staffs have started reporting regularly.

26th of this month would be a red-letter day in the annals of St. Xavier’s Mahwa; for on this day the School got affiliated to CBSE. We are grateful to God and also to many people especially Fr. Kishor (Jaipur Diocese), Mr. James Barrey, Mr. Elvino and Mr. Hemant (Behror).

The relaxation given by the Honourable High Court of Rajasthan had helped the School to collect some fees. This is going to help us further financially in the payment of the staff and the maintenance work. St. Xavier’s C-Scheme has generously donated a few cycle stands and a wheel barrow cart. Gratias!

The Local Governing Body (Local Community) has decided to discontinue with the security services (NISA Security Services) and to employ another company for the security purpose. The scrutiny is on.

Community: On 21st, late in the evening, Fr. Jugal received the news from his family that his Brother in-law (Oldest) was very serious and was rushed to the Hospitals in Ranchi. So Jugal went home on 22nd to be with his sister and family. While he is there he will meet his ailing aged Mother as well. Kindly pray for all his family.

After experiencing the bumper crop of Mustard last year it was decided to cultivate the same in the plot that was unused for many years. We have also planted a lot of vegetables.

Sch. Sasi is kept on his tool with online classes and assignment. On 26th we had an unusual visitor in the person of IG Biju G. Jose (Surveillance) in the evening who spent some time with us and moved on to Karauli. Our cook, Mr. Joseph who was quarantined within the campus has resumed his duty.

Ruben Kalxo, SJ

ST. XAVIER’S BHIWADI

Community: In the community all of us are enjoying good health by the grace of God. We attended an international webinar on ‘Systems of Education Around the Globe - A Critical appraisal’, organized by St. Ignatius College of Education and St. Xavier’s college (Autonomous), Palayamkottai. The eminent speakers were from different parts of the world. They presented the education systems of their own countries. It was a series of meaningful sessions to get adequate knowledge about the education systems of other countries. We are all aware of the unjust implication and arrest of Fr. Stan Swamy SJ, our friend and brother, which has shaken not only Jesuits but also the people of our country who uphold justice and harmony. Fr Glenn brought greater awareness about the Jesuits with various activities in the community. We offered a special Mass for Fr. Stan and we continue to remember him in our daily prayers. On 8th October, Fr Amalraj had joined a zoom session with Fr General along with all vocation promoters of universal society which he treated as a blessing and grace in the work of vocation promotion.

School: In the school lots of academic activities have taken place. Events like virtual Gandhi Jayanti and other virtual activities were conducted. The answer sheets of Half Yearly Exam were collected and evaluated in due time. All the parents were very cooperative to come personally and submit the answer sheets according to the allotted days and timing. On 16th our school Coordinating Committee under the guidance of Fr Sangeeth had organized a webinar on NEP 2020. Fr. John Ravi SJ was the chief speaker of the session.

He elaborately shared his views on the topic and made us understand the various facets of the new policy. He evoked many more responses from all participants.

Parish: We resumed the Sunday Mass in Bhiwadi parish with the limited people, adhering to all safety conditions. Fr Sebastian is currently into plans of carrying out the parish activities in an organized way, in order to ensure safe participation of the faithful.

Maria Sadan: All the candidates were busy in attending online classes. Fr. Amalraj constantly helped them in their academics as well as spiritual life. Sch. Nitish too availed himself by taking a few classes regarding discipline and study methods. In order to give an exposure to our candidates we had a short visit to Dharuheda Parish with all precautions in groups. We spent some time with Fr. Mathew in that safe environment. It was an inspiring moment to be with him and to see his mission over there.

Sch. Nitish Ekka, SJ

JESUIT BHAVAN AND GANA CHETANA SAMAJ, TEZPUR

Meeting: On October 08, 2020 a combined meeting of three communities of Jesuit Bhavan, Tezpur, SXC, Sonabheel and Xavier Sadan, Balilpara was held at Balilpara to discuss and discern the "Implementation of UAPs" which was circulated by Ranchi Curia. It was presided over by Fr. Pius Xalxo and Fr. Anand did the work of secretary. Right in the beginning, each of us was given an opportunity to share ones impression and response to the letter of Fr. General addressed to the whole Society. It was followed by discussion and discernment on the "Implementation of UAPs". Mutual sharing, discussion and discernment were quite enlightening and fruit bearing. We feel confident that this exercise of ours will not go in vain but get translated into action.

Celebration: On October 08, 2020, Xavier Sadan, Balipara community invited us to celebrate the birthday of Fr. Suresh Aind. Due to the meeting, we failed to conduct a prayer service for him but did not fail to wish him happy birthday and God's blessing. A short prayer was said by Fr. Elvius Kerketta who invited birthday baby to cut the cake. Food prepared for the occasion was enjoyed by all.

Another birthday on October 16, 2020 was celebrated at Jesuit Bhavan, Tezpur as well as at SXC, Sonabheel. It was the birthday of the Fr. Xavier Lakra. As SXC Junior section was converted into quarantine centre, Fr. Xavier

was away from the community for not less than four and half months lest he would be affected by COVID-19. Celebration in SXC started with a prayer service for the birthday baby which offered an opportunity to offer our prayers for him. It was followed by sumptuous dinner. The Dinner as well as the presence of one another was quite enriching and life boosting.

Distribution of relief materials: Gana Chetana Samaj under the leadership of Fr. Thomas is still doing the service to the needy people by distributing the relief materials. The details of the same are as follows:

Sl No.	Name of the village	No. of household benefitted	Date	Materials
1.	Sonapur, Alubari, Vjaynagar2 and Bijaynagar	106	06. 10. 2020	Rice 10 Kg. & Dal 1 Kg.
2.	D a k h i n Khila	30	09. 10. 2020	Rice 10 Kg. & Dal 1 Kg.
*	Total	136		Rice 1360 kgs. & Dal 136 kgs

Auditing: With the arrival of Mr. Sunil and Mr. Ashish from Ranchi on October 15, 2020, the auditing work started from October 16 for all the centres of Assam Mission. According to the allotted date for auditing, the treasures of the respective centres came in their turn at the Curia office, Tezpur and got their accounts audited. Auditing successfully got over on Oct. 22, 2020 and the auditors left for Ranchi on the following day. Fr. Cyril dropped them at the Guwahati airport. Dear treasurers, congratulations for doing a commendable job. We are very thankful to Mr. Sunil and Mr. Ashish for availing themselves for auditing in the pandemic situation and helping the treasurers with their suggestions to keep the accounts up to date.

Guests: Jesuit Bhavan was blessed with the presence of a good number of guests from near and far on different dates in the month of October. Fr. Praveen SJ KHM, Sr. Veronica and Sr. Lily from Palezi on 13th, Fr. Rajesh Kullu SJ from Manas Bansbari on 16th, Fr. Thomas D'Silva from Mushalpur on 17th, Fr. Pradeep SJ, Fr. Kamal Chandra SJ and Fr. Rosario SJ from Kathalguri and Fr. Laurentus SJ from Manas Bansbari on

18th, Fr. Alois SJ and Fr. Telesphore SJ from Pengaree on 19th, Scholastic Francis SJ, KHM from Palezi on 24th, Fr. Mathew Das and Miss Ladia from Bijni on 26th and Mrs. Catherina and Mrs. Sushila from Delhi came and were joyfully accommodated in Jesuit Bhavan. Thanks and congratulations to Fr. Thomas who made a very good arrangement for their stay and took care of their needs.

Recollection: Monthly recollection for the Priests and Brothers working in Tezpur zone was held on Oct. 28, 2020 in the evening at 5.30 P.M. in Bishop's house, Tezpur. Fr. Varghese vc gave us the recollection points stressing on seeking the divine assistance than human help in the midst of difficulties. He gave the example of Hannah, a childless wife of Elkanah in the Bible who in her distress rose and presented herself before the Lord and was blessed with a son, named, Samuel. She acknowledged that her son Samuel was a gift from God and therefore, she offered him back to God. He invited us to have the attitude and disposition of Hannah and reach God for his assistance. All the gifts and blessings that come to us are from God and they should go back to God. He further invited us to pray for the church which is being attacked from all fronts so that it may be a better church tomorrow. Talk was followed by personal prayer and confession. Recollection was concluded with the adoration of Eucharistic Lord. Fr. Clement, the Priest of the Cathedral thanked Fr. Varghese vc for his inspiring talk and invited all of us for supper at Bishop's house. After having our supper we left for our communities.

Welcome: New members for Assam Mission in the persons of Fr. Ajay Prakash Minj SJ and Fr. Rakesh Kerketta SJ visited Jesuit Bhavan on October 20, 2020 who were welcomed by Fr. Pius SJ with the Assamese gamosa and wished them both best wishes during the lunch time in the presence of other Jesuits working in Assam Mission and Gana Chetana Samaj staff members. With their induction the present strength of Assam Mission is 24 and their presence will surely make a great difference in all respects.

Fr. Pius Xalxo, SJ

FOREIGN MISSION

ARRUPE NIWAS, JHAPA, NEPAL

Although the peak of Covid-virus spread in Kathmandu and in Jhapa is high and moving out is bit precarious, Fr Amrit Rai, the Regional Superior came to Arrupe Niwas community for his official visitation and brought ray of hope, joy and blessings to each member of the community on

October 3, 2020. He stayed for three days meeting each Jesuit of the community and our Sisters' Collaborator. Father offered Sunday Holy Mass for Deonia faithful and met the youth of this mass centre and motivated them with his interaction. He also met some of the families who support us in our mission.

The update about the school is that from October 13 to 21, 2020 the First Online Cycle Test for classes 2 to 10 was conducted successfully with 97% attendance before the Dasera Holiday. It was a new exploration and a new venture and both teachers and students were quite excited conducting and writing exams online. However, some parents requested for physically written exams for their children at school and the management made available for them. Now, after the holidays, the online classes are resumed with new class time table by increasing more class hours.

On October 23, 2020 there was one day Catholic Youth Prayer gathering at Deonia. There were total 37 youth from Deonia, Bhutabari, Telgani who took active part in this one day prayer service organized by Regents and two Catholic teachers of our school.

Four Fathers from St Xavier's School, Jawalakhel visited us with their Dasera vacation tour to Jhapa and stayed for three days. Meeting and seeing one another after long months' gap due to the pandemic lockdown brought more delight and happiness to the community.

Sch. Wilson Kandulna SJ

GUYANA

On the first day of the month, the month of mother Mary, Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church Hosororo, Mabaruma, gathered together at the Shrine for the Rosary Prayer. The feast of St. Teresa of Child Jesus, the patron saint for Catholic Church Kopinang and St. Teresa Catholic Church Karasabai was celebrated on 1st October.

His Lordship Bishop Francis Alleyne, OSB has appointed Seminarian Bro. Joseph Uchenna, the Diocesan Youth Coordinator and Ms. Roxanne Douglas, the Parish Director of St. Paul's Parish at Helena, Mahaica, Unity, Dantzig and Mahaicony.

On 11th October, Fr. Elias Surin, SJ celebrated the Holy Eucharist in St. Teresa Catholic Church Karasabai. Thanks a lot dear Sr. Helena Soreng, OSU and Sr. CrecenciaToppo, OSU for your missionary zeal and enthusiasm, accompanying Fr. Elias Surin, SJ on the rough terrain by ATV (All Terrain Vehicle) on his way to St. Joseph's

Mission Kurukabaru, North Pakaraima Mountains. Every village community on the way, they stayed overnight and celebrated the Holy Eucharist with the faithful. On 15th October, the feast day of St. Teresa of Avila was celebrated in Yurongparu and special prayers were offered for the Carmelites.

On 21st October, the occasion of the feast of St. Ursula, the patroness saint of Ursuline Sisters, Fr. Ronald Fernandes, SJ presided over the Holy Eucharist in St. Angela Merici House Karasabai. The presence of Fr. Anugrah Amar Bage, SJ, Fr. Edwin Anthony, SJ and Fr. Ronald Fernandes, SJ doubled their joy.

Ordination to the Diaconate of Dayne S. Malcolm, SJ was conferred by the Most Rev. Michael C. Barber, SJ. Bishop of Oakland on Saturday 24th October. On this auspicious occasion Scholastics Joel Thompson, SJ and Carl Ricardo, SJ were present.

On 29th October, the virtual meeting was arranged by Fr. Edwin Anthony, SJ for all the priests, nuns and quality bilingual education programme teachers to promote the indigenous languages, namely Wapichan, Macushi and Patamona in our catechism in the interior mission of Guyana. Fr. Ron Mc Donald, the Consolata Missionaries in Brazil was the resource person.

St. Robert Bellarmine's Catholic Church Aishalton, the first convent for Ursuline Sisters of Tildonk in the interior of Guyana, was blessed by the short and sweet visit of our Ursuline Sisters – Sr. Helena Soreng, Sr. Sosan Anima Kujur, Sr. Nishi S. Kujur and Sr. Crecencia Toppo on 30th October. Fr. Poulouse Vellakada, SJ the Parish Priest warmly welcomed them.

Fr. Elias Surin SJ

AMMAN (JORDAN)

The month of October was a blessing to be continued for me. Why do I say this? I was lucky to escape the hotel quarantine of full fourteen days directly allotted by the government soon after the arrival. One had to pay \$160 dollars or more per day for the hotel charge. One can imagine the total amount for an Indian? The daily lifestyle is expensive and the money value is higher than the Euro. After the

completion of hotel quarantine another eight days of home quarantine was mandatory. I took this opportunity to go through my annual spiritual exercises.

Jordan is an Islamic nation with four percent of Christians i.e. Latin, Greek, Syrian, Chaldeans, Copts and various evangelical groups. The

total population of Jordan is estimated at ten million (one crore). On 24th October Pierbattista Pizzabala, ofm was promoted from an Administrator to a newly appointed Patriarch to the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem (Cyprus, Israel, Jordan and Palestine). It is the Catholic Episcopal See of Jerusalem officially seated in the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. It was originally established in 1099. Hence, in the Latin rite of Eucharistic prayers in Jordan after the Pope, we have to pray for the Latin Patriarch and then for the Bishop.

Due to Covid 19 precautions, like other countries here also online classes are being held for the students. There was a sudden rise in affected cases in mid-October. Hence, every Friday and Saturday was declared a complete lockdown. People follow the rule strictly. In the month of November it might be observed only on Friday. Night curfews are already there every day from 10 pm to 6 am. Many of our apostolic works are closed till further notice from the Government. The situation doesn't seem positive.

Fr. Bimal Kr. Kerketta, SJ

NEWS FROM ROME

After three months of a long summer holidays the International community of Collegio del Gesù began its normal time table from the month of October. For the Academic Year 2020-2021, the Gesù Community has 56 members comprising of 10 Staff members and 46 Scholastic from 29 different countries. Thus, the Community, as a house of ecclesiastical formation and of theological studies, creates a real international atmosphere with its diverse nationalities, languages, cultures, and traditions. Moreover, the Community offers many opportunities for one's own learning and growth through various community activities and apostolates.

Sch. Kuldeep Linda and Sch. Sandeep B. Bage arrived in Rome by Air France on 3 October via Paris along with Fr. Deepak Toppo and two Ursuline sisters Shanti Sabina Samad and Prabha Topno. Praise the Lord! They were indeed lucky to reach Rome in such a situation of uncertainties and difficulties. Their Lufthansa flight was cancelled just one day prior to their departure from Ranchi. Thanks to R.P. Provincial Ajit Kr. Xess who decided immediately to book the tickets in Air France, by which they flew to Rome. After their arrival in Rome, Air France too suspended its flights from Delhi to Paris. Nirmal was extremely happy to receive Sandeep and Kuldeep in the community of Gesù. Since all five of them had Covid-19 Test in the Airport itself with negative result, both of

them were incorporated in the Community on the same day and cordially invited to participate in all the activities of the Community. After one-day rest, they started their online classes from 5 October. Right from the beginning Sandeep and Kuldeep were enthusiastic and energetic in the Community and in the academic field as well. They gradually began to adapt themselves to the new culture, new situation, and new life style. In fact, their process of learning Italian which they began in Jharna, Namkum under the guidance of Fr. Edwin Dang was of great help once they joined the Community. The impact of their hard work was seen in the Community through their readiness and fluency in expressing themselves in Italian language.

Unlike the previous years, the Community organized the Orientation Program in two phases because many of the new comers were unable to arrive on the expected dates due to the uncertain situation created by Covid-19. First Community Orientation Program was held for two days on 1 – 2 October in Gesù itself and the second, too, for two days on 17 – 18 October in Rocca di Papa, one of the hilly cities situated on the outskirts of Rome. This place is one of the Spirituality Centers run by the Sisters. The integration of four fold aspect of the formation, viz., spiritual, intellectual, community spirit and apostolate was emphasized in the Orientation Program. On 18 October, Gesù Community organized a cultural evening to celebrate the successful conclusion of the Orientation Program. Under the leadership of Nirmal, Kuldeep and Sandeep, the South Asian Scholastics mesmerized the whole Community with a tribal dance on the rhythm of Mandar.

The academic life and didactic activities in Gregorian University began on 5 October. The first week classes were held fully online to let the students acclimatize themselves with the new mode of teaching and learning using Moodle Platform. From the second week onwards, the students were allowed to come to the University for the classes according to the Roll Numbers – one week for the students with odd Roll Numbers, and the following week for those with the even Roll Numbers. For the students, who could not be present physically in the classroom, the same lectures were simultaneously made accessible online. The new mode of teaching-learning was totally new and enriching experience for both the students and the Professors. Unfortunately, to contain the second wave of Covid-19 cases, the Federal Government issued a new Decree directing all Superior of Schools and Institutions offering higher studies to conduct 100% online classes. As per the preparations for the Diaconate Ordination, Ad Audiendas classes for the Third

Year Scholastics were held on 24 and 31 October each for three hours. Meantime, Gregorian University has also scheduled dates and times for the obligatory Italian test for the new students from the second week of November. Although both Sandeep and Kuldeep have made sufficient efforts to learn and practice Italian, they are leaving not a single stone unturned to pass the test. Nirmal also gave them some guidance to face the test with full confidence.

Deepak and Kulwant are keeping fine in Collegio San Roberto Bellarmino. Deepak on his arrival in the Community was immediately put in 14 days of strict quarantine. The Jesuits of South Asia in Bellarmino took turn to reach him breakfast, lunch and supper in his room. At present, he has started his regular classes and is slowly getting familiarized with Roman life style. Kulwant successfully finished his licentiate from the faculty of Canon Law of Pontifical Gregorian University. He got Magna Cum Laude in all the exams of ScholaTextus (Code of Canon Law). Under the guidance of Fr. Marcelo Gidi SJ, he elaborated his Licentiate Thesis and was awarded Summa Cum Laude. According to the new destination received from R.P. Provincial, Ajit K. Xess, and approved by R.P. Delegate, his next step is to start the doctorate in the Faculty of Canon Law in Gregorian University. He has already enrolled himself for the doctoral study in Canon Law. Before submitting his argument, he is attending few classes *Cursus ad doctoratum* in the University.

The traditional Inaugural Holy Mass was celebrated in the Church of St. Ignatius on Monday 5 October. To maintain the social distancing, only a few representatives from the students' body and teaching as well as non-teaching staff were invited to be physically present in the Church; all the others were invited to follow the Holy Mass on YouTube. Despite unfathomable difficulties and uncertainties in physical movements from one place to the other, the number of enrollments of the new students in different Faculties and Institutes almost maintained the number of the previous years. However, the biggest and acute challenge was to accommodate all the students in different didactic activities. During the summer break, the non-teaching staff worked overtime to plan out the seating arrangements to maintain the social distancing. The class rooms and staircases were signaled with red and green stickers to indicate where to sit and how to move about in the University. The classrooms were upgraded with new monitors and video cameras to ensure smooth running of the didactic activities both for those present in the classrooms as well as for those following the lectures from the distance. The first week of the classes were offered online

for all the students so that they could understand and put into practice the intricacies of the new system of teaching and learning. After one week of online classes for all, a new system with odd-even Roll Number was introduced successfully to facilitate the active participation of the students in the didactic activities.

Since all the public events were suspended, the Inauguration of Joint Diploma in Integral Ecology for the Academic Year was held online on 29 October. Only 6 students were allowed to be physically present for the event – three students from the previous batch to share their experiences and the other three students to receive Diploma on behalf of all the other students. His Eminence Card. Peter Turkson, Patron of the Joint Diploma, encouraged the students in his message to put into practice in their daily life whatever they had learnt. R.P. Mauro Mantovani SDB, President of the Conference of Rectors, challenged the students in his message to be founts of hope and inspiration amidst despair caused by Covid-19. Joint Diploma in Integral Ecology is an inter-University project coordinated by Prem Xalxo. Amidst busy schedule, Linus Kujur is keeping fine. Besides normal classes, one of his responsibilities to write the position (dossier) of the Servant of God, Father Constant Lievens, S.J. Normally he works on it during holidays. This year the Jesuit Curia would like to remember Father Lievens in a special way. Please visit the website of the Jesuit Curia; <https://www.jesuits.org/>

Fr. Prem Xalxo, SJ

‘FEEL GOOD 1990’ NOVITIATE BATCH’

The Novitiate Batch 1990 comprising of Frs. Manoj Ekka, Thomas Barla, Kamal Bage, Sibil Horo, Sikander Kerketta, Manohar Khoya, Pradeep Kerketta, Vinod Soreng and Ignatius Lakra had a Virtual meeting on Nov. 7, 2020 at 8:30 PM with a theme ‘Virtual-Spiritual Secrets 2020. Fr. Vinod Soreng hosted this synergy from Chennai so efficiently. The meeting began with a short prayer. Every member shared in turns the life and works on this digital platform. All of us felt this pandemic brought a lot of fear, anxiety, panicky and uncertainty. With a rapid and massive spread of virus and deaths the desolations were lurking on many of us. The fear of ‘other’ was so much in the community that some of us were taking care of our plates and cups so carefully and keeping them safe in our own rooms. However these challenges availed a galaxy of opportunities to spend time meaningfully. We had a time for the renewal of

our spiritual base. It had been an occasion to spend more precious time for oneself, in prayers, Recollection, Retreat and personal reading. We felt closer more to oneself and to God. Some even rediscovered latent talents in their late 40s such as music, games fishing etc. This pandemic and lockdown compelled us to adopt ‘new normal life’ more positively. The dynamics of health consciousness were better realized with physical exercises and diet. The guidelines of lockdown were more positively integrated with the idea of stay safe and make others safe with social distancing, using masks and frequent washing. The life became more digital with a capacity to reach more and faster. The online platform got a prominent mode for most of the activities. The situation pushed us to learn and to manage the digital technology creatively. Now we feel much satisfied that the works are not hampered in spite of bad times. Again many of us were very much part and the humanitarian endeavours in these difficult days. We would happily recall that we were part of this pandemic history with meaningful involvement. Finally the meeting ended with a sincere gratitude to the Society and to ‘Feel Good 1990.’ Two Fathers could not be present due to unavoidable reasons. Thanks to Fr Manoj who concluded the meeting with a beautiful prayer.

Fr. Ignatius Lakra SJ



REST IN PEACE

1. **Fr. Joachim Dungdung, SJ, (RAN) 73/58**, passed away on 19th Oct 2020 at Constant Lievens Hospital Mandar.
2. **Br. Jeyaraj Annaviar, SJ, (MDU 78/57)** passed away at 04.00 hrs today (Tuesday, 3 Nov 2020) at St. Joseph Hospital, Dindigul.
3. **Fr. G. Valles Carlo, SJ, 95/79**, belonged to Gujarat Province and later transcribed to Spain, passed away on 9th Nov in Madrid.
4. **Mr. Dominic Sinduria, 65 Years**, father of Sch. Valentine Sinduria passed away on 30th Oct 2020 at Ursula Hospital Konbir Noatoli.
5. **Mrs. Sibiria Kujur**, mother of Fr. Ravi Hemant Kujur SJ and Sch. Ashish Kujur SJ passed away on 8th Nov 2020 at Aragate Hospital.
6. **Ms. Martha Barla, 70 Years**, who served our sick and aged in MH Infirmiry for many years died of old age in Konhratoli on 4th Nov 2020.

OBITUARY**FR JOACHIM DUNGUNG SJ****(1947 - 2020)**

His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy servant; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." (Mt. 25:21) Jesus, the Lord and Eternal Master's consoling words seem to have come true in Fr. Joachim Dungdung whose sudden demise due to massive cardiac arrest on Monday morning of 19 October 2020 in Constant Lievens Hospital and Research Centre, Mandar shocked and saddened us all. Until previous Saturday, he had been busy in his office and conducting meetings with his Team members to plan out for the forthcoming programmes as the Editor of Nishkalanka (Hindi Magazine) and the Coordinator of Ranchi Archdiocese Marriage Encounter.



Fr. Joachim Dungdung was born on July 4, 1947 in a devout Christian family in a remote village of Salangapos. The deep-seated desire to study and become someone worthwhile eventually won the confidence of his poor parents who initially objected his wish and wanted him to stay at home and give them his helping hands. That is why Joachim started his schooling only at the age of thirteen. But then onwards there was no turning back! Having completed his High School in St. Ignatius' Gumla and Inter College in St. Xavier's Ranchi, he entered the Jesuit Novitiate at St. Stanislaus College Sitagarha as a Novice in 1972. After two years of formation in the Novitiate, he took his first Vows in the Society of Jesus. Having completed his long period of formation, he was ordained a priest in St. Mary's Church Samtoli, Simdega on 30th April 1984 and pronounced his Final Vows on 8th September 1995.

Fr. Joachim was fondly called "Maina" - a common bird, by his peer group because of his simplicity. He maintained his character of simplicity like a Maina till the end of his life. He had no guile. As

a student he was average in his studies, but very hard-working and studious. Once he decided to do any work, he never left it undone. He was also a very good sportsman. Perhaps this is one of the reasons why he developed closed affinity towards late Fr Van Nuffel SJ, his Headmaster and Mentor. He wrote a book, "Chahumukhi Pratibha ke dhani" – on the life of Fr. Van Nuffel, S.J. in gratitude of all he had been to him.

He made use of his God-given talents for the benefit of others, especially the poor and the needy. One of the challenging undertakings he took up was to do something for preservation and enhancement of the Kharia culture. As a Scholastic he started making serious study on the subject. During summer vacations he could take some time out to visit the Kharia villagers and listen to the people and noted down the findings in his interviews. In the later years he made use of them in his writings: Kharia Jeevan aur Pramprayan (1999), Surli Kapli Kontang (Kharia Poem 2011), Chotanagpur ke Pahari Sabar Kharia (2013), Kharia, Munda aur Oraon Sanskriti ka Tulnatmak Adhyayan (2015) – his research book. Besides, there are two collections of hymnals in his credit: Prabhuwa' Sonhor (1998) & Missa Darom ro Senel (2006). Another feature he had in his life was his passionate love for Mother Mary. As CLC Director he organized the Marian Procession in all the Parishes of the Archdiocese and inculcated the devotion of Our Lady. Later he wrote a number of articles and published in Nishkalanka, the Hindi Catholic Magazine propagating the devotion to Our Lady.

He never sought for a comfort, position or prestige. He enjoyed whatever works were entrusted to him. He put his whole efforts in the service of the people. A happy, friendly, inspirer, guide, thinker, writer and good Jesuit priest Joachim was, he touched the lives of the people he came in contact with. Three priests and two Sisters from his family, no doubt, looked up to him as a source of inspiration. May the gracious Lord reward His trustworthy servant with life eternal in His Kingdom.

Fr. Clement Kullu SJ

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