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FR PROVINCIAL'S PROGRAM

March

- 04/03 : Handing over all financial responsibilities to the new Bursor of SXC, Ranchi
- 05/03 : Off to Pune – visitation of DNC Scholastics
- 06/03 : Visitation of our Scholastics in DNC, Pune
- 07/03 : Brothers' meeting with Rev. Fr. General at Pune
- : Leaving for Goa
- 08/03 : Holy Mass with Brothers in Bom Jesu, Goa
- 09/03 : Back to Ranchi
- 11/03 : Budget session: Gumla zone 9.00 a.m. to 12.00
- 13/03 : Budget session: Simdega zone 9:00 a.m to 12.00
- 15/03 : Budget session: Khunti zone 9:00 a.m. to 12.00
- 18/03 : Budget session: Ranchi zone 9.00 a.m. to 12.00
- 19/03 : Off to Assam
- 20/03 : Budget Sessions for Assam Mission
- 21/03 : Back to Ranchi
- 30/03 : PROVINCE CONSULT at 4:00 p.m.

SCHOLSTICS STATUS – 2019

I. YEAR THEOLOGY

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| 1. | Sch. Sinduria Valentine | RTC Kanke |
| 2. | Sch. Alok Toppo | RTC Kanke |
| 3. | Sch. Lazarus Basumatary | RTC Kanke |
| 4. | Sch. Kuldeep Ba'a | RTC Kanke |
| 5. | Sch. Pramod Bara | RTC Kanke |
| 6. | Sch. Gabriel Tigga | RTC Kanke |
| 7. | Sch. Marius Baghwar | RTC Kanke |
| 8. | Sch. Anil Kullu | RTC Kanke |

FURTHER STUDIES

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|----|--------------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| 1. | Sch. Amrit Toppo | Loyola Chennai | M Sc. Chemistry |
| 2. | Sch. Nitin Bilung | Loyola Chennai | MA English |
| 3. | Sch. Saban Binod Xalxo | Loyola Chennai | MSc. Physics |
| 4. | Sch. Jyoti Bhusan Soreng | SXC Ranchi | MA Pol. Science |
| 5. | Sch. Paulus Dungdung | SXC Ranchi | MA Geography |

I. YEAR REGENCY

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| 1. | Sch. Johny Savio Dungdung | Africa |
| 2. | Sch. Simon Horo | Assam, Manas Bansbari |
| 3. | Sch. Ruben Xalxo | Delhi |
| 4. | Sch. Wilson Kandulna | Nepal |
| 5. | Sch. Anup Tirkey | St. John's Hostel (after college study) |
| 6. | Bro. Florence Hassa Purty | Asst. Hostel Prefect, Gumla (after college study) |
| 7. | Sch. Sagar Xalxo | Pre-Novitiate, Namkum (after college study) |
| 8. | Sch. Pradeep Bara | Apostolic School, Samtoli (after college study) |

I. YEAR PHILOSOPHY

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| 1. | Sch. James Ekka | PUNE |
| 2. | Sch. Zacharias Surin | PUNE |
| 3. | Sch. Sudhir Orea | PUNE |
| 4. | Sch. Benjamin Guria | SN CHENNAI |
| 5. | Sch. Albert Beng | SN CHENNAI |

I. YEAR COLLEGE STUDY

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| 1. | Sch. Alfred Baxla | SXC Ranchi |
| 2. | Sch. Ishak Ekka | SXC Ranchi |
| 3. | Sch. Amit Kujur | SXC Ranchi |
| 4. | Sch. Stanislaus Tirkey | SXC Ranchi |
| 5. | Sch. Ranjit Kullu | SXC Ranchi |
| 6. | Bro. Jonsan Kachhap | SXC, Ranchi |
| 7. | Sch. Anil Xaxa | SXC Ranchi |
| 8. | Sch. Kuldeep Dungdung | Loyola College Chennai |
| 9. | Sch. Akshay Minj | Loyola College Chennai |

Fr. Provincial

Fr. PCF

St Mary's Samtoli

Departure of Fr. John : Fr. John, the outgoing Principal of the school was reached to Noadih by Fr. Alexander, Br. Basil and 15 staff members on Feb. 01, 2019. Three vehicles went to Noadih. Fr. Sikander Kerketta started acting as the Principal of the school. He was busy going through the documents of the school and putting his signature in the Forms of class X students.

First Mass : Frs Ravi Hemant, Alexander, Damian and Br. Basil went to Behratoli, Gumla, for the first Mass of Fr. Shailesh Lakra S.J. on Feb. 03. Fr. Rector went to Khanjaloya for the priestly ordination of Deacon Anand Prakash Ba'a (Simdega Diocese).

On Feb. 03, 2019, Fr. Sikander, the newly appointed Principal of the school, celebrated the Holy Mass at 9.30 A.M. for the entire school community in the hostel chapel. Fr. Rector concelebrated with him. Prayers were offered for Fr. Sikander asking for God's abundant blessings upon him.

On Feb. 04, Fr Ravi, the newly ordained priest, offered Mass in the hostel Chapel for the hostel and Apostolic boys. Fr. Rector, Alexander and Ajit concelebrated with him. After

the Mass there was a short felicitation programme in his honor.

Sports Day : SXC Simdega had sports day on Feb. 10 in the school ground. The sports started at 10.00 A.M. The S.P. of Simdega was supposed to be the chief guest but he went to Ranchi for some urgent meeting. So Fr. Rector became the chief guest of the day. But he too was present only for some time because he had to be in English Medium School for the demo classes of the new teachers.

Ordination : There was an ordination of two Deacons at Barwadih – Deacon Roshan Ba'a from Barwadih itself and Deacon Joseph Samad from Kutungia. The ordination ceremony started at 9.00 A.M. 96 priests were present for the ordination. Bishop Vincent Barwa, D.D., the Bishop of Simdega ordained them. The ordination ceremony lasted for four hours. From our community many of us went for the ordination.

CLC Rally : There was CLC rally of the Diocese on Feb. 11 at Jaldega parish. Since CLC director, Fr. Ireneus To:ppo was admitted at Martha dispensary, Fr. Rector and Sch Anil Kullu went to Jaldega with the CLC members of the

school. Four teachers too went with them. Bishop Vincent Barwa dedicated Jaldega shrine for the CLC students. Students from many schools came for the occasion.

First Mass : Fr. Ephrem, Fr. Hemant and Br. Basil went to Sheetpani for the first Mass of Fr. Roshan Ba'a, S.J. Fr. Sikander, Fr. Bruno and Sch Nelson went and joined with them after the class.

Entrance Test : There was an entrance test on Feb. 17 in the school for Cl. VI and VII. More than 300 candidates for class VI and 131 for class VII turned up. A big crowd of parents was seen in the school premise.

CRI Picnic : CRI Simdega unit had arranged a picnic to Kobang Dam on Feb. 17. All our community members as well as many other religious participated in the picnic. The bus from St. Mary's school was packed with the religious. Before the meal Fr. Ajit Saras gave talk on the present political scenario and the role of the religious in it. The active participation was evident in their attentive listening to the talk and the discussion thereafter. A tasty meal and a graceful common dance brought us to a happy end to the picnic. Then we departed from the spot at 3.30 P.M.

College Fest : SXC Simdega started a three-day College Fest 'Spandan' from Feb. 23 – 25. During this time there were different types of programmes. Two important dignitaries had been invited to be the chief guests for the occasion. On the first day, Mr. Naman Wiksal Kongari, the newly elected MLA of Kalebira was the chief guest while for the last and concluding day, it was Mrs Kamini Kumari, the Pro Vice-Chancellor of Ranchi University. On the second day, both single and group songs, dances (cultural and modern) and fashion show competition were performed. It went on till 7.30 P.M. By her message Mrs Kamini Kumari encouraged the morale of the professors and the students. After lunch she visited Simdega College. The programme was till 1.30 P.M. and thus the Xavier Utsava came to an end.

Budget Meeting : Community sat down for two days for budget session on Feb. 27 & 28. Each unit presented its budget.

Linus

ASHIRWAD-JHARNA, NAMKUM

February began with incredible vision, hope and expectation. On 2nd Feb., Br Blacius Soreng celebrated his birthday. On this auspicious and beautiful occasion, Fr Edwin offered special Mass for him. The day was spent with great happiness and delightful moments.

On the same day Fr master and Fr Deepak represented us all at the ordination of Fr Shailesh Lakra S.J. in Gumla

parish, because participating in an ordination is an integral part of Jesuit formation. We were kept busy to complete the onus of writing two articles each for our annual magazine. Happily we have completed typing our articles and submitted them. 5th Feb. was another day of double happiness and joy because two of the 1st year companions, namely Br Shashi Sameer Dhanwar and Br Benojit Narzari, celebrated their birthday together. Fr Henry said the thanksgiving Mass, and we joined in their celebration praying and wishing them happy birthday.

On 6th evening, our great African missionary Fr Joe Rodrigues (now in Uganda) came to meet us and had an interactive session with us about his life and mission in Africa. Really he ignited the missionary zeal within ourselves with his rich and incredible life-experiences in Africa. He has been working there for 40 years as a Jesuit missionary because he is well motivated by the love of Christ.

On 8th Feb. evening, Fr K.C. Philip, our Superior led the whole community into a special Mass to pray for the late Fr Sylvanus Kiro SJ, who had contributed a lot to form the Jesuits through his dedicated life. We thanked and praised God for Fr Kiro's marvelous life and works, and prayed for his eternal rest in heaven.

On 20th Feb., we were extremely ecstatic about the golden jubilee celebration at Manresa House. It was an occasion to know, learn and be inspired by the jubilarian Fr Emmanuel Kujur S.J. (our missionary in Zambia) and Fr Joe Rodrigues S.J. The event brought us baskets of experiences, cheers and opportunities for the missionary spirit. Extra color was added to the jubilee celebration by the presence of His Lordship Rt. Rev. Telesphore Bilung, SVD and another guest Bishop with our Fr. Provincial. It was also a great occasion for us novices to mingle with and know our province-men. Br. Ashwini Tigga celebrated his birthday, on 22nd. Fr Edwin offered Mass for him and all of us prayed for him. On 25th, five novices were taken to the Seva Nilaya Clinic because of cough, cold and fever. Since their ailments were not so serious, they returned with some medicines. Now they are all cured and bouncing about on the football ground.

NSJ Fabian Dhanwar

Kishor Nagar, Namkum

It was on the 1st of November 1969 that Fr. Victor Van Bortel S.J. was appointed as Director of a new venture called "Boys Town". The year 2019 is therefore the Jubilee Year for Kishor Nagar and the Jubilee Year was officially inaugurated on January 20th 2019. This was also the day of annual get-together of the Alumni to commemorate the Anniversary of the death of Fr. Victor (18 January 2010). The Chief Guest for the inauguration was Fr. Provincial, Joseph Marianus Kujur S.J. He was welcomed into the

campus by the Music band and then the tribal dance group escorted him to the hall. The solemn Eucharistic Celebration started at 7.30 A.M. Fr. Walter Beck welcomed Fr. Provincial, Fathers, Sisters and all the guests. The Theme of the celebration was "God's works are great- God is great". Fr. Provincial gave an inspiring homily, highlighting the charisma of the Founder. Under the guidance of Fr. Amar Beck the choir sang very appropriate songs and hymns. Immediately after the Holy Mass there was the blessing of the grave of Fr. Victor Van Bortel, after which Fr. Marianus Kujur and Fr. Francken placed wreaths on the grave. The old boys and some members of the staff offered flowers. The local faithful were also invited for the celebration. Soon after the Mass, breakfast was served to all who attended the Holy Mass.

The second part i.e. the actual Inauguration started at 11.30 A.M. Fr. Provincial lighted the Jubilee TORCH and declared the opening/start of the Jubilee Year. First of all, the Booklet entitled "A Short Biography of Father Victor Van Bortel" was released and copies were distributed to some of the distinguished guests. Then old boys were invited to share their experience of life in Kishor Nagar and to pay tribute to Fr. Victor. In between the programmes, the boys presented few cultural items (songs and dances). The Jesuit Fathers, who worked very closely with Fr. Victor, such as Frs. Chonhas Lakra, Isaac Tete, Solomon Barwa, Ferdinand Kullu, Sebastian Kerketta, and Br. James Barla together with the distinguished Guests and Alumni were all honoured with a Memento.

At the end of the program Fr. Louis Francken thanked all the guests for their participation in the Inaugural Programme. After the program food was served to all. It was a memorable day in the annals of Kishor Nagar.

Sch. Ignatius Tete S.J

St. Ignatius' Gumla

AROUSE launched a new Project "Anti Human Trafficking" in Sindega District and selected some Blocks. Fr. Sylvanus took full charge of the Project from the first day of March 2019. It has started in right earnest. Deacon Shailesh of Ranchi Province was ordained priest on 2nd Feb. 2019 in Gumla Cathedral. There were about 75 priests present for the occasion. And a huge crowd of the faithful too, was present for the ceremony. He belongs to Puggu Behratoli Gumla. Fr. Nicholas Tete, our new Rector landed here on 30th Jan. to take over as Acting Rector from March. We could witness his aim in his air gun when he shot down one wild cat in the campus on 4th and the community feasted it to its heart's content. No more bando around the place now and our poultry is safer. The General Body Meeting Arouse was held on 7th Feb this year under the Chairmanship of the

Provincial who is the President of the AROUSE Society. After the Meeting a small group of community members met the Provincial on some urgent matters before he left for Ranchi.

Sr. Swati IBVM (Eng Medium, Teacher) was in the hospital for nearly two months. She came back on 9th of this month after convalescing. The Eng. Medium children were shot with great excitement to see their dear teacher back again. AROUSE CHILDLINE Team had a big catch on 12 Feb, when together with the AHTU thana the team nabbed a trafficker with four girls, two of them minors being taken to Ranchi and then to Delhi. They were all sent to the Police station for further action.

Fr. Nicholas Tete is missioned with exploring the possibility of opening the Degree College in Gumla. So with Fr. Christopher Lakra they started the feasibility study going round in various Institutions, particularly, the Inter Colleges in and around the town together with other data collections. Fr. Sibil was excited to go to Indore on 18 Feb. for a big Meet of the Communication persons organized by SIGNIS. He was back after one week with rich learning on technology.

This year the Board Exams for CI X and XII started on 20th Feb. St. Ignatius is the centre for both the Boards. Fr. Vijay Manohar from Sadbhavna was here on 21 Feb. for the gami Mass of his brother who had passed away some two weeks ago. Fr Vijay was away in Rome when his brother died. Some of the Community members joined him in the gami mass in Khariapara, Gumla.

The roads around the school hall were under laying of paver blocks. This work was over on 27th Feb. and the workers left. Great work done! Mr. J. Glen, MLA had granted funds from his MLA quota. Thanks very much to him for the gift to St. Ignatius School, Gumla.

Christopher Lakra S.J.

ASSAM MISSION

JESUIT BHAVAN & GANA CHETNA SAMAJ, TEZPUR

Retreat preaching: Fr. Pius preached retreat to six Ursuline candidates and Postulants of Tezpur Province from Feb 04 – 06, 2019 at Provincial House, Gotlong, Tezpur. It was concluded with the Holy Mass in the evening on Feb. 06.

Accommodation: GCS accommodated 35 participants of AAWA (All Adivasi Women Association) for the seminar on "Women's Right" from Feb 01 -02, 2019. The participants went back to their destination on Feb.03, morning.

Visitors: Fr. Praveen S.J. from KHM region working in Palizi came to our community and stayed overnight. Fr. Sudhir Kujur S.J. came to our community on Feb. 9,

2019 and stayed with us till Feb.10, 2019. On Feb.11, 2019, he left for Bhairabkunda, Assam, to meet Fr. Florence Purty who was also his student at St. Albert's College, Ranchi. On Feb. 12, 2019, Mr. Vikram Munda, from auditor's office, Ranchi, came to help us keep the accounts of Assam Mission in order and updated. Br. Antony S.J., KHM Region working at Bana in Arunachal came to our community on Feb. 21, 2019 and stayed with us overnight.

Celebrations: Fr. Thomas and Fr. Cyril joined Xavier Sadan, Balipara community in the evening of Feb. 4, 2019 on the occasion of the Feast of St. John De Britto. Britto is the patron saint of their school. Fr. Pius missed the celebration as he was preaching Retreat to the Ursuline Candidates and Postulants. On Feb. 9, 2019, we joined St. Xavier's College community, Sonabheel, to celebrate the birthday of Fr. Ranjit Kujur. There was a prayer service in honour of the birthday baby followed by sumptuous dinner. On February 16, 2019, Fr. Cyril and Fr. Thomas joined Balipara community to celebrate the birthday of Scholastic Amit Lakra while Fr. Pius attended the requiem Mass for Sr. Alice Minj, FMA at St. Joseph's Convent, Tezpur. The Eucharist was presided over by Bishop Michael Akasius Toppo.

Fr. Pius and Fr. Cyril went to Borgang Parish to attend the silver jubilee celebration of the priestly ordination of Fr. Deben Kachari, Tezpur Diocese and silver jubilee of the profession of Sr. Rita Kullu, MSMHC and also the golden Jubilee of the arrival of Sacred Heart Congregation in Tezpur Diocese. The Holy Mass was presided over by Bishop Michael Akasius Toppo and after the Mass, the dignitaries, Priests and the religious were felicitated by the faithful. It was followed by dinner.

Short visit: On Feb. 9, 2019, Fr. Pius helped Fr. Sudhir Kujur S.J. to visit the Bishop's House where he met Bishop Michael Akasius and other Fathers whom he had taught Theology at St. Albert's College, Ranchi. They were all very happy to see him in their place. Soon after that they proceeded to Dhekiajuli and first went to Parish and met Fr. Jose and little later they went to Ursuline Convent and had their lunch. After meal they went to Hugrajuli and met Fr. Naresh and a deacon who were very happy to see their "guru" and offered high tea. On Feb.10, 2019, they went to Holy Cross Convent, Bakola and also visited their Jesuit friends at Xavier Sadan, Balipara.

Dinner: In honour of Fr. Sudhir Kujur SJ, Bishop Michael Akasius Toppo, Tezpur Diocese invited us for dinner at the Bishop's House on Feb.10, 2019 in the evening. Before dinner we had a short interaction with the Bishop and a few Fathers who one time were the students of Fr. Sudhir.

Blessing of Chapel: On Feb. 10, 2019, a newly constructed chapel at Panipoota falling under Balipara Parish was blessed by Bishop Michael Akasius Toppo, Tezpur Diocese. Fr. Pius Xalxo S.J. cut the ribbon with a prayer and the new chapel was blessed by the Bishop. Little later, Holy Mass was presided over by Bishop Michael. 10 Jesuits and a good number of faithful were present for the Mass. The cultural programme followed soon after. This occasion was graced with the presence of Mr. Santius Kujur, MP (Rajya Sabha) who in his speech exhorted the Adivasis to have a strong will for studies and take up jobs at higher level in all possible fields. Programme regarding the blessing of the chapel was a great success on account of the collective efforts of the faithful of Panipoota unit.

Internal Auditing: Internal auditing of the accounts of three Jesuit communities working in Tezpur Diocese got over. On February 20, 2019, Fr. Cyril accompanied Mr. Vikram, the auditor, to lower Assam to get the accounts audited of Mushalpur, Manas Bansbari and Kathalguri. They came back to Tezpur on Feb. 22, 2019 and very next day, the auditor left for Ranchi.

School Annual Day: On Feb. 23, 2019, being a guest of honour, Fr. Pius attended the Annual Day celebration of St. Xavier's School, Pengaree. Mr. Nasfiq Rahman, the Manager of Pengaree Tea Estate graced the occasion as chief guest and attended the programme till the end. Programme began with a welcome song followed by flag hoisting and lighting of the lamp by the chief guest. All the items in the programme were well prepared with precision and presented with the touch of gracefulness. All the items were very thrilling and captivating which forced us to remain glue to the chair and enjoy every bit of the performance. Students really showcased their talents in and through songs, traditional and modern dances and other items. Congratulations to Fr. Roshan Bage for his leadership, to teachers for their relentless efforts and works and to students for their wonderful performance. Keep up the spirit!

Episcopal consecration: Episcopal consecration of Fr. Albert Hemrom as Coadjutor Bishop for Dibrugarh Diocese was held on Feb. 24, 2019. Fr. Pius along with Jesuits and collaborator Sisters of Pengaree attended the consecration ceremony. Rt. Rev. Bishop Thomas Menaparampil SDB the Archbishop Emeritus of Guwahati Archdiocese consecrated Fr. Albert Hemrom as coadjutor Bishop of Dibrugarh Diocese. A huge multitude of faithful witnessed the ceremony and prayed for their new shepherd.

Meeting: Fr. Pius, Fr. Thomas, Fr. Xavier and Fr. Laurentus rushed to Kathalguri on Feb.28, 2019 to have an emergency meeting with the community members of Kathalguri to resolve the problems which came on the way of constructing

a new Parish church building. It was resolved and laying of foundation of the new church building will take place on March 01, 2019.

Pius Xalxo

Prothrapur

As usual this year too we decided to invite the diocesan SCC animators' team, sisters of St. Joseph of Apparition, for a re-vitalizing programme. So during a parish Pastoral council gathering Fr. David, the parish priest informed its members about the plan of the sisters to visit all the SCC's of our parish. He also asked the people responsible in the village to accompany the sisters and help them. Family visit by the sisters, gathering in a particular place for meeting and the Holy Mass in the evening were the order of the day. Planned dates were from 28th January to 6th February including a seminar on 3rd February for all the animators and end up with an evaluation with fathers and sisters.

On 3rd February after Holy Mass, 71 animators from 45 SCC groups responded to our invitation for the seminar. Group discussion and sharing their findings were part of it. Every group had brought its record notes and were signed by fathers and sisters. Animators were encouraged to continue contributing to their groups. We too were very happy to see their willingness to learn more. Participants were free to clear their doubts.

All of us were gathered on 6th February at 9.00 a.m. for this meeting. Fr. David invoked the presence of God by a hymn MAAN ME DEEP JALA DE ... He thanked the sisters of the Apparition on behalf of the parish. This was a chance to know the situation of the people and SCC in the parish. Since the SCC is given top priority in the diocese and parish, we will continue to work together for the betterment of the people and their holistic development, Fr. David said.

All of us shared our views and felt happy with this programme. The Apparition sisters expressed their gratitude in arranging the programme so meticulously, for the support and accompaniment of the fathers and the Cluny sisters. Some of the encouraging points were:

People are happy and cooperative, they responded in good number for seminar. Uniform register is praiseworthy. Participation of men are encouraging. Coordinators are doing their best. It is very good and a well packed programme. People feel free to share their joys and sorrows. People are welcoming and feel at home in their villages. Giving time for people before Mass is good. They are generous to provide us lunch and dinner. Celebration of feasts, reading reports etc. are good. Animators are interested to know more. It was an opportunity to know our relationship with people. People are so good, simple and

cooperative. At the end Fr. David concluded the meeting with the prayer "Glory be"

Fr. Provincial, Fr. Marianus Joseph Kujur and Fr. Raymond Kerketta, the Socius reached Port Blair on 16th February to participate in the farewell programme of our beloved Bishop Alex Dias, SFX the bishop of Port Blair Diocese who retired from this office. Bishop has served this diocese for 39 years, 5 years as priest in Mayabunder parish and 34 years as a bishop. 17th of February was the memorable day when all the fathers and sisters working in this diocese gathered to thank God during celebration of the Holy Eucharist. Thanking God Bishop said that we have worked together for the development of the diocese. And due to our hard effort we have the diocese what we see today. After the Holy Eucharist a colourful cultural programme was held by various parishes and schools, which lasted for almost three hours. It was long but very well organized. Fr. Raymond came to Andamans for the first time but unfortunately time was so short that he could not even have the glimpses of some important places of Port Blair city. Both Fr. Provincial and Fr. Socius went back to Ranchi on 18th February morning.

24th February 2019 was very special day for all the youth of Prothrapur parish as they celebrated the feast of their patron, St. Don Bosco. Holy Mass was celebrated by Fr. David, the parish priest whereas Fr. Edward Asst. Parish priest, Fr. Charles Nesa Raj, the youth coordinator of Port Blair Diocese and Fr. Anthony Andrade, the spiritual director of the Diocese concelebrated with him.

The theme for the day "YOUNG PEOPLE, THE FAITH AND VOCATIONAL DICERNMENT" was displayed on the altar. In the introduction Anjlina Ekka, one of the youth highlighted the life of St. Don Bosco, his personality, interest and zeal for the young, his struggles to mould them as good citizens of the society, to strengthen their faith and to train them to withstand in the world with their economical status.

Fr. Charles in his homily gave awareness and thought provoking reflection for the parents and the youth. He underlined some of the burning issues concerning the youth today, such as wrong and negative influence of mass media communication, the problem of displacement, unemployment and alcoholism, unhealthy socio-political set-up corrupting their minds, family break-ups and so on. He called upon the parents and all others to take up the task of leading them into the right path by inculcating in them the positive values and right motives from the early stages of their lives. The melodious singing was really good and helpful to the faithful towards their active participation in the Eucharist.

After the mass we started the day's programme with a short prayer followed by the lighting of the lamp by Fr. David,

Fr. Charles, Fr. Edward, Sr. Nirmala and Mr. Jude. The birthday of Fr. Edward added some flavour. We wished him with a song and a cake was cut. Then Fr. David Bara gave a talk on Vocation, faith and discernment. He inspired the young minds with his active, creative and encouraging words.

Then all the youth with great zeal and enthusiasm entertained the gathering through action songs, dances and games. All of us were overjoyed with many colourful programs. The presence of the fathers and the sisters doubled our joy. Youth director Fr. Charles put forward the ANYMA (Andaman Nicobar Youth Movement and Action) rules and explained to them the meaning and implication of this movement. He encouraged the youth to make use of all the opportunities provided. The information regarding ANYMA was an eye opening to the youth. The programme ended with a group photo session. Our sincere thanks goes to fathers, sisters, Mr. Jude, the president of ANYMA, Mr. Naveen Ekka and others. We had a fellowship meal thereafter.

Being the in charge of Prison ministry, Fr. David organized a Volleyball match for jail inmates on 27th February at District Jail of Prothrapur. Fr. Charles, the youth coordinator of the diocese availed himself with some youth to run the match smoothly. Fr. David welcomed the Jail authority, players and inmates. He also said that games are part of our lives to learn many things to foster our talents, to live a disciplined life, to control ourselves, to have the attitude of team spirit etc. Finally prizes were given away to all the players by Jailor, Mr. Mohammad Hanif.

David.

FOREIGN MISSION

Guyana

As the Parish Priest of Our Lady of Lourdes, Hosororo, Fr. Anugrah Amar Bage, S.J. had regular pastoral visit to Kachikamo in Waini, Kamawatta, White Water, Wauna, Yarakita, Sacred Heart Kaituma, Sebai, Red Hill, Black Water, Arukamai, Koberimo, Barabina, Kumaka and Mabaruma. The Youths of Hosororo, "the young apostles", were doing extremely well in their regular prayer meetings and visiting different village communities. All the communities warmly welcomed them and appreciated their contribution towards spiritual growth of the communities.

Parish Lay Assistants training has already started and there are some young energetic members in the team. In near future they will be commissioned as Parish Lay Assistants. Meanwhile the training will continue for them.

In Pakaraimas, along with his Parish Lay Assistants, Fr. Elias Surin, S.J., the Parish Priest of St. Joseph's Mission

Kurukabaru, was reaching out his parishioners in their village communities. In the course of one month, he visited the most inaccessible communities i.e. St. Peter Claver's Pennak, Kaibarupai, St. Patrick's Chenapou and St. Joseph's Karisparu. Those candidates preparing themselves for the Sacrament of Confirmation, were visiting the sick and the old.

On 13th February, Sr. Nishi Susanna Kujur, OSU and Sr. Crecencia Toppo, OSU returned to Guyana after their three months long home visit in Jharkhand. In South Pakaraimas, Sr. Helen Soreng, OSU and Sr. Sosan Anima Kujur, OSU continued their missionary spirit.

In Arrupe House, Georgetown, Fr. Anil Kishore Tirkey, S.J. was preparing himself to go to Kingston, Jamaica, as the Spiritual Director for the Seminarians. On 22nd February, Mrs. Sushila Tirkey, the sister in law of Fr. Anil Kishore Tirkey passed away in Soso, Gumla. On 24th February he departed from Georgetown and flying via Trinidad, New York and Delhi, he reached Ranchi. Having reached home, it was a big consolation for himself and for his nieces and nephew in the family. He will return to Guyana on the 3rd week of March.

From 9-12 March, Fr. Christopher Llanos, S.J. the new Regional Superior of Guyana, Barbados, Jamaica is in his maiden visit to Ranchi Province.

- Fr. Elias Surin, SJ

Portblair, Andamans

Bishop Em. Rev. Alex Dias, sfx, Given Solemn Farewell Most Rev. Alex Dias, sfx, the first Bishop of Port Blair Diocese (Andaman and Nicobar Islands) was given a befitting solemn farewell on Sunday 17 February 2019. Rev. Fr. Visuvasam Selvaraj, the Administrator of the Diocese had coordinated the whole programme very meticulously. A large number of priests, religious and faithful from sixteen different parishes in the Islands together with many religious Superiors and guests assembled in Stella Maris Cathedral, Port Blair to thank the Lord for this good shepherd who had labored tirelessly for his flock for the last 39 years – 5 years as a pastor and 34 years as a Bishop. Well prepared Liturgy lasted for nearly three hours. Then followed a felicitation programme in the Auditorium of Nirmala Higher Secondary School next to the Cathedral. Besides variety and creativity exhibited on the stage, there was lots of participation in it – but all focused on one theme: Gratitude! Sumptuous dinner was served to all thereafter.

At present there are 45 priests working in the Diocese. Out of which 24 are Diocesan priests. More than a dozen of Religious men and women Congregations are working in the Diocese. Certainly the credit goes to Bishop Alex. Fr. Joseph Marianus Kujur, S.J., Provincial and Fr. Raymond

Kerketta, S.J. the Socius represented the Ranchi Province. Our Jesuit Brothers who are working in the Diocese, namely in Prothrapur, Diglipur and Ramnagar, made their effective presence.

As announced by the Administrator, Fr. Selvaraj, the future plan of Bishop Alex is to go back to Goa and stay with his SFX Brothers in Pillar for the rest of his life.

Raymond Kerketta, sj

HEARTY CONGRATULATIONS

SCH. ROHIT KUJUR, SJ was ordained Deacon on **23 February 2019** by **Most Rev. Archbishop Anil Couto, D.D.**, the Archbishop of Delhi in Vidya Jyoti Theologate, Delhi.

Diaconate Ordination in Paris, France

Sch Jyoti Paul Baxla S.J. (RAN) and **Sch David Minj S.J. RAN)** will be ordained Deacon at St Ignatius Church, Paris by **Mgr Thibault Verny**, the Auxiliary Bishop of Paris, on Monday 6 April 2019 at 15.00 hours.

PRAY FOR THOSE GONE BEFORE US

1. **Mrs. Mukta Shiela Kerketta (46)**, sister of **Fr. Michael Kerketta, SJ** passed away on 11 Jan 2019.
2. **Mr. Nichodim Tirkey (58)**, brother of **Fr. Vijay Manohar Tirkey, SJ** passed away on 30 Jan 2019
3. **Mrs. Sushila Tirkey (56)**, sister-in-law of **Fr. Anil Kishore Tirkey, SJ** passed away on 22 Feb 2019

BIRTHDAYS

MARCH

05	Kujur Frederick Xess Ravi Bhushan
06	Lakra Ranjit Walter Beng Albert
07	Kindo Alexius
10	Kujur Habil
11	Kullu Anil
14	K.C. Philip
16	Dungdung Christopher Tirkey John
17	Barla Henry
19	Horo Sibil Joseph Soreng Jaywant
21	Lakra Benedict Beck Anand Amar
23	Bilung Brice
24	Kullu Ranjit
25	Soreng George
27	Tete Nicholas
29	Kiro Benedict

APRIL

02	Lakra Polycarp Ekka Britius
03	Minj Praveen
04	Dungdung Anthres
06	Barla James
07	Doongdoong Anthony

	Ekka Vital Ekka Anthony Kerketta Anand
08	Tete Felix Prakash Orea Sudhir
09	Guria Cyril Bara Pradeep
11	Toppo Alexius Kullu Praveen
12	Xess Angelus Topno Nicholas
13	Tete James Pascal
14	Kiro Sylvanus Xalxo Pius Tirkey Justin Toppo Binod Tete Seberius
15	Ekka Ravindra
16	Mathias Joseph B. Kerketta Ashok
18	Lakra Placidus
20	Kerketta Sikander
22	Kandulna Wilson
24	Bara Pramod
25	Kullu Santosh Vinay
26	Minj Francis Toppo Amrit
29	Surin Zacharias
30	Baxla Emmanuel