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For respect for human life

Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognizing it as a gift from God.

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| 1. Fr. Sushil Tirkey, S.J. | : Treasurer, St. Stanislaus' H/S Lohardaga (additional) |
| 2. Fr. Edwin Ritesh Dungdung, S.J. | : PDD, Assam Mission (additional) |
| 3. Fr. Xavier Lakra, S.J. | : Asst. PDD, Assam Mission |
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PROVINCIAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Brothers ,



July is a grace-filled month for us as we prepare to celebrate the Feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola. His life reminds us that every encounter with Christ is an invitation to deeper conversion, greater freedom, and more generous service. His feast calls us to renew our vocation as companions of Jesus, ever seeking God in all things.

Our recent Province Days were a blessed time of prayer, listening, and discernment. From that experience, the Lord continues to invite us to grow in three ways: to deepen our life in Christ through prayer and discernment; to cultivate intellectual depth that helps us respond wisely to the needs of our time; and to strengthen our communities as places of fraternity, shared responsibility, and joyful mission. These are not simply priorities but paths of ongoing conversion.

As we also enter the discernment of a new Provincial, let us accompany this process with prayer and confidence in the Holy Spirit, trusting that God continues to guide our Province with wisdom and love.

May the example of St. Ignatius renew in us the desire to know Christ more intimately, love Him more deeply, and follow Him more faithfully. Entrusting our Province to his intercession and to the loving care of our Blessed Mother, let us move forward together with courage, hope, and joy, always seeking the greater glory of God.

Fraternally in the Lord,



Fr. Ajit Kumar Xess, S.J.

Provincial

PROVINCIAL'S OFFICE

June was a month of grace, marked by prayer, discernment, celebration, and accompaniment across the Province.

The month began with a pastoral visit to St. Stanislaus, Lohardaga, followed by the Province Consult, where the Consultors prayerfully reflected on matters concerning the life and governance of the Province, including the ongoing discernment of a new Provincial.

Fr. Provincial also participated in the farewell of Fr. George, Administrator of Constant Lievens' Hospital, Mandar, expressing gratitude for his dedicated service, and joined the pilgrimage to Sargaon, Mandar, honouring Mata Bernadet, Servant of God, a moving witness to the vibrant faith of our people.

Alongside his regular responsibilities at the Provincial Curia, Fr. Provincial presided over the General Body and Governing Body meetings of ATC, Namkum, and attended the Induction Ceremony at XISS, Ranchi, encouraging both institutions in their mission of formation and service.

A joyful occasion was the blessing of the new Multipurpose Hall at Patrachauli, a valuable addition that will strengthen the pastoral and community life of the people. The Province was also privileged to welcome Fr. Vernon D'Cunha, Regional Assistant, whose visit accompanies us in

the prayerful discernment of a new Provincial.

The month concluded on a note of profound hope with the First Vows Mass at Ashirvad, Namkum. Witnessing our young Jesuits offer their lives to the Lord through the Society was a powerful reminder that Christ continues to call generous hearts to His service. Their joyful "yes" renews our own commitment to the mission and fills the Province with gratitude and hope for the future.

The closing days of the month were filled with profound joy, gratitude, and hope. On 27 June, the Province rejoiced as Frs. Ireneus To'ppo and Emile Dungdung pronounced their Final Vows at St. John's, Ranchi, offering themselves irrevocably to the service of Christ and His Church in the Society of Jesus. Their generous "yes" is a powerful witness to God's abiding call and faithful love.



The celebrations continued on 28 June with the MAGIS Award Ceremony at St. Xavier's College, Ranchi, where the achievements of our Jesuit schools were honoured. The occasion reaffirmed our shared commitment to forming men and women of competence, conscience, compassion, and commitment in the Ignatian tradition.

On 29 June, Fr. Provincial blessed and inaugurated the new Plus Two Section at Lohardaga, a significant milestone that expands educational opportunities for the youth and strengthens the Province's mission of forming future generations.

The month concluded on 30 June with the General Body and Governing Body Meeting of St. Xavier's College, Ranchi. Marked by thoughtful collaboration and shared discernment, the meeting reflected our continued commitment to strengthening our educational institutions in the service of the Church and society.

Fr. Deepak Toppo

SADBHAVNA, RANCHI

The rhythm of the month began on June 2, when Frs. Sylverius Chremako and Deepak Toppo joined the Province Consult at Sadbhavna. The Consult headed by Fr. Provincial focused on governance, discernment, and the ongoing process of discerning for a new Provincial. The following day, June 3, both Fathers accompanied Fr. Provincial to Constant Lievens Hospital, Mandar, for the farewell function of Fr. George, whose years of dedicated service were gratefully acknowledged.

On June 7, Frs. Sylverius, Nirmal Minj, and Johny Kujur joined Fr. Provincial in the pilgrimage to Sargaon, honouring Mata Bernadet, Servant of God. The pilgrimage drew faithful from across the region, strengthening bonds of devotion and community. Later in the month, on June 12, Fr. Francis David Kullu participated in the General Body and Governing Body meetings at ATC, Namkum, contributing to important academic and institutional directions.

The community was present at the Blessing Ceremony of the multipurpose hall at Patrachauli on June 18, a new space dedicated to pastoral and educational activities. Just two days later, on June 20, the entire Sadbhavna community extended a warm welcome to Fr. Vernon D'Cunha, Regional Assistant, whose visit was significant in the ongoing discernment process for the Province.

The joy of religious commitment was celebrated on June 21, when community members attended the First Vows ceremony at Ashirvad Novitiate, Namkum. On the same day, Fr. Deepak travelled to SSC, Hazaribag, where two of our men professed their first vows, marking a milestone in their journey with the Society of Jesus. On the morning of June 25, the entire community, led by Fr. Provincial, gathered at St. Mary's Cathedral, Ranchi, to offer warm wishes and hearty congratulations to Rev. Fr. David Anand Xalxo, PP and VG, on his appointment as the Auxiliary Bishop of Ranchi.



The month culminated in a day of thanksgiving on June 27, as the community witnessed the Final Vows of Frs. Emile Dungdung and Erenius To'ppo at St. John's, Ranchi. The following day, June 28, Fr. Ranjit Kr. Horo accompanied Rev. Fr. Vernon to Gumla and then to Simdega and Khunti. On June 29, Fr. Johny accompanied Fr. Provincial to Lohardaga for the blessing of the newly constructed +2 section of St. Stanislaus' School and the renovated AROUSE office, expanding educational opportunities for students in the region. Finally, on June 30, Fr. Ranjit Kr. Horo accompanied Rev. Fr. Vernon on his visit to the Assam mission.

Meanwhile, Fr. Nirmal Minj, after completing his internship at Catholic Press, Ranchi, has resumed his regular classes at XISS. Fr. George Kerketta continues to supervise construction work across the Province, ensuring progress and quality in every project.

Fr. Deepak Toppo

MANRESA HOUSE, RANCHI

On June 3-5, Fr. Justin went to Soso to preach the Jubilee Retreat for the parishioners, where nearly 160 faithful, young and old, participated with devotion. On June 7, Fr. Justin visited his native village Semra (Patrachauli) to join the annual village feast, where the entire community celebrated the feast of St. Justin, the patron of the village chapel.

On June 4, the Scholastics of Manresa left for their annual retreat at JFCT, Kanke, under the guidance of Fr. David Minj, S.J. On June 11, Fr. Rector, together with Frs. Alexius Dungdung and James Toppo, visited Bingaon, where Fr. Roshan Bage formally handed over the school accounts and documents to Fr. Alexius.

On June 12, the Manresa Community the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, at the entrance of Manresa House in front of the statue of the Sacred Heart, offering a short but meaningful prayer service. The Scholastics returned on June 13 after completing their retreat and immediately joined the Golden Jubilee celebrations of Frs. Sudhir Kumar Minj, Alexius Turkey, and Emmanuel Barla, rejoicing in their fifty years of priestly service.

The rhythm of the month continued with Fr. Manoj Kumar Ekka on June 18, who shared his experiences and insights with the scholastics, enriching their formation. Sadly, on June 19, Fr. Sibil Horo lost his youngest brother, Basant Horo, who was working in Banaras. The

burial took place in Karra on June 22, attended by Fr. Rector Alex Toppo, Fr. Bipin, Br. Telesphore and Fr. Sibil himself.

On June 20, Manresa House hosted a significant gathering of about 80 church leaders, organized by Fr. Anupchand Minj and Hoffman Law Associates, to discuss tribal and church-related issues with distinguished High Court lawyers.

The community spirit was further strengthened on June 21 when Fr. Libin Kerketta, Director of the Minor Seminary, Ranchi, organized a friendly football match to mark the anniversaries of vows and the feast of St. Aloysius Gonzaga. That same evening, the entire community went to Jharna, Namkum, to witness the first vows of our 5 younger brothers, a moment of joy and renewal. On June 23, Fr. Vernon D'Cunha, Regional Assistant for South Asia, visited Manresa House, spent quality time with the Scholastics, and met with the Rector and Directors of works.



The month also saw joyful birthday celebrations of Fr. Suman Nirajan Minj and Scholastics Eremias, Sanchalit, Amar, and Simon Tudu, whose presence and festivities gave the community an opportunity to celebrate life, practice cura personalis, and cherish fraternity. On June 25, Fr. John Krus returned after completing a one-month course in Lonavala.

In health matters, Br. Telesphore reported that Fr. Xavier Kerketta underwent successful surgery on his fingers, while Sch. Gulshan Baa had a successful knee operation at Debuka Nursing Home. At the same time, Frs. Henry Barla, Patrick Kerketta, Gilbert D'Souza, and Benedict remain weak, finding it difficult to walk and are largely confined to their rooms.

Fr. Florence Purti

ST. XAVIER'S COLLEGE, RANCHI

On 31st May 2026, Fr. Sudhir Kr. Minj, the Rector, presided over the Holy Eucharist in Christ Jyoti Church, Bingaon, for the First Vows of one of the St. Anne novices of the Daughters of St. Anne's Ranchi, Ranchi Province. Frs. Ravi Hemant Kujur and Ephrem Ba'a also joined in the celebration of the Holy Eucharist. The College began the Summer vacation on the 1st of June 2026. On the same evening, Fr. Prabhat Kennedy Soreng and Fr. Ephrem Ba'a went to Jharna, Namkum, for their Annual Retreat, organized by the province for those engaged in the education ministry. The retreat was guided by Fr. Mario Fernandes, S.J., of Pune Province.

The NCC Camp of the Ranchi Battalion was organized in St. Xavier's College, Ranchi Campus from 5th to 15th June 2026. More than 500 N.C.C. boys and girls cadets from various colleges of Jharkhand, participated in it under the command of the five N.C.C. Officers.

On 13th June 2026, St. Xavier's College, Jesuit Community celebrated the Golden Jubilee of Fr. Sudhir Kr. Minj, S.J., the Rector, and his two companions, Fr. Alexius Tirkey, S.J., and Fr. Emmanuel Barla, S.J., praising and thanking the Lord for 50 years of their commitment to the Society of Jesus and God's faithfulness to them. The participation of Fr. Ajit Kr. Xess, the Provincial, including 45 priests in the celebration of the Holy Eucharist, graced the occasion.

On 18th June, Fr. Sudhir Kumar Minj, Rector, Fr. Robert Pradeep Kujur, Principal, and Fr. Ephrem Ba'a took part in the Blessing of the Multipurpose Hall in the Holy Rosary Church, Patrachauli. Fr. Provincial led the Prayer of Blessing while Pradeep Kujur cut the ribbon, and Fr. Provincial, along with Fr. Sudhir Kumar Minj, blessed the Hall by sprinkling the Holy water.

On 21st June, Fr. Sushil Tigga, S.J., (MAP) joined the Jesuit community of St. Xavier's College. He will be teaching in the Department of Mathematics. Fr. Kennedy Soreng and Fr. Ravi Hemant Kujur went to Sitagarha to witness the first vows of two Novices of Ranchi Province, while Br. Blacius Tigga, Fr. Ephrem Ba'a, and Fr. Sudhir Kumar Minj took part in the Holy Eucharist and witnessed the First vows of the five Novices of the Province at Ashirvad Novitiate, Namkum.

On June 22d, 2026, One-Day Faculty Orientation Programme was conducted for the teaching staff on the theme, "The Responsive Academy: Navigating NEP, Legislation, Accreditation, AI and Digital Disruption." Two resource persons, Dr. Amitava Roy, Associate Professor and Dean, Dept. of Commerce, and Dr. Samrat Roy, Associate Professor and Ph. D. Coordinator from St.

Xavier's College, Kolkata, helped excellently in motivating the faculty for greater earnestness and involvement as professionals.

On 24th June 2026, Fr. Vernon, the Assistant General *ad providentiam*, visited the community and met all the members of the community in view of the appointment of the new Provincial.

Online admission for various courses in the college started on 25th June, after successfully conducting all the Entrance Tests for all subjects and publishing their results in record time.

The College launched a new four-year degree course, B. Sc. in Data Science, from this new academic session. This is an opportunity to have a career in AI and Data Analysis. It aims to provide better job opportunities to students. The unique feature of this course is that all the students of Intermediate Science, Arts, and Commerce can take it up for their Bachelor's degree.

Fr. Sudhir Kumar Minj

XISS, RANCHI

From 1-10 June, Fr. Ashok Sandil preached retreat to St. Anne's Sisters of Ranchi Province at Xavier Institute of Polytechnic and Technology, Namkum. During their spiritual journey Fr. Ashok Kandulna and Fr. Nicholas Barla availed themselves for the Sacrament of reconciliation. On 2nd June, we received good news of getting permission from Fr. Arturo Sosa, the Superior General of the Society of Jesus to start Xavier University Ranchi, we are grateful to the Society of Jesus for considering our request to upgrade XISS to University Status. On 4th June, the institute reopened after the summer vacation, and the employees resumed their duties revitalized. On 5th June, Fr. Ashok Kandulna paid a flying visit to his native place for witnessing and giving moral support to his family members, in the process of distribution of properties. On 11th June, Fr. Joseph Marianus Kujur delivered a welcome address and his message to the participants during the Tribal-Tourism Conclave organized by My Bharat Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Ministry of culture, and Ministry of Tourism (GOI), along with Kisan Mazdoor Berojgar Manch and Project Point in association with XISS. On 12th June, Fr. Nicholas Barla left for Malaysia to take part in a meeting in which they discussed addressing industrial issues and climate actions. He presented the issues and challenges of people arising out of mining activities and industrial production and requested members for some positive intervention to safeguard the victims in our

country.

On 15th June, the inauguration of a new batch 2026-28 got kick-started. On this special occasion, Dr. Manish Ranjan, IAS, Director General, SKIPA, Jharkhand, was the Chief Guest, who delivered his keynote address and shared with students his knowledge and wisdom to succeed in career journey. On this occasion, Fr. Ajit Kumar Xess, Chairman, XISS, was present as a morale booster. He, in his message, gave some tips to new students to fare well in their professional journey. Fr. Joseph Marianus Kujur introduced the management, the faculty and the staff with their respective portfolios. He also felicitated the Chief Guest, the Chairman and the Mrs. Suparna Prasad Dev, Director, Ministry of Defense, GOI and the trustee of Maruti Suzuki-XISS Awanish Kumar Dev Memorial Scholarship with a sapling, shawl and memento. After an inaugural session an Induction programme went on for 8 long days in which students were told about curriculums, co-curriculums and extra-curriculums activities, it was explicitly spelt out that students have to take part in various activities throughout their professional journey at XISS. On 18th June, Fr. Pradeep Kerketta gave his inputs and shared his perspectives on higher education in an orientation programme to the faculty of Loyola College, Kunkuri. On 19th June, the 2nd year students, after two months of internship in industries and organizations, resumed their classes. At the moment, classes are going on in a full swing.

Fr. Pradeep Kerketta

ST. XAVIER'S SCHOOL, DORANDA

The opening phase of the summer vacation period was marked by a range of activities that kept the members of the community actively engaged in pastoral, spiritual, academic and administrative responsibilities.

Fr. Sandeep Kujur, together with the Parish Priest, participated in the Marian devotional procession and concelebrated the Holy Mass organized by the Mecon Unit of Doranda Parish on the school premises. The celebrations concluded with a fellowship meal shared by all the faithful. After a short summer break, Fr. Sudhir returned to the community and immediately undertook the Triduum for the SCJM Sisters of Nirmala College as part of their Silver Jubilee preparations. He also presided over the Jubilee Eucharistic Celebration. Some members of the community assisted with the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the retreatants at Nirmala College. As part of the community-oriented pastoral ministry,

Fr. Sandeep Kujur and Fr. Kuldeep Linda left for Sukurda, a Unit of Noatoli Parish, to celebrate Sunday Holy Mass. Two weeks later, Fr. Sudhir took his turn in the pastoral outreach, visiting families and celebrating the Eucharist for a gathering of about hundred faithfuls in Sukurda. Fr. Sudhir also participated in the Golden Jubilee celebration of Fr. Sudhir Kumar Minj, S.J., at St. Xavier's College, Ranchi on June 13. That same evening, some members of the community joined the festive fellowship dinner organized on the occasion. The community members also expressed their joy, solidarity and affection by participating in the First Vows of the Novices at Namkum.

Fr. Fuldeo Soreng underwent a desert experience at Jharna as part of the annual retreat specially organized by the Province for Jesuits engaged in the education ministry. He also spent a few days with his family and relatives during the vacation period. After returning from Birmitrapur where he attended the First Holy Communion celebration of a relative. Fr. Ravi Bhushan Xess devoted the remainder of the summer vacation period to conducting several well-received talks for the youth of both Doranda Parish and Prabhat Tara on the life of St. Carlo Acutis and the ethical use of technology, thereby contributing significantly to their faith formation and personal development. He also conducted a half-day workshop for the teachers of St. John's School, Ranchi on teaching methodology and skill development. Apart from occasional visits to family, friends and relatives, Fr. Kuldeep Linda remained fully engaged in preparing for the MPS TEE examinations, which commenced on June 12. Fr. Sandeep Kujur diligently looked after the affairs of the community and attended to the pastoral needs of the neighbouring communities while many members were away on various assignments and visits. He also availed himself of a short break to spend some time with friends and relatives. During the vacation period, both Br. Joseph Kenedy and Br. Ireneus Beck availed themselves of ten days' leave to visit their families, friends and relatives and returned to the community on June 10.

Significant infrastructural and maintenance works were undertaken during the vacation. Renovation work was initiated in the Senior Section Library and the basement area, while repairs and improvements were carried out on the residence shed. Wall paintings on the Junior Section and several other maintenance projects were also undertaken. While some of these works have already been completed, others are still in progress.

As part of the preparations for the new academic session, orientation programmes were organized for the staff. Fr.

David Minj, SJ facilitated the orientation programme for the non-teaching staff on June 12. Mr. George A. Thomas, a renowned principal of a prestigious school in Dungerpur, Rajasthan and an experienced resource person in educational leadership and staff development, conducted similar programmes for the teaching staff of St. Xavier's School Doranda and Prabhat Tara, Dhurwa, on June 13 and 14 respectively.

With the reopening of the school on June 15, academic and co-curricular activities resumed in full swing, bringing renewed energy and enthusiasm to the campus community. On the same day, during the morning assemblies of both the Junior and Senior Sections, Br. Joseph Kenedy was accorded a fitting farewell in appreciation of his dedicated service, and was wished every success in his future mission. Br. Ireneus Beck was also warmly welcomed as the new Regent, marking the beginning of his service to the institution. In the evening, the Jesuit community gathered for a thanksgiving prayer service, followed by a farewell-cum welcome dinner.

The toppers of both the ICSE Class X and Class XII examinations were felicitated and presented with laptops during the school assembly on June 20. The event, organized efficiently by Gonzaga House, served as an anticipatory celebration of the feast of St. Aloysius Gonzaga. The Zonal Athletic Meet of the ICSE Schools was held at Khelgaon on June 22. Fr. Fuldeo Soreng, accompanied by the Physical Education teachers, escorted and encouraged the participating students, ensuring their best possible performance. On the same day, Anti Narcotics Task force, CID, Jharkhand, conducted an awareness programme for Class XI.

The visit of Fr. Vernon D'Cunha, S.J., General Counsellor and Regional Assistant, on June 25 was a grace-filled and memorable occasion for the community. Warmly welcomed by its members, he inspired all through his presence, personal sharing, and fraternal interactions, bringing joy, encouragement, and renewed enthusiasm to the community.

The Magis Award Ceremony 2026, honouring deserving students from the Jesuit schools of the Province, was held at the auditorium of St. Xavier's College, Ranchi on June 28. The month concluded with a Hindi Elocution Contest for the students of the Senior Section, providing a fitting finale to a period marked by vibrant academic and co-curricular activities.

Fr. Sudhir Kr. Kujur

ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL, RANCHI

JESUIT COMMUNITY & HINDI MED. SCHOOL

The month of June was marked by several important events and activities at St. John's High School Community, Ranchi. The school reopened on 11 June 2026 after the summer vacation. Students returned to the campus with great enthusiasm, energy, and zeal, bringing renewed life to the academic environment. On 14 June 2026, Sch. Kuldeep Dungdung, S.J., joined St. John's Community. The community warmly welcomed him and assured him of support and guidance in his formation journey. To commemorate International Yoga Day, students actively participated in yoga sessions on 20 June 2026, promoting physical fitness, mental well-being, and a healthy lifestyle.

A grand Freshers' Day Celebration for the newly admitted Class XI students was also held on 20 June 2026. Around 1,400 students joined the institution for the academic session 2026–2028. The chief guest, Fr. Ajay Anil Minj, Principal of St. Xavier's Inter College, Ranchi, emphasized the importance of value-based education. He encouraged students to dream big and reminded them that Science, Commerce, and Arts are equally valuable streams, each contributing significantly to society.

Fr. Binod Toppo, S.J., Principal of St. John's School, addressed the gathering and shared the rich legacy and achievements of the institution. The programme was further enriched by colourful cultural performances presented by the students.

On the same day, an Orientation Programme for High School Teachers was conducted. Fr. Ravi Bhushan Xess, S.J., served as the resource person and highlighted the crucial role of teachers in shaping the character, values, and future of students.

On 21 June 2026, Fr. Ajit Kerketta joined St. John's Community. He was accompanied by Fr. Amrit, Fr. Ignace, Dn. Albert, the Sisters of St. Anne, and a few youth members from Soso Parish. The community extended a warm welcome and wished him a fruitful ministry.

On June 24, Fr. Vernon D'Cunha, S.J., visited St. John's community. His presence brought joy and encouragement to all the members of the community. He spent time interacting with Fr. Superior, Prefect, Principal and Treasurer, sharing his thoughts and inspiring everyone with his words of wisdom. The visit was a memorable and grace-filled occasion for the entire community.



“On 27 June 2026, the community was blessed with the Final Vows of Fr. Erenius To'ppo, S.J., and Fr. Emile Dungdung, S.J., at St. John's School Ground (Hindi Medium). This solemn celebration was a moment of joy, renewal, and blessing for the entire community.”

ST. JOHN'S ENGLISH MEDIUM SCHOOL

On 9 June 2026, the non-teaching staff joined the school and began preparations for the reopening of classes after the summer vacation. An in-house training programme for the teaching staff was organized on theme 'life skills level II'. Dr. Seema Singh was the speaker of the day and an orientation session for the support staff were conducted on 11 June 2026 to prepare them for the new academic year; Sch. Rohit D. Dungdung S.J. joined the school on the same day. The school reopened for students on 12 June 2026. Students returned with enthusiasm and excitement, ready to begin the new session.

On 13 June 2026, Parent-Teacher Meetings were held for Classes I to X and XII. The meetings provided an opportunity for parents and teachers to discuss students' performance in the First Unit Test and strengthen their partnership in the educational process.

Fr. Libin Kerketta, S.J., joined the school on 18 June 2026. The school observed International Yoga Day on 19 June 2026. Students and staff actively participated in yoga exercises and learned the importance of maintaining a healthy and balanced lifestyle. An Induction Ceremony for the students of Class XI (Session 2026–27) was organized on 27 June 2026. The programme warmly welcomed the new students and introduced them to the values, vision, and academic culture of the institution.

Sch. Kuldeep Dungdung

ASHIRVAD NOVITIATE, NAMKUM

During a few days of Canzine (26 May till 5 June), Fr. Ruben Xalxo conducted a three days programme for the Novices on Social Awareness cum Migration issue.

He concluded it with a Triduum for the first years. The Second Years made their retreat preparing for the First Vows under the guidance of Fr. Ignatius Tete, Socius, at Tarunoday from May 31 to June 8.

Meanwhile, Fr. Raymond guided an annual retreat for the Ursuline Sisters of Gumla Province. On 15 June morning, the Community warmly welcomed 11 new Novices who were accompanied by the Jeevan Deep Pre-Novitiate Staff – Fr. Rajesh Sandil, Director, Sch. John Fisher Osga, Asst. Director and Sch. Kanchan Minj. They are from four Provinces – Andhra (1), Jamshedpur (2), Madhya Pradesh (3) and Ranchi (6). Having completed their first probation, they joined the Ashirvad Novitiate family on 1st July.

On the Feast of St. Stanislaus Kostka, 21st June, five second year Novices took their first Vows in the presence of Rev. Fr. Ajit Kumar Xess, the Provincial, who officiated the Eucharist. Fr Syleverius Chirmako too was rightly present as he had accompanied them for one year. Many other Jesuits from the Province, together with Religious Sisters, Brothers and neighbours participated in the ceremony. Soon after the Mass a short felicitation song was sung and straightaway all went for the dinner. Thanks to Fr. Michael, the Minister, who saw to it that the guests were sufficiently fed with sumptuous dinner and delicious mangoes. The following day the Novice Master accompanied the new Juniors to Sadbhavna, Provincial's Curia and then to Manresa House.



Jharna Spirituality Centre: Fr Mario, S.J., from Pune conducted the Retreat for 34 Jesuit Educators of Ranchi from June 1-9. This was the second group that Fr Mario gave retreat to the Ranchi Jesuits. Seven Religious Sisters (3 Carmelites, 3 St. Charles Borromeo and 1 Sacred Heart Sister) were guided by Fr Camil Kerketta from June 9 to 18 evening. SIGN of SDC organized a three-day Seminar for the villagers on June 10, 11 and 12 in which the number of participants was 46.

A long-awaited desire to run a Ignatian Spirituality Course at Jharna for one full month (June 22 to July 22, 2026) came to fulfillment as we were able to start on

June 22 evening in the presence of 14 Religious Sisters. Among these seven are St Anne's Sisters- 3 from Gumla Province, and 4 from Ranchi Province, one from Gumla Ursuline and one SCJM Sister from Nirmala College. On the evening of June 22, three Bethany Sisters (Sr. Madhu Kerketta, Sr. Nikita Lakra & Sr. Monica Beck) began their Spiritual Journey under the guidance of Fr. Raymond. 35 Teachers from Loreto had their half day Recollection on June 26 and another Seminar group started the program on June 26 morning and finished on June 27 after lunch.

Fr. Camil Kerketta

KISHOR NAGAR, NAMKUM, BARGAWAN

In the month of June, the Kishor Nagar community experienced many changes. It was a hectic month. Schs. Naresh Roshan Purty, S.J., and Prabhakar Bilung, S.J., came to Kishor Nagar for their summer ministry from 29 May to 8 June. On 4 June, Fr. Sanjay Tigga, S.J., was given a farewell by the Kishor Nagar Boys' Town community in a warm farewell program. On 5 June, he left to join his new community at Nawadih, Gumla.

Sch. Vicky Soreng, S.J., received a new appointment at Jharain, Simdega. He was given a farewell on 14 July, soon after the Sunday Mass. The boys of Kishor Nagar presented an entertaining cultural program, and on the same day, he departed for his new ministry.

Brother Sahai Basumatary joined the Kishor Nagar community on 12 June and began his ministry, but due to certain circumstances, he was soon transferred to St. John's, Dorea. On 15 June, the students of Kishor Nagar began arriving back after their summer vacation. The boys returned with great enthusiasm, and classes resumed on 16 June. They enjoyed eating lychees brought from Jharna and ripe mangoes from the Agriculture Training Centre. The students are doing well in their studies and co curricular activities.

Fr. Mukul Kerketta, S.J., joined the community on 25 June and was warmly welcomed by the students. The boys are now preparing a fusion dance for the MAGIS Award Ceremony, scheduled for 28 June.

Br. Santosh Kr. Tirkey

CATHOLIC CHURCH, KANKE

The Catholic Yuva Sangh of Kanke Parish organized a three day summer camp for Sunday class students from 1-3 June, with 79 participants. The children enjoyed learning Bible stories, painting, games, dance, skits, and singing, all amidst fun and fellowship.

On 13 June, Fr. Samir Dungdung, S.J., conducted a one day orientation programme for the non teaching staff of Prabhat Tara Schools, Dhurwa, attended by 25 participants.

On 18 June, the core committees of LNN, Hoffman Law Association, and AICUFF met at Loyola Training Centre, Ranchi, to finalize the programme for the commemoration of Hul Divas. The core committee of Marriage Encounter, Ranchi, also gathered at the house of Mr. Vijay and Mrs. Reena in Samlong to plan upcoming classes for couples preparing for marriage.

As coordinator of the Pastoral Commission, Fr. Samir Dungdung, S.J., held a conversation with Fr. Vernon D'Cunha, S.J., at Sadbhavna on 22 June.

Fr. Samir Dungdung

CATHOLIC CHURCH, PATRACHAULI

The Dighia Vicariate Catholic Mahila Sangh Convention was held on 16–17 May 2026 at Holy Rosary Church, Patrachauli. Mothers from Kurkuria, Garalodhma, Dighia, and Patrachauli parishes gathered for prayer, confession, and cultural programs. Fr. David welcomed the participants, while Fr. Manohar Toppo, Headmaster of St. Joseph's Middle School, spoke on the responsibilities of mothers. The convention concluded with the Holy Eucharist celebrated by Archbishop Vincent Aind, with Fr. Justin Tirkey, S.J., serving as resource person.

On 24 May 2026, the parish observed "Abba Diwas", honouring fathers. The liturgy, prepared by the youth, included prayers for fathers' health and blessings.

Catechist Hilarius Kerketta and Sisters from Tilaksuti began preparation for First Holy Communion on 22 May. On 31 May 2026, 84 children received the sacrament, assisted by Frs. Justin Tirkey and Oman Tirkey. Soon after that, catechesis for Confirmation began, and on 6 June 2026, Archbishop Vincent Aind confirmed 238 boys and girls during a solemn Eucharist.

On 18 June 2026, the parish inaugurated and blessed the new Multipurpose Hall. Fr. Ajit Kumar Xess, S.J., Provincial Superior, led the prayer, while Fr. Robert Pradeep Kujur, S.J., unveiled the plaque. Fr. Sudhir Minj, Rector of St. Xavier's College, and other Jesuit dignitaries were present. Cultural performances by students of St. Joseph's Middle School and Janta High School added joy to the occasion.

Finally, on 21 June 2026, a career guidance seminar was conducted by Fr. George Soreng and Fr. David Bara to help the youth discern future opportunities.

Fr. David Bara

ST. STANISLAUS' SCHOOL, LOHARDAGA

On 28 May, Sch. Pingal Bilung joined the community as a Regent. On the same day, the community also bid farewell to the outgoing Regent, Sch. Fabian Dhanwar. The occasion was both joyful and emotional as one member began a new journey while another concluded his period of service among us.

On 30 May, Fr. Suresh, Fr. Sushil and Sch. Pingal attended the Golden Jubilee celebration of Fr. Emmanuel Barla. The gathering was a memorable occasion, bringing together friends, well-wishers, and members of the Jesuit family to thank God for fifty years in the Society of Jesus.

The following day, 31 May, witnessed a grand celebration at Lohardaga Parish, where the faithful gathered for the First Holy Communion and Confirmation ceremonies. Fr. Suresh played an active role in preparing the choir and leading the liturgical singing. The presence of His Lordship Bishop Vincent Aind added grace and solemnity to the occasion, making it a memorable day for the parish community.

The celebrations continued on 1 June, when the campus hosted the Silver Jubilee celebration of Fr. Cyril Tigga, S.J., of the Jamshedpur Province. The occasion was blessed by the presence of Bishop Emeritus Felix Toppo and Bishop Vincent Aind, while Fr. Ajit K. Xess, Provincial, also honoured the gathering with his presence. The Holy Eucharist was presided over by Bishop Felix Toppo. Following the Mass, a felicitation programme was held in the school hall and concluded with a fellowship meal.

On 5 June, Fr. Sushil travelled to Ranchi for a dental consultation. A community meeting was held on 8 June, during which several important matters were discussed. Particular attention was given to the forthcoming blessing and inauguration of the +2 building, as well as the implementation of the newly enhanced salary structure for the teachers.

The school reopened on 11 June, marking the beginning of a new academic phase. Sch. Pingal was formally welcomed to the school, and a brief meeting was held in the staff room to introduce him to the teaching community and discuss matters concerning the school.

A moment of profound sadness touched the community on 12 June with the passing away of one of our Class X students. A prayer service was held in his memory, and the school was dismissed for a day as a mark of respect. Teachers visited the bereaved family to offer their condolences, prayers, and support during this difficult time. The entire school community joined in mourning the loss of a young life and praying for eternal rest.

The community welcomed distinguished visitors on 16 June, when Fr. Gerald D'Souza and Fr. Mahender Peter visited the AROUSE. During their visit, they also addressed the students and staff, sharing valuable insights and encouragement.

A joyful celebration took place on 19 June as the community gathered to celebrate the birthday of Fr. Sushil. Neighbouring communities were invited to join the celebration and supper.

On 21 June, the school enthusiastically observed International Yoga Day. Students and staff participated actively in the programme, recognizing the importance of physical well-being, mental discipline, and holistic development.

From 22 June onwards, preparations for the blessing and inauguration of the +2-building gained momentum. Teachers, Jesuits, staff members, and students worked together with dedication and enthusiasm to ensure the success of the forthcoming event.

A review meeting was held on 23 June involving both teachers and Jesuits to assess the progress of the preparations and to address pending tasks. On the same day, Fr. Suresh and Fr. Sushil travelled to Ranchi to meet Fr. David regarding account-related work. On 24 June Fr. Sushil and his staff travelled to Samtoli for a review meeting of a programme: Ensuring Social Protection and Building Climate Resilient Communities in India.

As the month draws to a close, the community remains actively engaged in final preparations for the upcoming inauguration programme. There is a strong spirit of cooperation and commitment among all members, each contributing their time and talents to ensure the success of the event.

Fr. Ajay Soreng

ST. IGNATIUS' HIGH SCHOOL, GUMLA

The month of June was filled with many joyful and meaningful activities in our community. On 12th June, Fr. George Soreng left for Patrachauli to join the community. We wish him God's blessings in his new mission. From 14th to 16th June, the students of St. Ignatius' High School and Inter College, Gumla attended a retreat. The programme was well organized and helped the students grow spiritually.

On 16th June, Fr. Jerald D'Souza, S.J., Secretary for Ecology and Justice (CSEJ), ISI Delhi, visited AROUSE, Gumla. He was accompanied by Fr. Peter Mahendra Tigga and Fr. Sushil Tirkey.

On 18th June, St. Ignatius' Inter College, Gumla, began

the new academic session for Class XI (2026–28) with an induction programme. Mr. Ahmed Belal Anwar, IFS, Divisional Forest Officer, Gumla, was the chief guest. He encouraged the students to care for the environment and become men and women for others.

On 20th June, Fr. Rajendra Tete, S.J. from Hazaribagh Province conducted an orientation programme for the teachers of St. Xavier's School, Gumla.

On the same day, the Feast of St. Aloysius Gonzaga was celebrated. The Apostolic Boys of Gumla presented two skits: "The Telegram" in English and "Kale Ghore Ki Nal Ki Angothi" in Hindi. The Apostolic Boys from Samtoli also joined the celebration. The skits were well performed. Fr. Birender Tirkey, SDB, was the Chief Guest.

On 21st June, we joyfully celebrated the 92nd birthday of Fr. John Lakra and thanked God for his life and dedicated service.

During the month, we also welcomed three new community members: Sch. Anil Xaxa, Sch. Nitesh Minj, and Fr. Xavier Soreng. We wish them a happy and fruitful stay in the community.

Fr. Nelson Minj

ST. PETER'S, TONGO

The month of June was filled with numerous spiritual, educational, and pastoral activities at St. Paul's Church, Tongo. From 26–29 May, Fr. Ignatius Tete from Ashirvad, Namkum, conducted classes and a recollection programme for the catechists. His dedicated service and tireless efforts were deeply appreciated by the catechists, who benefited greatly from his guidance. On 27 May, five scholastics—Anup Tirkey, Alok Soreng, Amrit Toppo, Noel Ekka, and Robin Minz—arrived in Tongo to assist in preparing candidates for the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

From 1–7 June, Fr. Santosh Topno from Hazaribagh conducted training sessions on herbal medicine and its practical applications. His classes proved beneficial not only for the catechists but also for parishioners, who gained valuable insights into natural healthcare. On 3 June, 622 boys and girls received the Sacrament of Confirmation from Bishop Linus Pingal Ekka, D.D., Bishop of Gumla. In his message, the Bishop encouraged the young faithful to remain steadfast in their responsibilities, cherish their faith, and remember God's abundant blessings. On 7 June, 95 boys and girls received their First Holy Communion. The Holy Eucharist was presided over by Fr. Rajendra Toppo, while Fr. Solomon Tirkey delivered an inspiring homily.

A convocation ceremony for catechists was held on 14 June, during which 17 catechists were awarded certificates. The Holy Eucharist was presided over by Bishop Linus Pingal Ekka, D.D., followed by a fellowship meal at the *Prachar Dera*. The parish expressed gratitude to Frs. Rajendra Toppo, Pradeep Turkey, and Tej Baxla for their dedicated efforts in preparing the catechists. On 8 June, a thanksgiving dinner was organized in honour of Fr. Rohit Kujur. Members of neighbouring Jesuit communities gathered to bid him farewell as he moved to his new assignment. On 9 June, the Jesuit community of Tongo accompanied him to St. Mary's, Samtoli.

On 16 June, Fr. Gerald D'Souza, Secretary for Ecology, accompanied by Frs. Peter Mahendra, Sushil Turkey, and Elphiz Kerketta, paid a brief visit to Tongo. They interacted with local farmers and parishioners, sharing valuable insights on ecological responsibility and environmental stewardship. The participants appreciated the discussions and were encouraged to become more conscious of their responsibility towards Mother Earth.

A pilgrimage for the Mahila Sangh of Tongo Parish was organized on 21 June. The programme included a procession, a spiritual talk, and the celebration of the Holy Eucharist, presided over by Fr. Shailesh Lakra. On the same day, the Chainpur Vicariate organized a pilgrimage to Bendora, offering prayers for a timely and abundant monsoon. The Holy Mass was presided over by Fr. Sushil Kujur, with the choir led by students of St. Peter's Hostel and Ursuline Hostel under the guidance of Sch. Robin Minz.

Also on 21 June, the Jesuit community of Tongo warmly welcomed Fr. Sandeep Bage as a new member. Jesuits from Dorea, Bundu, and Maranghada accompanied him. On 23 June, Fr. Sandeep was formally welcomed at Boys' Middle School, Tongo, in a ceremony attended by Fr. Tej, the school secretary, and Fr. Rajendra Toppo. On the same occasion, students bid farewell to Fr. Shailesh Lakra, expressing gratitude for his dedicated service.

On 24 June, Fr. Shailesh Lakra was formally welcomed to St. Peter's High School, Tongo. St. Peter's Inter College has admitted around 60 students to the first year so far, with hopes of enrolling more in the coming weeks. Preparations for the upcoming School Day celebration on 29 June are in full swing, with teachers and students enthusiastically engaged in rehearsals. With the arrival of the monsoon rains, the agricultural fields within the church premises were prepared for cultivation under the leadership of Fr. Raju, reflecting the community's spirit of collaboration and readiness for the farming season.

Fr. Shailesh Lakra

ST. MARY'S HIGH SCHOOL, SAMTOLI

Welcome and Farewell: Community quite joyfully welcomed new members on different dates on their arrival. Sch. Arpan Bara, as a new Regent in St. Mary's High School was welcomed by Fr. Pius, Rector and a farewell was given to Sch. Suman Bara on May 27, 2026 with a bouquet each. Rector wished both of them all the best for their respective engagements. Fr. Fredrick Kujur spoke the words of appreciation and gratitude at length for Sch. Suman Bara as he is going for his Philosophical studies. Sch. Suman expressed his gratitude towards each member of the community highlighting some of their qualities which inspired him during the time of his Regency. Another new member in the person of Fr. Rohit Kujur arrived on June 09, 2026 accompanied by Fr. Tej Kumar Baxla and a few Scholastics from Tongo. He was welcomed during the supper time with a green plant by Fr. Rector. Community was blessed with the arrival of yet another new community man in the person of Fr. Sushil Bilung, S.J., on June 13, 2026 who was formally welcomed by Fr. Pius with a bouquet and wished him very best for his ministry in St. Xavier's College, Simdega.

Health: Fr. Pius Xalxo went to Lievens Hospital, Mandar for his medical check-up. Diagnosis is that the sugar level is on the higher side. He has now got a good amount of medicines to consume. Fr. Florence Guria is also not doing well as he is having swollen leg and persistent pain. Diagnosis is that he is having the problem of uric acid and the related issues. He is getting better and is able to walk without the support of a stick.

Land Dispute: Pertaining to land dispute, Fr. Pius and Florence appeared in the C.O.'s office, Simdega on June 09, 2026. We are very grateful to Fr. Mahendra Peter Tigga, S.J., and Miss Pratibha Kujur for preparing documents and accompanying us to C.O. office. It was quite unfortunate that we failed to meet C.O. as he had a meeting in the D.C. office. On the following day- June 10, we were suddenly summoned by C.O. for presenting clarification for the land dispute. He went through the documents that was presented to him but seemed not satisfied with the clarification as he was seeking correction slip of the land in dispute. We are now waiting for his report.

Reopening of Schools: After the summer vacation, St. Mary's High School and St. Mary's English Medium School reopened on June 11 and 15 respectively. Schools have become alive with the presence and activities of students and staff members.

Auditing: Mr. Gaurav, a staff member from Banka & Associate office, Ranchi came on June 15, 2026 for

the work of auditing of the various units of St. Mary's Registered Society. Since account keeping was maintained well, the auditing work went faster. Auditor left for his destination on June 20, 2026. Thanks to Gaurav for doing the auditing work professionally!

Blessing of new College Canteen: Newly constructed college canteen was blessed by Fr. Pius Xalxo on June 21, 2026 in the presence of Fr. Roshan, Fr. Bruno, Fr. Sushil and Mr. Rajesh and his company. Mr. Rajesh and his team served us the refreshments which were quite tasty. We wish them all the best.

Shifting and Reopening of SXC: After a hectic work of shifting of moveable properties, assets, registers, documents etc. academic block is ready to welcome the students and staff. SXC reopened on June 22, 2026 in the new campus at Dhawaipani. Teaching and non-teaching staff reported to the new academic block and Fr. Sushil Bilung, S.J., a new member of college was welcomed by Fr. Roshan Ba'a, Principal. Fr. Pius Xalxo welcomed him on behalf of the entire St. Xavier's college family with a bouquet and a shawl. After a brief instruction to the staff members by Fr. Roshan Ba'a, all of them moved to their respective places. Now the exams and classes are going on for the students. From this day onwards, Fr. Roshan and Fr. Samir are occupying the living rooms in the new residence building at Dhawaipani. Other members of the college will move slowly to new Jesuit residence once the building is fully furnished and completed. Wish them all the best in the new campus!

Work of ground levelling: Levelling of playground is going on and grass is also being planted at war footing. There is a plan to have a standard size of track and playground for the students. Fr. Bruno Toppo is very much involved in this work and it is progressing under his supervision. Let us hope for the best!

Hostel: The month of June marked the beginning of academic session. The students returned to hostel on 10th June after the summer vacation. The hostel campus became lovely once again with the arrival of the students. Regular classes resumed on 11 June 2026 and the students settled into their academic and hostel routines. On 14 June 2026, the hostel family warmly welcomed Sch. Arpan Bara as the new Regent. Under the guidance of Fr. Fredrick Kujur, S.J., the student organized program to welcome him.

Bharatnatyam Dance Training program was organized from 15 June to 24 June 2026 through the initiative of Fr. Fredrick Kujur, S.J. Two trainers conducted the classes and introduced the students to the basic steps, expressions

and movements of Bharatnatyam. Training program concluded on 24 June 2026 with a closing ceremony held in the evening. The students showcased dance items that they had learned during the training period. Fr. Nabor Lakra SJ attended the function as the Chief Guest and encouraged the students.

Apostolic School: On 20 June 2026, all the students of Apostolic School, Samtoli went to Gumla to celebrate the Feast of St. Aloysius Gonzaga. Journey was enjoyed by the boys as they were engaged in singing and dancing at the beat of Dhol, Mandar and Nagara. At 5.45 pm, cultural program began. Two skits were presented – The Telegram in English and काले घोड़े की नाल की अंगुठी Both of them were staged well. Fr. Birender Tirkey SDB was the Chief Guest who delivered a motivating and inspiring speech. Fathers, Sisters, hostellers and other guests from different places enjoyed the program.

The following day began with a solemn Holy Mass in the Apostolic school chapel attended by students and Apostolic school boys. A friendly football match was organized between Gumla Apostolic School and Samtoli Apostolic School. Match was very exciting and enjoyable. After the match a delicious lunch was served which was enjoyed by all.

Finally, it was a time of farewell and departure. Samtoli Apostolic boys expressed their gratitude towards Gumla Apostolic School boys for their hospitality and wished them every success in the future. We came back to our place carrying happy and joyous memories and rich experience from this celebration.

Fr. Pius Xalxo

JESUIT COMMUNITY, NOADIH

The month of June was marked by several significant events, moments of grace, and new beginnings for the Noadih Jesuit Community. Fr. Deonis spent the period from 1st to 9th June at Jharna for his annual retreat, a time of prayer, reflection, and spiritual renewal.

From 2nd to 4th June, the Noadih Vicariate Youth Program was held at Parsa Parish under the inspiring theme, "You are the light of the world" (Mt 5:14). Approximately 370 young people participated in the gathering. Fr. Beatus Kindo, SJ, the Youth Director of the Vicariate, played a pivotal role in planning and conducting the program. Under his dedicated leadership, the event was a great success. Fr. Sameer Ekka also contributed by facilitating a meaningful session on "Future and Purpose of Life," helping the youth reflect on their vocation and aspirations.

The community was delighted to welcome Fr. Sanjay Tigga,

SJ, as its newest member on 5th June. We express our sincere gratitude to Frs. Walter Beck and Ruben Xalxo for accompanying him to Noadih and helping him settle into his new ministry.

A particularly joyful occasion was celebrated on 7th June when 155 children received their First Holy Communion. Having prepared themselves through three weeks of catechetical instruction and spiritual formation, they received Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Eucharist for the first time. We are deeply grateful to the catechists and youth volunteers who generously dedicated their time and effort in preparing the aspirants. During the Eucharistic celebration, Fr. Beatus, the main celebrant, encouraged the children to remain closely united with the Lord and steadfast in their Christian faith.

On 14th June, parishioners undertook a pilgrimage to the Marian Shrine at Baghmara village, seeking God's blessing for timely and abundant rainfall. Fr. Sanjay Tigga presided over the Holy Eucharist in Kurukh. The faithful greatly appreciated both his fluency in the language and the depth of his homily. Frs. Pingal, Deonis, and Sameer joined him as concelebrants, making the celebration a spiritually enriching experience for all.

From 17th to 20th June, the Jeevan Pravesh Team visited Noadih to conduct guidance sessions for the students of Classes X and XI of Janta High School. We extend our hearty thanks to Fr. Augustine Kujur, SJ, Sr. Alka Minj, Sr. Sosita Kujur, and Mr. Ambros Kerketta for sharing their valuable insights, experiences, and wisdom with the students. Their sessions were both informative and inspiring, helping the young participants to reflect seriously on their future. We remain grateful to the entire Jeevan Pravesh Team for their generous service. On 18th June, Fr. Deonis Ekka left for his new assignment at Bundu. Members of the Noadih community accompanied him and wished him well as he embarked on this new chapter of his ministry. He received a warm and cordial welcome from the Jesuit community at Bundu.

Another noteworthy event took place on 21st June when the Catholic Sabha Committee of Noadih Parish convened a meeting for the village *panches* and catechists in the parish hall. The President reminded the participants of their important responsibilities and duties toward the parish and the wider community. Mr. Manoj provided valuable information regarding the SIR initiative. The gathering concluded with a fellowship meal enjoyed by all. The month concluded on a happy note with the arrival of Scholastic Sumit Samir, who joined the community on 22nd June as a regent. We warmly welcome him to Noadih and wish him God's abundant blessings, wisdom, and joy

in his ministry and formation.

As a community, we thank the Lord for His countless blessings throughout the month and pray for continued guidance and grace in all our ministries and apostolic endeavours.

Fr Pingal Kujur

SACRED HEART COLLEGE, SATYA NILAYAM, CHENNAI

The new academic year at Satya Nilayam commenced with the arrival of all students on 3rd and 4th June 2026. Orientation programmes for the first-year students were held on 5th and 6th June, while classes for the second-year students began on 6th June. This year, Satya Nilayam welcomes 28 first-year students, including one lay student, and 31 second-year students.

The community also welcomed new members to its academic and administrative team. Fr. Nitin, Fr. Patrik, and Fr. Derin joined as professors, while Fr. Amit assumed office as Minister and Fr. Jeyakumar took charge as Treasurer. On 8th June, the community received the sad news of the passing away of Mrs. Mary Kulandaisamy (89), the mother of the Rector. Fr. K. Amal. He departed for his hometown to participate in her funeral rites.

The Inaugural Mass for the Academic Year 2026–27 was celebrated on 9th June with the theme, "Guided by the Spirit: From Wisdom to Mission." The Eucharistic celebration was presided over by George Antonysamy, Archbishop of Madras-Mylapore. A felicitation programme followed the Mass, during which Dr. Ashok Kumar delivered an address highlighting contemporary socio-political concerns, including debates surrounding governance and vegetarianism in India.

As part of community-building activities, students participated in an outing on 13th June. First-year students enjoyed a "Chennai Darshan," while second-year students visited the historic town of Mahabalipuram for a half-day excursion. Parish Ministries commenced on 14th June.

Another tragic incident saddened the community on 15th June with the death of Mr. Joseph, a former table boy and member of the kitchen staff, along with his father. Both lost their lives in a drowning accident while fishing, as Joseph attempted to rescue his father who was unable to swim.

On 17th June, a friendly football match was held between the first-year and second-year students. The second-year team emerged victorious with a score of 3–1. The 41st

Academic Year Inaugural Function of the Satya Nilayam Research Institute of Philosophy and Culture (SNRI) was held on 19th June at 6:00 p.m. The keynote address was delivered by Prof. Lawrence Surendra on the theme "Ecology, Justice, and the Future of Human Civilisation," offering valuable insights into contemporary ecological and social challenges.

The month was marked by a blend of academic enthusiasm, community engagement, moments of celebration, and occasions of sorrow, all of which shaped the beginning of the new academic year at Satya Nilayam.

Sch. Damian Barla

DE NOBILI COLLEGE, PUNE

The life and new vibes of DNC once again came alive after the summer break, as scholastics returned with renewed enthusiasm for the new session. Soon after their arrival on June 3, 2026, they began a two-day orientation on June 5 and 6, centred on the theme "Communio." The various programmes during the orientation helped the newcomers familiar with life at DNC. This time, the DNC family is blessed with 33 newcomers (Philosophy 22 and Theology 11).

This year, Jnana Deepa- Pontifical Athenaeum of Philosophy and Theology celebrates one hundred glorious years of existence and service to the Church. To mark the solemn opening of the centenary celebrations, His Eminence Cardinal Antony Poola, the Archbishop of Hyderabad and the Patron of JD, celebrated the inaugural Holy Mass of the Holy Spirit with the centenary theme of the Institute 'Jnana Deepotsava- A century of Igniting Hearts and Minds,' on June 6. His Excellency Bishop Simon Almeida, DD, the Bishop of Poona Diocese and the Vice- Patron of JD concelebrated the Holy Mass.

Most Rev. Bishop Simon Almeida, DD delivered the *Lectio Brevis*, highlighting the learning and pastoral dimensions of our life at JD. He emphasized that studies are never in isolation but always in solidarity with the cries of the poor, hope for the children and compassion for the vulnerable. This was his key message during the *Lectio Brevis* which deeply moved and touched the hearts of the students.

On June 8, all students of JD commenced their classes. From June 8 to June 12, DNC arranged evening inputs on various aspects- such as forums, ministries, way of life, spiritual guidance etc. for the students.



On June 13, the newcomers of DNC, including some priests, went for Pune Dharshan to become familiar with the city. During the province-wise Mass on the morning of June 20, all the newcomers from the province at DNC were formally welcomed into their own province groups. The celebration concluded with a sharing of life together through a common province dinner.

Fr. Wilson Kandulna

ST. XAVIER'S SCHOOL, SAHIBGANJ

After the Summer vacation, classes resumed on 15 of June. Before that on 12th and 13th, we had a seminar for classes 9th and 10th respectively. For class 9th, we kept the theme "Young Minds, Bright Future", and for 10th "Value of Education".

Our teachers were the resource persons for the Seminars. Topic was allotted to them according to the themes. On 20th we started our First Unit Test. It went till 25th June.

ST. IGNATIUS' HOSTEL, SAHIBGANJ

On 9th of June, new regent (Nitish Ekka) joined the community. Fr. Director, Vimal, welcomed the regent and others. Fr. Sunit, Fr. Deepak, Sr. Anjela and Sr. Sushila dropped off the regent to the next regency place. We celebrated the birthday of Nitish on 22 June. We had a Thanksgiving Mass followed by a short felicitation program to the birthday baby.

Sch. Nitish Ekka

SADAKBARI, JHAPA

The month was filled with meaningful interactions, celebrations, and educational activities that strengthened the bond among students, parents, teachers, and the community. On 31 May, a Parents-Teachers Interaction was organized for Nursery and LKG students. The meeting created a valuable opportunity for parents and teachers to discuss the children's progress and work together for their holistic growth of the children. On

3 June, a Community Meeting was held to discuss and plan the budget.

To mark- World Environment Day on 5 June, the school conducted a Drawing Competition based on specific topics assigned to each class. Students enthusiastically participated and expressed their creativity while learning the importance of caring for nature. Language and cultural talents were encouraged through literary events. On 8 June, students showcased their confidence and speaking skills during the Nepali Elocution Competition. Later, on 12 June, students beautifully expressed emotions and language skills through the Nepali Poem Recital Competition. Another Parents-Teachers Interaction was conducted on 21 June for UKG and Class 1, allowing parents and teachers to review students' development and strengthen communication for better learning outcomes.

Finally, on 26 June, the community gathered to bid a hearty farewell to Sch. Sawan Rai (regent) in recognition of his selfless and dedicated service at St. Xavier's School, Sadakbari. The occasion was filled with gratitude, appreciation, and best wishes for his future journey.

Sch. Ranjeet Kullu

OURS IN ASSAM MISSION

ST. XAVIER'S COMMUNITY, SONABHEEL, TEZPUR

St. Xavier's Primary and Senior Secondary Schools:

To promote safety and legal awareness, St. Xavier's Senior Secondary School hosted a vital day programme on the POCSO Act on 25th May 2026. Distinguished resource persons Fr. Ignatius Minj, S.J., an advocate and Parish Priest of Balipara, alongside Fr. Anuranjan Purty, Director of Gana Chetana Samaj, guided the students and teachers through the session. The seminar provided crucial insights into recognizing abuse and understanding protective legal mechanisms under the POCSO Act 2012—an initiative that was deeply appreciated by the entire school community.

World Environment Day was enthusiastically celebrated on 5th June as students showcased creative, eco-themed artwork and planted trees across the campus alongside their teachers. Shortly after, the school transitioned into exam season. First-term examinations began for primary school students on 17th June, followed by the senior secondary school exams which ran from 22nd June to 27th June. With testing complete, a month-long summer vacation was announced from 1st July to 31st July.

St. Xavier's College: St. Xavier's College celebrated the Academic Award and Farewell Ceremony on 16th May 2026. Dr. Manuj Hazarika, Principal, Darrang College, Tezpur, was the Chief Guest and he awarded the top honours Gold medals, mementos, and merit certificates to top three students namely to Mary Gloria Bilung (Department of Political Science) the 1st Gold Medallist, Sima Topno, (Department of Geography) the 2nd Gold Medallist and Namgoulal Dimngel, (Department of Political Science) the 3rd Gold Medallist and the Best Student Batch 2023 was awarded to Sr. Rajni Kanta Baa, OSU (Department of Political Science). The departmental toppers were also awarded with gold medals, silver medals and bronze medals along with the certificates. The junior students presented the cultural programmes in honour of graduating seniors to bid them farewell. The World Environment Day 2026 was celebrated planting trees and saplings in the campus by the students and the teachers on 5th June 2026. The even end semester examinations and the practical examinations were conducted from 19th May to 30th June and a month-long summer vacation was announced from 1st July to 31st July.

St. Xavier's Jesuit Community: Fr. Erenius Toppo celebrated his birthday on 4th May with Jesuits from Jesuit Bhanvan and Jesuit Community Balipara marking the day with thanksgiving prayer followed by a dinner. Fr. Alexius Ekka and Fr. Xavier Lakra participated in the Province Days 2026 and have returned to the community. Fr. Erenius Toppo rushed to Ranchi following critical news regarding his brother-in-law, Mr Premchand Tigga. He was admitted in the Bhagwan Mahavir Manipal Hospital, Booty More, Ranchi. Mr. Premchand passed away on 26th May and his burial took place on 27th May. Fr. Erenius Toppo stayed to support the family during this time and returned to college to resume his duty on 4th June.

Fr. Ranjit Kujur conducted the semester examinations as the Principal in-charge while of Fr. Erenius Toppo was away. Fr. Claber Minj went to Ranchi on 23rd May for PhD work, partially completed it, and has returned to Sonabheel. Fr. Alexius Ekka handed over the role of Superiorship to Fr. Erenius Toppo and Fr. Ranjit Kujur officially handed over the Treasurership to Fr. Claber Minj. Jesuits from Jesuit Bhavan and Jesuit Community Balipara were present during the handing over ceremony and the transitions were marked by a thanksgiving concelebrated Holy Mass officiated by Fr. Thomas Barla and followed by the agape. Fr. Alexius Ekka travelled to Ranchi on 19th June for a Bishops' meeting and a health check-up and has returned. Fr. John Jyoti Kujur travelled to Ranchi on 22nd June to take his B. Ed. semester examinations.

Fr. Erenius Toppo

OURS IN DIASPORA

INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE OF GESÙ

On the 29th of May, Mathew and Nitin began their summer examinations, marking the start of an intense period of study, prayer, and academic commitment. The examination season brought a more focused and reflective atmosphere to the Gesù Community as each Scholastic dedicated himself to preparing for and completing his respective examinations. It was a time that called for perseverance, discipline, and mutual encouragement among the members of the community.

On the evening of the same day, the Gesù Community gathered to bid a solemn farewell to the Third-Year Scholastics (Deacons) as they prepared to leave for the next stage of their Jesuit formation. The gathering was marked by gratitude for the years shared together in study, prayer, community life, and apostolic experiences. The community expressed its sincere appreciation for their friendship, generosity, and witness, and assured them of prayers as they entered into their diaconal ministry in their respective Provinces. Although their departure brought a sense of sadness, it was also a source of great joy as they continue to respond generously to God's call.

After several weeks of examinations, the academic term finally came to a close. By the 26th of June, all the Scholastics had successfully completed their examinations, concluding another demanding yet rewarding semester. With the academic responsibilities behind them, the community gradually began to disperse as members departed for various destinations to spend their holidays, undertake pastoral assignments, or visit their families and Provinces. The house slowly became quieter as one Scholastic after another departed, carrying with them the hope of returning refreshed and renewed for the next stage of formation.

The conclusion of the examination period also provided an opportunity for the community to give thanks to God for His guidance and blessings throughout the Semester and to look forward with gratitude and hope to the experiences and opportunities that the summer months will bring.

COLLEGIO ROBERTO BELLARMINO

On the 1st of June, Kulwant moved to the Oriental Institute Community. Pramod and Alok began their semester examinations on the 3rd of June, which concluded on the 19th of June. On the morning of the 25th of June, Pramod appeared for his long-awaited comprehensive final examination. He performed exceptionally well and passed with distinction. With the successful completion of his Licentiate in the History of the Church and Cultural

Heritage, he has now qualified to teach at the tertiary level. This is indeed a moment of great joy for Pramod and for the Province. He now looks forward to his future teaching mission after years of rigorous academic preparation. Following the successful completion of his examination, Pramod and his classmates were invited by the Dean of the Faculty for a celebratory dinner in *Frascati*.

On the 17th of June, Sandeep Jagtap (Pune Province) pronounced his Final Vows in the presence of A.R.P.N. Superior General and his Delegate Johan Verschueren. Kulwant celebrated his birthday on the 19th of June, while the members of the Province gathered on the 28th of June at *Biblicum Qumran* to celebrate the gift of life and to welcome Ananias Xess amongst Ranchi Jesuits in Rome.

The unusually high summer temperatures meant that Pramod and Alok spent much of their time indoors even after completing their examinations. During June, the community also welcomed several newcomers who will soon begin a two-month Italian language programme. At the same time, many members who had completed their studies departed for their respective Provinces and countries. Among the new arrivals are three Scholastics from the Karnataka Province, one from the Kerala Province, and one from Sri Lanka belonging to the Jesuit Conference of South Asia (JCSA). Sameer is expected to join the community in September, and his arrival will be a welcome support for Alok, who will remain in the community after Kulwant's transfer to the Oriental Institute Community and Pramod's return to India.

Life at Bellarmino continues to evolve with new developments. One noteworthy addition to the community is a Chinese diocesan priest who has been assigned by his Jesuit bishop to spend a period of formation and pastoral experience in a Jesuit community. Although Kulwant has moved to the Oriental Institute Community, he has returned to Bellarmino on several occasions to share meals with the community, much to the delight of Pramod and Alok.

PONTIFICAL BIBLICAL INSTITUTE

On the 27th of May, the final day of regular classes, the community gathered for a special dinner to mark the conclusion of the 2025–2026 academic year. The occasion also provided an opportunity to bid a heartfelt farewell to six outgoing members and to express gratitude for their generous service and valuable contributions to the community in various capacities: Profs. Dieter Bohler (ECE) and Enrique Sanz (ESP), together with students Thomson Lopes (BOM), Joekin Raja Samidass (AND), James Page (UCS), and Jyoti Paul Baxla (RAN).

Following a week's break, the annual examinations

commenced on the 5th of June and concluded on the 26th of June. While Jyoti did not have semester examinations, he remained fully engaged in writing his thesis. Despite the demanding examination schedule, the community joyfully celebrated the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus on the 12th of June. As the community is dedicated to the Sacred Heart, the feast held particular significance. To mark the occasion, the community welcomed the Superiors of the neighbouring Jesuit Communities to join in the Eucharistic celebration and the festive meal that followed, making it a joyful expression of Jesuit fraternity and communion.

PONTIFICAL ORIENTAL INSTITUTE

On the 1st of June, Kulwant officially began his new mission at the Pontifical Oriental Institute (PIO) in Rome, marking an important milestone in both his academic and Jesuit formation. He was accompanied to the Institute by Alok and Mirko, a collaborator from the Bellarmino Community, whose presence made the transition both fraternal and joyful. Their accompaniment was a tangible expression of the bonds of friendship and the support of the community he was leaving behind.

Upon his arrival, Kulwant was warmly welcomed by the Superior and the Minister of the PIO Community, who expressed their delight in receiving him into their fraternity. He has since settled into a small yet vibrant international community of seventeen Jesuits, where the rich diversity of cultures, languages, and ecclesial traditions greatly enriches community life. He has already begun to appreciate the community's rhythm of prayer, study, and fraternity, which lies at the heart of life at the Institute.

During these first weeks, Kulwant has also immersed himself in the academic life of the Faculty of Canon Law of the Oriental Churches. With enthusiasm and openness, he has begun participating in faculty activities, meeting professors and fellow students, and becoming acquainted with the academic environment that will shape his mission in the years ahead. As part of this introduction, he attended the *Lectio coram* of two doctoral candidates, an important stage in the doctoral programme and a meaningful opportunity to experience the Faculty's scholarly tradition first-hand.

Kulwant is deeply grateful for the warm welcome he has received and for the opportunity to serve in this new apostolic and academic setting. May God continue to bless him, the Faculty, and the entire PIO Community as they pursue their shared mission of study, teaching, and service to the Church.

GENERAL CURIA

The Extended Council of the Superior General was held at the General Curia from 8 to the 12th of June. The meeting brought together A.R.P.N. Superior General Arturo Sosa, the Secretaries of the various apostolic sectors, the Presidents of the Conferences, the Regional Assistants, and the members of the General Council. The central theme of the gathering was how to strengthen the collaboration and impact of the Secretaries in order to enable the Society of Jesus to offer a more integrated apostolic response to the challenges of our time.

At the opening session, A.R.P.N. Superior General outlined three principal objectives for the meeting: (1) to receive updates on the apostolic missions currently underway across the Society; (2) to strengthen collaboration among the Secretaries, Conference Presidents, Regional Assistants, and members of the General Council; and (3) to identify concrete steps toward a more integrated and unified apostolic mission.

The first day focused on the apostolate of education, encompassing primary, secondary, and higher education. Jimmy Bartolo, Secretary for Secondary and Pre-Secondary Education, presented developments in Jesuit schools worldwide, highlighting emerging international networks, initiatives related to artificial intelligence, and the work of global action teams. Joseph Christie, Secretary for Higher Education, offered an overview of Jesuit higher education, addressing the challenges of sustaining Jesuit identity while presenting ongoing initiatives, particularly in Africa.

The second day was devoted to the Society's commitments to Justice and Ecology and to the Service of Faith. Robert Jaramillo, Secretary for Justice and Ecology, reviewed the progress made in recent years, identified current challenges, and outlined future priorities. James Hanvey, Secretary for the Service of Faith, presented a comprehensive seven-year assessment of the apostolate, highlighting its principal achievements, emerging concerns, and future directions.

On the third day, the discussions centred on strengthening collaboration across the Society. Claudio Paul, Regional Assistant for Southern Latin America, shared his experience of fostering greater collaboration among the Secretaries and of strengthening relationships between the Secretaries, Conference Presidents, and Regional Assistants. He highlighted both successful practices and areas where further development is needed. Robert Jaramillo, Douglas Marcouiller, and Primitivo E. Viray, also shared concrete examples of apostolic collaboration and solidarity from their respective regions.

The fourth day focused on the apostolates of MAGIS

and PCCP (Pastoral, Catechetical, Cultural, and Social Pastoral). Participants reviewed the present state of these ministries and identified priorities and strategic directions for the years ahead.

The final day was dedicated to the apostolate of Formation. Discussions addressed trans-Conference collaboration, the need for renewed structural approaches to formation, the demands of intellectual formation in an increasingly complex world, and the emerging opportunities and challenges presented by artificial intelligence. The Extended Council concluded with gratitude for the graces received during the week and with a renewed commitment to deepen collaboration across the Society's apostolic mission in service of the Church and the world.

PONTIFICAL GREGORIAN UNIVERSITY

On the 18th of June, Prem coordinated the final examinations for the Joint Diploma in Integral Ecology. The Examination Commission consisted of four Professors: Giulia Lombardi (Pontifical Urban University), Massimo Losito (Pontifical Athenaeum Regina Apostolorum), Arturo Bellocq (Pontifical University of the Holy Cross), and Linda Pocher (Pontifical Faculty of Educational Sciences Auxilium). Jyoti Paul and Kulwant generously assisted by guiding the students to their respective examination rooms and ensuring the smooth conduct of the examinations.

Later that afternoon, Prem moderated the sixth session of the Online Course in English. As in the previous sessions, the panel of Resource Persons brought together experts in ecological issues from different parts of the world, who shared insightful reflections drawn from their extensive experience and grassroots engagement. Jyoti Paul and Kulwant opened the session by leading the participants in the Prayer for Creation. The online course will conclude on the 2nd of July with an International Conference on the theme, "Creating a People's Movement for the Care of Our Common Home".

Soon after the examination period concluded on the 26th of June, members of the community began departing for their respective Provinces, summer ministries, and vacation assignments. A few Professors will remain in the community until the end of July to continue their study, and research. During the month of August, the House will remain closed to allow for scheduled maintenance, repairs, and renovation works.

On the 25th of June, Ananias Xess arrived safely in Rome together with two companions from the South Asia Assistancy. He was warmly welcomed at the airport by Mathew. On the 28th of June, the Ranchi Jesuits in

Rome formally welcomed him during a gathering at the Pontifical Biblical Institute. The gifts he brought from Ranchi, especially the mangoes and "Futkal Saag", were greatly appreciated and enjoyed by everyone.



Shortly after his arrival, Ananias began learning the basics of the Italian language in preparation for his studies. Beginning in October, he will commence theological studies at the Pontifical Gregorian University. May his years of theological formation in Rome be enriched by meaningful academic experiences, lasting friendships, and abundant opportunities for personal, intellectual, and spiritual growth.

Fr. Prem Xalxo

CARIBBEAN JESUITS-GUYANA, JAMAICA

During his summer vacation Fr. Elias Surin, S.J., spent his time in guiding retreats. He guided eight days Ignatian Spiritual Exercises to 17 Missionaries of the Poor Brothers in St. Joseph's Community Mount Tabor, Golden Spring, Kingston.

"You will be a priest forever." Heb. 7:17. The solemn Mass of Ordination to the Sacred Priesthood of Rev. Deacons Dalmas Louis Agan, and Roger Raymond Goodwill from the Mustard Seed Communities took place on Sunday, May 31, 2026. The ceremony was celebrated by the Most Rev. Kenneth Richards, Archbishop of Kingston, at the Cathedral of the Most Holy Trinity North Street, Kingston. The ordination brought together the Archdiocese of Kingston, the Mustard Seed Communities, and the local parish communities where the deacons completed their formation.

From 6-12 June, Fr. Elias Surin, S.J., guided one week retreat to Rev. Fr. Howard Thompson, the Parish Priest of St. John the Baptist Church Kingston. He spent his prime time with the Lord, and he renewed his priestly life.



On 7 June, Fr. Lester Shields, S.J., and Fr. Elias Surin, S.J., extended their pastoral care by celebrating the Holy Eucharist in St. Boniface Church Alva and St. Ignatius Church Brownstown respectively in the diocese of Mandeville.

On 17 June the Presbyterial Council Meeting was held in Georgetown, Guyana where they emphasized on the implementation of the synod planning for clergy conference and youth ministries. Fr. Amar Bage, S.J., was blessed by the special visitors from Canada who are the benefactors of his parish- Ascension Church New Amsterdam.

Rev. Fr. Richard Ho Lung, the founder of the Missionaries of the Poor, presided over the Holy Eucharist on 21 June in the Corpus Christi chapel in Downtown, Kingston where Fr. Joseph and Fr. Elias Surin, S.J., were concelebrants. On the Father's Day, special prayers were offered and at the end of the Mass Fr. Richard Ho Lung blessed all the fathers.

On 29 June, the feast day of Sts. Peter and Paul, the customary tradition of the Blessings of Fishermen's Boats and fishing beaches took place in the Diocese of Kingston. All the priests and deacons were assigned to bless their respective fishing beaches and boats.

Fr. Elias Surin

CAMBODIA

Frs. Manoj Kumar Ekka, S.J., and Rajat Hassa Purti, S.J., were re-energized after attending the Ranchi Province Days 2026. Their sense of belonging to the Ranchi Province has been reaffirmed and strengthened. Fr. Manoj, together with some family members, went to Darjeeling for a visit. Fr. Rajat attended the Golden Jubilee celebration of Fr. Emmanuel Barla, S.J., in his village on May 30, 2026. After completing his medical check up, a short home visit, and making his Aadhaar and Voter Identity Cards, Fr. Rajat flew back to Cambodia on June

8, 2026. Fr. Manoj Kumar Ekka, S.J., spent some more time with his beloved aged mother and family members.

After returning to Cambodia, Fr. Rajat began the Housing Project for poor families in St. Andrew Parish, Nikum, and Our Lady of Assumption Parish, Battambang. This year he plans to build six houses for six poor families. He also visited the scholars he supports and encouraged them to study diligently. On June 10, 2026, Fr. Rajat was invited by the Missionaries of Charity Sisters to celebrate Mass and bless all the inmates in the centre, as well as all the houses and the entire campus. The Cambodians have a rich tradition of blessing people, houses, and means of transportation.

Fr. Rajat is going to plant Maduva this year for the first time. He is very hopeful of good growth and a fruitful harvest. Cambodia is experiencing the effects of global warming, with very little rainfall so far. The rice fields do not have enough water for crops. The Priebso, Jesuit community and members of Jesuit Service Cambodia (NGO) are missing Fr. Manoj Ekka, S.J., the Superior of the community.

Fr. Rajat Hassa Purti

GONE BEFORE US

1. **Fr. Seraphim John Lal, S.J.**, 69/47 (PAT), went to his eternal abode on 4 June 2026
2. **Mrs. Faguni Mundu** (87) beloved mother of Br. Stephen Kandir, S.J., (RAN) went to her eternal abode on 10 June 2026.
3. **Mrs. Victoria Ba'a** (80) aunty of Sch. Praveen Kullu, S.J., (RAN) went to her eternal abode on 10 June 2026.
4. **Mr. Peter Basant Horo** (40), younger brother of Fr. Sibil J. Horo, S.J., (RAN), went to his eternal abode on 18 June 2026.
5. **Fr. Abraham Pallivathukal, S.J.**, 86/69 (KER), went to his eternal abode on 20 June 2026.
6. **Fr. Lawrence Amalraj G. S.J.**, 75/57, (CEN) went to his eternal abode on 24 June 2026.
7. **Fr. Charles D'Souza, S.J.**, 75/55 (KHM) went to his eternal abode on 25 June 2026.
8. **Fr. George Rathnasamy, S.J.**, 100/78 (MDU) went to his eternal abode on 28 June 2026.
9. **Br. Mariadoss Antonimuthu, S.J.**, 80/37 (MDU) went to his eternal abode on 30 June 2026.

HEALTH BULLETIN

1. **Fr. Xavier Kerketta, S.J.**, went through “Dupuytren’s Surgery” in CLHRC Mandar and is recuperating.
2. **Sch. Gulshan Ba’a, S.J.**, went the right knee “Ligament Surgery” in Debuka Nursing Home and is recuperating.
3. **Fr. Henry Barla, S.J.**, is admitted in CLHRC Mandar for better medical care.
4. **Fr. Patrick Kerketta, S.J.**, is admitted in CLHRC Mandar for better medical care.

Let’s keep our elder brothers and those brothers who are recuperating from their ailments in our prayers and make an effort to visit them.

Fr. Socius

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

JULY	
1	Dilip Sanjay Ekka
	Anup Tirkey
4	Mark Mukul Lakra
	Mathew Tigga
5	Atul Soreng
7	Ajay Anil Tirkey
8	Pratap S. Toppo
	Sebastian Ekka
	Bipin Lugun
9	Libin Kerketta
	Sushant Xalxo
11	Sikander Tirkey
13	Anupchand K. Minj
15	Dominic Topno
	Amrit Tirkey

17	Rajat Hassa Purty
	Anil Kandulna
	Edwin Ritesh Dungdung
18	Ajay Paulus Minj
19	Alexius Ekka
	Alphonse Kullu
20	Gilbert D’Souza
22	Ashok R. Sandil
	Nelson Minj
24	Bipin Tirkey
	Alfred Baxla
26	Zacharias V. Purty
	Vijay Kr. Minj
	Ranjit Kr. Horo
	Ignatius Kujur
	Nirmal Minj
29	Valentine Sinduria
31	Theodore Ignatius Ba’a
AUGUST	
1	Robin Minj
2	Bhushan Kandulna
4	Suman Prabhat Toppo
5	Rajenius Barla
	Anuranjan Hassa Purty
8	John Ekka
	Pradeep Tirkey

Lord, we thank You for the gift of our brother. Bless him with joy, strength, and deep love for Your mission. May he continue to serve You with the spirit of St. Ignatius.

Amen.

HAPPY FEAST OF ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA

