



RANCHI BULLETIN



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POPE'S INTENTION: JUNE 2026

For the values of sports

Let us pray that sports be an instrument of peace, encounter, and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that they promote values such as respect, solidarity, and personal growth.

CONGRATULATIONS !

Rev. Fr. Ajit Kumar Xess, SJ
on your appointment as
President of the Jesuit
Conference of South Asia
(POSA)!

May God Guide you
&
Bless you !



APPOINTMENTS BY RT. REV. FR. GENERAL

1. **Fr. Ajit Kumar Xess, SJ, (RAN)**, President of Jesuit Conference of South Asia (POSA).
2. **Fr. Jerome Cutinha, SJ, (JAM)**, Rector, De Nobili College (DNC), Pune.
3. **Fr. Sunny Jacob, SJ, (JAM)**, Provincial of Jamshedpur Province.
4. **Fr. Nelson D' Silva, SJ, (DEL)**, Provincial of Delhi Province.

APPOINTMENTS BY REV. FR. PROVINCIAL

(w.e.f. June 2026)

SL	Name	To
1	Fr. George Soreng	Asst. PP, Catholic Church, Patracauli
2	Fr. Ignatius Kujur	PP Diglipur, Andaman
3	Br. Stephen Kandir	Farm & Garden, Catholic Church, Soso
4	Fr. Edwin R. Dungdung	Treasurer, Assam Mission, Tezpur
5	Fr. Ajit Kerketta	Asst. Teacher & Hostel Pref., St. John's H/S Ranchi
6	Fr. Pradeep Tirkey	Asst. PP, Catholic Church, Pengree, Assam
7	Fr. Irenius Toppo	Superior, SXC, Sonabheel (Additional)
8	Fr. Roshan Bage	Principal, St. John's School, Balipara, Tezpur
9	Fr. Jerome Dungdung	Asst. PP, Catholic Church, Tongo
10	Fr. Deonis Ekka	Treasurer, St. Xavier's School, Bundu
11	Fr. Christopher Dung ²	Asst. PP, Catholic Church, Rengarih
12	Fr. Mukul R. Kerketta	Asst. Teacher & Treasurer, St. John's H/S, Doreya
13	Fr. Sanjay Tigga	Asst. Teacher, R.C. M/S, Noadih
14	Fr. Anil Kullu	Asst. Director, Gana Chetana, Tezpur, Assam
15	Fr. Alexius Dungdung	Headmaster, R.C. M/S, Bingaon
16	Fr. Xavier Kerketta	Asst. PP, Catholic Church, Ram Nagar, Andaman
17	Fr. Xavier Soreng	Asst. Director, AROUSE, Gumla
18	Fr. Bipin Tirkey	Principal, Loyola Academy, Diglipur
19	Fr. Claber Minj	Vice Principal & Treasurer, SXC, Sonabheel, Assam
20	Fr. Ranjit Kujur	Hostel Prefect and Faculty, SXC, Sonabheel, Assam
21	Fr. John Jyoti Kujur	Minister, Asst. Hostel Sup., Asst. Teacher, St. Xavier's Senior Secondary Sonabheel, Assam
22	Fr. Sandeep Bage	Asst. Teacher, Boys' M/S, Tongo
23	Fr. John Fabian Ekka	Asst. Teacher, Boys' M/S, Rengarih
24	Fr. Shailesh Lakra	Hostel Prefect & Asst. Teacher (Eng.), St. Peter's H/S, Tongo
25	Fr. Rohit Kujur	Vice Principal & Coordinator, +2 St. Mary's School Samtoli
26	Fr. Theodore Ba'a	Spiritual Director, Apostolic School, Gumla
27	Fr. Elphiz Kerketta	Director cum Treasurer, AROUSE, Gumla

28	Fr. Justin Kandulna	In-Charge, Catholic Ashram Doreya (Additional)
29	Fr. Sushil Bilung (PAT)	Faculty, St. Xavier's College, Simdega
30	Fr. Sushil Tigga (MP)	Faculty, St. Xavier's College, Ranchi



Fr. Ajit Kumar Xess, SJ
Provincial



PROVINCIAL'S PROGRAMME

June 2026

Date	Event/Meeting
01	: St. Stanislaus Lohardaga
02	: Province Consult
03	: Mandar (Farewell Program of Fr. George, Administrator of Constant Liev. Hospital)
07	: Pilgrimage to Sargaon, Mandar (Mata Bernadet)
04 -12	: Province Office
13	: General and Governing Body Meeting of ATC, Namkum
15	: Induction Ceremony (XIIS, Ranchi)
18	: Blessing of the multipurpose hall in Patrachauli
20	: Visit of Fr. Vernon D'Cunha, Reginal Assistant to Ranchi Province
21	: First Vows: Ashirvad, Namkum
27	: Final Vows of Frs. Ireneus To'ppo & Emil Dungdung, St. John's Ranchi
28	: "MAGIS" Award Ceremany of Jesuit Schools (St. Xavier's College, Ranchi)
29	: Inauguration & Blessing of Plus Two in Lohardaga

July 2026

06 -07	: Extended Consult (Manresa House)
08	: Canonical Consult (Sadbhavna)
09-10	: Official works (Sadbhavna)
15-18	: Assam Mission
16	: Final Vows of Fr. Rozario Mosahari (St. John's Balipara)
21-29	: Novena Prayers in St. Mary's Cathedral
31	: Feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola

PROVINCIAL'S MESSAGE

Rooted Deeply, Sent Boldly

Dear Brothers,

As a Province, we find ourselves in a significant moment of discernment and transition. While we continue the process of identifying new leadership for the Province, we also carry within us the grace-filled echoes of our recent Province Days, where we reflected deeply on our Jesuit Identity.

Among the many insights that emerged during the Province Days, two expressions continue to resonate powerfully within our hearts: *Spiritual and Intellectual Depth* and *Mission-Driven Community*. These are not merely attractive phrases. They describe the very soul of Jesuit life-mission, our participation in the *Missio Dei* — the mission of God unfolding in our world today.

In a world marked by haste, distraction, and superficiality, we are called to be men rooted deeply — in Christ, in prayer, in discernment, in serious reflection, and in companionship. Our tradition has never separated spirituality from intellectual engagement. The Society has always believed that deep faith and deep thinking belong together. One nourishes the other.

General Congregation 36 invited the Society to become “more deeply rooted in Christ and more attentively open to the world.” These words speak powerfully to our present moment as a Province. Rootedness in Christ gives us freedom — freedom from fear, insecurity, and self-interest — so that we may respond generously wherever the need is greatest.

But depth is never for ourselves alone. We are rooted deeply so that we may be sent boldly. The *Missio Dei* entrusted to us today demands communities that are alive with apostolic zeal, mutual trust, and generous availability. A mission-driven community is not simply efficient or active; it is a community united by the desire to participate in Christ's mission with humility, courage, and hope.

As we pray for the discernment of our future Provincial, perhaps this is also an invitation for each one of us to renew our own inner availability. Leadership transitions are not merely administrative moments. They are spiritual moments that call the entire Province to listen more attentively to the Spirit. The election of a new Provincial is not only about choosing leadership; it is about discerning together how God continues to lead the Province into the future.

May this time help us rediscover who we are: companions of Jesus, rooted deeply in Him, discerning together, and sent boldly into the world for the greater glory of God.



Fr. Ajit Kumar Xess, SJ
Provincial



PROVINCIAL'S OFFICE

The month of May is always eventful in the Province, marked by several significant gatherings and celebrations, including the Province Get Together. This May also witnessed the arrival of a new Secretary to the Provincial. Fr. Ranjit Kumar Horo, S.J. joined the Provincial's Office on 27 April 2026 at Sadbhavna community, taking charge of maintaining the records and assisting in the administration of the Provincial's Office.

On 30 April 2026, Fr. Provincial, accompanied by Fr. Francis David Kullu, S.J. and Fr. Ravi Hemant Kujur, S.J., travelled to Delhi to receive the Minority Status Certificate (MSC) from the National Commission for Minority Educational Institutions. On the same day, Bishop Theodore Mascarenhas paid a brief visit to the Sadbhavna community, while Fr. Vincent Hansdak, S.J., Provincial Superior of Hazaribag, stayed overnight due to inclement weather. Fr. Provincial and Fr. Francis David Kullu returned to Sadbhavna on 1 May 2026 at 11:30 a.m., after the Delhi programme.

On 2 May, Fr. Provincial attended the solemn Convocation Ceremony of Xavier Institute of Social Service, Ranchi.

Later, on 6 May (Wednesday), he visited Ashirvad Novitiate, Namkum, spending the day with the Novices and their Formators.

Throughout May, Fr. Provincial was deeply engaged in preparing for upcoming meetings with Province members entrusted with greater responsibilities in communities, commissions, and societies. On 8 May, he convened a meeting with Superiors/DoWs, Parish Priests, Secretaries, and Treasurers of the Societies at Manresa House, Ranchi. The following day, he met with the RR Province Task Force at Sadbhavna and, in the evening, attended the Annual Prize Distribution Ceremony of Prabhat Tara English Medium School, Dhurwa.

On 10 May (Sunday), he participated in the Closing Ceremony of the Summer Course 2026 at Apostolic School, College Section, Ranchi. Addressing the participants, he encouraged them to pursue their goals with tireless dedication. The students also staged three one act plays to mark the occasion.

On 11 May, Fr. Provincial was present at the General and Governing Body Meeting of Satya Bharati held at Manresa House Conference Hall. The following day, 12 May, he guided the Province Commission Meeting, which brought together members of the Educational (Primary, Secondary, and Higher), Social, Youth, Vocation Promotion, Building, and Formation Commissions. On 13 May, the meeting resumed with the participation of members from the Commissions of Ignatian Spirituality, Pastoral, Dialogue, Media, Brothers, Temporal Administration, and the Investment Committee.

The Province Consult was held on 17 May. From 20–23 May 2026, the Province celebrated its Province Days with the central theme: *Our Jesuit Identity*. Fr. Provincial inaugurated the gathering with the Mass of the Holy Spirit, invoking divine guidance for the Province and its mission. A moment of great joy came on the first day when it was announced that Fr. Ajit Kumar Xess, S.J. had been appointed President of the Jesuit Conference of South Asia by Fr. General. The Province members warmly congratulated him and wished him every blessing in his new mission.

On 25 May, Fr. Provincial travelled to Khunti to address the Scholastics gathered for the Scholastic Get Together 2026.

The Ranchi Province expresses joyful gratitude to Fr. Ajit Kumar Xess, S.J. for his dynamic and inspiring leadership during his tenure as Provincial. His courageous vision, combined with fatherly care and magnanimous simplicity, has deeply enriched the

Province. As he assumes his new responsibility as President of the Jesuit Conference of South Asia, the Province prays for his mission driven and fruitful leadership.

Fr. Ranjit Kr. Horo

SADBHAVNA, RANCHI

The month of June was truly grace-filled for the Jesuit Community at Sadbhavna. Fr. Ranjit Kumar Horo, S.J., joined the community on 27 April 2026 as Secretary to the Provincial.

On 30 April, Fr. Ajit Kumar Xess, S.J., Provincial, together with Fr. Francis David Kullu, S.J., travelled to Delhi to receive the Minority Status Certificate (MSC) for St. Xavier's College, Ranchi, from the National Commission for Minority Educational Institutions. That same day, Bishop Theodore Mascarenhas, Bishop of Daltonganj, paid a brief visit to Sadbhavna and joyfully shared a simple lunch with the community. In the evening, Fr. Vincent Hansdak, S.J., Provincial Superior of Hazaribag Province, arrived at Sadbhavna and stayed overnight before proceeding to Jamshedpur the following morning.

On 1 May, Frs. George Kerketta, S.J., Deepak Toppo, S.J., and Johny Kujur, S.J., attended the Jubilee Mass of Sr. Cecilia Bara, DSA, at St. Anne's Mother House, Ranchi. Later that day, Fr. Provincial and Fr. Francis David Kullu returned from Delhi. In the evening, the Sadbhavna community was invited to a celebratory dinner at the St. Xavier's College Jesuit Community to mark the receipt of the MSC.

On 5 May, Fr. Sylverius Chermako, S.J., the Socius, travelled to Shillong to meet the Novices. Though scheduled to return on 6 May, inclement weather and flight cancellations delayed his arrival until 7 May. On the same day, Fr. Deepak Toppo, S.J., PCF, visited Mandar Hospital to meet the scholastics serving the sick.

Sadbhavna hosted two important Province meetings in May: the RR Province Task Force on 9 May and the Province Consult on 17 May. On 19 May, the community welcomed missionaries Fr. Manoj Ekka, S.J., and Fr. Rajat Hassa Purty, S.J., for dinner. Their sharing about the Cambodia Mission deeply enriched the community.

On 24 May, Frs. Deepak Toppo and Johny Kujur left for Khunti to be part of the Scholastics Get-together 2026. On 25 May, Fr. Provincial addressed the scholastics during their Scholastic Get-together at Khunti. Later that day, he travelled to Gumla and

then to Katkahi to participate in the Silver Jubilee celebration of Fr. Medard Xalxo, S.J. Meanwhile, Fr. George Kerketta, S.J., attended the Jubilee of a Religious Sister from his family in his native village.

The latter part of the month, especially after 23, Sadbhavna was blessed with numerous visitors and well-wishers, who came to congratulate Fr. Provincial on being appointed President of the Jesuit Conference of South Asia by the General of the Society of Jesus.

Fr. Ranjit Kr. Horo

MANRESA HOUSE, RANCHI

The month of May began with simple joys and challenges: fishing trips, the burnt transformer affecting the Apostolic School, and philosophers passing through on their way to Kunkuri. On May 2, Scholastics gathered for a prayerful sharing session on provincial challenges and leadership, guided by Fr. Florence Purty, Dean of the Scholastics. That evening, Fr. Samir Ekka arrived, while Fr. Alex Tirkey departed for Delhi following the death of his elder brother. The next day brought the joyful birthdays of Schs. Alok Abhay Bara and Hemant Soreng, summer camp boys attending Mass at the Cathedral, and Scholastics holding their spiritual conversation and fruit-gathering session. Fr. Dominic Topno was taken to Mandar due to breathing difficulties, while two fresh Juniors returned to Manresa House. The staff also held their own spiritual conversation and fruit-gathering session.

On May 5, Fr. Nicholas Tete marked his ordination anniversary, philosophers returned from Kunkuri, and Br. Telesphore Horo came back from his home visit. The rhythm of ministry continued with Fr. Justin offering spiritual service at Kanke on May 7, followed by the Finance Commission meeting on May 8. Sch. Abhishek Xess celebrated his birthday on May 9, while on May 10 Fr. Justin addressed the Mahila Sangha Annual Meeting at Patrachauli, speaking on the contribution of women and the expectations of the Church. That same day, Fr. Ajay Paulus left for Chennai for an interview, and Fr. Pankaj joined the Capping and Lamp Lighting ceremony at Lohardaga. From May 11, Scholastics began their second semester exams, while Fr. Justin preached a retreat for the St. Anne Novices at Samlong until May 18.

Commission meetings were held on May 12–13, and on May 14 Fr. Manoj Ekka arrived from Cambodia. The community joined the Ursuline Founder's Day celebration of Fr. John Lambertz, which brought

joy and fellowship. May 15 was marked by fishing, and on May 16 the birthday of Sr. Susana Xess, DSA, was celebrated joyfully. On May 18, Fr. Rajat Hassa Purty arrived from Cambodia, and the community celebrated the birthday of Sr. Virginia Lugun with gratitude, while welcoming Fr. Beatus Kindo from Noadih.

From May 20 to 23, the Province Days 2026 were observed meaningfully under the theme "*Our Jesuit Identity*", fostering reflection, renewal, and fraternity among the Ranchi Jesuits. On May 24, the Feast of Pentecost was celebrated with devotion and spiritual fervour, while Scholastics joined their fellowship gathering at Khunti. The month concluded on May 25 with the solemn celebration of the Feast of Mother Mary, Mother of the Church, marked by prayerful thanksgiving and joy.

Sch. Ankit Dungdung

ST. XAVIER'S COLLEGE, RANCHI

On 1st May 2026, the Community College received its long-awaited Minority Status Certificate from the office of the National Minority Commission, Delhi. The Jesuit Management of the College recognized the initiative and effort of the Bursar, Fr. Ravi Hemant Kujur SJ, in obtaining it. Fr. Ravi spoke about the hurdles he faced and the difficulties in getting all the required documents, and thanked the community members and government officials who helped him in this Herculean task. Fr. Provincial expressed his great satisfaction with this achievement and exhorted the community to learn to work unitedly and relentlessly to complete the other pending works of the College.

Fr. Ajay Minj, the Vice Principal, and Fr. Florence Purty, the Coordinator of B. Ed, attended the concluding session of the internship programme on 2nd May. It was conducted at "*Chhiteej*", a school for students with hearing impairment at Niwaranpur, Ranchi. Fr. Ajay, in his address to the students, said that differently abled children are rich in their talents; what they require is a well-developed lesson plan for them, and which the students doing their B. Ed. need to learn.

On 6th May 2026, Intermediate Results (JAC Board) were published. The results of the college this year are good. A total of 1084 students appeared for the exam, and 1043 passed the Board examination. Those students who excelled in the state examination obtained up to 96.21 percent – 99.70 percent in Arts, 99 percent in Commerce, and 92 percent in Science subjects. Among them, seven students from Commerce, three from Science, and two from Arts. 2 found a place among the 10 toppers in the state. Fr. Ajay Anil Tirkey and his team

deserve appreciation for their efforts. A Felicitation Programme was arranged in the College on 16th May for the state toppers. The District Education Officer (DEO), the chief guest at the function, gave away rewards and certificates to them and motivated the gathering of the students to work hard and excel in their academic pursuits.

On 9th May 2026, Career Counselling was arranged by the Department of History for the students of the 8th Semester. Shree Pratap Minj, a former student of the session 2008-2011 of the same Dept, and now an SDM in Jharkhand, was invited to share about his efforts and struggles. He told the students that there was no shortcut to hard work. He also advised them to start working to achieve their goal right from the beginning of their degree studies, not after finishing it.

On 10th May 2026, Fr. Ajay Minj gave an Orientation to 50 teachers from three different schools at St. Stanislaus High School, Hathimara, Pakur, on the 'Role of a teacher in the context of NEP 20 and digital presence.'

On 11th May, the College began the End Semester Examinations for Even Semesters, namely the second, fourth, and sixth semesters. By completing these examinations by the end of May, the College will succeed in regularizing the Academic Session when it will conduct the examinations for the eighth Semester soon after the summer vacation in June 2026.

The College held an Internal Academic Audit Committee meeting on 18th May 2026. Accordingly, the Committee directed various departments to prepare the documents and be ready for the Academic Audit, which is mandatory for the NAAC assessment.

From 20th to 23rd May 2026, Fr. Pradeep Kujur, the Principal, attended the two-day Chancellor's Conference at B.N.R. (Bengal Nagpur Railway) Hotel Chanakya, in Ranchi. The Hon'ble Governor of Jharkhand inaugurated the Conference. The Conference discussed in detail the New Jharkhand State University Act 2026.

At the same time, from 20-23 May 2026, the rest of us from SXC took part in the Province Days 2026. The SXC community also hosted 22 of our Jesuits from Assam Mission and the Simdega Zone, who came to attend the Province Days 2026.

Fr. Sudhir Kr. Minj

XISS, RANCHI

We celebrated the 65th Annual Convocation Ceremony on 2nd May 2026 at the premises of XISS. On this auspicious occasion, we were honoured by the presence of the chief guest, Mr. D. Shivakumar, former Chairman

of PepsiCo India. In his convocation address, he shared profound insights from his distinguished career and offered practical tips to our outgoing students.

We were also blessed with the presence of Fr. Provincial Ajit Kumar Xess, who delivered the welcome address. Fr. Marianus Kujur presented an elaborate annual report, Fr. Pradeep Kerketta proposed the vote of thanks, and Fr. Ashok Kandulna took care of the logistics.

From 5-9 May 2026, 25 faculty members attended the Institutional cum Faculty Development Programme (ICFDP) at IIM Shillong. In this programme, four professors of IIM Shillong conducted well planned sessions to equip us with technical and practical knowledge required for AACSB accreditation and to navigate the complexities of governance. After two days of intensive sessions, we also had time for a one day outing to experience the rich biodiversity of the Meghalaya hills. We returned home with fond memories, cherished amidst the captivating landscape of the North East.

On 12-13 May, Fr. Provincial convened the commission members at Manresa House to reflect on our ministries and prepare action plans. To guide us in this process, Fr. Jerome Cutinha, Provincial of Jamshedpur Province, provided valuable inputs from important documents of the Society of Jesus, followed by a Spiritual Conversation. It was a fruitful session that revitalized our ministries.

From 13-17 May, Fr. Pradeep Kerketta attended the JHEASA Policy Meeting in Kolkata. The representatives, together with the JHEASA Secretary, worked diligently to shape the JHEASA Policy document.

Fr. Pradeep Kerketta

ST. XAVIER'S SCHOOL, DORANDA

The month of May 2026 was a month of blessings, achievements, and renewal for the family of St. Xavier's School Doranda. We began the month with the excellent results of the Class 10 and Class 12 Board Examinations in all the three streams. The performance of the students was highly encouraging and brought immense joy to the parents, teachers, and school management. The success reflects the hard work and dedication of the students, the commitment of the teachers, and the constant support of the parents. We thank God for His abundant blessings upon our institution.

On May 1 and 2, the school successfully hosted the 11th Jesuit Schools' Basketball Tournament. Twelve Jesuit school teams participated enthusiastically in the tournament, making it a vibrant celebration of sportsmanship, teamwork, and friendship. After exciting matches, St. Xavier's School Doranda emerged as the

champions, while Loyola School Jamshedpur secured the runner-up position. The event was appreciated by all for its excellent organization and joyful spirit.

The Annual Prize Distribution Ceremony for the Junior Section was held on May 9 and for the Senior Section on May 14. These were proud moments for the school community as students were recognized and encouraged for their achievements in academics, discipline, sports, leadership, and co-curricular activities. A large number of parents, guardians, and well-wishers attended the programmes and appreciated the efforts of the school in the holistic formation of the students.

The school closed for the summer vacation from May 15. The staff members will resume from June 13 and the students from June 15 after a well-deserved break for rest and renewal.

From May 20 to 23, the Ranchi Jesuit Province, Province Days were held at Manresa House on the theme "Our Jesuit Identity." All the Jesuit members from SXD participated actively and enthusiastically in the gathering. The Province Days provided an opportunity for prayer, reflection, and fraternity, helping each one of us to reconnect with the roots of Jesuit spirituality and renew ourselves in our mission and vocation.

A special highlight of the month was the blessing and inauguration of the new multipurpose shade on the Senior Section side of the school campus on May 22. The programme was presided over by Rev. Fr. Ajit Kumar Xess, Provincial Superior of the Ranchi Jesuit Society. Many Jesuit - Priests and Brothers of the Province were present for the occasion. The new facility will greatly benefit the school community by providing additional space for various educational and cultural activities. The inauguration was followed by a short cultural programme and fellowship dinner, making the occasion joyful and memorable. As we conclude the month, we thank the Lord for His guidance and blessings upon our school and Jesuit mission. We continue to move forward with renewed hope and commitment in the service of education and formation.

Fr. Sandeep Kujur

ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL, RANCHI

The month of May at St. John's, Ranchi, was filled with purposeful activity, professional growth, and a spirit of collaboration. Professional development remained at the heart of the month. In house training sessions held from 11-13 May brought teachers together to reflect on contemporary educational practices and CBSE requirements. With guidance from resource persons Mr. Deepak Rosario and Mrs. Patricia, staff explored innovative teaching strategies and research based approaches that encouraged collaborative learning and renewed commitment to excellence.

The educational visit to Jharna, Namkum, offered staff and Christian students of Classes VI to XII a day of fellowship and reflection. It was a meaningful experience that strengthened bonds, nurtured spiritual growth, and left participants with cherished memories. As summer vacation approached, teachers worked diligently to prepare holiday assignments, update syllabi, and complete UDISE and APAAR documentation, ensuring compliance with national initiatives. Staff were also encouraged to continue their professional learning journey through DIKSHA courses, reinforcing the school's commitment to lifelong growth.

At St. John's Hindi Medium, the month carried its own note of pride. The school celebrated remarkable



academic results, a reflection of the dedication of both students and teachers. Regular classes continued smoothly and with focus right up to the summer break, ensuring that learning remained uninterrupted and purposeful.

As students stepped into their vacation on 11 May and teachers prepared for their well deserved break beginning 16 May, the school community looked back with gratitude on a month marked by learning, service, and achievement. The Management extended heartfelt appreciation to all teaching and non teaching staff for their dedication and teamwork, recognizing that every effort contributes to the growth and success of the institution.

Sch. Nitesh Rohit Minj

JHARNA – ASHIRVAD, NAMKUM

During the month of May, we gave special attention to honouring the Blessed Virgin Mary, and through her intercession obtained many spiritual blessings and graces.

On 6 May, Fr. Provincial met personally with the second-year novices. His visitation was very important and significant for all of us. As second-year novices preparing for their First Profession on 21 June 2026, his presence offered guidance and encouragement. Fr. Provincial also met the first-year novices.

Fr. Socius (Ignatius Tete) went to Sitagarha on 10 May to give a course to the U.C. Tertian Sisters. He returned on 16 May in the evening. On the same day, in the afternoon, a friendly basketball match was held between the novices and the scholastics at Ashirvad Jharna, and

we won the match.

We attended the Ranchi Province Days 2026 held at Manresa House from 20–23 May 2026. The theme of the Province Days was “Our Jesuit Identity.” Meeting the senior Jesuits during the gathering filled us with a renewed sense of companionship and belonging to the Society of Jesus. It strengthened and enriched our life and vocation.

Jharna Spirituality Centre

The month of May was occupied by various groups for seminars and retreats. Pastor Mundu organized a seminar for sixty priests and deacons over four consecutive days (May 3–7). Two Sisters, Sunita Toppo (ACI) and Taruni Toppo (Camillian), made their annual retreat from May 10–19 under the guidance of the Superior. Twenty-nine St. Anne’s Sisters belonging to Gumla Province had their spiritual journey from May 22–30, with Fr. Deepak Tirkey from Pathalgaon preaching the retreat. During the same period, eight Marianist Brothers made their spiritual journey under the guidance of Fr. Birendra Kullu, SM.

NS. Atul Minj

KISHORE NAGAR, NAMKUM

Sch. Santosh Kumar Tirkey, the new Regent of Kishor Nagar, has joined the community recently. Together with Sch. Vicky, he began learning the responsibilities entrusted to a regent at Boys Town.

The Boys Town basketball team participated in the 11th Inter Jesuit Basketball Tournament held at St. Xavier’s School, Doranda, with Sch. Vicky serving as coach and Fr. Sanjay as team manager. Fr. Walter Back attended the meeting at Manresa House, Ranchi.

On May 6, Brother Santosh Kumar Tirkey went to ATC to attend the Social Analysis Workshop, followed by a retreat from May 12 to 20. Sch. Vicky attended the annual retreat at JFCT, Kanke, and returned on May 20. The community participated in Province Days 2026 from May 20 to 23. Scholastics Vicky and Santosh went to Khunti for the Scholastics’ Get Together 2026 on May 24 and returned on May 27.

The drip irrigation system has now been installed in the garden of Kishor Nagar. This system has been applied to two of our fields. Sugarcane saplings are being prepared for this season under the guidance of Sir Vinod. The campus garden is flourishing with vegetables such as long beans, pumpkin, lady’s fingers, chilli, tapioca, bitter gourd, and cucumber.

Sch. Vicky R. Soreng

JFCT TARUNODAY, KANKE

JFCT remained abuzz with activities during summer. Sch Gulshan Ba’a and Sch Naresh Roshan Purty helped Fr Francis in arranging the library. Over a dozen Scholastics attended a workshop on the *Constitutions of the Society of Jesus* (5 – 11 May) under the guidance of our veteran Tertian Master Fr Medard Xalxo. Soon after that 28 Scholastics did their annual retreat (11–20 May) under the guidance of Fr Pradeep Soreng. Then, the house entered into another *magnum silentium*. Fr Ranjit Bilung joined the Province Days and Annual Retreat in Jamshedpur (20 – 31 May). On 19 May, Fr David scooted to Kansir to officiate liturgy at the village feast. Leaving the entire campus under the watchful eyes of our new coworkers, Frs. David, Francis and Milianus commuted daily to attend the Province Days at Manresa House (20 – 23 May). Besides participation, Fr Francis did two presentations – one on Reimagining and Restructuring; the other on ethnicity. Fr Milianus joined Fr Medard at his Silver Jubilee Mass at Sirsi but returned home without a dip at *Sirsi ta naal*, a pilgrimage centre for the Sarnā people. Fr Francis also addressed the Scholastics in Khunti on 25 May and proceeded to Rengarih to bless wedding on 26 May.

JFCT is getting tidied up with maintenance work. Airconditioning of the chapel and reference room will now offer conducive ambience for prayer and study to welcome the retreatants and students. Five Second Year Novices will do their retreat in preparation for their first vows. Another group of Scholastics will do their annual retreat before we begin our new academic year on 14 June.

Fr. Francis Minj

CATHOLIC CHURCH, KANKE

On April 26, we celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation. His Grace Archbishop Vincent Aind, D.D., graced the occasion and confirmed 79 boys and girls, some of whom were from other parishes. After the ceremony, Fr. Samir Dungdung rushed to attend the annual meeting of the Vicariate Catholic Aam Sabha at Catholic Church, Saporom. The members of the Catholic Sabha were enthusiastic, as the meeting was held after a gap of nearly 10 years.

On May 4, Fr. Samir Dungdung celebrated his birthday in a simple way with the neighbouring communities. On May 5, a combined meeting of the Catholic Sabha, Catholic Mahila Sangh, and Catholic Yuva Sangh was held. The topic of discussion was the income and expenditure of the financial year April 2025–March 2026.

A seminar on Youth Animators of the Archdiocese of

Ranchi was organized from the evening of May 4 to the afternoon of May 7. About 40 participants attended, including youth, sisters, priests, and brothers. The resource persons were Fr. Shilanand Kerketta, S.D.B., and Fr. Deepak Damian Kindo, S.D.B.

On May 12, the managing committee of LNN met to plan for Hul-Divas 2026. On May 13, Fr. Samir Dungdung attended the meeting to approve the budget for 2026–2027 at Manresa House.

On May 14, Frs. Samir Dungdung and Callixtus Tete went on an outing to Hazaribag. They were given a lift by Br. Fredrick Soreng, the superior of the Gabriel Brothers, Kanke, who was travelling there for work. He invited them to join, and they were delighted to witness the marvellous works being carried out there. Fr. Callixtus Tete was especially joyful, as he visited St. Stanislaus, College, Sitagarha—his formation house—after almost 50 years. They also visited diocesan priest Fr. Vijay Tete of Sunatoli, Rengarih, who has been suffering from paralysis for three years. He is under care at the Bishop's House, Hazaribag.

On May 16, Fr. Samir Dungdung went to Baiju Toli, Rengarih, Simdega, for the burial of his aunt, Modesta Dungdung (86). He returned on May 25 for the Das-Nahana. On this occasion, he was accompanied by Fr. Ignatius Tete, a relative, who often visited the family during his youth.

From the evening of May 20 to noon on May 23, Frs. Samir Dungdung and Callixtus Tete participated in Province Days 2026 at Manresa House, Ranchi.

Fr. Sameer Dungdung

ST. XAVIER'S, BUNDU

The month of May arrived with some life enhancing events in St. Xavier's premises. JAC Board results and ICSE Board results were out. Our campus results were good. There were moments of joys and sorrow too. Thanks to the staff members, collaborators and well-wishers for the good results. The school management and the staff members appreciate the hard work and humble efforts of our students. It was because of their sleepless night and hard works we enjoy the good results.

Our Sister Collaborators from St. Teresa Province, Lungai, Raurkela assisting in the school academic endeavours more than twenty years in St. Xavier's Bundu as assistant teachers and Principals. Sr. Bimla Bahla, HM the Provincial of St. Teresa Province transferred Sr. Sushila Toppo, HM to Chiropath. On May 5, 2026, Sr. Sushila was given farewell in the school during school assembly and after the class the staff members wished her all the best wishes and assured her for our constant prayers. The following day, she was accompanied by Sr.

Pooanm Xalxo, HM, Sr. Leena Sanjita Kullu, HM, Dn. Peter Paul Horo, SJ, Fr. Mukul Kerketta, SJ and Fr. Ranjit Lakra, SJ. Sr. Lily Grace Tete, HM arrived to Bundu in the place of Sr. Sushila, HM on May 10, 2026 and she was welcomed on the following during the school assembly.

Acknowledging the needs of the time and the Province, Rev. Fr. Provincial and the Temporal Administration Commission had organized an appropriate and very enriching meeting for the Rectors, Superiors, Vice-Superiors, PPs, Secretaries, Treasurers and the Directors of Work regarding the Approval of the Budgets and Execution Procedures on May 8, 2026. Fr. Anup Ekka, SJ, Fr. Mukul Kerketta, SJ participated in the same meeting and received the budgets for the current FY 2026-2027.

For the first time in St. Xavier's Bundu premises, Xavier's Award Ceremony-2026 was organized on May 13, 2026 for the Toppers of JAC and ICSE Boards students of St. Xavier's High School, St. Xavier's English Medium School and St. Xavier's Intermediate College, Bundu. On this occasion St. John's High School, Dorea, Tamar and St. Ignatius High School, Vijaygiri were also invited for the same ceremony. Sri Hans Hembrom the CO of Bundu and Sri Vikas Kumar Munda the MLA of Tamar Constituency were the guests of honor. The Xavier's Award Ceremony-2026 was well organized and was much appreciated by the parents, students and the school staff members. Thanks and congratulations to the Organizers, Principals and Staff Members and the students who extended their loving and helping hands.

Thanks to Fr. Provincial for availing Sch. Alfred Baxla, SJ to St. Xavier's Bundu as a regent. He arrived and joined the Bundu Community on May 19, 2026 in the evening. And the following day, all the community members participated in the Ranchi Province Days 2026 without failure.



The Summer Camp was organized for the first time in St. Xavier's English Medium School, Bundu for the students from May 20 to May 24, 2026. Many students enjoyed and benefitted from the Summer Camp.

Fr. Ranjit W. Lakra

ST. MICHAEL'S KHUNTI

On 1st May, Loyola English Medium School organized an orientation program for the teachers. Fr. Ravi Bhushan Xess and three staff members from St. Xavier's Doranda served as the resource persons. Sch. Sandeep Bara left for Kunkuri to attend the Central Zone Philosophers' Meet. Fr. Mahendra P. Tigga was in Siliguri from 1st to 4th May for the Legal Aid Program.

On 2nd May, five Karnataka deacons, accompanied by Dn. Zacharias Surin, arrived at St. Michael's, Khunti. The community gave them a warm welcome. Fr. Bimal Minj became their mission guide and took them to Kochang, Dolda, and Sarwada. He went the extra mile to accompany them to Ranchi. On the same day, Fr. Emmanuel Barla attended the convocation program at XISS.

Fr. Bimal Minj celebrated his birthday on 9th May. A simple yet meaningful celebration was organized at Loyola Inter College, Khunti. The staff and students sang songs and presented a bouquet to wish him a happy birthday. In the evening, the community gathered to celebrate Holy Mass and pray for him.

On 13th May, the faithful of Girjatoli came to our house for Marian prayer. St. Anne's Sisters and our hostel boys also joined them in praying for the Jesuit community, the Ranchi Province, and the Society.

On 15th May, the members of the Khunti CRI unit gathered at Loyola English Medium School to listen to Fr. Anupchand Kiran Minj, who spoke on SIR and FCRA and urged the members to spread awareness about these topics.

St. Michael's, Khunti, had the privilege of hosting the Scholastics' Get Together 2026, which commenced on 24th May and concluded on 27th May. All the Scholastics were warmly welcomed upon their arrival at Loyola English Medium School. Fr. Deepak Toppo and Fr. Jonny Kujur accompanied them. Fr. Amrit Lakra celebrated the Inaugural Mass, while Fr. Suman P. Toppo took responsibility for their board and lodging. The community members extended their support to make their stay pleasant and memorable. Together, we accompanied them to Rumutkel for an outing.

This year, the Loyola Schools once again achieved commendable academic performance. The results of Loyola High School, Loyola English Medium School, and Loyola Inter College were declared on 23rd April, 30th April, and 6th May respectively. The following are the details of different units.

Units	1 st Div	2 nd Div	3 rd Div	Total pass
Loyola H/S	103	24	1	128

Loyola E/M S.	44	23	00	67
Loyola I/C Arts.	411	17	00	428
Loyola I/C Com.	74	27	00	101
Loyola I/C Sc.	55	9	00	64

Fr. Amrit Lakra

ST. IGNATIUS' JESUIT COMMUNITY, GUMLA

The month of May 2026 was marked by meaningful spiritual gatherings, administrative meetings, and community celebrations.

On 4th May 2026, an Extended Community Meeting was held at St. Ignatius Community, Gumla, with the participation of Jesuits from Keondtanr and Soso communities. The meeting focused on the discernment process for the next Provincial and on identifying the challenges, needs, and desired profile of the new Provincial.

On 8th May 2026, Rectors, Superiors, Vice-Superiors, Parish Priests, Directors of Works, Secretaries, and Treasurers of the Societies attended a meeting at Manresa House, Ranchi. The session dealt with budget approvals and executorial procedures.

A CRI meeting was organized on 17th May at St. Ignatius High School, Gumla, where all the fathers and brothers participated actively. The discussion centred on SIR and the FCRA Amendment Bill. Fr. Anupchand Minj SJ guided the gathering with an informative presentation.

On 18th May, the community gathered for prayer and adoration before the Blessed Sacrament seeking God's guidance in proposing three names for the new Provincial. The prayer service began at 4:30 PM and concluded with the Holy Mass at 6:45 PM, celebrated by Fr. Praful Ekka SJ.

From 21st to 23rd May, Ranchi Province Days were observed meaningfully with active participation from the Jesuits of the Gumla community. Meanwhile, summer vacation at St. Ignatius' High School commenced from 20th May onwards.

The community also joyfully celebrated the birthdays of Fr. Manohar Khoya and Sch. Kuldeep Dungdung with simplicity and fraternity. The community expressed gratitude and best wishes to Sch. Ashwin Ekka and Sch. Kuldeep Dungdung, who successfully completed their regency at St. Ignatius and are proceeding for further studies and new assignments.

Fr. Nelson Minj

SADAKBARI, JHAPA

On 26 April 2026, I joined St. Xavier's School, Sadakbari and began my new mission with gratitude and enthusiasm. On 27 April, the teachers of the school attended an important session on safeguarding policies for children and vulnerable adults. The session was addressed by Fr. Stanley Varghese, Rector of St. Joseph's School, Darjeeling, North Point. His insightful presentation helped the staff understand the importance of creating a safe, respectful, and caring environment for the students and vulnerable persons.

The new academic year 2026 began informally on 28 April and formally commenced on 21 May. The reopening of the school brought renewed energy and enthusiasm among students, teachers, and staff members.

On 9 May, the Maheshpur community joyfully welcomed four new members into the community. We were blessed to participate in this memorable occasion and share in their happiness and fellowship. From 11 to 13 May, the Province Assembly was conducted at Loyola Pastoral Centre. A large number of Jesuits gathered for the assembly, which provided opportunities for reflection, discussion, and strengthening fraternity within the Province.

On 22 May, the school community bid farewell to Fr. Manu and Samuel, the volunteer at St. Xavier's School, Sadakbari. To honour their service, on 23 May the Scouts students organized a hiking program to Jhandi Danda. Five teachers and twenty-nine students participated in the event.

Finally, on 24 May, the community was blessed to attend the Final Profession of Fr. Anil Kumar Beck. Rev. Fr. Shajumon, Provincial, presided over the Holy Eucharist, followed by felicitation and a fellowship meal. The celebration was spiritually enriching and joyful for all present.

Sch. Ranjit Kullu

PROTHRAPUR, ANDAMAN

The month of May began with the feast of St. Joseph the Worker, and a special devotion to Mother Mary was started in the Parish.

On 3rd May 2026, *Abba Divas* (Father's Day) was celebrated in the Parish. To commemorate the occasion, a recollection, adoration, and confession were held for the fathers the previous day. The liturgy was led by the fathers, while the youth led the choir. After Mass, a felicitation program was arranged for the fathers, followed by a picnic. A total of 56 fathers participated in the picnic. They enjoyed a day of togetherness, playing games, singing, dancing, and sharing good food.

On 16th May 2026, the First Holy Communion (FHC)

sacrament was celebrated in the Parish. To mark this day, a preparation class was conducted for the FHC children from 1st May to 15th May 2026. Twenty-two children received their First Holy Communion. Two pastoral sisters, two priests, and five laypersons were involved in preparing the children.

On 16th May 2026, Fr. Sikander Tirkey SJ gave a recollection to SFN & SJA sisters at the Pastoral Center, Port Blair, while on 19th May 2026, Fr. Anthres Dungdung SJ prepared the Junior Sisters of DSA in Prem Nagar to renew their vows.

On 20th May 2026, a picnic was organized for the children who had participated in a three-day seminar. The seminar began on 18th May and concluded on 20th May 2026. Seventy-three children from Classes I to XII took part in both the seminar and the picnic.

In the last week of the month, the Fathers were busy celebrating the Marian Procession in different villages. This procession, dedicated to honouring Mother Mary, brought unity among families and community members who participated in prayers and the Holy Eucharist.

Fr. Sikandar Tirkey

OURS IN DIASPORA

INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE OF GESÙ

On the 3rd of May, Mathew and Nitin, along with the Gesù Community, enjoyed an enriching day visit to the Cathedral of Orvieto, an ancient hilltop city in the region of Umbria. They felt blessed and experienced a grace-filled time in the magnificent cathedral, which is especially known for the Eucharistic miracle and for its two remarkable Chapels. They also attended Holy Mass in the adjoining chapel, which preserves the Sacred Cloth stained with Christ's blood during the Eucharistic miracle of 1263. The second Chapel is renowned for its marvellous Renaissance frescoes depicting Heaven, Hell, and the Last Judgement.

On Sunday evening, the 4th of May, the Ranchi Jesuits gathered at the Gesù for Holy Mass at 5:00 p.m. in the Chapel where Saint Ignatius of Loyola lived and died. Anselm Ekka presided over the Holy Mass. During the Mass, special prayers were offered for the eternal repose of the recently deceased RNC Jesuits and for the guidance of the Holy Spirit in the reflections and deliberations on the challenges and concerns of the Province and to underline the Profile of the new Provincial. After the Gospel, all reflected together on the qualities of a Major Superior as presented in the Constitutions. After the Holy Mass, there was a sharing and deliberations on the challenges and needs of the Province as well as on the profile of the new Provincial. The evening of sharing and deliberation was concluded with the fellowship meal prepared by Sanjay Dilip Ekka.

The coming together for sharing and deliberation was a grace-filled experience of fraternity and togetherness.

COLLEGIO ROBERTO BELLARMINO

With the academic year coming to an end, May saw many farewell dinners and speeches by outgoing members, which began with Andre Bressane (Brazil), who left the community to join the Oriental Institute. On the 6th of May, the community witnessed Javier Ramos's (Central America) doctoral defence, followed by a celebratory dinner. As is the yearly tradition, the First-Year students were invited to the Gregorian community for supper with the Jesuit Professors on the 13th of May.

On the 16th of May, the Bellarmino community went to Subiaco, a place where St. Benedict lived as a hermit. The outing was a day of spiritual nourishment and growing in friendship and companionship in one and the same mission here in Rome. The South Asian Jesuits in Bellarmino organised a farewell dinner for the outgoing members, including Kulwant Minj and Pramod Bara. On the 22nd of May, Kulwant went for a one-day outing with his Sharing group to Sienna. On the 23rd of May, the community organized the farewell Mass for the outgoing members, which was followed by a sumptuous lunch. Kulwant was announced as a new member of the Oriental Institute community, while Pramod was announced as returning to the Province to take on a new responsibility. A month-long discernment process to find the next coordinator also concluded, as R.P. Rector announced Nithin Machado (Karnataka) as the new Coordinator.

Kulwant's patience was finally over when he received the printed copy of his doctoral thesis on the 25th May. He earns his Doctorate degree upon publication of his thesis. He also submitted the required 36 copies to the University's Secretary General. Pramod also completed his Final Year thesis and submitted it on the 9th of May. It took, without a doubt, a tremendous effort from Pramod, and therefore, his joy upon submission was obvious. Many congratulations to both Kulwant and Pramod!



At the beginning of the month on the 3rd of May, Pramod and Alok stole a day from their busy academic life to visit the Colosseum, one of the 7 wonders of the world. On the same evening, Ranchi men gathered for a communal discernment to identify the challenges and needs of the Province and to share their profile of the new Provincial. It had three sessions: i) The Holy Mass (presided over by Anselm Ekka in the Chapel in the Rooms of St. Ignatius of Loyola), ii) The Sharing, and iii) The fellowship meal. The Sharing was profound and enriching as the members participated very actively in the process. They also joined other Ranchi men for the Mass to pray for the late mother of Jyoti Paul Baxla in Biblicum on the 9th of May. The last class of Christian Epigraphy for Pramod and Alok was held in the Vatican Grottos on the 20th May, offering them a profound glimpse into the past.

PONTIFICAL BIBLICAL INSTITUTE

After bidding farewell to his beloved mother and celebrating Easter in India, Jyoti Paul returned to Rome on April 8. The loss of his mother was deeply painful, but the celebration of the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus helped him find strength in the faith that she now enjoys eternal life in God's presence. Despite the difficulty of resuming thesis work, Jyoti Paul is making every effort to catch up. When he arrived in Rome, it was still the Easter holiday period, and many community members were away on Parish ministries or family visits. On the 11th of April, Jyoti joined some of the community members for a one-day excursion to a farmhouse in Frascati, about 12 miles from Rome. The 140-acre property, with its vineyard and olive groves, provided a scenic and educational experience. Enrique Sanz combined this enriching visit with the celebration of his 61st birthday. The group learned about the wine production process, from planting the vine to its final consumption, and gained a deeper appreciation for the hard work involved.

Later in the month, the Pontifical Biblical Institute organized an international conference on the 22nd-23rd of April titled, "Discourses about the Divine: Language about Transcendence, Language transcending Borders". The conference explored how the Septuagint (LXX) employs grammar, syntax, style, and vocabulary to describe and express the divine. The presentations and discussions concluded with reflections on God's actions and miracles in Ancient Greek Literature, as well as the Patristic reception and exegesis of the Acts of the Apostles.

GENERAL CURIA

As usual, Anselm keeps a close eye on the happenings in the Curia, and leaves no chance to enrich himself with the life and mission in the Society of Jesus. He shares his

experiences in the following words:

In the month of May, the Delegates of six Conferences for different Commissions gathered in the Curia for their annual meetings. They spent time in sharing, listening, reflecting, evaluating, discerning, and preparing a common strategy to implement in their respective Conferences. These sessions focused on reviewing the ongoing initiatives, identifying emerging needs, and finalizing an acceptable and achievable program to guide all the Provinces in the coming days. Participants worked with renewed zeal to implement these priorities and initiatives in tune with the spirit of the Society of Jesus. The following Commission Delegates assembled in Curia for such purpose:

Delegates for Social Justice and Ecology.

Delegates for Communication.

Delegates for Secondary Education - Jesuit Global Network of Schools.

Delegates for the International Jesuit Refugee Service.

On the 20th of May, Carlo Casalone, Superior of *La Civiltà Cattolica*, led a day of recollection for the Curia community. He offered a thoughtful and prayerful reflection on a relevant theme for our mission and life, i.e., Artificial Intelligence from a Theological Perspective. He based his reflections on the following Bible readings:

Gen 1:26-27; 2:2, "Let us make man in our image, according to our likeness. And God created man in his image. God rested on the seventh day from all his work".

Wisdom 12:16- 18, "Your strength is the beginning of your righteousness".

Mark 6:34, "Jesus had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd".

Luke 10:43, "Martha was distracted by her many chores".

1Cor 7:35, "Remaining faithful to the Lord, without deviations".

After our personal prayers and reflections, we had our spiritual sharing in groups on the following questions:

In what ways do I exercise compassion toward those who are captivated by emerging technologies?

How do I safeguard my own rhythms of silence, prayers, and digital fasting amid a hyper-connected world?

How do I experience collaboration with God by setting limits for myself?

PONTIFICAL GREGORIAN UNIVERSITY

As the Academic Year 2025–2026 drew to a close, Prem concluded his lectures for the Licentiate students of Moral Theology on the 19th of May, focusing on the theme of the *Ethical-Theological Vision of Human*

Communications. The final session of the Joint Diploma in Integral Ecology (Italian Edition) was successfully held on the 21st of May at the premises of the Pontifical Antonianum University.

On the 28th of May, the online course for the Joint Diploma in Integral Ecology (English Edition) was held on the theme "*Lines of Approach and Action*." The panel of resource persons included Erin Lothes from the United States, Neil Thorns from the United Kingdom, Joseph Marianus Kujur from the Ranchi Jesuit Society, and Alonso de Llanes from the Dicastery for the Promotion of Integral Human Development. In his enriching and thought-provoking presentation, Joseph Marianus Kujur offered a comprehensive overview of the commendable initiatives and ongoing efforts undertaken by the Ranchi Jesuits in caring for Mother Earth. His presentation was highly praised for its detailed account of ecological activities across various sectors. Particular attention was given to integrating environmental concerns into the curricula of several schools administered by the Ranchi Jesuits. Sincere compliments to Joseph Marianus Kujur!

On the 29th of May, the regular classes for the Academic Year 2025–2026 came to a close. Although the examination period will run from the 3rd of June to the 26th of June, some examinations have already been conducted as circumstances and scheduling permitted. During the examination period, it is inspiring to observe students occupying every nook and cranny of the Pontifical Gregorian University, diligently preparing for their examinations, either individually or in study groups. Prem will conduct the examinations for the Joint Diploma students on the 18th of June and for the Licentiate students on the 22nd of June. He also has two remaining commitments for the Online Course: the Sixth Session on the 11th of June and the International Conference on the 25th of June. Thereafter, he will await the submission of the final papers for the Joint Diploma in Integral Ecology (Italian Edition).

Fr. Prem Xalxo

CAMBODIA

The Church of Cambodia, and especially the Salesians of Don Bosco, was blessed with one new priest, Fr. Paul Le Quoc Bao, SDB, from Vietnam, and one deacon, Harris Raymond Lawrence, SDB, from Bangalore, India. They were ordained on April 25, 2026, by Bishop Olivier Schmitthaesler at St. Peter and St. Paul Pastoral Centre, Phnom Penh.

At the end of April, from April 29 to May 1, 2026, all the Jesuits gathered at Kirirum, a hill station, for *Villa Day*. This was the first such gathering in the history of the Jesuit Mission in Cambodia, where all Jesuits



came together as one family to relax and share the joys and challenges of their ministerial lives. The presence of Fr. Javier Jeong Yeon Hwang, the new Provincial of the South Korea Province, doubled our joy and strengthened our bond of friendship.

Soon after *Villa Day*, Fr. Manoj accompanied the Provincial to visit the missionary works of the Jesuits. He also brought the Provincial to the Cambodia–Thailand conflict sites, where more than 10,000 Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) had been evacuated from their homes and sheltered in temporary housing built by the government and NGOs. Fr. Javier Jeong Yeon Hwang distributed relief packages among them.

On May 2, 2026, Fr. Manoj and Fr. Rajat attended the blessing Holy Mass of St. Joseph Church, Psa Touch. On May 7, 2026, Fr. Manoj Kumar Ekka, SJ, left for India via Singapore for a two-month home visit. From May 7–9, 2026, he visited friends, especially the Jesuit Refugee Service in Singapore, to plan a combined tree-planting project in November 2026 along the sea coast in Kampot, Cambodia. After completing his mission in Singapore, he flew to India and arrived at Manresa House, Ranchi, on May 12, 2026.

Fr. Rajat Hassa Purty, SJ, went to Ranchi from May 18–June 8, 2026, to attend the Ranchi Province Days and for medical check-ups. Both Fr. Manoj and Fr. Rajat were renewed, energized, and enriched by the warm hospitality, well-prepared inputs, interactions, and spiritual conversations. They felt at home and welcomed, and they express their heartfelt thanks and gratitude to one and all.

Fr. Rajat Hassa Purty

CARIBBEAN JESUITS-GUYANA-JAMAICA

In the beginning of May, Fr. Martin Lenk, SJ, the Caribbean Jesuit Provincial, made his canonical visitation to Guyana. He visited all the communities in Georgetown, Berbice, St. Ignatius Lethem, and Aishalton. At St. Angela House, Karasabai, the Ursuline Sisters of Tildonk Ranchi—Sr. Suchita Barla, Sr. Judika Ba'a, Sr. Deepkala Tirkey, and Sr. Rashmi Kerketta—

warmly welcomed him. They are Jesuit collaborators in the mission, assisting in pastoral work in South Pakaraimas. A tradition in Guyana is the Easter House Blessing. Along with their Church team members, they began house blessings and family Rosary prayers.

Mother's Day was celebrated on 10 May. In both parishes—Guardian Angels, Hopetown, and Ascension Church, New Amsterdam—Blessed Mother Mary was crowned. Many children participated, and the faithful were glad to see them involved in Church activities. The children presented beautiful programs, and snacks were served to everyone at the end.

On 12 May, Nurse's Day, Fr. Amar Bage, SJ, was invited to lead a prayer service and offer words of encouragement at the National Psychiatric Hospital, New Amsterdam. It was a wonderful opportunity to interact with doctors and nurses who face many challenges, yet find God in their work.

On 17 May, the Church of Ascension celebrated its feast day in New Amsterdam. People from different parishes were invited. The solemn Holy Eucharist was presided over by Fr. Amar Bage, SJ, the parish priest. After Mass, food packets were distributed to all.

Fundraising is an important activity in the Diocese of Georgetown. People raise funds to maintain their own churches and sometimes even to help others. The fundraising at Guardian Angels Church was very successful. The beauty of this activity is that both Christians and non-Christians participate and enjoy it together.

On 20 May, Most Rev. Kenneth Richards, DD, Archbishop of Kingston, Jamaica, convened a meeting of all priests and religious working in the archdiocese. He gave an exhortation on missiology for *Fidei Donum* priests serving in Jamaica at the Pastoral Centre, Downtown Kingston. He reminded them that a missionary is sent by the Church to participate in Christ's mission, rooted in His command: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations." The missionary priest is called to be: witness before teacher, disciple before leader, and servant before administrator. Mission begins with holiness, credibility, and communion with Christ. Missionary presence itself



is evangelizing.

From 22–29 May, Fr. Elias Surin, SJ, guided an eight-day retreat for the Missionaries of the Poor Brothers at St. Joseph's House, Mount Tabor, Golden Spring, Kingston, Jamaica. Sixteen Brothers made their spiritual journey with the Lord.

Rev. Fr. Jorge William Hernandez, SJ, has been appointed as the new Provincial of the Caribbean Jesuit Province. He will begin his mission as Provincial on July 31, 2026. For the Feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola and the sectional meeting, all Jesuits from the English-speaking Caribbean Section will gather in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.

Fr. Elias Surin

HEALTH BULLETIN

Fr. Clement Kullu, SJ (RAN) went through Hernia Repair Surgery on 27 May 2026 in CLHRC Mandar and recuperating in Manresa House Infirmary, Ranchi. Your prayers and visits are requested for his speedy recovery.

Socius

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

JUNE	
06	Sylvanus Kerketta
07	Anil Xaxa
12	Eremias Kerketta
15	Elias Minj
17	Jerome Dungdung Medard Xalxo
18	Ashwin Kindo
19	Sushil Tirkey Kulwant Minj
20	Isidore Ekka Ignatius Minj Nitish Ekka
21	John Lakra Alois Beck Manohar Toppo
22	George Paul Burh Gilbert Barla Sanchilit Dungdung

24	John Fisher Osga Amar Bara
25	Erik Kerketta
25	Simon Tudu
28	Akshay Minj
30	John Dungdung Henry Kullu
JULY	
01	Dilip Sanjay Ekka Anup Tirkey
04	Mark Mukul Lakra Mathew Tigga Ajit Kerketta
05	Atul Soreng
07	Ajay Anil Tirkey

THOSE WHO HAVE GONE TO ETERNAL ABODE

1. **Mr. Alexander Tirkey**, elder brother of Fr. Alexius Tirkey, SJ (RAN) went to his eternal abode on 2 May 2026
2. **Fr. Arulanandam Arockiam, SJ (MDU)**, 79/62 went to his eternal abode on 4 May 2026
3. **Fr. Jeyaraj Michael SJ, (MDU)** (87/70), went to his eternal abode on 4 May 2026
4. **Fr. George Varangalakudy, SJ (KER)** (80/60) went to his eternal abode on 6 May 2026
5. **Fr. Carvalho Aloysius Patrick, SJ (CCU)** 96/76 went to his eternal abode on 6 May 2026
6. **Fr Ravi Santosh Kamath, SJ, (KAR)** 86/67 went to his eternal abode on 8 May, 2026.
7. **Mr. Premchand Tigga**, Brother-in-law of Fr. Erenius Toppo, SJ (RAN) went to his eternal abode on 26 May 2026.
8. **Br. Sebastian Lobo, SJ (BOM)** 93/68 went to his eternal abode on 28 May, 2026.

