



RANCHI BULLETIN



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POPE'S INTENTION: MAY 2026

That everyone might have food

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

APPOINTMENTS BY REV. FR. GENERAL

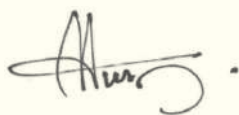
1. **Fr. Tomasz Kot, SJ:** Delegate for the Interprovincial Houses and Works of Rome w.e.f. September 6, 2026.
2. **Fr. Francis Puducherry, SJ:** Provincial of GUJARAT Province

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Rev. Fr. Arturo Sosa, SJ, Superior General, through his letter No. 2026/07 dated 15 April 2026, has convoked the 72nd Congregation of Procurators to be held in Indonesia from 11-16 October, 2027
2. PROVINCE DAYS 2026: May 20 - 23, 2026
3. SCHOLASTICS SUMMER PROGRAMME 2026
 - A. SCHOLASTICS' GET-TOGETHER : May 24 - 27 at Khunti
 - B. WORKSHOP AND SEMINARS
 - a. Group I: May 5 eve. - 11: Social Analysis Workshop at BAGAICHA by Bagaicha team
 - b. Group II: May 5 eve. - 11 Workshop: Constitutions of the Society of Jesus at JFCT, Kanke
Resource Person: **Rev. Fr. Medard Xalxo, SJ**
 - C. RETREAT
 - a. Group I: May 12-20: Retreat at Jeevan Deep Pre-novitiate, Namkum, Preacher: **Rev. Fr. Bipin Tirkey, SJ**
 - b. Group II: May 12-20 at JFCT, Kanke, Preacher: **Rev. Fr. Pradeep Soreng, SJ**
 - c. Group III: June 4-13 at JFCT, Kanke, Preacher: **Rev. Fr. David Minj, SJ**
4. "Manresa House will not be able to receive guests from outside the province during May 2026, as scheduled Programs will occupy the facility and visiting Jesuits from Ranchi will be accommodated for those events."

PROVINCIAL'S PROGRAMME MAY 2026

Date	Event/ Meeting
02	Convocation – Xavier Institute of Social Service, Ranchi
06	Visitation - Novitiate, Namkum
08	Meeting the Superiors/DOWs/PPs, Secretaries and Treasurers of the Societies
09	Meeting - RR Province Task Force (9:30 a.m.) - Manresa House, Ranchi
	General & Governing Body Meetings - Satya Bharati (3:30 p.m.)
12	Commissions Meeting: (Manresa House, Ranchi)
	9. 00 a.m. - Education (Primary & Secondary), Higher Education, Social, Youth,
	Vocation Promotion, Building and Formation Commissions.
13	Commissions Meeting: (Manresa House, Ranchi)
	9. 00 a.m. - Ignatian Spirituality, Pastoral, Dialogue, Health, Media, Brothers,
	Temporal Administration and Investment Committees.
16 - 17	Province Consult
15 - 19	Province Curia - Preparation of Province Days
20 - 23	Province Days
25	Scholastics Gathering
26 - 31	Province Curia



Fr. Ajit Kumar Xess, SJ
Provincial



MESSAGE FROM FR. PROVINCIAL

Dear Fathers and Brothers,

Peace and joy of Risen Christ!

As we begin the process of discerning a new Provincial, we are invited to reflect on the deeper meaning of leadership. For us, leadership is not merely a role, but a vocation rooted in God's call and guided by the Holy Spirit.

Simon Sinek, a well-known motivational speaker says to “start with why.” For us, that “why” is clear—the greater glory of God and the service of His people. John C. Maxwell speaks of leadership as influence; in our context, this influence flows from a life of authenticity, witness, and commitment to the mission.

In the spirit of St. Ignatius, discerning leadership is above all an attitude of deep listening—listening to God in prayer, attentive to the movements of the Spirit; listening to one another with respect and openness; and listening



to the concrete realities and needs of our Province. It is through such prayerful attentiveness that we seek not our own preferences, but God's desire for us.

The *Constitutions* invite us, therefore, to look for a leader who is deeply united with God, whose life of prayer sustains his mission; one who is grounded in charity, able to build communion; wise in judgment, capable of discerning rightly in complex situations; and courageous in mission, ready to lead with faith, generosity, and perseverance for the greater glory of God.

As we engage in this process both personally and in our communities—through prayer, reflection, and spiritual conversation—let us do so with openness and faith. This is a sacred journey: not about proposing names, but about discerning God's will. Together, in attentive listening and shared seeking, let us search for what will best serve God's mission in our Province.

With prayerful good wishes in the Lord,

Fr. Ajit Kumar Xess, SJ
Provincial



PROVINCIAL'S OFFICE

The month opened with the celebration of Holy Week in Ranchi (April 1–4), a time of deep spiritual significance, marked by prayer, reflection, and active participation in the liturgy. On April 6, the Funeral Mass of Br. Habil Kujur, SJ, was solemnly celebrated at Manresa House Chapel, with Fr. Provincial as the main celebrant, joined by members of the Jesuit community and the faithful in prayerful remembrance of his life mission.

In the days that followed, Fr. Provincial undertook a series of pastoral visitations, beginning with Noadih (April 7), followed by Tongo (April 8–9), Bardih (April 10), and Soso (April 13). These visits offered him valuable opportunities for fraternal accompaniment, dialogue with the Jesuit communities, and encouragement in their apostolic ministries.

On the evening of April 7, Fr. Provincial participated in the General Body Meeting at St. Ignatius High School, Gumla, and on April 8 attended the Governing Body Meeting, contributing to the ongoing strengthening of the Province's educational mission and institutional governance.

A moment of great grace and joy for the Province was the Priestly Ordination of Dn. Sunil Lakra at Pakripath (Netarhat) on April 12, a celebration that brought together the faithful in thanksgiving and hope for the future of the mission.



On April 15, Fr. Provincial officiated the Funeral Mass of Fr. Robert Kindo, SJ, at Manresa House Chapel. The Mass was concelebrated by Jesuits and attended in large numbers by religious, relatives, family members,

friends, and well-wishers who gathered to offer prayers and bid him a heartfelt farewell.

The period of April 14–15 was also devoted to important work at the Province Office. Subsequently, Ranchi hosted the meeting of the Central Zone Provincials on April 19–20, fostering collaboration, shared discernment, and renewed commitment to the common ventures of the Central Zone.

On April 16, Fr. Provincial met with the members of the Health Commission at Manresa House. On April 19, he guided the meeting of the Organizing Committee for Province Days 2026 at Sadbhavna.

From April 21–22, Fr. Provincial organized and actively participated in a workshop for the Rectors, Superiors, Vice-Superiors, and Parish Priests of the Province at Manresa House, Ranchi. The workshop focused on leadership, mission priorities, and communal discernment, and was facilitated by Rev. Fr. Jerome Cutinha, SJ, Provincial of Jamshedpur Province.

On April 25–26, Fr. Provincial met with his consultors at Sadbhavna, reflecting on the life and mission of the Province and strengthening its governance structures. On April 27, he convened a meeting of the Finance Commission at Sadbhavna.

From April 27–30, Fr. Provincial continued his administrative responsibilities at the Province Office. Through these varied engagements, he animated the Province with a spirit of service, discernment, and steadfast commitment to the mission of the Society of Jesus.

Fr. Deepak Toppo

SADBHAVNA, RANCHI

From April 1–4, Frs. Deepak Toppo and Francis David Kullu were at Bingaon, where they animated the faithful through the solemn celebration of the Holy Week liturgy.

On April 6, the community participated in the funeral Mass of Br. Habil Kujur at Manresa House, joining family members, and well-wishers in prayerful tribute. On April 15, members of the community attended

the funeral Mass of Fr. Robert Kindo, SJ, at Manresa House Chapel. A large gathering of Jesuits, religious, relatives, and well-wishers came together to bid him a final farewell. Fr. Francis David delivered a moving homily, honouring Fr. Robert's life and dedicated missionary service.



From April 6–13, Fr. Johny Kujur accompanied Fr. Provincial on his visitation to Noadih, Tongo, and Soso. The purpose of his joining was to visit our schools in these mission areas and address senior students, encouraging them towards a generous response to God's call through vocation promotion.

On April 11, the community attended the priestly ordination of Dn. Sunil Lakra at Pakripath parish of Daltonganj diocese. During this time, Fr. George Kerketta received Mr. Charles and his associate, benefactors from Scotland (April 12–15), and accompanied them to various mission stations, enabling them to witness the works of the Province and interact with Jesuits and collaborators. Before their departure for Delhi, they met the Provincial to explore avenues for deeper collaboration in service of God's people.

On April 16, Frs. Sylverius, Deepak, and Francis David attended the meeting of the Health Commission members with the Provincial at Manresa House. On April 19, again they actively participated in the meeting of the Organizing Committee for the Province Days 2026 at Sadbhavna.

Fr. Sylverius Chermako, Socius and Superior, actively participated in and helped organize the workshop for Rectors, Superiors, Vice-Superiors, and Parish Priests held at Manresa House on April 21–22. The workshop focused on leadership, mission priorities, and communal discernment.

On April 25, the community had the joy of welcoming

Rev. Fr. M. K. George, General Counsellor from Rome, who briefly visited on his way to Delhi after his visitation to Hazaribag Province. On April 25–26, Frs. Sylverius and Deepak took part in the Province Consultors' Meeting, contributing to the governance and mission of the Province. On 27 April, Fr. Francis David played a vital role in organizing Province Treasurers meeting with Fr. Provincial at Sadbhavna.

Fr. George continues to visit the construction site at Keondtanr and other mission centres. Fr. Nirmal Minj is presently engaged in his internship at the Catholic Press, Ranchi, under the guidance of Fr. Francis David. Scholastic Ananias Xess continues his dedicated study of Italian at Morhabadi, Ranchi, with the assistance of the MJEP Sisters. Fr. Sylverius maintains his regular visits to our brethren in the infirmary at Manresa House, as well as to those who are sick at Lievens Hospital, offering them care, companionship, and prayerful support.

Fr. Deepak Toppo

MANRESA HOUSE, RANCHI

The community entered deeply into the solemnity of the Paschal Mystery, reverently observing Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday, and culminating in the joyful celebration of Easter on April 5.

On April 12, the community rejoiced at the priestly ordination of Dn. Sunil Lakra in Pakripath Parish. He was warmly welcomed back to Manresa House on April 22 by the Rector and community members, together with his family, with a fellowship meal shared before their departure. On April 14, the feast of Apostle Matthias, the family of the late Fr. Mathias Dungdung organized a *Gami* Mass in his native village. The celebration was joined by Fr. Alexius Toppo, Rector, along with Frs. Nicholas Tete, Alex Tirkey, and Ephrem Ba'a, with Fr. Nicholas Tete presiding over the Mass.

Fr. Justin contributed as a resource person at XLRI, Jamshedpur, for the XISS non-teaching staff development program on April 17, and subsequently attended the SIGNIS National Meeting in Jalandhar, Punjab (April 12–17).

On his return journey to Ranchi, he visited his ailing mother in New Delhi, who resides with his younger brother.

On April 18, the Manresa House community joyfully celebrated the ordination anniversary of Fr. Anand Kerketta. Meanwhile, on April 17, Fr. Florence Purty accompanied AICUF students to Kolkata for a scheduled program. On April 23, Fr. Pankaj and the Hoffmann team traveled to Kunkuri to express solidarity with the northern region of Chhattisgarh. Manresa House also hosted the Central Zone Provincial's Meet on April 20, followed by a workshop on the Governance of the Society of Jesus on April 21, attended by Rectors, Superiors, Vice-Superiors, and Parish Priests.

Frs. Theodore Ba'a and Anand underwent medical reviews on March 25 and April 16, assisted by Sch. Ananias. Fr. Henry Barla (April 1) and Fr. Robert Kindo (April 7) required care for unstable sodium and sugar levels.

With heavy hearts, the community bid farewell to Fr. Robert Kindo, who returned to the Lord on April 15 at CLHRC, Mandar. He was laid to rest at Tumtumtoli graveyard, after the funeral Mass at Manresa House. Prayers were also offered for the souls of Mr. Felix Tete, brother of Fr. Ignatius Tete, and Mrs. Juliana Baxla, mother of Fr. Emmanuel.



Manresa House welcomed Fr. Ajay P. Minj as Acting Minister and Sch. Sameer Kerketta as Assistant Minister. The community assured them of full cooperation and prayers as they take up these vital responsibilities.

Sch. Abhinandan Tirkey

ST. XAVIER'S COLLEGE, RANCHI

"The National Commission for Minorities, New Delhi, issued the college's **minority status certificate** on 30 April, 2026." Hearty Congratulations and many thanks to Fr. Ravi Hemant Kujur for his tireless efforts. He is now trying to get it also for St. Xavier's College, Simdega, and we are hoping to get it within the prescribed time frame set by its office.

On 11th April 2026, five of us went to Pakripath to attend the priestly ordination of Deacon Sunil Lakra on the following day. We spent the night at Neterhat and had dinner at Sunil's house. Staying at Neterhat gave us an opportunity also to see the sunset and the sunrise. On the following day, after the priestly ordination, we visited St. Xavier's College Mahuadanr and the Lodh falls or the Burha Ghagh, the highest waterfalls of Jharkhand.

On 13th April 2026, the department of Computer Science organized a workshop on "Living with Artificial Intelligence (AI)." It was informative, and the students benefited from it as AI has already become a part of life today.

On 15th April 2026, the college gave away the certificates to the students who attended the "Add-On Courses" for five tribal languages, Ho, Kharia, Kurukh, Mundari and Santali, organized for the first time in the college.

On 16th April Fr. Prabhat Kennedy Soreng went to Matigarha near Siliguri to participate in a meeting of the Eco-Jesuits of the South Asian Conference (16-20 April 26). He presented a report on the works undertaken by the province for ecology. An action plan has been made to be implemented in the province in the coming year.

On 17th April 2026, the Department of Bio-Technology organized a seminar on soft skills with a theme, "Campus to Corporate." The participants were allowed to have a mock interview by Prof. Nishi Singh, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Business Administration

XITE, Gamharia.

On 18th April, 2026, the Dept of Business Administration organized a Seminar on "Financial wellness." The active participation of the students impressed the resource person, Mr. Shubham Modi.

Department of Journalism and Mass Communication, in collaboration with the actors of Mind Acting Studio



and Samaritan Charitable Trust, organized a Seminar cum Workshop on acting and filmmaking on 18th April 2026 with a theme "A step into the World of Cinema."

Department of English Language and Literature, invited Prof. Ruchika T. Kerketta, faculty,

Dept of ELL, DSPMU, on 18th April 2026, for a Guest Lecture on "Critical Thinking: Through Literature, With Literature". It helped the students to appreciate various English scholars.

On 22nd April 2026, the Women's Cell of the college organized a seminar on "Gender Sensitization."

On 25th April 2026, the College organized a session "Mentor-Mentee Interaction". It brought awareness of its benefits among the students. Many of the professors, too, had a unique opportunity to talk with the students who needed mentoring.

On 25th April 2026, Education World organized a function at the Grand Hotel, New Delhi, in which St. Xavier's College, Ranchi, was awarded a certificate recognition as the Number One Private Autonomous College in Northern India. Fr. Principal and Vice-Principal were present at the function to receive the Certificate. Hearty congratulations to Fr. Principal, Vice-Principal, Registrar, and all the faculty members on this recognition.

Fr. Sudhir Kr. Minj

XISS, RANCHI

On 7th April, Fr. Marianus Kujur and Ashok Kandulna accompanied the staff members to XLRI for a Staff Development Programme. It was an exposure for them to learn from the best practices. They were given orientations to improve their areas of work.

On 8th April, Fr. Marianus Kujur and Fr. Pradeep Kerketta took part in the CSR Conclave on “Partners for Progress: Catalyzing Girls’ Education and Career Transition,” jointly organized by the Centre for Catalyzing Change, New Delhi, and XISS (Rural Management) at BNR Hotel, Ranchi. Fr. Marianus delivered the welcome address on the occasion.

From 9–12 April, Fr. Marianus Kujur attended a workshop organized by the Human Development Centre, Delhi, at Shiv Nadar University, Noida. After conducting the outstation GDPI, in Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata, and Bengaluru, XISS held the same process in the campus from 11–17 April. On 11th April, 105 aspirants for the Society of Jesus, together with four scholastics, visited XISS to learn about its life-mission. Fr. Pradeep Kerketta briefed them about XISS and its functions, while Fr. Ashok Sandil assisted with logistics and other needs.

On 21st April, the IQAC of XISS held a meeting in which the action-taken report of the previous meeting was presented. Internal and external members were then invited to offer valuable comments and suggestions. At the beginning of the meeting, Fr. Marianus Kujur delivered a welcome address, while Fr. Pradeep Kerketta and Fr. Ashok Kandulna made important interventions.

From 21–22 April, Fr. Pradeep Kerketta participated in a workshop organized by Fr. Provincial Ajit Kumar Xess for Rectors, Superiors, Vice-Superiors, and Parish Priests at Manresa House, Ranchi. The resource person, Fr. Jerome Cutinha, SJ, Provincial of Jamshedpur Province, highlighted the roles and responsibilities in conformity with the Constitution of the Society of Jesus, the General Congregations, and important letters of the Generals of the Society. The workshop was very beneficial in reaffirming job roles according to the Jesuit way of proceeding.

From 23–24 April, the community held a recollection,

which concluded with a spiritual conversation on challenges and needs of the Province as well as the qualities and strengths required of a new Provincial. This was conducted in view of the upcoming election of a new Provincial of Ranchi Province.

On 24th April, certificates were distributed to the students of Business Analytics, a six-month certification course designed for the working professionals and the interested students. This program will undoubtedly add value to their future careers.

On 25th April, the Silver Jubilee batch (1999–2001) of Rural Management held a reunion programme at XISS. A total of 39 alumni attended the programme, sharing their insights and wisdom. They felt nostalgic about XISS as they strolled down memory lane and cherished the reunion. Alongside other activities, they enjoyed fun, fellowship, and a meal together in the XISS cafeteria.

Fr. Pradeep Kerketta

ST. XAVIER’S SCHOOL, DORANDA

The month of April marked a fresh and enthusiastic beginning with the start of the new academic year 2026–27. As part of the academic preparations, interviews were conducted for candidates of class XI for all the three streams Commerce, Humanities and Science from 6 April 2026. The provisional admission to class XI (2026-27) began from 13 April 2026. The induction ceremony for them was held on 25 April 2026 and the classes commenced from 27th April 2026.

A warm welcome was extended to the youngest members of the school family during the Induction Ceremony for KG and Prep on April 11th 2026 where students and parents were introduced to the school environment. This spirit of guidance continued with an Orientation Programme for classes III to V on April 18th, focusing on the important theme: “Oral Hygiene and Screen Time Awareness: Nurturing Healthy Habits in Children.” The session was thoughtfully led by esteemed resource persons, Prof. Dr. Anshu Sahu, Dr. Ansu Singh, and Mrs. Ruchi Bhatia, emphasizing that education shapes not only the mind but also

healthy and responsible lifestyles.

Fr. Sudhir Kr. Kujur, Superior, contributed his expertise at Kolkata (Morning Star) from April 15th to 18th 2026 for the comprehensive examinations of theologians. On 18th 2026, accompanied by the teachers, the students of Geography Department went to Hindalco, Muri, for their one-day exposure in order to gain more knowledge and experiences

Fr. Superior, further enriched his experience by participating in a two-day workshop at Manresa House, Ranchi, from April 21st to 22nd. The school started its summer timetable from April 22nd, which also witnessed the solemn Investiture Ceremony for Classes VI to XII, encouraging student leaders to take up their responsibilities with commitment and integrity.

The month concluded on a reflective and hopeful note with the Induction Ceremony for Class XI on April 25th warmly welcoming students into a new phase of academic and personal formation. The Chief Guest, Mrs. Gunjan Kindo, delivered an inspiring message to the students on the theme: "Explore with curiosity, engage with purpose and excel with perseverance." As we look back April was not just a month of activities but a journey of faith, formation, and fresh beginnings.

Fr. Kuldeep Linda

ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL, RANCHI

The month began on 1 April 2026 with the reopening of classes for students from Classes I to XII, setting the tone for a promising academic journey. Special attention was given to classroom readiness, discipline, regularity, and the continuation of good practices such as lesson planning, display boards, student profiles, and diary credentials to ensure a smooth start to the year.

On 11 April 2026, the school conducted the Induction Ceremony for Nursery, KG, and Prep, warmly welcoming the youngest members of the school family. This was followed by the formal commencement of classes for these sections on 13 April 2026, creating a cheerful beginning for the little learners.

The school also hosted an Orientation Day for selected JH-MUN delegates on 14 April, helping students prepare for leadership opportunities and

public speaking responsibilities. Meanwhile, the admission process for Class XI continued smoothly, with the online application process closing on 15 April, followed by the submission of hard copies on 16 April 2026.



A major highlight of the month was the Annual Prize Distribution Day and Bagless Day on 18 April 2026, which was celebrated with great success. The event showcased impressive thematic presentations and recognized the achievements of students in academics and co-curricular activities. The school community proudly congratulated students, teachers, and parents for the excellent Board Examination Results 2026, which once again reflected the dedication and hard work of the entire institution.

Academic and literary activities also began with the Inter-Class English and Hindi Elocution Competitions from 22 April 2026, encouraging students to build confidence and communication skills. On 25 April 2026, the Entrance Examination for Class XI was conducted in an orderly and professional manner with the active support of both teaching and non-teaching staff.

Another noteworthy moment was the Parent Orientation Programme for Class V on 27 April 2026, aimed at strengthening collaboration between parents and teachers for the holistic growth of students.

It is also a matter of pride that St. John's Hindi Medium School has likewise begun its new academic year with renewed enthusiasm. The institution has also recorded commendable board examination results, bringing honour to the larger St. John's educational family in Ranchi.

As the new academic year settles into rhythm, the school continues to emphasize discipline, accompaniment, and meaningful learning while fostering a nurturing environment for every child. The month of April has truly laid a strong and inspiring foundation for the year ahead.

Sch. Nitesh Rohit Minj

JHARNA – ASHIRVAD, NAMKUM

Ashirvad Novitiate

After a month's gap, on 6 April, all the novices returned to the novitiate from their Lenten ministry. They were very happy to have these 30 days of Lenten ministry in eleven different parishes. Our special thanks to all our parish priests and their communities for their care, loving guidance, and accompaniment. We assure them of our prayerful support.

On April 7 and 8, we had a sharing on our Lenten ministry. All humbly acknowledged that it was a golden opportunity provided to us by the Society of Jesus to preach and teach our faith and, by doing so, to be rooted and grounded in our Jesuit vocation. Each one of us felt strengthened intellectually, spiritually, and emotionally, and deeply motivated in life after having this main experiment.

On April 9, Fr. Master, Raymond Kerketta, went to Vellore with Fr. Ranjit Horo for his health check-up. He came back on 19 April.

On April 18, Fr. Socius, Ignatius Tete, went to participate in the declaration of Karangaguri Parish. It was declared as the 44th parish of Simdega Diocese. Then on April 20, he proceeded to Rourkela Bishop's House to address the diocesan priests gathered for a one-day recollection on April 21. There were about 70 priests to take part in the recollection. He managed to deliver four talks, each lasting for an hour. He came back on April 22.

We resumed our academic life on 13 April with new zeal, focusing on the study of Sacred Scripture, Constitutions, and religious maturity.

On April 19, Fr. Jerry Cutinha, SJ, Jamshedpur Provincial, was with us to visit our Jamshedpur novice companions. We gave him a warm welcome in Ashirvad Community during lunch. On the same day in the afternoon, summer course brothers came to visit our community. Fr. Camil Kerketta, Superior of the House, gave an introduction of the house, its short history, and mission. We provided them with mango water and some sweets. Soon after they left, we had a blessing ceremony of our newly renovated chapel. On this occasion, we were privileged to have with us Fr. Jerry Cutinha, SJ, Provincial of Jamshedpur. He blessed the chapel. Now the chapel has a better look. We are very grateful to our Rev. Fr. Provincial for his kind consideration of our request.

On April 20, we went to Jeevan-Deep Pre-Novitiate to

witness the staging of an English drama by the pre-novices. Fr. Raymond Kerketta was the chief guest of the programme. All the novices acknowledged that the programme was very inspiring and motivating.

Jharna Spirituality Centre

While the novices were still in their parish ministries, the staff members, too, had an opportunity to commit themselves to the Holy Week ministries in Namkum. The entire staff together went to Mazarello Convent, Sahera, for the Holy Week liturgy. On Holy Thursday, Fr. Camil Kerketta presided over the solemn Eucharist of the Last Supper. Fr. Michael Kerketta washed the feet of the twelve, while the other three priests assisted him. On Good Friday, the liturgy was celebrated by Fr. Ignatius Tete. The Passion singing enhanced the devotion of the faithful. At the Easter Vigil Mass, Fr. Raymond Kerketta was the main celebrant, while on Easter Sunday morning, Fr. Michael Kerketta presided over the festive Eucharistic celebration.

From April 6–10, a seminar on Indigenous People was held under the guidance of Mrs. Mina Ekka from Rourkela. Seventeen coordinators from the neighbouring states were present for the seminar. Bethany Junior Sisters, all 27 of them, had a four-day (April 13–16) recollection guided by Fr. Jerry from St. Albert's College. Fr. Vinod Sushil Soreng, SJ, guided an eight days Retreat for 31 St. Anne's Sisters of Gumla Province from April 25 to May 3, 2026. Fr. Benedict Lakra spent eight days in prayer (April 17–25) in the house. Fr. Superior participated in a two-day workshop on the role of the Superior that was held at Manresa House. The workshop was conducted by Fr. Jerry Cutinha from Jamshedpur.

INFORMATION

Jharna Spirituality Centre, Namkum, will be organizing a Spiritual Renewal Programme, culminating in an Ignatian Retreat, from the evening of June 22 to the evening of July 22, 2026.

The resource persons will be: **Fr. Camil Kerketta, SJ, Fr. Ignatius Tete, SJ, Fr. Raymond Kerketta, SJ, Fr. Edwin Dang, SJ, and Fr. David Minj, SJ.**

For further information or registration, please contact:

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NS. Atul Minj

JEEVAN DEEP, ATC, NAMKUM

The conclusion of the fore-sheet examinations marked the beginning of an active and grace-filled period for the pre-novices, as they entered into immediate preparation for the celebration of Easter. The days that followed were marked by a spirit of availability and generosity, with each one engaging wholeheartedly in various responsibilities. The pre-novices devoted themselves to cleaning the campus and surroundings, harvesting wheat, and working in the garden, thus deepening their appreciation for manual work as an essential dimension of Jesuit formation.

Simultaneously, much attention was given to the preparation of the Holy Week liturgies. Through regular practice of hymns and active involvement in organizing the celebrations of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil, and Easter Sunday, the pre-novices entered more deeply into the Paschal Mystery. These experiences became moments of learning by doing, where prayer, liturgy, and community participation enriched their formation. In their evaluations, many shared that they discovered new meanings in the Holy Week celebrations and found joy in serving the faithful.

A large number of faithful, along with the ATC Youth, participated in all the Holy Week services, which were held in the open ground. On Good Friday, immediately after the Way of the Cross, heavy rain disrupted the gathering, and the congregation moved to the ATC Hall to continue the liturgy. Despite the inconvenience, the faithful remained present and prayerful, sitting in corridors and available spaces, giving witness to their deep devotion. The Easter Vigil also drew a significant gathering. After the solemn celebration, the community shared a brief moment of joy through a group dance, though it was again interrupted by rain. Nevertheless, the celebrations concluded peacefully and meaningfully.

Following Easter, the pre-novices engaged themselves in preparing a cultural program. Considerable time and effort were dedicated to practicing drama, culminating in a presentation on 20 April. Three one-act plays—*"I Don't Want... No English,"* *"The Beauty of Life,"* and *"The Choice Is Yours"*—were staged with creativity and confidence and were well appreciated by the audience. Fr. Ferdinand guided the group in

learning two hymns, which were sung at the beginning and at the end of the program, lending a reflective and prayerful tone.

Fr. Raymond, the Novice Master, was the chief guest for the occasion. The audience included the novices, faithful from ATC Prarthanalaya, and the XIPT hostel boys who were brought by Scholastic Anil. The program concluded with refreshments and a time of fellowship, strengthening bonds within the community.



On 21 April, a community meeting was held with the members of the Kishor Nagar community. Centered on the letter of the Provincial, the meeting provided a meaningful opportunity for shared reflection, discernment, and mutual enrichment. It fostered a deeper sense of communion and alignment with the wider mission of the Society.

On 22 April, the pre-novices vacated their rooms and returned to their homes, bringing this stage of their formation to a close. They now await their call letters for the next stage of formation. They will be sent to five different Novitiates—Shillong, Kerala, Jamshedpur, Hazaribag, and Namkum. The community accompanies them with prayers, trusting that the Lord who has begun this good work in them will continue to guide their journey.

Sch. Kanchan Minj

CATHOLIC CHURCH, KANKE

The Liturgies of Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil, and Easter Sunday were celebrated with greater devotion this year. On Palm Sunday, the main celebrant was Fr. David Minj, SJ, with four concelebrants. He also gave the homily, while the Passion reading was done by a theologian. The liturgy began at St. Joseph's School campus (Gabriel Brothers), followed by a procession to the Catholic

Church, Kanke, and was concluded with Holy Mass. The choir was led by the Kadma Unit, and theologian Anup Tirkey, SJ, served as commentator.

On Holy Thursday, the Parish Priest, Fr. Samir Dungdung, SJ, was the main celebrant, joined by five concelebrants. Fr. Millianus Beck, SJ, gave the homily. The choir was led by the Prem Nagar Unit, with theologians Sanjit Toppo, SJ, and Kuldeep Toppo, SJ, as commentators.

The Good Friday liturgy was led by Fr. Ranjit Bilung, SJ, with six concelebrants. Fr. Samir Dungdung, delivered the homily and led the Passion reading. The choir was led by the Tangra Toli Unit, and theologian Noel Ekka, SJ, was the commentator.

At the Easter Vigil, the main celebrant was Fr. Francis Minj, SJ, with five concelebrants. He also gave the homily. Fr. David Minj, sang the Jyoti Gungan. The choir was led by the Chori Tola Unit, and theologian Amrit Toppo, SJ, was commentator.

On Easter Sunday, the Mass was presided over by Fr. Millianus Beck, S.J., while Fr. Jyoty Paul Baxla, S.J., gave the homily. The choir was led by the Sisters of St. Anne's Convent, theologians of Tarunoday, and the Montfort Brothers.

On White Sunday, the First Communion Ceremony was held with 25 children receiving the Sacrament. The Parish Priest, Fr. Samir Dungdung, was the main celebrant, assisted by four concelebrants. The Arsandey Unit led the choir.

Fr. Samir Dungdung, also participated in a workshop for local superiors, rectors, work directors, and parish priests from April 21–22 held at Manresa House, Ranchi.

Fr. Sameer Dungdung

CATHOLIC CHURCH, PATRACHAULI

After meeting with the parishioners, Holy Week responsibilities were shared among villages, units, and Sanghs for smooth organization. On Maundy Thursday, the Eucharist began at 3:00 p.m. after a power delay. The Kundi choir led the prayers, twelve catechists represented the disciples, and the Parish Priest washed their feet. Adoration followed, led by

the Mahila Sangh and faithful of Kundi.

On Good Friday, the Mahila Sangh prepared the grounds for the live Way of the Cross, presented by the Makunda unit. Youth and faithful worked hard to make it meaningful, and volunteers-maintained discipline. The ceremony began at 3:00 p.m. with Fr. Brice Bilung, S.J., as main celebrant and homilist, assisted by priests and novices in the Passion reading.

On Holy Saturday, confessions were available during the day. The Vigil began at 10:00 p.m., celebrated by Fr. David, with Fr. John Fabianus assisting. The celebration concluded at 2:15 a.m. On Easter Sunday, Mass at 7:30 a.m. was celebrated by Fr. Brice. Other priests and novices celebrated in nearby villages. Gratitude was expressed to Fr. John Fabianus for his service.

On 6 April, novices Aman Xavier Xalxo and Arvind Johnson Thithio returned to Ashirvad Novitiate, Namkum. Gestures of thanks were extended for their generous service. On 24 April, the newly formed PPC met to evaluate Palm Sunday and Holy Week events. The outcome was satisfactory, with room for improvement.

Fr. David Bara

ST. MICHAEL'S KHUNTI

On 28th March, we were happy to receive Sch. Sandeep Bara who joined St. Michael's Community as a regent and assistant prefect. The community gave him a warm welcome.

The Chrism Mass was celebrated in St. Michael's Cathedral on 31st March presided over by his Lordship, Bishop Binay Kandulna, DD. After the Holy Mass, there was a meeting of priests, religious and the lay representatives of all the parishes. Fr. Mahendra P. Tigga addressed the gathering and spoke on SIR and PESA.

On 1st April, the new academic session commenced in Loyola High School. Sch. Sandeep Bara joined the school staff as an assistant teacher. He was felicitated and given a warm welcome by the staff and students.

On 2nd April, our Paschal Triduum began with Morning Prayer led by Fr. Amrit Lakra with the collaboration of Ursuline sisters and candidates. Fr. Amrit Lakra shared his reflection on this occasion. In the evening, at Lord's Supper, Fr. Bimal Minj gave the commentary. On Good Friday, Fr. Emmanuel Barla led the Morning Prayer in collaboration with St.

Anne's sisters and postulants and shared his reflection. At the service of Lord's Passion, all the Jesuits of our community and some St. Anne's sisters sang the Passion reading. Fr. Suman P Toppo shouldered the responsibility of narrator. In the Easter Vigil, Fr. Suman P. Toppo gave the commentary and Fr. Bimal Minj sang the Exultet.

On Easter Sunday, Fr. Amrit Lakra said the First Mass in the Cathedral. Fr. Mahendra P Tigga went to say Mass for the prisoners. Fr. Emmanuel Barla went to Chalagi and Fr. Bimal Minj to Dabgana to say Mass for the faithful. In the evening we came together for our community celebration.

On 7th April, two Scholastics, Thomas and Shailesh, reached here to plan out for the Scholastic-get-together to be held from 24th May to 27th May. The following day Fr. Augustine Kujur and team arrived to conduct Jeevan Prawesh program for class X. They concluded the program on 11th April and went back to Gumla.

Fr. Amrit Lakra left for Pakripat on 11th April for the ordination of Deacon Sunil Lakra, SJ. He attended the First Mass and came back on 13th April. Fr. Suman P Toppo and Fr. Swarn Tigga also reached Netarhat for the First Mass with the Khunti choir group. They returned home on 14th April.

Our schools and college were occupied for two competitive exams, namely Utpad Sipahi and JPSC exams, which were held on 12th and 19th April, respectively.

The beloved mother of Fr. Swarn Tigga passed away early in the morning on 20th April. Fr. Swarn Tigga rushed home to be with the family. The next day, Fr. Suman P. Toppo, Fr. Bimal Minj, Fr. Emmanuel Barla, Fr. Mahendra P Tigga and some staff members went for funeral Mass.

Fr. Amrit Lakra attended two-day Workshop on the Role of Rectors and Superiors in Jesuit Communities held in Manresa House on 21st and 22nd April.

On 23rd April, St. Michael's Khunti observed the death anniversary of Fr. Augustus Stockman. In the evening, we went to the grave of Fr. Augustus Stockman to pay homage and offer prayers. Sch. Sandeep Bara celebrated his birthday on 23rd April. The community members wished him 'Many Happy Returns of the Day'.

Fr. Amrit Lakra

ST. IGNATIUS' JESUIT COMMUNITY, GUMLA

The community came together on 5th April to celebrate the joy of Easter. Fathers and brothers, returning from their respective parishes such as Tongo, Noadih, and Soso, gathered in a spirit of fraternity to share the joy and hope of the Risen Lord. The celebration strengthened bonds within the community and renewed their apostolic zeal.

On 9th April, the campus was honoured by the visit of the Provincial of the Loreto Sisters. She interacted with the sisters collaborating at St. Xavier's School, encouraging their mission and appreciating their dedicated service in the field of education.

From 9 – 11 April Inter-Section Cricket Tournament of St. Ignatius' School was successfully organized, alongside a volleyball tournament. These events aimed at holistic development, encouraging students to discover their talents beyond academics and to imbibe teamwork, discipline, and sportsmanship.

On 12th April, Rector, Fr. Florence Kujur, along with Fr. Manohar Khoya, Fr. Suman Beck, and Sch. Ashwin Ekka, attended the priestly ordination of Fr. Sunil Lakra at Pakripath parish. The occasion was a moment of grace and joy for the entire Jesuit family. The community joined in celebrating the birthday of Sr. Binista on 13th April. A special evening prayer was organized, expressing gratitude to God for her dedicated service and valuable contributions to the school community.

Adding to the academic accomplishments of the campus, St. Ignatius' High School achieved a 100% result in the Matric Examination 2026, bringing great joy to the Jesuit community, staff, students, and parents. This remarkable success reflects the dedicated efforts of the teachers, the perseverance of the students, and the institution's commitment to academic excellence.

A significant academic milestone was achieved on 20th April, as St. Xavier's School received its affiliation from CISCE, New Delhi. This achievement marks a new chapter in the institution's growth and commitment to quality education.

Overall, the month reflected a harmonious blend of spiritual enrichment, institutional progress, and community engagement, reinforcing the Jesuit mission of forming men and women for others.

Sch. Ashwin Ekka

ST. MARY'S HIGH SCHOOL, SAMTOLI

Easter Ministry: Community members were generous enough to take up Easter ministry in various centres. Fr. Rakesh, Fr. James Balmuchu, Fr. Roshan and Fr. Samir went to Dumki, a village unit church falling under Samsera Parish for Easter vigil Mass and Easter Sunday celebration. Fr. Pius and Fr. Nabor went to Beritoli, a village unit church while Fr. Fredrick went to Beritoli for the Easter Sunday celebration falling under Sogra Parish.

New Academic Session: All the schools of ours started the new Academic session from April 01, 2026. On account of scorching heat, morning class routine is being followed. Students and staff members are making their every effort to be on time for the assembly prayer and classes.

Birthday Celebration: The community celebrated the birthdays of Sch. Suman Bara on April 9 and Fr. Pius Xalxo on April 14. Sch. Suman's Day began with Holy Mass presided over by Fr. Samir X. Bhawnra, followed by a prayer service and a simple community gathering.

Fr. Pius marked his birthday with Holy Mass in the house chapel, attended by community members, and a festive dinner. The presence of the SDB Fathers from Jokhbahla, Chhattisgarh, added joy to the occasion, and their greetings were warmly appreciated.

Board Results: Congratulations to Fr. Rakesh Kerketta, Principal, teachers and students of St. Mary's English Medium School for their hard work and dedication which resulted into good performance in the CBSE Board examination, 2026 of Class X!

Appeared	I	II	III	Marginal	%
74	64	09	X	03	

Congratulations to Fr. Florence Guria, Principal and Jesuit personnel, teachers and students of St. Mary's High School for their performance in the JAC Board Exam, 2026 of Class X!

Appeared	I	II	III	Marginal	%
225	120	96	03	06	97.33

Still room for improvement in the years to come. Let

us keep up the spirit and do still better.

Felicitation: On April 22, 2026 a felicitation program was organized at St. Mary's English Medium School to celebrate the excellent performance of the students in the CBSE Board Examination. The program began with a welcome address by the Principal, who congratulated the achievers for their hard work and dedication. Students securing 10 top ranks and scoring outstanding marks were honoured with certificates and mementos. Principal extended his appreciation to the teachers for their relentless efforts and hard work in guiding the students to achieve their ends. The event concluded on a positive note, motivating all the students to strive for excellence in their future academic pursuits.

Malaria Awareness Program: On the occasion of World Malaria Day, students of St. Mary's English Medium School organized an impact malaria awareness program on April 25, aiming to educate the community about prevention and control of the disease. Program included poster exhibition and interactive session to bring awareness about the causes, symptoms and preventive measures of Malaria. Students actively participated by creating informative placards and slogans such as "Prevent Malaria, Save lives" and "Clean surroundings, Healthy Living."

Management appreciated the initiative, noting that such students-led efforts play a vital role in spreading awareness at the grassroots level. The program concluded with a pledge by participants to contribute toward a Malaria free future. The awareness drive successfully highlighted the importance of collective responsibility in combating Malaria and inspired many to adopt preventive measures in their daily living.

Seminar on Improving Academic Performance: A seminar on "Strategies for Better Academic Performance" was successfully conducted at St. Mary's English Medium School, Samtoli by Rev. Fr. Oscar Beck with the active participation of both the students and teachers. The event aimed to enhance learning outcomes and introduce effective teaching practices. The seminar began with a welcome address by the Principal who highlighted the importance of consistent effort, discipline and innovative learning methods. Expert speakers shared valuable insights

on time management, exam preparation and stress management. Teachers were also guided on adopting modern and interactive teaching techniques to better engage the students. Students participated enthusiastically, asking questions and sharing their experiences. Interactive sessions and practical tips made the seminar both informative and engaging.

Ordination Ceremony: Fr. Pius, Fr. Bruno and Sch. Suman attended the priestly ordination ceremony of Dn Sunil Lakra on April 12 at Pakripath. We are very thankful to Fr. Roshan for providing accommodation at ALERT centre on April 11. Fr. Pius and Fr. Nabor attended the ordination ceremony of Dn Martin Xalxo, CDF on April 25 at St. Anne's Cathedral, Samtoli. Due to various reasons number of participants was less but the ceremony passed off smoothly.

Inspection for Minority Certificate: A four members team headed by the DSW of Ranchi University Ranchi – Dr. Sudesh Kumar Sahu, visited St. Xavier's College, Simdega on 20th April 2026. The purpose was to inspect the college for NOC for minority certificate. The team verified all the documents related to fulfilling the requirement of nature of religious minority college. The college has submitted the documents and now waits for the NOC to be forwarded to HRD, Jharkhand.

Fr. Pius Xalxo

OURS IN ASSAM MISSION

ST. XAVIER'S COLLEGE SONABHEEL

St. Xavier's School & the Hostel: On 20th April 2026, St. Xavier's Senior Secondary School, Sonabheel organized Parents – Teachers Meeting and declared the Class XI results. The parents were happy to see the academic growth of their children. On 23rd April St. Xavier's Senior Secondary School started the new academic year 2026-27. This year many students are coming from different parishes and schools to St. Xavier's Senior Secondary School for class XI and admissions are still going on. St. Xavier's Primary School, Sonabheel inaugurated the new academic year on 10th April 2026. Many parents and guardians witnessed the inaugural function. In the absence of Fr. Pradeep Kullu, SJ, the Principal of the School, Fr. Claber Minj, SJ – the Vice Principal of the College

coordinated the programme, assisted by Fr. Alex Ekka, SJ, the Superior of the Jesuit Community and Fr. Erenius Toppo, SJ, the Principal of St. Xavier's College, Tezpur. The parents also gave their positive feedback to the all-round education of their children. There is a good number of students this year. After 15 days of holidays, the class XI hostellers came back to the hostel from home on 16th April and Class – XII on 23rd April. The hostel is waiting for the new hostellers.

Pastoral Ministry at Lent and Easter: The whole community was involved in the Lenten preparation at different village churches as appointed by the Parish Priest of Tezpur. Palm Sunday Procession started at 9.00 a.m. at the SVD house where the faithful of Sonabheel, Solabasti, Bokajan, Malijan, Dhekidal, Vitarpanbahari, Baharpanbahari and Holeswar joined singing the Palm Sunday hymns in Mundari, Sadri, Hindi and Assamese. And finally, the whole gathering of the faithful assembled at St. Xavier's School Open Hall for the Eucharistic Celebration. The passion narrative of Fr. John Lakra, SJ was sung well involving the main characters besides the narrator by Fr. Alex Ekka and the main celebrant's role as Jesus by Fr. Ranjit Kujur. And while Fr. Erenius Toppo went to Bhalukpong, Fr. Pradeep to Borpokri for the Palm Sunday Ministry. Similarly, for the Maundy Thursday Services Fr. Alex Ekka, Fr. Erenius Toppo and Fr. Ranjit Kujur went to Malijan village church joined by the faithful of Bokajan, Borguli and Borghat. Fr. Xavier Lakra went to a remote village of Balipara parish for Easter Sunday Ministry and Fr. Pradeep and Fr. Claber Minj went to Lakhimpur for the Maundy Thursday Ministry. The Good Friday services were held including the Way of the Cross at St. Xavier's School and College Campus with the youth of Malijan acting out each of the station at the guidance of Fr. Ranjit Kujur. The passion narrative was sung very well again. About 5000 faithful from 12 village churches participated in the services. Fr. Erenius Toppo went to Salana for the Good Friday and Easter Ministry, whereas Fr. Pradeep Kullu and Fr. Claber Minj went to Gohpur for the Good Friday and Easter Ministry. Fr. Ranjit Kujur went to Lakhimpur for the Easter Vigil Easter Ministry.

Priestly Ordination at St. Xavier's College Campus: On account of the paucity of space in the Cathedral

campus and at the request of Fr. Theodore Purty, the Parish Priest of Tezpiur, a week-long preparation for the priestly ordination of Deacon Anthony Barla of Sonabheel took place in the Easter Octave in St. Xavier's College, Campus. The Community members were part of the core committee to plan out the logistics of the priestly ordination, which was held on 5th April, the Divine Mercy Sunday. All the expenses were met by the parish – expansion of the Open Hall with tents and its beautification, arrangements for kitchen, food counters and meals as well as the parking of vehicles under the care of various committees and volunteers. The welcoming of His Lordship Michael Akasius Toppo, Deacon Anthony Barla – the ordinandi and other dignitaries started at 9.00 a.m. with the various tribal groups of women singing and dancing in the traditional style at the accompaniment men drumming the Mandars and Nagaras. The entire ordination ceremony took three hours with melodious singing and elegant ordination rituals. It was followed by a short cultural programme and the festive meal for all the invited about 8000 people. The discipline and decorum of the entire crowd was exemplary. There was an evaluation of the historic event on 17th April in the college campus organized by the Parish Priest and his team. High appreciation and profound gratitude were expressed by all at the well planned and executed activities particularly at the generous collaboration and guidance of the members of St. Xavier's College Community. The college campus along with the magnificent academic block, hostel block and the sprawling playgrounds also attracted many youths to pursue their studies at St. Xavier's College, Tezpur not to forget the managerial ability of the Jesuits running it.

Community Picnic: After slogging day and night at the academic activities of school and college, a community went for a picnic on 16th April to Kanthi Langsaw Waterfalls in Karbi Anglong in the company of the Ursuline Sisters working in St. Xavier's Senior Secondary School and Students of St. Xavier's College, Tezpur. We also visited Kauripahar mission station and the Ursuline High School on the way. This month's news coverage from St. Xavier's Community, Tezpur is more focused on its pastoral involvement rather than the academic pursuit as usual for a change.

Fr. Alex Ekka

ST. XAVIER'S SCHOOL, BOGAPANI, ASSAM

From 2nd to 6th April, the school observed Easter holidays. It was a special time for prayer, reflection, and family gatherings. The Bogapani community joined the Pengaree community to celebrate Easter Sunday. The celebration was filled with prayer, joy, and fellowship. It helped strengthen the bond between the two communities and reminded everyone of the hope of the Resurrection.

After Easter holidays, school activities continued normally. Admission and readmission work went on for the new session. Parents and guardians visited the school to complete the process. New students were welcomed into the St. Xavier's family. Teachers and staff worked hard to make everything smooth and organized.

On 20th April 2026, the school held a farewell programme for the outgoing Class X students. It was a special and emotional day. Teachers, students, and staff gathered to celebrate their journey. There were speeches, cultural programmes, and words of blessing. Teachers encouraged the students for their endeavour in future. Junior students wished them all success and happiness.

April was thus a month of celebration, renewal, and transition. St. Xavier's School Community, Bogapani, continues to guide students with love, discipline, and hope for a bright future.

Sch. Nelson Hassa Purty

OURS IN DIASPORA

INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE OF GESÙ

Holy Week and the week following Easter became an especially significant and grace-filled time for the Gesù Community, as all were fully immersed in the preparations for the Diaconate Ordination. On the 2nd of April, the Deacons returned from their Retreat after a profound moment of surrender, renewal, and spiritual readiness. Around the same time, the Community began warmly welcoming guests and future Deacons who arrived from different parts of the world, adding to the sense of universality and joy within the Community.

On the 7th of April, a truly historic and memorable event took place – the Diaconate Ordination of 14 Jesuits from 12 nations at the Basilica of Saint Mary Major. The occasion was particularly special, as it marked the first time such an ordination had taken place outside the beautiful Church of Gesù. The significance of the place added even greater depth to the celebration as St. Ignatius himself celebrated his First Mass in the Basilica of Saint Mary Major, and it is also the burial place of Pope Francis, the only Jesuit pope. For our Deacons, being ordained in such a sacred and meaningful setting was a profound blessing.

On the 9th of April, Alok, Nitin, and I travelled to Paris to attend and represent Ranchi Province at the Diaconate Ordination of Deacon Ashish Kujur. The celebration was combined with the Priestly Ordination of a Deacon of the French Province, as well as Diaconate Ordinations for 16 Scholastics. The ceremony took place at the Cathedral of Saint Denis and was marked by a remarkable gathering of nearly 300 priests, united in prayer and witness to a joyful, grace-filled event.

On the 20th of April, all the Theology students finalised and booked the summer examination dates. After a series of important and spiritually enriching events, Mathew and Nitin gradually returned to their regular rhythm of studies, carrying with them the inspiration and grace of all that they had experienced.

COLLEGIO ROBERTO BELLARMINO

As Holy Week began, members of the Collegio Bellarmino community dispersed in various directions, guided by pastoral commitments, personal plans, or opportunities for quiet renewal. Some left for apostolic work in Parishes across Italy; others took short vacations or visited friends and religious communities, while a number remained at home to observe the liturgical days in a more contemplative manner. For those who stayed in the house, Wednesday evenings at 8:00 p.m. became a cherished moment of fraternity.

Alok, Pramod, and Kulwant participated in Holy Week liturgical celebrations at various churches in Rome, based on their availability. On Good Friday, Alok had the special grace of joining the Via Crucis around the Colosseum, a deeply symbolic and historic devotion presided over by Pope Leo. The solemn, torchlit procession, marked by profound silence, left a lasting

impression on him as he walked alongside thousands of pilgrims from around the world. On Easter Sunday, the community gathered in a spirit of joy and renewal. After days of intense liturgical engagement, the members shared a festive lunch, celebrating the Resurrection of the Lord with gratitude, laughter, and the warmth of fraternity. It was a moment to reconnect, exchange experiences, and rejoice in the hope that Easter brings to the Church and the world.

Shortly after Easter, a significant event occurred. On the 7th of April, most members of the community participated in a solemn Eucharistic celebration at the Basilica of Santa Maria Maggiore at 3:00 p.m. During the Holy Mass, fourteen Jesuit Scholastics were ordained Deacons – a milestone in their journey toward the priesthood. The occasion was especially meaningful for the Akhil Bhartiya Adiwasi Samudai (ABHAS), as two of the newly ordained Deacons were from the ABHAS Family. Their ordination drew a large gathering of tribal Fathers, Brothers, and Sisters from various Congregations. Immediately after the Holy Mass, they gathered in the San Pietro Canisio Garden, under the capable coordination of Dilip Sanjay, to congratulate and felicitate the new Deacons.

The celebrations extended beyond Rome. On the 9th of April, Alok, Mathew, and Nitin travelled to Paris to attend the Diaconate Ordination of Ashish Kujur on the 11th of April. Their presence was a gesture of solidarity and fraternity, strengthening bonds among Ranchi Jesuits studying and serving across Europe. After the joyful ceremony, they returned to Rome on the 12th of April to resume their academic responsibilities, as classes began the next day. Shortly thereafter, on the 14th of April, R.P. Rector began individual meetings with Community members as part of the regular second-semester accompaniment for the 2025–2026 academic year. These meetings provided space for personal reflection, academic guidance, and pastoral conversation, helping each member align their formation goals with the broader mission of the Society of Jesus.

Another moment of communal joy unfolded on the 19th of April. Although Alok travelled to Bologna the same day for an outing with his Living Group, bringing a personal touch of refreshment to an otherwise

busy month, he, Pramod, and Kulwant organised an Agape gathering at Collegio Bellarmino, inviting the St. Anne's, Ursuline, and Holy Cross Sisters, as well as the Ranchi Jesuits in Rome. The event was marked by warmth and a spirit of shared belonging. It offered members of different Congregations and communities a chance to meet, celebrate fraternity, and strengthen their cultural and spiritual ties. For the rest of April, Alok, Pramod, and Kulwant devoted themselves to the intellectual rigour and commitment that reflect their efforts toward excellence, a hallmark of Jesuit formation.

PONTIFICAL BIBLICAL INSTITUTE

After bidding farewell to his beloved mother, the late Mrs. Juliyaana, and celebrating Easter in India, Jyoti returned to Rome on the 8th of April. 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 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 for 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, SJ, combined the enriching visit with the celebration of his 61st birthday. The group learned about the process of wine production, from planting the vine to its final consumption, and gained a deeper appreciation of the hard work involved. Later in the month, the Pontifical Biblical Institute organised an international conference on the 22-23 April entitled, "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

Anselm was profoundly enriched by two important events held at the General Curia. The month of April brought a graceful moment, when the Community members met A.R.P.N. Superior General Arturo Sosa to make the Manifestation of Conscience. An opportunity for personal and interior sharing with him regarding their spiritual life, mission, health, graces and struggles, community life, relationships, and apostolic availability. The Community members felt strengthened by the *cura personalis* and *cura apostolica*. This renewed their energy and spirit as they continue their mission with fresh enthusiasm. The Manifestation of Conscience, once again, has enabled each Jesuit to serve more freely and generously.

On the 18th of April, the Curia community, together with other Jesuits of Rome, had the joy of attending a special screening of the Documentary on Fr. Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, S.J., presented by Mr. Frank Frost and Mrs. Mary Frost. It offered a vivid portrait of Teilhard as a visionary scientist, Jesuit, and mystic who sought to unite faith, science, and the evolving cosmos. The Documentary highlights Teilhard's conviction that the environmental crisis is inseparable from humanity's spiritual journey. Drawing on The Human Phenomenon, he invites us to contemplate the sacred character of matter – plants, rocks, animals, and all of created reality – affirming that every element of the universe carries an inner spiritual depth.

Further, the Central themes presented include: 1) Evolution as becoming: the universe unfolds gradually into new forms. 2) Creative Union: complexity emerges when elements unite, shaping the ongoing development of the cosmos. 3) Growth of Consciousness: as matter becomes more complex, it becomes capable of deeper awareness. 4) The Noosphere: the sphere of human thought and shared consciousness, continually expanding and oriented toward a goal. 5) Incarnation and Evolution: the Word present from the beginning (Jn 1) draws creation toward fullness in Christ, the Omega Point (Col 1:12). Teilhard's spirituality in The Divine Milieu, affirms the Earth as sacred, a place of communion with God, and a field where divine energy is at work.

PONTIFICAL GREGORIAN UNIVERSITY

Alok Ekka, despite his serious studies and research on the theme of Church History, generously extended his precious helping hands to ensure the smooth functioning of the Online Course in Integral Ecology, coordinated by Prem. With more than 200 registered students and a team of 30 Professors from different parts of the world, staying in touch with everyone and responding to their queries and clarifications was not an easy task for Prem. The valuable help Alok provided was a great relief to Prem in conducting the Online Course. His creative writings in English and prompt response to all e-mails mesmerised both the students and the Resource Persons. For the Fourth Session scheduled on the 30th of April, he has prepared a meaningful prayer to open the Session.

On the 27th of April, two Community members – Tony Luswardi (USA) and Lancy Dias (India) pronounced their Final Vows in the Church of San Andrea del Quirinale, adjacent to the President's Palace. The solemn Eucharistic Celebration was presided over by A.R.P.N. Superior General. In his homily, he explained the “long, multifaceted, and profound process of discernment – *Probación*, as Ignatius calls it – of this vocation, until we reach the confirmation that we are called to dedicate our entire lives to the Lord, in service to the mission he has entrusted to his Church, proceeding in all things in accordance with the charism of the Society of Jesus”. A large number of Jesuits, relatives, and friends of Tony and Lancy were present for the joyful celebration. The Community generously collaborated to make the Profession Day a successful and memorable one.

Fr. Prem Xalxo

AMMAN (JORDAN)

The Latin Patriarchate of Jordan and all Christian denominations follow the Julian calendar to celebrate Easter together with the various Orthodox churches. It was on April 12. To catch up with the Latin rite liturgical calendar, we skip the third Sunday and join together on the Fourth Sunday of Easter. Luckily, at this very time, the ceasefire between Israel/USA and Iran came into effect. We had a peaceful Holy Week and Easter ceremony. People had grown tired of missiles, drones, and the warning signs of loud sirens.

Sch. Moayad Mayah, SJ, is the first Jesuit from Madaba, Jordan, for the Near East Province. He will be ordained a Deacon on April 26 in Toronto, Canada, in the Greek Catholic rite.

Due to the recent war, the Middle East countries are badly disturbed. Fr. Joseph Cassar, SJ, is unable to travel to Baghdad, the capital of Iraq, to see the renovation work of our new Jesuit house. Sudden threats of war bring flight cancellations at any time. Another Jesuit, Fr. Magdi Nazmi, is in Cairo, Egypt, to visit his ailing father.

Since March 2, Lebanon has witnessed continuous, very heavy bombardment from Israel. Many areas have been wiped away and houses leveled to the ground. To date, 2,509 have been killed and thousands wounded. So far, all the Jesuits, our houses, and properties are safe there.

Fr. Bimal Kr. Kerketta

CARIBBEAN JESUITS-GUYANA-JAMAICA

In the Diocese of Georgetown, Easter was celebrated with great joy and enthusiasm. Easter buns and kites were distributed, adding to the festive spirit. His Lordship Bishop Francis Alleyne, OSB, presided over the Easter Sunday Holy Eucharist at the Immaculate Conception Cathedral, Brickdam, Georgetown, together with the faithful. In his homily, he encouraged: “May the spirit of Easter be present in every heart as we accompany one another towards new ways of being Church.”



In Berbice, Fr. Anugrah Amar Bage, SJ, Parish Priest, celebrated Easter Sunday Mass at Ascension Church, New Amsterdam, and Guardian Angel Church, Hopetown. During the Mass at Guardian Angel's, he baptized two children, marking a joyful moment for the community.

On 7 April, Fr. Amar, coordinator of the coastal platform, organized an Easter gathering at Arrupe House, Queenstown, Georgetown. Jesuit pastors came together for celebration, faith-sharing, and planning forthcoming events of the year. The gathering proved fruitful and meaningful. Fr. Poulouse Vellacada, SJ, presided over the Holy Eucharist in the chapel, followed by a social fellowship.

Sr. Rashmi Kerketta, OSU, and Sr. Judika Ba'a, OSU, travelled from Karasabai to Georgetown to renew their work permits. Fr. Amar warmly welcomed them and engaged in sharing their profound missionary experiences in the interior. Recently, Fr. Martin Lenk, SJ, Provincial of the Caribbean Jesuits, visited them in Karasabai. Meanwhile, the new convent building is slowly but steadily taking shape there.

In Jamaica, April was a significant month for Fr. Elias Surin, SJ, who completed his second-semester exams at the University of the West Indies, Kingston. His hard work, determination, and perseverance brought a broad smile to his face as he continues to deepen his knowledge of Caribbean realities—an invaluable asset for his mission. During Holy Week and the Easter Season, he assisted the Missionaries of the Poor and the Missionaries of Charity in their sacramental ministry, enriching their communities with his pastoral presence.

Fr. Elias Surin

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

MAY	
01	Xavier Soreng
02	Ajay Prakash Minj
	Hemant Kujur
03	Erentius Minj
	Amit Barla
	Hemant Soreng
	Abhay Alok Bara

04	Samir Dungdung
	Erenius Toppo
	Shailesh Lakra
05	Irenius To'ppo
06	Ishak Ekka
07	Pradeep Soreng
08	Jerome Stephen Xalxo
09	Gabriel Xess
	Bimal Minj
10	Kuldeep Dungdung
12	Manohar Khoya
14	Alok Soreng
15	Xavier Kerketta
16	Benjamin Kerketta
18	Gulson Ba'a
19	Alexius Dungdung
20	Praful Ekka
	Ajit Kalyan Kujur
24	Ephrem Ba'a
28	Silverius Chermako
29	Lalit John Tigga
30	Francis David Kullu
31	Peter Paul Horo
JUNE	
01	Thomas Purty
	Suman Shishir Oreya
	Ankit Kullu
03	James Vikrant Dungdung
	Ajit Kerketta
06	Sylvanus Kerketta
07	Anil Xaxa



THOSE WHO HAVE GONE TO ETERNAL ABODE

1. **Br. Habil Kujur, SJ** (RAN), 93/72 passed away on 5 April 2026
2. **Fr. Melwin J Pinto, SJ** (KAR), 62/44 passed away on 10 April 2026
3. **Fr. Robert Kind, SJ** (85/65), passed away on 15 April 2026
4. **Mrs. Albertina Beck**, beloved mother of Fr. Swarn Tigga, SJ (RAN) passed away on 20 April 2026
5. **Br. Savarimuthu Michael, SJ** (MDU) 86/65 passed away on 27 April 2026

