



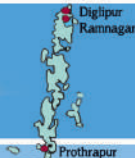
RANCHI BULLETIN

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POPE'S INTENTION: FEBRUARY 2026

For children with incurable diseases

Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLY ORDAINED PRIESTS



Fr. Gabriel Soreng, SJ
Pengri, Assam
Ord. 10.01.2026



Fr. Henry Kullu, SJ
Salngaposh, Simdega
Ord. 11.01.2026



Fr. John Fabianus Ekka, SJ
Noadih, Gumla
Ord. 15.01.2026



Fr. Francis Tirkey, SJ
Bingaon, Khunti
Ord. 18.01.2026

TO BE ORDAINED PRIESTS

Dn. Sameer Ekka, SJ
Gumla
13 February 2026



Dn. Sunil Lakra, SJ
Pakripath, Netarhat
12 April 2026

APPOINTMENTS BY REV. FR. PROVINCIAL

1. **Fr. Ajay P. Minj, SJ** – At the disposal of Fr. Provincial till further appointment, resides at Manresa House, Ranchi.
2. **Fr. John Crus Tigga, SJ** - At the disposal of Fr. Provincial, residing at Manresa House, Ranchi

INFORMATION

ANNUAL BUDGET SESSIONS 2026-27

DATE	DAY	ZONE	VENUE
16-03-2026	Sunday	Assam	Jesuit Bhavan, Tezpur
17-03-2026	Monday	Assam	Jesuit Bhavan, Tezpur
20-03-2026	Thursday	Ranchi I	Manresa House, Ranchi
21-03-2026	Friday	Ranchi II	Manresa House, Ranchi
22-03-2026	Saturday	Khunti	Manresa House, Ranchi
23-03-2026	Sunday	Gumla	Manresa House, Ranchi
24-03-2026	Monday	Simdega & Andamans	Manresa House, Ranchi

PROVINCIAL'S PROGRAMME

February 2026

01 - 08	Visit of Regional Superior of Belgium to Ranchi Province
09 - 12	Visitation in St. Ignatius Gumla
13	Priestly Ordination in Gumla
14	Meeting with the preparatory Committee for the forthcoming Program
15	Blessing of the Stations of the Cross (Kochang)
16 - 17	Province Consult
21 - 28	JCSA, Kolkata

March 2026

03 - 08	Visit of Rev. Fr. General to Ranchi Province
11	Visitation in Noadih
12	Visitation in Tongo
14	Visitation in Soso
15 - 18	Annual Budget sessions in Assam
19 - 25	Annual Budget Sessions in Ranchi
27	Province Consult

PROVINCIAL'S MESSAGE

Priestly Vocation in the Society of Jesus



Dear Friends,

This month we rejoiced in the ordination of four of our brothers, with two more to follow soon. These ordinations are a sign of God's fidelity and a reminder of what it means to be a priest in the Society of Jesus. The

Constitutions (Part VII, nos. 812–817) remind us that “priesthood is always at the service of mission—ordained not for privilege, but for availability, to be sent wherever the needs of the Church are greatest”.

Jesuit priests are called to be ministers of Word and Sacrament, men of discernment, and companions of Christ at the frontiers. This vocation demands depth and availability, yet we know how easily it can be hindered—by the pull of busyness, by superficial activism, or by scattering our energies across many tasks without focus. When our lives lose their centre, we risk becoming functionaries rather than true ministers of Christ.

To live our calling authentically, we must continually return to the source: prayer that grounds us, discernment that guides us, and communion that sustains us. From this centre flows the strength to preach the Word with conviction, to celebrate the Sacraments with reverence, and to accompany people at the margins with compassion.

Our early missionaries in Chotanagpur embodied this depth: spiritually rooted, intellectually engaged, and pastorally courageous. Their witness challenges us today to be priests who are close to the people, who listen deeply, and who embody Christ's compassion.

May we accompany our newly ordained brothers with prayer, and may we ourselves renew our commitment to be men of depth—spiritually, intellectually, and pastorally—for the greater glory of God.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Ajit Kumar Xess, SJ

Provincial

PROVINCIAL'S OFFICE

The month of January 2026 was marked by important moments of governance, formation, pastoral celebrations, and outreach through the Provincial's Office.

On 5 January, the General and Governing Body Meeting of Catholic Press Ranchi was held, followed by the Province Consult on 6–7 January, during which key matters related to the mission and administration of the Province were prayerfully discussed.

On 12 January, Fr. Mathias Dungdung, SJ, celebrated his 100th birthday at Manresa House, Ranchi. On this historic occasion, the Provincial presided over a special Thanksgiving Holy Mass at the Manresa Chapel. Fr. Mathias Dungdung is the first Jesuit of the Ranchi Province to be blessed with the grace of reaching this remarkable milestone.

The month witnessed two Priestly Ordinations. On 15 January, the Provincial attended the Priestly Ordination of Dn. John Fabianus Ekka at Noadih, Gumla, and on 18 January, the Ordination of Dn. Francis Tirkey at Bingaon, Khunti, joining the faithful in thanksgiving for the gift of new priests to the Church.

On 17 January, the final day of the RRSJSA Joint Review Meeting of the Central and North Zone held at Jharna, Namkum, the Provincial celebrated the Holy Eucharist for the participants, strengthening the spirit of communion and commitment to the RRSJSA mission. Later on, the same day, at 4:00 pm, the Provincial met with the Alumni of Ranchi, fostering bonds of fellowship and collaboration, especially in preparation for the forthcoming visit of Rt. Rev. Fr. General.

A meeting with the Committee for the proposed visit of Fr. General to Ranchi was held on 19 January, under the guidance of the Provincial, to review and take stock of the progress in planning and coordination.

On 23 January, the Provincial presided over the Final Vows of Fr. Ajit Kalyan Kujur, SJ, at Saparom, marking a significant moment of commitment and grace in the life-mission of the Society of Jesus.



On 26 January, the Provincial was present as the Chief Guest at the Handicapped Centre, Bariatu, Ranchi, where Republic Day was celebrated meaningfully, highlighting the values of dignity, inclusion, and service.

On 27 January, the Provincial visited Keondtanr to take part in the laying of the foundation stone of the Fathers' Residence, strengthening the pastoral presence of the Society in the region. The occasion was graced by the presence of Most Rev. Linus Pingal Ekka, DD, Bishop of Gumla.



On 29 January, the Provincial attended the funeral service of late Mr. Philip Chermako, beloved father of Fr. Sylverius Chermako, Socius to the Provincial, at Pogra, Kapodih Parish.

From 24 to 31 January, the Provincial remained engaged in Curia Office work, attending to administrative responsibilities and matters related to the governance of the Province.

Overall, the month reflected a meaningful integration of governance, formation, pastoral ministry, and social outreach, carried out in faithful service to the mission of the Society of Jesus.

Fr. Deepak Toppo

SADBHAVNA, RANCHI

The month of January 2026 was a grace-filled time for the Sadbhavna Community, marked by active involvement in provincial responsibilities, celebrations of vocation, and moments of fraternity and shared sorrow.

On 5 January, Fr. Sylverius Chermako and Fr. Francis David Kullu attended the General and Governing Body Meeting of the Catholic Press, Ranchi, which reviewed the mission of Catholic Press in serving the Church and society of Chotanagpur.

From 6–7 January, Frs. Sylverius Chermako and Deepak Toppo participated in the Province Consult, contributing to discernment and decision-making for the governance and mission of the Ranchi Jesuit Province.

The community shared in the joy of priestly ordinations during the month. On 10 January, Frs. Sylverius Chermako and Johny Kujur travelled to Assam for the ordination of Dn. Gabriel Soreng. On 11 January, Frs. Deepak Toppo, Francis David Kullu, and Nirmal Minj attended the ordination of Dn. Henry Kullu at St. Mary's School, Samtoli. Later, on 15 January, Frs. Sylverius Chermako and Nirmal Minj joined the Provincial for the ordination of Dn. John Fabianus Ekka at Noadih, Gumla, and on 18 January, the entire community participated in the ordination of Dn. Francis Tirkey at Bingaon.

From 15–17 January, Frs. Deepak Toppo and Francis David Kullu, as members of the RRSJSA Province Task Force, took part in the RRSJSA Review Meeting of the Central and North Zone at Jharna, Namkum, reflecting on the process of Restructuring and Reimagining the Society of Jesus in South Asia.



On 19 January, Frs. Sylverius, Deepak, and Francis David Kullu participated in the meeting of the Committee for the proposed visit of Fr. General to Ranchi at Manresa House.

The community attended the Final Vows of Fr. Ajit Kalyan Kujur, SJ, at Saporom on 23 January, rejoicing in his lifelong commitment to the Society of Jesus.

After a period of rest at the Province Infirmary, Fr. George Kerketta returned to the community on 20 January, gradually resuming his responsibilities.

An outing to McCluskieganj on 25 January offered the community time for relaxation, fraternity, and renewal. On 26 January, Sch. Kanchan Minj joined the community as he prepares for his theological studies in Regis College Toronto, Canada. On 28 January, Fr. Deepak Toppo visited Basahatu (JAM Province) to accompany Regent Sch. Wilson Larka.

The month concluded with a moment of deep sorrow. On 29 January, Fr. Sylverius Chermako, Superior of Sadbhavna Community, lost his beloved father, late Mr. Philip Chermako. The community stood in prayerful solidarity and participated in the funeral rites at Pogra, Kapodih Parish.

Overall, January reflected the rhythm of Jesuit community life—mission, celebration, companionship, and shared human vulnerability—strengthening the Sadbhavna Community in unity and hope.

Fr. Deepak Toppo

MANRESA HOUSE, RANCHI

The New Year began with preparations for the ordination of Dn Francis Tirkey. Under the guidance of Fr. Florence Purty, singing practices with youth were held in Bingaon, and members of the community actively joined in the arrangements.

A special milestone was the 100th birthday of Fr. Mathias on 12 January, celebrated with an evening Mass presided over by Provincial, Fr. Ajit Kr. Xess, and concelebrated by Fr. Alexius Toppo, Rector of Manresa House, together with members of the Manresa and Sadbhavna communities.



On 16 January, a series of interviews were conducted with about eighteen Jesuits, including Fr. Provincial, by Mr. Soumitra. These conversations offered valuable witnesses to the life and mission of the Province, capturing personal experiences and reflections. The testimonies will form part of the upcoming Ranchi Province documentary, being prepared for the visit of Rev. Fr. General in March. The initiative seeks to present a meaningful narrative of the Province's inception, growth, struggles, and ongoing mission, enriched by the voices of its members.

On 18 January, Bishop Binay Kandulna ordained Deacon Francis Tirkey at Bingaon Parish, a joyful occasion for the Province, which the Manresa community had the privilege of witnessing it. On 25 January, the St. Aloysius' Apostolic Boys enjoyed a picnic to Kochang, accompanied by Fr. Rector, Fr. Bipin, and Br. Telesphore. Sadly, the same day, Bishwas Tirkey, elder brother of Fr. Suresh J. Tirkey, passed away. The next day, Fr. Rector accompanied Fr. Suresh to Vikhampur Parish for the burial.

Fr. Alexius Toppo

ST. XAVIER'S COLLEGE, RANCHI

The College re-opened on Monday, 5th January after the Christmas and Winter Vacation. The students and the Professors immediately got busy with the End Semester Exams of Semesters I, III and V, which started on 8th of January.

On 16th January, Prof. B. K. Sinha and Prof. Ashutosh Pandey of the Dept. of Political Science presented a paper on "Voter Registration and Voter Registers: Youth perspectives from the eyes of Electoral Literacy Club" at India International Conference on "Democracy and Election Management", organized by Election Commission of India at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi.

On 17th January, Akash Kumar Giri, a student of the Department of History, participated in the state level Debate competition organized by Jharkhand State Youth Commission. He stood at the second position.

On 26th January 2026, Shri Binay Sarawgi, Director, Swastik Group, Ranchi was invited as the Chief Guest at the Flag Hoisting Ceremony. The celebration was remarkable with the excellent March Past performance of the NCC cadets, which also included the NSS and B. Ed. Students. The brilliant performance of the NCC Band was greatly appreciated by the audience. Immediately after the flag hoisting, Fr. Pradeep Kujur, the Principal flew to Mumbai to participate in the Annual Convention of the JHEASA (Jesuit Higher Education Association for South Asia).

On the morning of 26th January, college was informed about Sergeant Sachin Singh, from the Dept. of History that he would be participating in the Republic Day Parade as the best NCC Cadet of Bihar and Jharkhand. The College is proud of these students.

Fr. Sudhir Kr. Minji

XISS, RANCHI

On 4th January, Fr. Ashok Sandil gave a one-day session on 'Leadership Model for the Religious' to Good Samaritan Sisters at Samlong. Fr. Marianus Kujur participated as one of the key-note speakers and a panelist during an International Conference on the theme 'Reimagination in Business and Leadership' organized by XLRI Jamshedpur on 9-11 January. He also spoke on "Tribal Economy and Models of Leadership: Community Wisdom for Inclusive Growth." On 14th January, Fr. Marianus engaged XLRI students on tribal culture and spirituality in two sessions. On 15th and 20th January, Fr. Marianus had a meeting with Prof Simon Thompson, Deputy Pro Vice-Chancellor, Sussex University, as to how both institutions could enter into an MoU in view of student and faculty exchange programmes and joint research projects. Also, Fr. Marianus had an online meeting on 21st January with

partners of XISS at Antwerp University, Belgium, on student and faculty exchange Programmes in the future.

On 16th January, Fr. Marianus gave a welcome Address at 'Young Entrepreneur Summit on the occasion of National Start-up Day, jointly organized by XISS and Youth Aid Foundation, held at XISS, Ranchi.

In keeping with an interactive session of Most Rev. Fr. General Arturo Sosa with the Alumni of Ranchi Province, a preparatory meeting of the steering committee was held on 16th January at XISS. From 21-24 January, XISS had games and sports, which witnessed a lot of fun and frolic. The students also showcased sportsmanship and team spirit throughout the week. Fr. Pradeep took part in the JHEASA conference, which took place in Mumbai from 26-28 January. He presented the report of collaboration and networking among HEIs in the central zone. He also presented the report of the conference task force on Migration and Refugees.

Fr. Pradeep Kerketta

ST. XAVIER'S SCHOOL, DORANDA

Owing to the persistent cold wave, the reopening of the school was rescheduled to January 15, as directed by the state authorities. Nevertheless, both teaching and non-teaching staff reported for duty as per the earlier schedule on January 5, ensuring preparedness for the academic session.

January proved to be a month marked by celebrations, meetings and movements – a time to relax and rejuvenate, while also renewing bonds of friendship and fraternity. Fr. Sandeep Kujur travelled to Delhi on January 1 to spend time with his relatives and friends. Fr. Ravi Bhushan participated in the JYMSA Annual Meeting held at Vinayalaya, Mumbai, from January 15 – 19. The meeting brought together 16 Province Youth coordinators, along with Fr. Bernard Anthony, the South Asia Assistancy Youth Coordinator. The deliberations focused on reviewing annual reports of province youth ministries and charting future roadmaps.



Capacity-building and professional formation remained a priority. Fr. Fuldeo Soreng attended a School Leadership Capacity Building Programme titled, 'Strengthening School Leadership for Student Support and Wellbeing', organized by ASISC from January 5 – 9 at the CISCE

Centre for Excellence, Hyderabad. Professionally conducted by the Azim Premji Foundation, Bangalore, the programme addressed critical issues related to child and adolescent mental health and protection in schools. Subsequently, from January 19 -23, Fr. Kuldeep Linda underwent a similar training programme organized by ASISC in Hyderabad on "School Mental Health and Student Wellbeing", with a focus on fostering supportive school culture, early identification of student concerns, and holistic wellbeing.

In a spirit of brotherly love and solidarity, the Xavier community accompanied candidates for ordination at various celebrations: Fr. Henry Kullu at St. Mary's, Samtoli (Jan.11), Fr. John Fabianus Ekka at Noadih (Jan.15), and Fr. Francis Tirkey at Bingaon (Jan.18). The community also joined Fr. Ajit Kalyan Kujur in thanking God on the occasion of his final Profession at Saporom on January 23.

On January 22, the 12th edition of Voice of Xavier's was held at the Xavier Auditorium with the aim of promoting and encouraging budding musicians among students. The event was graced by Mr. Regi Dungdung, Ex. ADGP, as the Chief Guest and Mr. Aseem Vikram Minz, IPS, as the Guest of Honour.

SXD was also blessed with several visitors during the month. Fr. I. Raj, SJ (Guj), Tertian Instructor at Sitagarha, spent a couple of days with the community. On January 16, members of the Central and North Zone RRSJA Task Force, together with their respective Provincials, gathered at the institution for a fraternal dinner.

On January 18, staff and students of the Outreach Programme went on a picnic to Bakaspur, a scenic riverside location. The brief yet meaningful presence of the school management was a visible sign of their care and support for the children. Similarly, the teaching and non-teaching staff enjoyed a picnic at Soyko, a forest river view spot along the Khunti-Tamar Road, on January 27.

Finally, the 77th Republic Day Celebration – comprising flag hoisting, parade, and cultural programmes – was held this year at the St. Xavier's campus. Unlike previous years, when the celebrations were hosted at Dibadih-Koinartoli, one of the Outreach Programme centres, the campus celebration brought the entire Xavier community together in a spirit of unity and patriotism. St. Xavier's Doranda wrapped up the month with a heart touching farewell cum blessing programme for the students of Classes XII and X.

Fr. Sudhir Kr. Kujur

ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL, RANCHI

St. John's English Medium School commenced the new academic phase with Pre-Board Examinations for Classes IX, X, and XI, marking an important milestone in students' academic preparation. Due to excessive cold weather conditions, junior classes attended online

sessions, while physical classes for them were postponed to ensure students' safety and well-being.

An Essay Writing Competition was organised for Classes VII to IX, encouraging students to express their ideas creatively and critically. Additionally, Class VI students participated in a Poster Making Competition, showcasing their artistic skills and awareness. The subject teachers handling the 5th and 6th periods efficiently monitored these activities.

The SST SOF Examination for Classes III to XII was conducted smoothly during the last three periods in Hall B, under the supervision of Ms. Madhu and Ms. Asha.

The Model United Nations (MUN) Group of St. John's English Medium School actively began conducting orientation sessions in nearby schools, spreading awareness about MUN culture, diplomacy, leadership, and global issues. This initiative reflects the school's commitment to holistic education beyond the classroom.

On 26th January, St. John's English Medium School celebrated the 77th Republic Day of India with great enthusiasm and patriotic spirit. Students from Class III onwards participated in the celebrations held from 8:10 AM to 9:30 AM.

The programme included a March Past, Patriotic Songs, and a thematic dance on "50 Years of Vande Mataram", followed by an inspiring address by Rev. Fr. Principal Ignatius Lakra, who highlighted the values of the Constitution and national unity. Simultaneously, St. John's Hindi Medium School organised a remarkable Republic Day celebration on the same campus. Several neighbouring schools; St. Anne's, Ursulines and St. Aloysius, participated and showcased their patriotism through speeches, march pasts, dances, slogans, and act plays.



The event was graced by the Chief Guest, Mrs. Rupa Rani Tirkey, District Sports Officer-cum-District Tourism, Art and Culture and North Nodal Officer, Seraikela-Kharsawan (Jamshedpur), whose presence added great honour to the occasion.

St. John's School proudly congratulates Master Piyush Kumar Sahu, Class XI (English Medium), for being selected for a Net Bowling Trial by Chennai Super Kings (CSK). This remarkable opportunity allowed him to receive valuable tips and guidance from legendary cricket players. His achievement brings immense pride to the

entire St. John's family. Heartiest congratulations and best wishes for a bright sporting future.

The month of January was marked by academic diligence, cultural pride, student leadership initiatives, and outstanding achievements, reflecting the institution's dedication to excellence in education and character building.

Sch. Nitesh Rohit Minj

JHARNA – ASHIRVAD, NAMKUM

Ashirvad Novitiate

The New Year brought renewed vigour and enthusiasm as we began our classes on the study of Sacred Scripture and the Autobiography of St. Ignatius. Though these subjects are challenging, they have awakened in us a deeper interest and appreciation. Alongside this, we are striving to understand our inner selves through the study of psycho-spiritual and religious maturity, which has been both enriching and formative. On 18 January, the entire Novitiate community travelled to Bingaon to attend the priestly ordination of Dn. Francis Tirkey, SJ. It was a memorable and grace-filled day for all.

Jharna Spirituality Centre

From 13 to 15 January 2026, the Bethany Sisters conducted a seminar for their Lay Association, with a total of 70 participants. Fr. Anupchand Minj, SJ, served as the resource person on 14 January. Subsequently, Jesuits from the Central and North Zone, gathered at Jharna for the RRSJSA Joint Review, held from 15 to 17 January. Despite the cold weather, the novices generously served hot water to the Fathers early each morning. To ensure a variety of meals, Sr. Neelam Ekka was entrusted with planning the menu. From the evening of 27 January, a Pastors' Seminar was held, with 35 participants in attendance.

On 11 January, Fr. Superior and Fr. Michael went to Samtoli to attend the priestly ordination of Dn. Henry Kullu, SJ.

The community also celebrated the birthdays of Fr. Ignatius Tete (20 January) and Fr. Raymond Kerketta (26 January) together on 26 January 2026. Members from the nearby communities of ATC, Bagaicha, and Kishor Nagar joined us for this joyful celebration.

Fr. Camil Kerketta

JEEVAN DEEP, ATC, NAMKUM

The New Year began on 1 January with the celebration of the Holy Mass, as the community and faithful entrusted the year ahead to God's loving care, seeking blessings for peace, perseverance, and vocational fidelity.

On 11 January, Fr. Gabriel Xess, accompanied by two cooks, attended the priestly ordination of Dn. Henry Kullu

in Simdega, expressing fraternal solidarity. Similarly, on 18 January, the Jeevan Deep Pre-Novitiate Community travelled to Bingawn for the priestly ordination of Dn. Francis Tirkey, an inspiring experience for the pre-novices.

An important community meeting was held on 8 January, focusing on the annual budget and financial planning. National pride was expressed on 26 January through the celebration of Republic Day with the faithful and novices. The programme included reflections on the values of the Indian Constitution, speeches by Pre-novices Anand Prakash Minz (English) and Sumit Dungkung (Hindi), and concluded with a friendly cricket match, fostering fraternity and joy.

Academic formation resumed on 4 January, as the pre-novices began their third semester with renewed discipline. Language classes in Kurukh, Kharia, Mundari, and Media were conducted, with pre-novices themselves taking responsibility for teaching, encouraging mutual learning and leadership. On 22 January, they visited St. Xavier's School, Doranda, to witness "The Voice of St. Xavier's," gaining inspiration from the students' creativity and confidence.

Community life was further enriched by visits and shared moments: Fr. Erentius Minj made a brief family visit on 3 January; a community picnic was held at the Potpoto River; Fr. Benjamin Kerketta rejoined the community on 4 January; and Fr. Xavier Lakra visited on 6 January, sharing insights from his missionary experience in Assam.

Overall, January reflected a harmonious blend of prayer, formation, mission exposure, community engagement, and personal growth.

Sch. Ananias Xess

KISHOR NAGAR, NAMKUM, BARGAWAN

We celebrated New Year 2026 simply on campus with a few guests. On January 13th, Fr. Sanjay Tigga, SJ, celebrated his 2nd Ordination Anniversary with some boys and the community thanking the Lord for the gift of vocation in the Society of Jesus.. The boys returned on January 15th after a long holiday for Christmas and New Year.

On January 18th, the 16th death anniversary of Fr. Victor Van Bortel, the founder of Kishor Nagar, was commemorated. The day began with a Holy Eucharistic celebration in the hall, followed by prayers near the grave of Fr. Victor Van Bortel, SJ. Fr. Walter Beck served as the main celebrant, with Fr. Sanjay as the con-celebrant. In his homily, Fr. Walter eloquently highlighted the life and dedication of Fr. Victor, emphasizing his commitment to the boys in training and various aspects of his life. He also reflected on the growth and challenges faced by Kishor Nagar. Approximately 30 alumni gathered to

honour the occasion. After the Mass and prayers, a short program featured beautiful dance performances by the boys. A friendly basketball match was then held between St. Xavier's Doranda and Kishor Nagar boys. Following the game, the alumni held a brief meeting. Later, all staff, alumni, and students enjoyed a communal lunch celebrating togetherness.

The campus was more vibrant on the 77th Republic Day of India. A Eucharistic celebration took place in the morning with Fr. Walter Beck, SJ, serving as the main celebrant. Immediately after the Mass, the flag was hoisted, and Sir Vijay Kachhap (retired BSF), a former student, was the chief guest. Students also performed beautiful dances to mark the occasion.

The campus garden has now begun to yield fruits, including recent harvests of cabbage, cauliflower, tomatoes, potatoes, onions, garlic, green peas, radishes, and carrots. The sugarcane is almost ready for harvest. Students enjoy sugarcane juice once a week. You all are welcome to have a glass of sugarcane juice as we approach summer. Please leave a message before visiting our campus.

Sch. Vicky R. Soreng

JFCT, TARUNODAY, KANKE

Renewed after Christmas and triduum under the guidance of Fr. Pankaj Paul Kujur SJ (DUM), we resumed our classes on 5 January. Rev. Fr. Theodore Toppo from St Albert's College led us reflect on the Canon Law of the Catholic Church and the Gospel of John by Fr. David Minj. Students appreciated Fr. David for his maiden teaching and insights. The First-Year brothers busied themselves with Liberation Theology by Fr. Francis and Historical Books by Fr. Milianus Beck. Sch. Praveen was home to participate in the Gami Mass for his beloved father Mr. Damian Kullu on 6 January and was back to JFCT on 7 January accompanied by his mother and brother.

Fr. David Minj and Sch. Anup Tirkey represented JFCT Tarunoday at the JFCT-NTC Annual Meeting (16-17 January) at Vidyajyoti College of Theology, Delhi. They left for Delhi on 14 January and returned on 19 January. They presented the annual report at the meeting and also attended a Seminar on the Nicaean Creed. Fr. Milianus went to Noadih for the ordination of Dn. John Fabianus Ekka and on 15 January Fr. Francis set off for Jharna to attend the RRSJSA- Joint review meeting of Central and North Zone. On 18 January, the entire Tarunoday community actively and joyfully participated in the priestly ordination of Deacon Francis Tirkey at Bingaon Parish.

On 16 January, we concluded our course on Canon Law with an oral exam. The course on Canon Law taught us how to abide by the rules and regulations as the Holy Catholic Church expects from us. On 19 January, we were happy to have Fr. Shyam K. Tudu (HAZ) as he took the

course on Theology of Inculturation for both the years together.

On 21 January, the entire community was happy to welcome Fr. Vincent Hansdak SJ, the Provincial of Hazaribag, as he was with us for the annual visit to his province man Sch. Kamaldeep Toppo. On 23 January, Fr. Shyam K. Tudu along with Fr. Vincent went back to Charhi after finishing his course. Fr. Milianus and Fr. David represented the whole community and witnessed the great event of the final profession of Fr. Ajit Kalyan Kujur SJ at Saparom.

Sch. Praveen Kullu

CATHOLIC CHURCH, KANKE

The parish community of Kanke welcomed the New Year 2026 in a spirit of deep prayer, gratitude, and hope. The Vigil Mass of the New Year was solemnly celebrated at 10:00 p.m. on 31 December 2025, marking a sacred transition from the old year to the new. The Holy Eucharist was presided over by Fr. Samir Dungdung, SJ, Parish Priest, with Fr. Francis Minj, SJ, and Fr. Millianus Beck, SJ, as concelebrants. United in faith and thanksgiving, the faithful entrusted the coming year to God's providence and grace.

On 1 January 2026, the parish gathered again for the New Year Mass at 7:30 a.m., celebrated by Fr. Francis Minj, SJ, with Fr. Millianus Beck, SJ, and Fr. Samir Dungdung, SJ, as concelebrants. The celebration was made even more prayerful by the harmonious choir led by the religious—St. Anne's Sisters, Montfort Brothers, and the Theologians of Tarunoday, Arsandy, Boreya—whose devotion uplifted the hearts of the congregation in both New Year liturgies.

Continuing in the spirit of communion and shared responsibility, a joint meeting of the Catholic Sabha, Catholic Mahila Sangh, and Catholic Yuva Sangh was held on 25 January 2026. The meeting served as a moment of reflection and gratitude as the parish evaluated the celebrations of Christmas—including the All Churches Christmas Gathering, Combined Christmas Youth Society (CCYS) Gathering, Jingles Christmas Gathering and Mela, and the Christmas and New Year liturgies. Looking ahead with hope, the parish also prayerfully discerned and prepared its pastoral plan for the year 2026, renewing its commitment to serve the Church and society with faith, unity, and zeal.

Fr. Samir Dungdung

CATHOLIC CHURCH, PATRACHAULI

On 1 January 2026, the New Year Eucharist was celebrated, setting the tone for a year of renewed commitment to Christ and service to one another.

On 11 January 2026, His Grace Archbishop Vincent Aind made his first pastoral visit to Patrachauli. His presence strengthened our communion with the wider Church

and encouraged us to continue our mission with zeal. The active participation of parish committees, fathers, sisters, and lay leaders highlighted the collaborative spirit that sustains our parish life.

On 15 January 2026, Deacon John Fabianus Ekka was ordained priest at Noadih Parish, together with Deacon Francis Xavier Minj, SDB. This was a moment of joy for Patrachauli, as some parishioners, sisters from Jyoti Niketan, and collaborators represented the community. On 18 January 2026, the Catholic Sabha met to evaluate past events and plan future ones, showing the parish's commitment to discernment and shared responsibility. On the same day, Fr. Ajit Kalyan Kujur, SJ, made his final profession at Saparom. The Holy Mass was presided over by Rev. Fr. Ajit Kumar Xess, Provincial of Ranchi Jesuit Province, whose presence at Patrachauli afterwards was a blessing. He, along with Fr. Sylverius Chermako and Fr. Robert Pradeep Kujur visited the construction site of the multipurpose hall at St. Joseph's Middle School. His visit reminded us that our mission is not only spiritual but also educational and social, building spaces that foster community and growth.

Fr. David Bara

PRABHAT TARA, DHURWA

The New Year opened on 1 January with liturgy and joy, as a good number of faithful gathered for Holy Mass, lifting their prayers for hope and renewal. The sharing of the New Year cake was more than a simple gesture—it became a moment of communion, a sign that together we set out on the journey ahead with fresh energy for mission.

On 7 January, the birthday of Fr. Philemon became a celebration of life and fraternity. From the morning Mass with the MC Sisters at Hinoo to the evening fellowship meal with priests and sisters, the day was filled with gratitude and joy, reminding us that every life is a gift for mission.

The ordinations of three Jesuit priests—Fr. Henry Kullu at Samtoli on 11 January, Fr. John Fabianus Ekka at Noadih on 15 January, and Fr. Francis Tirkey at Bingaon on 17 January—were powerful signs of the Spirit alive in the Church. We prayed for their priestly lives, grateful for the continuity of mission and the new hands and hearts ready to serve God's people.

Republic Day on 26 January was celebrated in grand fashion. Students from Prabhat Tara Middle, High, and English Medium Schools came together for the march past and flag hoisting. Fr. Philemon, as Secretary of the schools, unfurled the national flag and shared a message of hope. The students' inspiring speeches reflected the energy of a new generation, ready to serve both nation and humanity.

Fr. Philemon Ekka

ST. XAVIER'S SCHOOL, BUNDU

January 2026 was a month filled with prayer, preparation, and joyful celebrations at Bundu Parish. The New Year was welcomed on 01 January 2026 with the celebration of the Holy Eucharist, as parishioners gathered to seek God's blessings for the year ahead. On 04 January, a joint meeting of the Parish Youth, Catholic Sabha, and Mahila Sangh was held to finalize arrangements for the Khunti Diocesan Catholic Women's Association Annual General Meeting.



Academic activities gained momentum on 06 January with the commencement of the Class 10 pre-board examinations at St. Xavier's English Medium School. The month was also enriched by grace-filled moments as Fr. Peter attended the priestly ordinations of Dn. Henry Kullu, SJ, on 11 January, and Dn. John Fabianus Ekka, SJ, on 15 January. Fr. Ranjit joined him at the latter celebration.

An annual budget meeting was held in the community, and on the same day the English and Hindi Medium schools reopened after the winter break. On 17 January, parishioners came together to clean the parish and school campus and prepare for the diocesan women's meeting. Fr. Peter and Sch. Prawin attended the priestly ordination of Dn. Francis Tirkey on 18 January, and on 19 January, Fr. Mukul and Dn. Peter Horo participated in his First Thanksgiving Holy Mass in Bingaon.

The month concluded with the final joint meeting on 25 January, attended by Fr. Sandeep Bage and Fr. James Tete, ensuring smooth preparations for the upcoming 29th Khunti Diocesan Catholic Women's Association Annual General Meeting.

Sch. Prawin Minj

ST. MICHAEL'S KHUNTI

New Year 2026 began with burning of effigy followed by Holy Mass at midnight in St. Michael's Cathedral. In the morning, all the priests and religious of neighbouring communities had a enjoyable picnic on the bank of Pelaol river. The presence of his lordship graced the occasion. It was pleasant experience of sharing and serving one another.

On 2nd January, Fr. Bimal Minj went to Tupudana to write NET exam. Sch. Kanchan Minj followed him and he went to Pundag, Ranchi for the same. When they

came back, they looked quite satisfied.

On 4th January, Fr. Elias Surin, our missionary in Guiana, made a surprise visit to us and refreshed his memories of his regency days. He shared with us his experiences about his ministry and study.

All the units of Loyola campus reopened on 5th January after winter holidays. Due to cold wave attendance was very poor. But internal examination was held according to the schedule in Inter College.

On 14th January, Jesuit friends of Khunti Zone-I had a New Year gathering at Kochang on the occasion of the anniversary of the priestly ordination of Fr. Simon Horo and Fr. Pradeep Soreng. There was Holy Mass at 10.00 am followed by a short felicitation and festive meal. All the members of St. Michael's Khunti community participated in the program. All of us enjoyed our companionship.

Bingaon Parish had a memorable day on 18th January when Dn Francis Tirkey was ordained a priest. It was the first ordination in the parish. Six members of our community were present to witness the great event of ordination. Fr. Bimal Minj played an important role in the celebration as he gave meaningful commentary of the liturgy.

On 26th January, Loyola school and college celebrated Republic Day with great fervor and enthusiasm. Fr. Emmanuel Barla was the chief guest for the occasion. He filled the mind of audiences with the spirit of patriotism. In his speech, he invited the students and youth to work for peace and justice. There was an excellent and spectacular presentation of March Past and colourful cultural program full of patriotic sentiments. It was the result of the hard work of teachers and students. Congratulations to everyone!

Fr. Amrit Lakra

ST. IGNATIUS' HIGH SCHOOL, GUMLA

January 2026 was a vibrant and meaningful month for St. Ignatius' High School, Gumla, marked by academic focus, spiritual growth, community bonding, and patriotic celebration. After the winter holidays, the school reopened on 5 January with renewed enthusiasm, though classes were suspended from 7 to 14 January due to severe cold wave conditions.

Students enjoyed moments of relaxation and fellowship through picnics: the hostel boys visited Panda Ponding on 11 January, while High School and Inter College students went for their picnic on 17 January, creating joyful and memorable experiences.

Community life remained active with meetings held on 20 and 22 January, focusing on the budget for the academic year 2026-27 and preparations for the visit of Fr. General, reflecting a spirit of collaboration and shared responsibility.

The Apostolic boys attended the ordination ceremony of Deacon Francis Tirkey at Bingaon Parish on 18 January, which proved spiritually enriching and inspiring.

Republic Day was celebrated with great dignity on 26 January across all units of the institution. Mr. Ashish Pratap, Land Conservation Officer, Gumla, graced the occasion as Chief Guest and encouraged students to embrace civic responsibility and national values.

Academically, the month concluded with seriousness and discipline as Pre-Board Examinations were conducted for Class X and Class XII students, reaffirming the school's commitment to academic excellence. The month was also enriched by jubilee celebrations and marriage blessings within the wider community.

Fr. Nelson Minj

ST. MARY'S HIGH SCHOOL, SAMTOLI

The New Year began with renewed energy as classes resumed on 5 January for students of Classes IX–XII, while Classes VI–VIII returned on 15 January after the extended winter break. The school campus once again came alive with enthusiasm and academic spirit.

A major milestone for St. Xavier's College, Simdega, was the inspection of the B.Sc. FYUP programme on 9 January 2026 under NEP 2020 by a Ranchi University team led by Dr. Suresh Kumar Mahto, DSW. After document verification, physical inspection of laboratories, library, classrooms, and campus facilities, the inspection concluded positively. On 10 January, the proposal received approval from the University Senate and was forwarded to the Government of Jharkhand. The news was published on 11 January, and the college is now approved to admit students for B.Sc. (2026–2029) in Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics, Botany, Zoology, and Geology. Heartfelt congratulations to the Principal and the entire team for this significant achievement.

St. Mary's Community successfully organized the priestly ordination of Dn. Henry Kullu, SJ, on 11 January 2026 at St. Mary's English Medium Campus. Presided over by Rt. Rev. Bishop Vincent Barwa, DD, the celebration was a remarkable example of teamwork, dedication, and grace. The community gratefully acknowledges the contributions of all priests, religious sisters, students, and collaborators who made the event a great success.

Community bonding was strengthened through various picnics held at Basatpur. The St. Mary's community, staff members, and the Apostolic School each enjoyed moments of recreation, fellowship, and shared joy during the month.

Farewell programmes for Class X and XII students were organised on 20 and 22 January, marked by cultural performances, encouragement, and blessings for their future endeavours. The presence and guidance of guests and teachers made these moments memorable and

meaningful.

Academically, students also participated in external exposure activities. On 23 January, ten students took part in the quiz programme "Pariksha Pe Charcha" at PM SHRI Kendriya Vidyalaya, Simdega, joining students from various schools.

In preparation for the visit of Fr. General, the Jesuit community of Samtoli actively engaged in campus development and beautification. Infrastructure upgrades, including solar installation, renovation of the refectory and chapel, and improvement of campus roads and courtyards, are progressing well. The new campus of St. Xavier's College is also nearing readiness for inauguration.

Overall, January was a month marked by academic progress, spiritual celebrations, community bonding, and hopeful preparation, setting a strong foundation for the year ahead.

Fr. Pius Xalxo

CHRIST HALL KERALA

MIGRANT OUTREACH SERVICES (MOS)

The month of January had very few programs at SRC, except for regular visits to the migrants. Sch. Anil visited many new places where migrants are staying. He goes for visits every evening from 5:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., travelling nearly one hour from his place each day.

A good number of our tribal boys are school dropouts due to financial difficulties. As a result, many of them are compelled to work in Kerala to support their families.

On 18 January, Sch. Anil went to Kalady in the Ernakulam district to attend the South Zonal Migration Review Meeting. On his way to the meeting, he also visited the Novitiate, where three novices from Ranchi Province are staying. They are happy and doing well in their formation.

On 26 January, MOS organized a hockey tournament for migrant boys. Eight teams participated in the tournament. Fewer teams came this time, as many had returned home for Christmas and New Year. ₹7,000 was given as the first prize, while ₹5,000 was given as the second prize. Around 200 migrants gathered to witness the match.

Sch. Anil Xaxa

DEONIA, NEPAL

The month of January began on a joyful and grace-filled note as the entire community came together to celebrate the New Year of 2026 with the Mahespur community, fostering a spirit of unity, gratitude, and togetherness. Following the Christmas holidays, the school reopened on 4 January, and the rhythm of academic life resumed with renewed enthusiasm and hope.

On 5 January, preparations for the Annual Sports Day commenced with practice sessions and team

selections, generating excitement and encouraging healthy competition among students. The 10th Annual Sports Day was successfully celebrated on 10 January, beginning at 10:30 am and concluding around 2:00 pm. The event beautifully reflected discipline, teamwork, and sportsmanship. Yellow House emerged as the Overall Champion, earning well-deserved appreciation and applause.

Learning beyond the classroom was further enriched through educational field trips. Class III students went on a field trip on 13 January, followed by Class I and Class II on 22 January, providing students with valuable learning experiences and joyful memories.

A deeply emotional moment for the school community was the farewell to Fr. Tomson on 20 January. The entire school expressed heartfelt gratitude for his dedicated service and guidance. He departed on 21 January to join his new community, carrying with him the prayers and good wishes of all.

On 22 January, the Hatigisha community visited the school for their community outing and picnic. The following day, they visited the Mahespur and Sadakbari communities, accompanied by Fr. Sanjay, strengthening bonds of fellowship, collaboration, and mutual respect.

Sch. Ranjit Kullu

DE NOBILI COLLEGE, PUNE

With joy and delight in our hearts upon entering the new year 2026, we thanked the Lord by celebrating the Holy Eucharist which was presided over by Fr Rector. The readings and the homily on the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, deeply moved us to say 'yes' like our Blessed Mother in our own vocation to God.

On the same day evening of Jan 1, 2026, the entire community entered into the holy triduum which was guided by Fr Anderson, SJ of Goa province. His talks on reimagination and restructuring for the entire group for two days and the additional talks on religious life for the scholastics as well as for the approved scholastics in the afternoons helped to pray, reflect and share in a deeper way. Each day the silent Holy Adoration in the evening enabled us to recall all grace and insights received from God expressing our gratitude to Him. The talks on Religious Vows for the scholastics as well as for the approved scholastics on Jan 4, made them deepen their call of God joyously. On the same evening, the triduum got over with the thanksgiving Eucharist which was celebrated by Fr Rector, Fr Vice Superior and the triduum preacher. The scholastics and the approved scholastics renewed their Religious Vows to God.

After a long Christmas vacation, the class resumed on Jan 5. The third-year theologians of DNC reached the community after their fruitful Diaconate retreat and joined for their class on the first day of the college

resumption. On Jan 9, a full day seminar on the occasion of George Lobo Memorial Lecture was organized. Advocate Robin Christopher from Bangalore was the resource person who addressed the students and the staff on the issue - 'Anti-Conversion Laws in India: Contemporary Challenges to Constitutional Religious Freedom'. As citizens of this country, it was a very crucial topic to be discussed with. The students and the staff have benefited a lot from the seminar.

On the same evening of Jan 9, the DNC family gladly celebrated the golden jubilee of Fr Leander Xalxo, SJ (MAP) in the Society of Jesus by thanking the Lord through Holy Mass. To mark the joyous occasion, we were joined by some communities of the campus along with the family members of Fr Leander from Chhattisgarh and Pune. A short felicitation programme was organized soon after the mass which was followed by a sumptuous jubilee dinner for everybody.

The Chottanagpur Cultural Association (CCA) of Catholic faithful celebrated the 'Family Annual Day' on Jan 11, at Sundarban garden, De Nobili College Campus. The celebration started with the Holy Mass presided over by Fr Ignatius Tete, SJ (RAN) as the main celebrant and other tribal priests as the concelebrants. Fr Mukti Ekka, OFM, preached the homily on the Christian family life as well as on the baptism of the Lord. A meaningful and a colourful cultural programme was organized before the lunch. After the festive lunch, the entire people of the gathering happily danced together sharing their joy and tribal fellowship. A big appreciation to CCA Brothers of DNC who meticulously planned with the leaders of the CCA for the success of the Family Annual Day.

On the evening of January 22, the community gathered for a thought-provoking address on the pressing issues facing our nation. The talk encouraged us to uphold our Constitutional rights, foster collaboration, and respond to the concerns of our land with faith and courage.

On January 23, the Holy Mass was celebrated for the community, illuminating these concerns in the light of the Word of God. The Mission Awareness Week concluded that same evening with a solemn Holy Adoration.

Fr. Wilson Kandulna

VIDYAJYOTI, DELHI

The month began with a significant spiritual milestone for the theological community at Vidyajyoti, Delhi. The most important event was the successful completion of the Diaconate retreat, which took place at Burari from 26 December 2025 to 3rd January 2026 under the guidance of Fr. George Beck, Fr. James Dabhi and Fr. Leo Anand. The retreat proved to be deeply enriching spiritual experience for all the participants. It offered a meaningful opportunity to journey closely with the Lord through

prayer, reflection, and communal sharing. The retreat helped the deacons reconnect with the deeper purpose of their vocation and strengthened their commitment to serve the Church with renewed faith and dedication. As the retreat concluded, it left behind a strong sense of gratitude and joy, reinforcing the importance of spiritual grounding in theological formation.

After the winter holidays, regular academic life resumed on 5th January. On the same day, the new service team assumed responsibility for various offices of the house. This transition marked a fresh beginning for the semester, bringing with it new energy and enthusiasm. On 9th there was a community meeting which helped the community to revisit Vidyajyoti life. Shortly after, on 10th January, the community celebrated the birthday of Sch. Benjamin Guria.

On 15th January, we celebrated Pongal, a Harvest feast of Tamil brothers and sisters. These festivities reflected the rich cultural diversity present at Vidyajyoti and highlighted the importance of communal celebration in strengthening the healthy relationship.

In the midst of these celebrations, the academic calendar continued with important programs. On 16th there was a meeting for NTC and JFCT, Fr. David and Sch. Anup Tirkey represented Ranchi JFCT. On 17th January, the Delhi Archdiocese organized one day Ecumenical Seminar at Vidyajyoti. On the theme celebrating one common Faith, 1700th Anniversary of the Nicene Creed. The main speakers of this seminar, from catholic church Archbishop Anil J.T. Couto, Bishop Dr. Paul Swarup from church of North India and Rev. Dr. Richard Howell from Evangelical Fellowship of India. Orthodox Church, Evangelical church of India, Lutheran Church, Protestant Church and the Believers Church actively participated the seminar. This seminar provided a valuable platform for dialogue and reflection on contemporary social and religious issues. On 23rd January, the province dinner brought together members of the province, creating an opportunity for fellowship and mutual encouragement. Fr. Valentine and Sch. Stanislaus from Ranchi province, Fr. Nirdosh and Fr. Vincent of Madhya Pradesh were happy to join us. The presence of the Provincial of Madhya Pradesh added the joy of our coming together.



One of the most significant pastoral initiatives of the month was the one-day Youth Seminar conducted by the Vidyajyoti Parish ministry group on 25th at Vidyajyoti. On the theme Hope has hands, Youth ready to serve. Fr. Alex Toppo SJ served as the main resource person. His insightful sessions focused on youth empowerment, leadership, and faith engagement, making the seminar both informative and transformative. Participants benefited greatly from the rich exchange of ideas, personal experiences, and group discussions. The seminar helped the youth gain clarity, confidence, and inspiration for their future roles in society and the Church. As the seminar concluded, the participants returned to their respective parishes, carrying with them renewed enthusiasm and a deeper sense of responsibility. On the occasion of Republic Day, Sch. Bhushan Soreng delivered a thoughtful Republic Day speech at Vidyajyoti, emphasizing constitutional values. Most of the theologians also participated in the Republic Day program at Kartavya Path, witnessing the national celebration. Overall, the month was marked by spiritual growth, academic enrichment, cultural celebration, and national reflection, making it truly meaningful period for the Vidyajyoti community.

Sch. Zacharias Surin

SACRED HEART COLLEGE, SATYA NILAYAM, CHENNAI

We entered the New Year leaving behind the old with new vigor and zeal. To mark this day, we had a special evening prayer in the community, which was followed by short program and dinner.

After the Christmas holiday, we resumed our regular classes on 5th of January with rejuvenated heart and vigorous spirit.

Another highlight of this month was 'Campus ministry day'. On 10th of January Campus ministry day was celebrated with the children who come to the Satya Nilayam to learn different skill. It was children's talent show as they showcased what they learn here from the brothers, such as games, musical instrument and so on to their parents.

The special event of this month was the Pongal celebration. On 15th of January, we joined our Tamil brothers in their joys to celebrate the Pongal.

On 17th of January, the Berchman Illam's brothers came to Satya Nilayam to play a friendly basketball match. After the match they joined us for the fellowship dinner.

After all the celebration, we had some serious things to do and that was our first CIA exam. The first year's students of philosophy began their exam on 19th of January and the second year began their exam on 20th of January.

And on 23th of January, the second years brothers went for their educational tour to Pondichéry.

Another occasion of celebration was Republic Day. On 26th of January, marked the Republic Day. The national flag was unfurled in the morning and the special Holy Eucharist was celebrated in the afternoon.

Sch. Rasal P. Xess

BERCHMANS ILLAM, CHENNAI

The month of January was a joyful and meaningful one, with the celebrations of New Year and Pongal. Along with these celebrations, we had our First CIA examinations. On New Year's Day, we were in our triduum, dedicating our prayers to thanksgiving and the renewal of our life journey, which concluded on the 3rd of January. It gave us hope for a successful year ahead. We resumed our regular classes on the 5th of January.

On the 13th, Pongal was celebrated at the college. It is a well-known Tamil harvest festival, a time to honour agriculture and rural life. Students made the celebration wonderful by performing meaningful rituals. After this, a week-long Pongal holiday was given. The Berchmans Illam community celebrated Pongal on the 14th with fun, traditional games, dances, and various activities, making it a happy and memorable day. On the 15th, we joined the Pongal celebration with the IDCR staff.

The next day, the Berchmans Illam community was invited to the Satya Nilayam community for a friendly basketball match, followed by a fellowship dinner. Soon after, we began our preparation for the examinations, which were held from the 23rd of January to the 1st of February.

Overall, January was a special month filled with joy, gratitude, and meaningful celebrations.

Sch. Atul Soreng

DHYAN ASHRAM, KOLKATA

On January 1, 2026, we attended Holy Mass in our respective Sunday ministry places. In the evening, we had a cultural program in the community. It was a time for us to showcase our learnings and aptitudes—a moment of joy and enthusiasm. Later that evening, after supper, we Juniors began the Triduum guided by Fr. Pierre Jacob, S.J. It was a grace-filled time to commune with the Lord and renew our commitment. We concluded the Triduum with Holy Mass, renewing our vows.

On January 5, 2026, we celebrated the birthday of our beloved Fr. Davidraj, the Dean of the Juniorate. We organised a short cultural programme and enjoyed ourselves. We also resumed our normal classes with renewed enthusiasm and vigour, carrying forward the valuable experiences of the previous year.

On January 10, we celebrated the concluding Golden Jubilee of Dhyan Ashram. The Holy Mass was presided over by the Jubilarians, and the choir was very significant; the hymns were taught and directed by none other than Fr. Davidraj himself. It was a polyphonic, multilingual singing. A cultural programme followed thereafter, along with a sumptuous meal.

On January 14, we celebrated Pongal. We cooked Pongal in the morning, enjoyed it at breakfast, and greeted one another. The climax was a seminar by the Madurai Juniors, which highlighted the origin, development, and significance of the festival.

We have begun our preparation for the debate to be held on January 26. We have also started preparing for the annual play with vigour and enthusiasm.

Sch. Ankit Kullu

VIDYANIKETAN, KERALA

The New Year began with the birthday celebration of Fr. John Francis (KER), the Superior of the community. On 2 January, we began the third semester with an orientation session conducted by the Dean, Fr. Anush D'Cunha (KAR). Many upcoming events, celebrations, and goals were introduced, and the results of the second term examination were declared.

On 17 January, Pongal, the harvest festival of Tamil Nadu, was celebrated. It was a vibrant celebration, and we enjoyed a delicious meal prepared by the Tamil scholastics. The cultural programme was the climax of the celebration.

From 19–21 January, we attended a film appreciation course guided by Ms. Cathrine Thomas, a staff member of Loyola School, Sreekaryam. We also had a speech competition on the occasion of Republic Day, with eleven participants. It was a tough fight among the juniors. We actively participated in a friendly football match with St. Vincent Seminary, which enhanced our relationship with the seminarians.

Sch. Maximus Kachhap

OURS IN ASSAM MISSION

JESUIT BHAVAN GANA CHETNA SAMAJ, TEZPUR

The New Year 2026 was celebrated with much enthusiasm and joy. Fr. Thomas Barla and Fr. Anuranjan Purty celebrated the New Year Holy Mass at the Khuliamari Unit Church. This year, the Assam Mission was privileged to witness the priestly ordination of Dn. Gabriel Soreng on 10 January 2026. It was a combined ordination of five deacons from different congregations and the diocese. They were ordained by Bishop Albert Hemrom, D.D., Bishop of the Dibrugarh Diocese, in the presence of

about 120 priests and 100 religious sisters, along with students and a few invited family members of the deacons. Fr. Socius, Sylverius Chirmako was delegated by the Provincial to present the candidates and give the testimony of their worthiness.

On the following day, 11 January, the newly ordained priest Fr. Gabriel Soreng, SJ, celebrated his First Holy Mass at Pengree Parish, along with 15 concelebrants and the parishioners. After concelebrating the First Holy Mass, Fr. Socius Sylverius Chirmako visited Tezpur to see our institutions. He stayed for a couple of days at Jesuit Bhavan and returned on 15 January.

On the same day, 11 January, Fr. Anuranjan Purty attended the ordination of Dn. Emmanuel Burh for the Khunti Diocese at Bishnath Chariali Parish. He was ordained by Bishop Binay Kandulna, D.D., Bishop of the Khunti Diocese, along with Bishop Michael Akasius Toppo, D.D., Bishop of the Tezpur Diocese, in the presence of about 60 priests.

On 19 January, a Building Construction Committee Meeting was held at Jesuit Bhavan, Tezpur, to discuss the proposed Higher Secondary School building at Balipara and the release of funds for the second instalment of the new mission at Angulia, as per the agreement made for the purchase of land. To follow up on the land purchase process, Fr. Ignatius Minj, Fr. Rozario Mosahari, and Fr. Anuranjan Purty visited Angulia on 21 January to meet the landowners and discuss the next steps towards land registration.

Fr. Johnny Kujur, the Vocation Promoter, visited the Assam Mission and travelled to various mission centres to interact with people from different groups and promote vocations. This was his first vocation promotion visit to the Assam Mission, and it brings hope for a better response from young men in the future.

On 23 January, Fr. Ajit Tiru (TOR) was given a farewell by the staff of Gana Chetana Samaj. He received a new appointment from his Provincial to Doroma Parish to begin the Social Apostolate. He had served here for one year and five months. We express our heartfelt gratitude to the TOR Provincial and extend our best wishes to Fr. Ajit Tiru for his new assignment.

Fr. Anuranjan Purty

ST. XAVIER'S COLLEGE SONABHEEL

St. Xavier's College: After the winter vacation from 1st to 18th January 2026, the College reopened on 19th January with even semesters II, IV and VI. Thereafter, the University Examinations for common courses started on 20th January and will go on till 29th January. The Assistant Professors' recruitment interviews were held for Commerce, English and Geography on 20th, 21st and 22nd January respectively. A good number of candidates

appeared for the interview and suitable candidates were selected. Fr. Erenius Toppo SJ, Principal participated in the Annual Conference of Jesuit Higher Education Association for South Asia (JHEASA) from 26th to 28th January at St. Xavier's College, Mumbai at Vinayalaya.

Community: All are hale and hearty in the community. Thankfully, the weather is not so severe as it is in other parts of the country. The Primary and the Secondary sections of the school also reopened on 19th January after the winter vacation and the classes are running as usual. The community was delighted to host Fr. Sylverius Chermako SJ, Socius to the Provincial, on 14th January at dinner including the birthday celebration of Fr. John Jyoti Kujur SJ on 22nd January.

Fr. Alex Ekka

ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL, BALIPARA

The spirit of unity and resilience shone brightly at St. John's School, Balipara during the Republic Day celebration on January 26th. Despite transportation challenges that kept buses and vehicles off the road, parents and students turned out in impressive numbers, determined to honor the day with joy and pride.

The celebration was graced by Fr. Alexius Ekka, SJ, Superior of St. Xavier's College, who served as the Chief Guest. His presence embodied the spirit of fraternity and national unity, inspiring the gathering to reflect on the values of freedom and responsibility.

The program featured spirited performances by students, blending cultural expression with patriotic fervor. The atmosphere was filled with enthusiasm, as families and faculty joined together to encourage the young participants.



This January event captured the essence of the school community: steadfast commitment to education, vibrant participation in national life, and the ability to overcome obstacles with hope and togetherness.

As the school looks ahead, the Republic Day celebration stands as a reminder that education is not only about academics, but also about nurturing character, resilience, and shared values that strengthen both community and nation.

Sch. Ravi Sushil Kindo

ST. XAVIER'S SCHOOL, BOGAPANI, ASSAM

The month of January 2026 was a good beginning to the New Year for the St. Xavier's School Community, Bogapani. The month was filled with prayer, reflection, joy, togetherness, and patriotism. Many important activities took place during this time.

The new academic year began with a strong spiritual focus. From 5th to 10th January, the school community carried out self-awareness exercises and examination of conscience. These sessions helped students and staff to reflect on their life, values, and duties. It helped everyone to begin the year with a fresh and positive mind.

On 10th January 2026, Sch. Nelson Hassa Purty attended the ordination ceremony of Deacon Gabriel Soreng in Dibrugarh. It was a prayerful and inspiring celebration. It reminded everyone of the importance of vocation and service in the Church.

On 11th January 2026, Fr. Telesphore, SJ attended the First Mass of Fr. Gabriel Soreng, SJ at Pengree. The celebration was joyful and meaningful. It was a moment to thank God for the gift of priesthood and to strengthen Jesuit brotherhood.

A picnic for the boarding boys and girls was organized on 14th January 2026. The students enjoyed games, food, and time together. It was a joyful day and gave them a break from their daily routine. It also helped to build friendship and unity among them.

The school celebrated the 76th Republic Day of India on 26th January 2026. The celebration was full of enthusiasm and patriotism. The programme included flag hoisting, speeches, and cultural performances. The students learned about the values of democracy, unity, and responsibility.

On the same day, Fr. Telesphore visited Jesuit Bhavan, Tejpur. He attended to community matters and budget session. So, January 2026 was a meaningful and blessed month for the St. Xavier's School Community, Bogapani.

Sch. Nelson Hassa Purty

OURS IN DIASPORA

INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE OF GESÙ

The New Year 2026 began on a hopeful note for the Gesù community. The month of January brought with it renewed aspirations, energy, and a sense of gratitude. Scholastics who had travelled to various places for Christmas and New Year holidays returned safely to the community during the first week of January. Meanwhile, Mathew Kawa and Nitin Bilung remained in the House, dedicating themselves to focused and serious preparations for their upcoming examinations.

The classes at the Gregorian University resumed on the 7th of January, marking a return to the normal academic routines. A significant moment for the community came on the 9th of January, when 4 young Jesuits came to the Gesù Community to share their views and experiences – one from Africa, one from Korea, one from Europe, and Fr. Sardi from Chennai, including Miss Jessy, a youth representative from the MAGIS Digital team. They highlighted the progress of “The Young Adult Ministry and the Universal Apostolic Preferences (UAPs) within the Society of Jesus”. The sharing also offered a glimpse of the upcoming international MAGIS Program, to be held in Korea in July 2026. The presenters encouraged the Scholastics to participate actively and to inspire more young people through their involvement.

Another memorable occasion took place on the 17th of January, when A.R.P.N. Superior General Arturo Sosa invited R.P. Rector and the Community of Gesù to the General Curia for evening refreshments. The gathering was a truly grace-filled experience and a privilege, offering warm, personal interaction with A.R.P.N. Superior General and other Jesuits, both studying and working in Rome. Academically, the month is marked by the Semester Exams at the Gregorian University. From the 23rd January onwards, Mathew began his Third Semester exams, while Nitin commenced his First Semester exams, which will continue until the second week of February. Both Mathew and Nitin have worked hard and are confident of harvesting the best possible results.

COLLEGIO ROBERTO BELLARMINO

January began with a rich blend of academic commitments and community celebrations for the Ranchi Jesuits in Rome. After returning from Christmas Vacation, classes resumed on the 7th of January, marking the start of a full and engaging period for Alok Ekka and Pramod Bara. Despite the academic rhythm resuming, Alok and Pramod found meaningful ways to honour important anniversaries and strengthen fraternal bonds. Early in the month, they extended a warm invitation to all Ranchi Jesuits in Rome to commemorate the Ordination Anniversaries of several of their Ranchi companions: Anselm Ekka on the 2nd of January, Sanjay Dilip and Kulwant Minj on the 7th of January, Pramod Bara on the 8th of January, and Jyoti Paul on the 14th of January. To celebrate these joyful occasions, an Agape gathering was held at Collegio San Roberto Bellarmino on the 8th of January 2026. The event brought together the Ranchi Jesuits in a spirit of gratitude, fraternity, and shared mission.

Shortly after the celebration, on the 10th of January, Alok – who had been one of the coordinators for the Christmas and New Year festivities – requested the community members to remove and store the

decorations so they could be preserved for the following year. Such a simple yet thoughtful gesture reflected the community's commitment to stewardship and the continuity of its traditions. Another significant moment came on the 17th of January at 17:00, when A.R.P.N. Superior General received the Jesuits of the Roman Houses at the Jesuit Curia. Nearly thirty Jesuits from San Roberto Bellarmino participated in the gathering, which offered an opportunity for reflection, connection, and encouragement in their shared apostolic journey.

Throughout the period, from 7 to 21 January, Alok and Pramod continued attending their regular classes, balancing academic responsibilities with community life. During that period, Alok successfully completed one of his exams, marking an important step in his academic progress. With the First Semester classes concluding on the 21st of January 2026, both Alok and Pramod have now shifted their focus to preparing themselves for their upcoming exams, which they expect to complete by mid-February. Meanwhile, after spending Christmas Vacation in the Province, Kulwant Minj returned to Rome on the 18th January. He brought Tribal sweets such as Arisa roti and Nimki, along with chicken, mango, and sandhna pickles, for his Province men, which brought them joy. Soon after his arrival in the community, he is fully focused on preparing for his Doctoral Defence, scheduled for the 27th of February – a significant academic and personal milestone eagerly anticipated by the community. All the Best, Kulwant, for the public defence of your Doctoral Dissertation, eagerly awaited by Ranchi Jesuits and ABHAS Group (Adivasi brothers and sisters in Rome)!

PONTIFICAL BIBLICAL INSTITUTE

The Biblicum Community bid farewell to the year 2025 in its customary manner. The celebrations began on the 31st of December at 6:45 p.m. with a solemn Te Deum, followed by a festive dinner. After dinner, the community joyfully took part in the much-anticipated event of the year, the Tombola (Housey-Housey), which offered many attractive prizes. At midnight, the entire community gathered on the terrace to join the city of Rome in firecrackers. The New Year 2026 was warmly welcomed with champagne and joyful wishes of prosperity and happiness. Some community members travelled to Lisbon (Portugal) on the 4th of January to participate in the Final Vows ceremony of Francisco Martins, the newly recruited Professor of Chronicles at the Pontifical Biblical Institute. After the two-week Christmas and New Year break, academic life for Jyoti resumed on the 7th of January and continued as usual. Regular classes were held for another two weeks, and the First Semester classes for the Academic Year 2025–2026 concluded on the 20th of January. The Semester exams began on the 31st of January and will conclude on the 12th of February.

GENERAL CURIA

After the festivities of Christmas and New Year, the General Curia Offices resumed their regular activities. Anselm Ekka remained always active in fulfilling his responsibilities and in keeping up with the important activities in the General Curia. A.R.P.N. Superior General convened the Extended Council meeting from the 12th to the 16th of January 2026 to deepen the Society of Jesus' reflection on collaboration. The Council took up the five recommendations made by the Major Superiors in the meeting held on the 21st of October 2025. The Council focused on five key recommendations identified during the October Major Superiors meeting:

- Clarifying language regarding roles and relationships.
- Developing an approach to mission formation that recognises the importance of relationships.
- Emphasising the collaborative vision of our Jesuit history.
- Deepening the Jesuit commitment to collaborative governance.
- Continuing to develop the capacity to discern together in a way authentic to the Society's governance.

In addition, the Council reviewed the collaborative initiatives in the youth apostolate, the report submitted by the Commission on the Role and Responsibilities of Women in the Society of Jesus, the relationships between Local Superiors and Directors of works, and the emerging opportunities for collaborative work after COP 30.

Drawing on insights from a global survey of Jesuits and mission partners, the Council highlighted both enthusiasm for a shared commitment to mission and areas for growth, including participatory decision-making, Jesuit identity, and the challenges posed by increasing specialisation. The council also addressed the mandate of GC 36 to review and update the Guidelines governing the relationship between Superiors and Directors of works. This work is urgent in the given context, noted by the reduced number of Jesuits available for leadership, the rise of new apostolic initiatives, and the increasing involvement of lay mission partners.

The Extended Council reaffirmed the Society's commitment to fostering a culture of collaboration rooted in discernment and oriented toward the service of the mission of Christ in the Church and the world. Anselm is convinced that such commitment signals the Jesuit priorities, emerging challenges, and governance shifts, which will eventually shape the Jesuit mission, spirituality, and leadership in the coming days.

PONTIFICAL GREGORIAN UNIVERSITY

The final remaining regular First Semester classes resumed after the Christmas and New Year festivities on the 7th of January. The Feast of Epiphany, celebrated on the 6th

of January, is a public holiday and, traditionally, signals the end of all festivities. However, most Community members return to the community from their Christmas holidays and apostolates on the 31st of December. This year too, the entire Gregorian community came together at midday to sing the Song of Gratitude to the Lord, in the form of the Te Deum (You are God: We Praise You), for all the graces and blessings received in 2025. After Dinner, the entire community came together to play the traditional game of Tombola (Housey-Housey), which always offers many attractive prizes for each participant. After the New Year festivities, all were busy preparing for the final two weeks of the regular First Semester classes and the upcoming exams, which commenced on the 19th of January.

Prem spent the Christmas and New Year festivities amidst the arduous physical exercises and the proportionate rest under the careful eyes of Physiotherapists and Doctors at San Raffaele Hospital, Rome. He will be back in the Community by mid-February. Following the instructions of the Gregorian Academic Authorities, he opted for the written exams for two of his Courses. Notwithstanding his rehabilitation, he continued to devote his extra time and energy to processing and approving the influx of requests for enrollment in the Online Course in English, organised jointly by all the Pontifical Universities in Rome. For the Third Edition, Joseph Marianus Kujur, Director XISS, has kindly accepted to be one of the renowned Resource Persons. Those interested in broadening and deepening their knowledge of environmental issues are cordially invited to enroll by clicking <https://cursionline.unigre.it>. Scholarships are available for interested participants.

During the period of Rehabilitation, he had profound and highly enriching spiritual experiences and fraternal care. Every single day, one or more community members visited him to express the communitarian proximity, affection, and support, which Prem had never expected. Apart from the community members, his Ranchi Friends, ABHAS Group members, and his Joint Diploma Colleagues from other Pontifical Universities visited him at regular intervals. He was sweetly surprised to meet R.P. POSA Stany D'Souza, who came to visit him immediately after his arrival in Rome on the 10th of January for the Extended Council. Rev. Lily Grace Topno, St. Anne's Superior General, made a point of spending quality time providing support and encouragement on the 20th of January. Prem remains greatly indebted to R.P. Provincial Superior Ajit Kumar Xess for his continuous contact and enquiries regarding the progress of rehabilitation. Thanks to one and all for showing fraternal affection and support!

Fr. Prem Xalxo

VATICAN RADIO AND SAN PIETRO CANISIO

The close of the year and the beginning of the New Year 2026 brought many good tidings. Vatican Radio is in the process of being shifted from Rome to India. The Tamil

language service will move to Chennai in May 2026, as the Archdiocese of Chennai has agreed to take responsibility for it. The Malayalam and Hindi language services will also be shifted in the coming years, as and when the respective dioceses are ready. Meanwhile, Sr. Anugrah Minj (HC) has received an extension of her contract for another year to continue her work at Vatican Radio while awaiting future transfers.

On 5 December, Fr. Robert Pradeep Kujur, Principal of St. Xavier's College, Ranchi, visited Vatican Radio and gave an interview.

On 12 December, Fr. Stanislas Kambashi (DRC), the Superior of the community, joined the community after completing his tertianship. The community is delighted to welcome a young and energetic Superior.

On 16 December, a Holy Mass was arranged for the Dicastery for Communication, followed by a valedictory function honouring many members of the Dicastery for their long and dedicated years of service. The Indian language sections—Hindi, Tamil, and Malayalam—were honoured with mementoes in recognition of sixty years of glorious service to the Holy See.

On 19 December, the regents of the community joined the Triduum with the Gesù Scholastics. Fr. Federico Lombardi guided the scholastics in reflecting on the religious vows. They renewed their vows and returned to the community with renewed zeal and joy.

On 20 December, members of ABHAS came in a small group to assist in recording the Rosary prayer in Hindi for the web radio. Special thanks are due to Fr. Vijay Toppo, President of ABHAS, who coordinated with Sr. Usha Manorama Tirkey for the recording. Vatican Radio is also grateful to Fr. Alexius Tirkey for permitting the upload of some of his musical compositions to the Vatican web radio, which are now regularly heard by Hindi listeners.

On 31 December, by joining the Holy Father in the Te Deum thanksgiving prayer, the year was brought to a close. The New Year 2026 began with coverage of the Holy Father's Mass on the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God and Mother of the Church, orienting us for the mission of the coming year. On 6 January, the Solemnity of the Epiphany, the Holy Father closed the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica, after which those involved in radio ministry experienced a brief period of rest.

On 11 January, the community lost one of its members, Fr. Salvatore Nipitella, SJ, an Italian Jesuit, at the age of 87. With the holidays and visits now concluded, the community has returned to a renewed rhythm of serious work and mission.

Fr. Sanjay Dilip Ekka

CAMBODIA

The month of January 2026 began amidst anxiety and fear as the war between Thailand and Cambodia continued. The farewell to the old year 2025 and the welcoming of the New Year 2026 were simple and

prayerful. On January 2, 2026, Jesuit Service Cambodia, Banteay Meanchey branch, under the guidance of Fr. Manoj Kumar Ekka SJ, Country Director of Jesuit Service Cambodia, distributed rice and other essential items to internally displaced persons (IDPs) affected by the war between Thailand and Cambodia at Ta Pho Pagoda, Svay Chek District, Banteay Meanchey Province, Cambodia.

Fr. Manoj Ekka SJ travelled to Singapore from January 7–12, 2026, to attend the wedding of the daughter of his friend and donor. During his stay, he personally met the donors and thanked them for their support for the construction of a new hostel for students and a residence for the parish priest and religious sisters in Khnach Romea. On January 17, 2026, he went to Siem Reap for the Consultors' Meeting. He also attended the annual retreat of the Catholic Alliance on Charity and Development Cambodia (CACD), centred on the theme "Peace, Reconciliation and Hope," held from January 19–21, 2026, in Chum Kiri, Kampot Province. On the occasion of India's Republic Day, Fr. Manoj visited the Embassy of India in Phnom Penh to mark the day.

Fr. Rajat successfully harvested all the paddy fields. However, the harvest was poor compared to previous years due to flooding. He also completed minor repairs in his parish and kindergarten, commencing the New Year 2026 with renewed body, mind, and spirit. He attended the first priests' meeting of the year 2026 for all priests working in the Battambang Prefecture, convened by Bishop Enrique Figaredo SJ, on January 7, 2026. He accompanied members of the project for elderly persons, Youth Organizing Support for Elderly Persons (YOSEP), to prepare kitchen vegetable gardens and chicken sheds for families of the elderly in the parish. The YOSEP group visits elderly persons in the parish every Saturday afternoon, irrespective of their religion.

Fr. Rajat Hassa Purti

CARIBBEAN JESUITS-GUYANA-JAMAICA

The Diocese of Georgetown, Guyana has a vast geographical Mission area with a few priests. The church heavily depends on the Parish Lay Assistants for the smooth running of the diocese. On 18 January, Fr. Amar Bage arranged a liturgical training programme for all the liturgical team members in the Ascension Church New Amsterdam. It was a wonderful and meaningful training programme.

From 23 to 28 January, Fr. Amar extended his helping hand to Our Lady of Lourdes Church Hosororo, Mabaruma, Northwest Region in the sacramental ministry. In the absence of priests, along with the local Parish Lay Assistants, the Missionaries of Charity Sisters play a vital role to sustain and maintain the mission. On Sunday, 25 January, there was a baptism in the Church during the Holy Eucharist. Whole congregation witnessed the sacrament and enjoyed the celebration.



A Christmas and New Year home visit in Ranchi for Fr. Elias Surin, SJ was a renewal of faith, family and friends. He was delighted to celebrate his Christmas in his home parish – Sacred Heart Church Bindhaintoli. From 28–29 December he participated in the thanksgiving mass of Sr. Rashmi Kerketta, OSU, one of the missionaries in Guyana, in Harratoli, Jarmana parish. He visited Bhikhampur, Bardih and Tongo parishes. For the New Year, he was in the Jesuit Community – Burudih – Kochang and celebrated the Holy Eucharist with the parishioners in Mundari. On Sunday 4 January, on his way back to Ranchi, he offered Holy Mass in the Immaculate Conception Church Sarwada and visited St. Michael's Jesuit Community Khunti.

On his Silver Jubilee as a Jesuit, Fr. Elias Surin, arranged family and friends get together at his village Deosar. On Saturday 10 January, on his 14th priestly ordination anniversary, he presided over the solemn Holy Eucharist with his villagers in his courtyard. Fr. Herman Xalxo, the Parish Priest Bindhaintoli, Fr. Prakash Minj, the Parish Priest Kemtatoli, Fr. Alok Barla, OCD Farsabera and deacon Neelam Beck, Simdega Diocese were the concelebrants in the mass. Queen of Apostles Sisters from Bindhaintoli Parish and the Congregation of the Sisters of Jesus from Jesu Bhavan Biru, doubled his joy.

On Wednesday, 14 January, he shared his profound missionary experiences to St. Aloysius Apostolic School Ranchi. He was excited to know some boys who want to be the missionaries in the overseas. Indeed, it was a very meaningful and fruitful home visit. He extends his heartfelt gratitude to all the Jesuits in the province for their love and hospitality. He safely returned to Kingston, Jamaica to begin his second semester in the University of West Indies on Friday 16 January.

On Friday, 23 January, there was a Catholic Schools weekly Holy Mass in the Most Holy Trinity Cathedral Kingston by the Most Reverend Archbishop Kenneth Richards, DD, Archbishop of Kingston. The Cathedral was packed with the students and the teachers. On Sunday, 25 January, there was a Eucharistic Celebration for the students of the University of West Indies under the theme - "Light of God Give us Vision, Wisdom, and

Knowledge”, in the University of West Indies Chapel. The mass was presided over by Fr. Peter Hunter, OP, the chaplain, where Fr. Bede Mullens, OP, Fr. Lester O. Shields, SJ, Fr. Elias Surin, SJ, and two permanent deacons were concelebrants. It was the opening of the 2025 – 2026 Semester 2 of St. Michael’s College and Seminary.

Fr. Elias Surin

THOSE WHO HAVE GONE TO ETERNAL ABODE

1. **Br. Arockiam Peter, SJ** (MDU), 93/69 passed away on 5 January 2026
2. **Fr. Ignatius Sebastian, SJ** (MDU), 90/68 passed away on 17 January 2026
3. **Fr. Leo D’Souza, SJ** (KAR) 93/76 passed away on 20 January, 2026
4. **Fr. Thomas Kunnukal, SJ** (DEL) 99/80 passed away on 28 January 2026
5. **Mr. Philip Chermako (85)**, beloved father of Fr. Sylverius Chermako, SJ passed away on 29 January 2026
6. **Mrs. Elizabeth Ekka (53)**, youngest sister of Fr. Philemon Ekka, SJ passed away on 30 January 2026



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

FEBRUARY	
01	Damian Barla
02	Rakesh Kerketta
	Ambros Toppo
	Blacius Soreng

03	Blacius Tigga
05	John Anuranjan Beck
	Shashi Samir Dhanwar
06	Anup Arvind Ekka
08	Viksal Minj
09	Ranjit Kujur
10	Robert Pradeep Kujur
11	Anuj Kumar Minj
	Rohit Roshan Kujur
13	Paulus Dungdung
14	Ravi Hemant Kujur
	Avinash Ekka
	Johnny Kujur
15	Sameer Ekka
	Ankit Kujur
16	Deepak Toppo
	Amit Juel Lakra
19	Ruben Xalxo
21	Suresh John Tirkey
22	Bimal Kr. Kerketta
	Ashwini Tigga
23	Alok Ekka
24	Pradeep Kullu
	Amit Kujur
25	Subodh Lakra
27	Kanchan Minj
MARCH	
01	Roshan Ba'a
05	Fredrick Kujur
	Ravi Bhushan Xess
06	Ranjit Walter Lakra
	Albert Beng
	Priyatam Lakra
07	Alexius Kindo
	Celestine Minj
09	Sudhir Lakra
10	Habil Kujur
	Rohit Paul Kerketta