



RANCHI BULLETIN



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POPE'S INTENTION: AUGUST 2026

For evangelization in the city

Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

PROVINCIAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Brothers,

As I prepared for the Feast of St. Ignatius, a simple question stayed with me in prayer: *If St. Ignatius were among us today, what would he say to the Jesuits of Ranchi Province?* What follows is the fruit of that prayer.



He would first invite us to return to the foundation of our vocation. Before we are teachers, pastors, formators, administrators, or superiors, we are men who have encountered the merciful love of God. We are sinners loved, forgiven, and called by Christ. From this grace flow our freedom, our joy, and our availability for mission.

He would remind us that we are, above all, companions of Jesus. Our first calling is not simply to work for Christ but to be with Him—to know Him, love Him, and follow Him more closely. As *De Statu Societatis* reminds us, we are called to be friends in the Lord: men rooted in God, discerning together, available for mission, and seeking in all things the greater glory of God.

He would also ask whether God's people experience us as companions who help them encounter the Lord. The credibility of our mission rests less on our institutions than on the witness of simple lives, compassionate hearts, integrity, and genuine accompaniment.

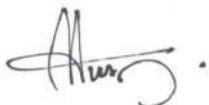
He would further ask whether we are truly living as one apostolic body. The Society's mission is always shared. Our Province will flourish when we trust one another, discern together, and place the common mission above personal interests.

Finally, St. Ignatius would ask: Where is the *Magis*? Not in doing more, but in loving more deeply, serving

more generously, and constantly seeking what best serves God's greater glory.

The Feast of St. Ignatius is not only a celebration of our Founder; it is a call to renew our vocation. May we deepen our friendship with the Lord, strengthen our fraternity as companions in mission, regain the confidence of God's people through humble witness, and serve with renewed generosity and hope.

United in prayer,



Fr. Ajit Kumar Xess, S.J.

Provincial

APPOINTMENTS BY REV. FR. PROVINCIAL

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| 1. Sch. Ajit Minj | : | Janta High School, Patrachauli (Regency) |
| 2. Sch. Hemant Soreng | : | Inigo High School, Saparom (Regency) |
| 3. Sch. Sanchlit Dungdung | : | St. Stanislaus' High School, Lohardaga (Regency) |
| 4. Sch. Shanti Ekka | : | R. C. Middle School, Bingaon (Regency) |

PROVINCIAL'S PROGRAM

AUGUST 2026

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| 04-07 | POSA Consult in Jaipur |
| 08 | Episcopal Ordination of Rev. Msgr. Anand David Xalxo |
| 10-17 | Andamans |
| 19 | Province Consult (4.30 p.m.) |
| 21-25 | Extended Consult in Pune Province |
| 27 | Blessing of the Jesuit residence in Keondtanr |

SEPTEMBER 2026

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| 04-15 | Extended Consult in Rome |
| 21-28 | Retreat |



Fr. Ajit Kumar Xess, S.J.

Provincial



CENTRAL ZONE AUTOBIOGRAPHY RETREAT SEPTEMBER – OCTOBER 2026

Date: 17 - 25 September, 2026

Venue: Spirituality Centre Jharna,
Namkum

Guide: Fr. Ignatius Tete, S.J. (K)

SL	Names
01	Kapil Xaxa
02	Alex Lakra
03	Abraham Toppo
04	Polycarp Xalxo
05	Dharam K. Lakra
06	Jerome Minj
07	Casmir Ekka (T)
08	Anuranjan Tigga
09	Sanjiban Tirkey (JAM)
10	David Kullu (JAM)
11	Joseph Antony (JAM)
12	Augustine EZHA (JAM)
13	Cyril Tigga (JAM)
14	Shantinandan Mundu (JAM)
15	Polidore Kujur (JAM)
16	Samuel Kisku (DUM)
17	Robert Lakra (DUM)
18	Soosai Nayagam (DUM)
19	Charles Tudu (DUM)
20	Seraphim Stanley Tirkey (DUM)
21	Arul Doss (DUM)
22	Thomas Kottackal (DUM)
23	Julian Arockia (DUM)
24	Gyan Savari (HAZ)
25	Leo Savarimuthu (HAZ)
26	Samir Toppo (HAZ)
27	Rajesh Kispotta (HAZ)
28	Albinus Xaxa (HAZ)
29	Arun Minj (HAZ)
30	Suman P. Toppo (RAN)
31	Sandeep Kujur (RAN)
32	John Dungdung (RAN)
33	Bimal Nag (RAN)

34	Philemon Ekka (RAN)
35	Alphonse Kullu (RAN)
36	Alexius Dungdung (RAN)
37	Sikander Tirkey (RAN)

Date: 03 - 11 October, 2026

Venue: Asha Deep, Pathalgaon

Guide: Fr. Alphonse Tirkey, S.J.

SL	Names
01	Prabhu N. Khalkho (MAP)
02	Amritlal Toppo (A) (MAP)
03	Nirdosh Ekka (MAP)
04	Mukti Prakash Xess (MAP)
05	Manibhushan Toppo (MAP)
06	Sunil Xalxo (MAP)
07	Kuldeep Bara (MAP)
08	Ravindra Lakra (MAP)
09	Ajay Kerketta (MAP)
10	Zacharias Kerketta (MAP)
11	Sebastian Tigga (MAP)
12	Marianus Kerketta (MAP)
13	Prakash Lakra (MAP)
14	Blacius Kullu (MAP)
15	Tej Kumar Minj (MAP)
16	Benedict Minj (MAP)
17	Antony PM (JAM)
18	Stany Furtardo (JAM)
19	Francis Bodra (JAM)
20	James Lakra (DUM)
21	John Victor (DUM)
22	Christopher Lakra (DUM)
23	Emmanuel Besra (DUM)
24	Ignacy Lazar (DUM)
25	Francis Murmu (DUM)
26	Marianus Minj (DUM)
27	Nishtamani Toppo (DUM)
28	Rajesh Kullu (RAN)
29	James Peter Balmuchu (RAN)
30	David Bara (RAN)
31	Samir Dungdung (RAN)
32	Praful Ekka (RAN)

33	Camil Kerketta (RAN)
34	Elvius Kerketta (RAN)
35	Suresh Aind (RAN)
36	Vincent Hansdak (HAZ)
37	Simon Murmu (HAZ)
38	Marianus Tigga (HAZ)
39	Kishore Gabriel Toppo (HAZ)
40	Dn. Nelson Lakra (HAZ)
41	Dn. Sushil Kumar Bage (HAZ)
42	Basant Minj (HAZ)
43	Prawin Vikas (HAZ)

Date: 17 - 25 October, 2026

Venue: Upasana, Jamshedpur

Guide: Fr. Deepak Tirkey, S.J.

SL	Names
01	Charles Kujur (MAP)
02	Alex A (JAM)
03	James Bara (JAM)
04	Bernard Bodra (JAM)
05	Shantinandan Mundu (JAM)
06	George Antony (JAM)
07	Ajit Paul Kujur (DUM)
08	Antony Marandi (DUM)
09	Prakash Hansdak (DUM)
10	Deepak Tirkey (DUM)
11	Manoj Toppo (DUM)
12	Varghese Puthusery (DUM)
13	Ignatius Lakra (DUM)
14	Vimal Kerketta (DUM)
15	Damian Tudu (DUM)
16	Gilbert D'Souza (DUM)
17	Amit Kumar Toppo (HAZ)
18	Binod Kumar Toppo (HAZ)
19	Theodore Kujur (HAZ)
20	Fredrick Gidh (HAZ)
21	Sebren Lakra (HAZ)
22	Barnabas Xalxo (HAZ)
23	Moris Lakra (HAZ)
24	Ignatius Lakra (RAN)
25	Florence Kujur (RAN)

26	Ajit Kerketta (RAN)
27	Kuldeep Linda (RAN)
28	Manohar Khoya (RAN)
29	Ajit Kalyan Kujur (RAN)
30	Rohit Kujur (RAN)
31	Roshan Bage (RAN)

Date: 17 - 25 October, 2026

Venue: Jeevan Dhara, Raiganj

Guide: Fr. Tom Kuzhivelil, S.J.

SL	Names
01	Herman J. Minj (MAP)
02	Kalyanus Minj (MAP)
03	Pratap Toppo (MAP)
04	Casmir Ekka (G) (MAP)
05	Theodore Kujur (MAP)
06	Akhil Sai Bara (MAP)
07	Zacharias Lakra (MAP)
08	Ignatius Soren (DUM)
09	Philip Hembrom (DUM)
10	K.M. Jacob (DUM)
11	M.J. Peter (DUM)
12	Jimmy Keepuram (DUM)
13	V.M. Jose (DUM)
14	Anand Minj (DUM)
15	Jesuraj Poobal (DUM)
16	Varghese Pallipalakatt (DUM)
17	James Samad (JAM)
18	Savarimuthu (JAM)
19	Isidore Bimal Minj (JAM)
20	Biranchi Soreng (JAM)
21	Henry Albert (JAM)
22	Jerome Sequiera (JAM)
23	Sebastian Puthenpura (JAM)
24	Ranjit Kindo (JAM)
25	Sunil Xess (JAM)
26	Francis Marian (HAZ)
27	Gregory Kujur (HAZ)
28	Pius Kerketta (HAZ)
29	Shyju Thomas (HAZ)
30	Rajendra Tete (HAZ)

31	Francis Xavier Xalxo (HAZ)
32	Prakash Baskey (HAZ)
33	Primus Kerketta (HAZ)
34	Kamal Chandra Bage (RAN)
35	Lazarus Basumatary (RAN)
36	Walter Beck (RAN)
37	John Berchmans Dungdung (RAN)
38	Anup Arvind Ekka (RAN)
39	Anil Kandulna (RAN)
40	Ignatius Minj (RAN)
41	Tej Mati Bage (RAN)

PROVINCIAL'S OFFICE

The month began with the Extended Consult at Manresa House, Ranchi, on 6–7 July, followed by the Canonical Consult at Sadbhavna on 8 July. Fr. Provincial attended to official matters at Sadbhavna on 9–10 July.

On 12 July, he blessed the new residence of the extended mission centre of St. Xavier's School, Doranda, at Sukurda, marking another step in strengthening the Province's educational and pastoral outreach.

As preparations for the Feast of St. Ignatius gathered momentum, Fr. Provincial met the Preparatory Committee on 13 July at St. John's English Medium School, Ranchi, to review the arrangements for the celebration.

From 15–18 July, he made the canonical visitation to the Assam Mission. During the visit, he presided over the Final Vows of Fr. Rozario Mosahari, S.J., at St. John's, Balipara, Assam, on 16 July. On 25 July, he visited the Gumla Community for the Governing Body meeting.

The Province was deeply saddened by the passing of Fr. Henry Barla, S.J., on 25 July. Fr. Provincial coordinated the funeral arrangements, ensuring a prayerful and dignified farewell to one who had served the Ranchi Province with distinction as Provincial and in several other leadership roles within the Society and the Church. The Funeral

Mass, held at St. Mary's Cathedral, Ranchi, on 27 July, was presided over by His Grace Archbishop Emeritus Felix Toppo, with Bishop Anand Jojo of Hazaribag and Bishop Binay Kandulna of Khunti concelebrating, together with Fr. Provincial and numerous priests. Religious, family members, and the faithful gathered in large numbers to give thanks for Fr. Henry's life of dedicated service and faithful leadership.



In the final days leading to the Feast of St. Ignatius, Fr. Provincial participated in the Novena at St. Mary's Cathedral from 21–29 July and attended the final liturgical rehearsal on 30 July, offering guidance to ensure the dignity and solemnity of the celebration.



The month concluded with the joyful celebration of the Feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola on 31 July, bringing together Jesuits, religious, and the faithful in thanksgiving for the life and mission of the Founder of the Society of Jesus.

Fr. Deepak Toppo

SADBHAVNA, RANCHI

Frs. Sylverius Chermako, Deepak Toppo, Francis David Kullu, and George Kerketta participated in the Extended Consult held at Manresa House, Ranchi, on 6–7 July. This was followed by the Canonical Consult at Sadbhavna on 8 July, in which Frs. Sylverius and Deepak took part.

On 12 July, Frs. Sylverius Chermako, George Kerketta, Johny Kujur, and Nirmal Minj accompanied Fr. Provincial for the blessing of the new residence of the extended mission centre of St. Xavier's School, Doranda, at Sukurdah. On the same day, Fr. Deepak conducted a workshop for the youth of Dibdih at St. Agnel School on the theme "Addiction to Social Media," helping them to reflect on the responsible use of digital media.

All the members of the community participated in the Preparatory Committee Meeting for the Feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola held at St. John's English Medium School, Ranchi, on 13 July. Later that day, Fr. Sylverius, Superior of the community, left for Jharna Ignatian Spirituality Centre, Namkum, to make his annual retreat.

The community deeply mourned the passing of Fr. Henry Barla, S.J., on 25 July. On 27 July, all the members of the community participated in the Funeral Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral, Ranchi, joining fellow Jesuits, bishops, religious, family members, and the faithful in praying for the eternal repose of Fr. Henry, whose dedicated leadership and generous service as Provincial and in various other responsibilities greatly enriched the Ranchi Province and the Society of Jesus.

During 21–29 July, the community actively participated in the Novena in honour of St. Ignatius of Loyola at St. Mary's Cathedral, Ranchi. On 30 July, Frs. Sylverius, Deepak, and Johny Kujur were present for the final rehearsal of the Solemn Feast Day Eucharist, assisting in the preparations to ensure a dignified and prayerful celebration.



The month concluded with the joyful celebration of the Feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola on 31 July, when the community joined fellow Jesuits, religious, collaborators, and the faithful in thanking God for the life, spirituality, and mission of the founder of the Society of Jesus.

Fr. Deepak Toppo

MANRESA HOUSE, RANCHI

The month of July at Manresa House, Ranchi, unfolded as a tapestry of grace and fraternity. On 27 June, the community gathered at St. John's Inter College, Ranchi, to witness the solemn final vows of Frs. Emile Dungdung, S.J., and Ireneus To'ppo, S.J., a moment of deep commitment celebrated in the presence of the Provincial, fellow Jesuits, and family members. Soon after, the scholastics dedicated themselves to service by trimming the football ground, and the community rejoiced in the birthday of Fr. Sanjay Ekka, S.J., on 1 July.

On 4 July, eight brothers completed their studies at St. Xavier's College, Ranchi, and bid farewell, while eight new members were warmly welcomed into the Manresa community. During the same week, the scholastics served the sick at Lievens Hospital, Mandar, embodying compassion and care. The Extended Consult Meeting, held on 6–7 July, brought together 43 members at Rasschaert Hall, while Rector, Fr. Alexius Toppo, S.J., gave a recollection talk, "Rooted in Christ," to the St. Anne's Sisters. The community celebrated the birthdays of Frs. Pratap S. Toppo, S.J., Sebastian Ekka, S.J. and

Bipin Lugun, S.J. on July 8. The following day Fr. Libin Kerketta, S.J. and Sch. Sushant Xalxo, S.J. celebrated their birthdays. On 13 July Fr. Anupchand K. Minj, S.J., and on 15 Fr. Dominic Topno, S.J., celebrated their birthdays as well. The community welcomed Dn. Ashish Kujur, S.J., back from Rome.

As St. Xavier's College began its new academic session on 14 July, the scholastics sang the College Anthem with joy. On 16 July, the Jesuits joined the Carmelite Sisters in Pathlakudua for evening prayer and celebration. Pastoral engagements continued with Fr. Rajendra C. Toppo's visit for medical treatment, and on 18 July, 25 tertian fathers visited Manresa House en route to their mission tour, celebrating Holy Mass and learning about the Lievens Museum from Fr. Justin Tirkey, S.J. Br. Telesphore Horo, S.J., accompanied Fr. Anand Kerketta, S.J., to Kolkata for a medical review, which brought a positive health report.

The community entered into spiritual preparation for the Feast of St. Ignatius with the Sacrament of Reconciliation on 20 July. From 21 July, the Novena of St. Ignatius began at St. Mary's Cathedral, led by Rector Fr. Alex Toppo, S.J., with the scholastics animating the choir and prayers. Fr. Justin Tirkey, S.J., prepared the novena prayers on the theme, "Our Identity: Ignatian Legacy and Jesuit Mission," and gave Triduum talks to the DSA Ranchi Provincial House and the novices at Samlong.



On 25 July 2026, the Ranchi Province mourned the passing of Fr. Henry Barla, S.J., former Provincial, who entered eternal rest at the age of 80. The Funeral Mass was celebrated on 27 July at the Cathedral, Ranchi, and was presided over by Bishop Emeritus Felix Toppo, S.J. The homily was delivered by Bishop Anand Jojo of the Hazaribag Diocese, highlighting Fr. Henry's dedication,

pastoral zeal, and leadership, while Bishop Binay Kandulna of the Khunti Diocese joined the faithful in prayer and thanksgiving. Following the Mass, the burial took place at the Tumtum, Kantatoli Cemetery, in the presence of Jesuits, religious, family members, and the faithful. Fr. Provincial Ajit Kumar Xess, S.J., offered the farewell message, recalling Fr. Henry's contributions as Provincial and his unwavering commitment to the mission of the Society of Jesus. His legacy as a shepherd, educator, and leader continues to inspire the Province and all those whom he served.

Sch. Nishant Dungkung

ST. XAVIER'S COLLEGE, RANCHI

St. Xavier's College, Ranchi, had the privilege of hosting two important personalities on 28th June 2026: Mrs. Kalpana Soren, Honorable Member of the Legislative Assembly, Jharkhand, and Mrs. Vandana Dadel, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary, Department of Home, Prisons and Disaster Management, Government of Jharkhand. As the Chief Guest and the Guest of Honour respectively, for the second "Magis" Awards Ceremony, they felicitate the State and School toppers of the Jesuit Schools and Inter Colleges in the X and XII State Board Examinations 2026 of 36 schools.

The chief guest Mrs. Kalpana Soren, gave away certificates of rank, Mementoes and cash prizes to all the First, Second and Third Ranks holders in their respective schools. Addressing the students, Fr. Ajit Kumar Xess, S.J., the Provincial, highlighted the significance of the Spanish word, *Magis*, 'the more', and challenged the students to constantly strive for excellence, going beyond complacency, and seek ever greater and better ways of serving God and humanity. *Magis* inspires us never to settle down at mediocrity, but to pursue continually for the better, the higher, and the more meaningful in all that we do."

The College organized the six Orientation Programmes for the newly admitted students in different streams under the New Education Policy (NEP) on 13th and 14th July 2026. Fr. Kennedy, the Registrar of the College, made it a point that all the classes for the newly admitted students

start on July 15. The College has 2,208 new students on the roll under NEP, and 646 students have joined the various vocational courses.

Fr. Pradeep Kujur, the Principal, along with his doctoral student, left for Oxford University, England, on 17th July to present a paper at the University. On 19th July, Fr. Ajay Arun Minj, the Vice Principal, left for Dublin to attend a conference and present a paper at the University of Cork, in Ireland. He has a plan to visit shortly Rome and Belgium before returning to Ranchi.

In the absence of Fr. Principal and Vice principal, Fr. Kennedy Soreng, S.J., (Registrar) along with Fr. Ravi Hemant Kujur, S.J., (Bursar), Fr. Sanjay Kerketta, S.J., (Dept. of Examination) Fr. Ephrem Ba'a, S.J., (History), Fr. Sushil Tigga, S.J., (Mathematics), took charge of day-to-day running of the College, including admissions and other matters. Meanwhile Fr. Ajay Anil Tirkey, S.J., the Principal of Inter College, managed to get a tacit approval from the JAAC Board, to take a greater number of students for admission for 2026-2028 Session. However, the response has not been so remarkable.

On 23 July 2025, Fr. Sudhir Kumar Minj, Rector, Fr. Ajay Anil Tirkey, Principal Inter College, Fr. Kennedy Soreng, Registrar, and Fr. Ravi Hemant Kujur, Bursar, met with the faculty and the other staff of the Inter College regarding Payment of Teaching and non-teaching staff, a situation arisen due to very small number of new admissions in all the three streams, Arts, Commerce, and Science in the College, severely impacting the financial position of the College. Despite these constraints, the management assured the staff of some increment in their salary and demanded dedication and a very concerted effort from them, as in the previous year, to improve further the result in the State Board 2027.

In Absence of Fr. Ajay Minj, the Superintendent of Hostel, Fr. Kennedy Soreng, S.J., not only took care of the Hostel but looked after other concerns of administration efficiently. A special 'Agniveer' programme was organized by the Indian Army on 25th of July, from at 9.00 a.m. onward, 'Chhiteej', the Office Transfer Ceremony, was organized by the NSS (National Service Scheme), at 10.00 a.m. at which the out-going members of the Executive Committee of NSS handed over the responsibilities to the

newly elected members.

The Community was saddened to get the news of demise of Fr. Henry Barla, S.J., Fr. Henry had been admitted only recently to Fr. Constant Lievens Hospital and Research Centre, Mandar, and was back a week ago. In fact, on the previous night before going to bed, he had asked Sr. Sushma, Nurse, for a nail cutter who, then, told him that it was already late so she would attend to him on the next morning. Henry had then told her that he would not be there tomorrow. Who would have, then, believed this prophetic speech!

Fr. Sudhir Kumar Minj

XISS, RANCHI

On 28th June, Fr. Joseph Marianus Kujur went to St. Xavier's College, Ranchi where 'Magis' program was organized to felicitate the meritorious students of Jesuit run schools and intermediate colleges. On 23rd June Fr. Vernon D'cunha, S.J., a General Assistant and Regional Assistant of South Asia visited XISS to interact with the Jesuits in connection with the search for a new Provincial of the Province. At the end of the day, the XISS had arranged dinner in his honour in which we had further sharing of life-mission. The Institute of Engineering & Management, Kolkata in association with XISS successfully organized a three-day International Conference on Sustainable Marketing delivering Value (SMDV 2026): From Climate Action to Market Impact through Sustainable-Tech Innovation & Sustainable Development Goals, held from 26-28 June 2026 at the XISS campus. Fr. Marianus Kujur participated in the conference along with other guests. Rural Management of XISS, Ranchi in collaboration with Network for Enterprise Enhancement and Development Support (NEEDS) successfully hosted a five-day 'Swashakt Bamboo Ecosystem Workshop and Innovation Expo' from 6-10 July 2026, themed "Building a Cohesive Bamboo Ecosystem for Jharkhand." It was inaugurated by Fr. Joseph Marianus Kujur along with Shri Aboobacker Siddhique P, IAS, Shri Murari M. Choudhury and Dr. Anant Kumar head of RM Program. From 6-7 July, Fr. Pradeep Kerketta

and Fr. Marianus Kujur attended the 'Extended Consult' in Manresa house. In keeping with the Universal Apostolic Preferences, XISS organized a series of talks for faculty, staff and the students separately between 16 and 28 July on the theme, 'Ignatian Insight talk'. Fr. Pradeep Kerketta gave the reflection to faculty, staff and a group of students. Similarly, Fr. Ashok Kandulna gave his reflection to two groups of students. It was well received by the stakeholders. Fr. Marianus Kujur and Fr. Ashok Kandulna along with Dr. Arana Kausar, a faculty member of XISS returned on 24th July after attending the conference of IAJBS in Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles. Also, Dr. Niranjan Sahoo, a faculty of XISS was selected by IAJU as one of its BIPP-Cohort 2 (Being Inspirational Paradigm Professor) to participate in a one year long training programme. The training was inaugurated with IAJBS 2026 in LMU, Los Angeles. To mark the feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola and adhering to the UAPs and PAPs, on 30th July, we organized the Holy Mass in XISS and XIPT for students and the employees. It was an appropriate occasion to talk about the shared mission and a rich legacy of St. Ignatius of Loyola.

Fr. Pradeep Kerketta

ST. XAVIER'S SCHOOL, DORANDA

The month of July was marked by a series of academic, spiritual and community activities in the school, reflecting the institution's commitment to holistic education and faith formation. The month began with the Hindi and English Elocution Competition for the students of classes VI - XII, held from 29th June to 2nd July. The event was organized to instill self-confidence and proficiency in public speaking among students. Fr. Ravi and Fr. Sudhir attended the Province Extended Consult at Manresa House Ranchi from 6th to 7th July. A Parents Teachers Meeting for classes KG to IX was organized from 9th to 11th July. The purpose was to review the academic performance of students and to discuss their overall holistic growth with parents. On 9th July, a community meeting was convened to discuss and plan for the blessing ceremony at Sukurda (Basia) and for the celebration of the Feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola. On 11th July, Fr. Ravi visited R.C. High School,

Danto, Hazaribagh, to conduct a half-day workshop for the teachers. On 12th July, the community visited Sukurda, an extended mission centre of St. Xavier's Doranda for the blessing of the new residence. Fr. Provincial, along with a few Jesuits from Sadbhavna, were also present on the occasion. Special gratitude is extended to Fr. Sandeep for making all the arrangements for the ceremony.



The Assessment Test for class XI commenced on 13th July to evaluate the subject knowledge of the students. From 15th July, Fr. Sudhir commenced teaching the first-semester course in Christology as part of the Bachelor of Theology (B.Th.) in the Faculty of Theology at St. Albert's College, Ranchi.

The school began the Novena to St. Ignatius of Loyola on 18th July in preparation for the feast. A Drawing and Painting Competition was organized by the Arts Department for the students of classes XI and XII on 20th and 21st July.



On 21st July, Fr. Principal attended the Principals' Meeting at St. Xavier's School, Bokaro. From 21st to 23rd July, Fr. Kuldeep and Fr. Sudhir were engaged in preaching Triduum to the St. Anne's Sisters at Harmu and Doranda. On 22nd July, Wellness cum Awareness programme was organized for classes IX & X. On the same day, the DOX (Doranda Old Xaverians) had organized tree plantation at St. Joseph's

Middle School, Patrachauli to spread environmental awareness among the people of that locality. On 24th July, Fr. Fuldeo and Fr. Sudhir had gone to St. Anthony School, Bichna as guests of honour for the poem writing competition organized by CISCE. On the same day, Fr. Ravi had gone to Chanakya B.N.R. hotel to attend the felicitation ceremony organized by Dainik Bhaskar for all the schools in Ranchi who have done well in the board examinations. On 25th July, the school organized science quiz for classes VI to XII to promote and encourage scientific curiosity among students. The celebrations culminated with great joy as the Feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola was celebrated in the school with students, teachers, parents, and religious guests from neighbouring communities. The Holy Eucharist was presided over by the Chief Celebrant, Rt. Rev. Vincent Barwa D.D., Bishop of Simdega Diocese. The entire month reflected a spirit of learning, collaboration, faith and community service.

Fr. Ravi Bhushan Xess

ASHIRVAD NOVITIATE, NAMKUM

On 1st July, the first-year novices made their solemn entry to the Novitiate community with the Holy Eucharist having completed their period of the first probation with a Triduum. Fr. Deepak Toppo, S.J., Province Formation Assistant (PFA), presided over the Eucharistic celebration who, during his homily, encouraged the novices to enter into the Novitiate formation with greater magnanimity, generosity and openness. In the evening the community had a short gathering to have a brief introduction of one another.

On Sunday, 5th July, we participated in the 5th death anniversary program of Fr. Stan Swamy, S.J., at Bagaicha, Namkum. It was informative as well as inspiring! On 6th July, Fr. Edwin Dang, S.J., Staff from Sadhna Institute, Lonavla, conducted a week-long session on Psycho-Spiritual Integration for the novices. It was helpful for them at the outset of their Novitiate life. On Sunday 12th July, Fr. Master led the group to the Campus Darshan, i.e., Agriculture Training Centre (ATC), Xavier Institute of Polytechnic and Technology (XIPT) and Kishor Nagar. Fr. Walter Beck, S.J., Director of Kishor Nagar shared with them about this unique Ministry of the

Society which was deeply appreciated by the novices - about 600 boys from poor families being taken care of by three Jesuits, two Daughters of St. Anne Sisters and a few lay collaborators. With the arrival of the first-year novices, the normal novitiate life has begun.

Jharna Spirituality Centre: Fr. Socius from Sadbhavana and Sr. Shusan from Mandar made their spiritual journey from July 12 to 20, 2026. The SDC Ranchi conducted two day seminar for social workers under the guidance of Delhi. The one month course on Ignatian Spirituality was concluded with the Retreat on July 22, 2026. Retreat started on July 14 under the guidance of Fr. Ignatius. Sr. Suchita Dungdung, B.S., made her eight days retreat from July 19. Br. Shashikant, C.D.F., from Bayandih spent five days in prayer as a preparation for his First Profession.

Fr. Raymond Kerketta

JEEVAN DEEP PRE-NOVITIATE, ATC, NAMKUM

The community had the privilege of beginning this significant period with the canonical visitation of Rev. Fr. Vernon D'Cunha, S.J., General Counsellor and Regional Assistant, on 26 June. During his brief visit to ATC, he interacted fraternally with the community, met Fr. Rajesh Sandil, S.J., Director of Jeevan Deep Pre-Novitiate, and Fr. Gabriel Xess, S.J., Superior and Director of ATC, before proceeding to Jharna Jesuit Community. He was accompanied by Fr. Ranjit Horo, S.J., Secretary to the Provincial. His visit was a source of encouragement and communion for the entire community.

A new chapter in the life of Jeevan Deep began on 30 June, when sixteen pre-novices arrived at the pre-novitiate, accompanied by Fr. Deepak Toppo, S.J., Province Formation Assistant (PFA), and Fr. Libin Kerketta, S.J., Director of Minor Seminary, Ranchi. The following day, Br. Telesphore Horo, S.J., brought another candidate, Ajay Lakra, bringing the total strength of the new batch to seventeen pre-novices.

The academic and formation year (2026-2027) was solemnly inaugurated on 1 July with the celebration of the Holy Mass of the Holy Spirit, presided over by Fr. Johny Kujur, S.J., Vocation Promoter of Ranchi Province. Invoking the guidance of the Holy Spirit upon the

formators and candidates, the Eucharistic celebration set the tone for the year ahead. The day concluded with a familiarization tour of the Jesuit institutions around Namkum, including Bagaicha, XIPT Hostel, Ashirvad Novitiate and Jharna Community, enabling the candidates to become acquainted with the Jesuit apostolic presence in the locality.

The initial days of the month were devoted to orientation programmes, introduction to the house regulations, community life, daily schedule and academic syllabus. From 6 July, regular classes commenced, marking the beginning of the candidates' systematic intellectual, spiritual, human and apostolic formation.

Manual labor continued to occupy an important place in the formative process. The pre-novices enthusiastically participated in agricultural activities, particularly paddy transplantation in the ATC fields on several occasions during the month. These experiences not only strengthened the values of simplicity, discipline and teamwork but also helped the candidates appreciate the dignity of labour and the close relationship between Jesuit formation and service to rural communities.



The community was blessed by the visits of several Jesuit Fathers during the month. Fr. Kulwant Minj, S.J., addressed the pre-novices with an inspiring talk, encouraging them to cultivate generosity, perseverance and fidelity in their vocational journey. Fr. Walter Minj, S.J., Fr. Suman Beck, S.J., and Fr. Sylvanus Kerketta, S.J., visited the community to complete their Special Intensive Revision (SIR) formalities. On another occasion, Fr. Rakesh Kerketta, S.J., Principal of St. Mary's English Medium School, Samtoli, Simdega, and Fr. Mukul Ranjan Kerketta, S.J., Assistant Director of Kishor Nagar, joined the community for lunch, fostering bonds of fraternity.

One of the memorable moments of the month was the visit of twenty-eight Tertian Fathers, accompanied by

their two instructors, on 18 July during their mission exposure programme. The guests received a warm traditional tribal welcome, symbolically washing their hands before breakfast. The pre-novices greeted them with a melodious English welcome song and expressed their heartfelt good wishes for their missionary journey. The occasion provided the young candidates with an enriching opportunity to interact with Jesuits at the final stage of formation and to deepen their appreciation of Jesuit fraternity and mission.



Community life remained vibrant throughout the month. A community meeting was held to plan the forthcoming Feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola, discuss agricultural work, and attend to various administrative matters concerning the formation house. Preparations for the Ignatian celebrations gained momentum as the pre-novices, together with the scholastics, began distributing invitation cards to neighbouring communities and institutions.

Spiritually, the community entered into a period of deeper prayer and reflection by commencing the nine-day Novena to St. Ignatius of Loyola on 19 July, preparing hearts to celebrate the feast of the founder of the Society with renewed fervour and gratitude.

The health and well-being of the candidates also received careful attention. Fredrick Kachhuwa visited Ranchi on two occasions for dental treatment, while Abhiyanjit Kujur received medical consultation for his health concerns.

Fr. Gabriel Xess, SJ, Superior and Director of ATC, attended the meetings of the Extended Consult and undertook official responsibilities in Gumla, while continuing to guide and support the formation community with paternal care.

Fr. Rajesh Sandil

KISHOR NAGAR, NAMKUM, BARGAWAN

Kishor Nagar Boys' Town experienced many activities during this month. The students of Kishor Nagar attended the *Magis* Award Ceremony, which was held on 28 June, and performed a fusion dance, for which they won the Best Dancers Award. The certificates were presented to the students during the school assembly. The toppers of the Matriculation and Intermediate examinations were also felicitated during the school assembly.

On 7 July, the boys planted paddy in the fields of Kishor Nagar. On 11 July, the boys were assigned new portfolios by Fr. Walter, S.J. The novices visited Kishor Nagar on 12 July. They had a pleasant time touring the campus and interacting with the students of Kishor Nagar. They were accompanied by Fr. Raymond, S.J., Fr. Walter, S.J., and Fr. Mukul, S.J. The Fathers guided the novices and informed them about Kishor Nagar.

From 13 July, the students began their computer classes. The students of Xavier Institute of Social Service conduct the classes from Monday to Thursday. The students are excited and are taking a keen interest in learning computers.

Injot Dahar, a social organization, organized a felicitation ceremony to encourage tribal students and honour the meritorious students who performed well in the Matriculation examination. Five students from Kishor Nagar were felicitated along with students from other schools. The members of the organization inspired the students through their motivational speeches. They also provided snacks and lunch for the students.

Along with their studies, the students are preparing for the Feast of St. Ignatius. They recite the Novena prayer daily. The boys are also harvesting tomatoes, okra, beans, chilies, and other vegetables. They are enjoying eating the delicious jackfruit.

Br. Santosh Kr. Tirkey

ST. XAVIER'S SCHOOL, BUNDU

The month of July has been a time of preparation, joy, and unity in our community. On 1st July, our community gathered for the monthly community meeting. During the meeting, we discussed about the upcoming Feast

of St. Ignatius of Loyola. Different responsibilities were assigned to each member so that the feast could be celebrated in a well-organized and meaningful way. Fr. Superior also shared important information about the parish, explaining how the parish functions and encouraging everyone to participate actively in its ministries and activities.

On 6th July, St. Xavier's Inter College celebrated Freshers' Day with great joy. The second-year students warmly welcomed the first-year students through various cultural programs and fun activities. The celebration helped the new students feel at home and strengthened the spirit of friendship and togetherness.

On 8th July, a joint meeting was held with representatives from all three schools. Two representatives from each school participated in the meeting. They discussed the arrangements for the upcoming Feast of St. Ignatius and planned the different school programs. The meeting helped everyone to work together to ensure the smooth and successful celebration of the feast.

On 21 July, our community began the Novena to St. Ignatius of Loyola. Each day, the community gathers in prayer, seeking the intercession of St. Ignatius and preparing spiritually to celebrate his feast. On the same day, the parish youth also began their choir practice for the Feast Day Mass. We thank God for His constant guidance and abundant blessings upon our community and all its activities.

Sch. Alfred Baxla

ST. STANISLAUS' SCHOOL, LOHARDAGA

29 June 2026 marked a historic occasion in the history of St. Stanislaus' Lohardaga with the inauguration and blessing of the newly constructed +2 Wing and the renovated AROUSE building. The occasion was graced by the presence of the Rev. Fr. Provincial, Fr. Ajit Kr. Xess, S.J., along with several Jesuit Fathers, distinguished guests, staff members, students, and well-wishers. The Chief Guest Fr. Provincial was accorded a grand welcome from the main gate and escorted with music and dancing to the residence. The day began with the offering of the Holy Eucharist, followed by the blessing

and inauguration of two plaques inscribed dates and persons – one on top at the entrance of the +2 building and the other at the main entrance of the ground floor. A beautiful programme was presented by the students with honouring and felicitating the Chief Guest, former Principals, Managing committee members.

In his homily, Fr. Provincial cited a simile of a tree how it grows big, tall looking green and healthy with leafy branches bearing abundant fruit for the people. In the same way the students planted in a school grow, gain knowledge becoming useful citizen for the nation. In the end the guests were served with a delicious meal and the students with snack packets. All went home joyfully treasuring in their hearts that one more glorious feather was added as the + 2 wing to the school. On the next day, classes for XI, the Arts Stream for now, commenced. On 4th of July, the community was delighted to welcome the Fathers from Regional Theologate, RTC Kanke, who paid us a short fraternal visit returning from Bardih Parish after showing their solidarity over there.

On the 5th of July Fr. Ajay and Fr. Sushil travelled to Ranchi for a scheduled meeting with Fr. Vernon D'Counah, S.J. On the same day, Fr. Dharamshil went to Simdega to show the bust statue of Fr. Cardon, S.J., to the Bishop. Meanwhile, the Superior remained in Ranchi for the Extended Consult.

On the 10th of July, a community meeting was held to discuss preparing for the upcoming 31st of July, the Feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola. On the 11th of July, a seminar and workshop in the school for teachers and bigger students on SIR was organized by the Diocese. The resource persons were Fr. L. D. Fonse, Sr. Lilita, DSA, and the team. On the same day, teachers' recruitment interviews for subjects of History, Biology, and Computer Science were conducted. Fr. Sushil Tirkey, Fr. Virender Xalxo, Headmaster, Parish School, and Sr. Sarita Kandulna, O.S.U., Principal, Ursuline High School, formed the interview panel. On 12th of July, Fr. Suresh went on a short home visit to fill up his SIR documents. On 13th of July a staff meeting was held to prepare for the 31st July, celebrations forming various committees for responsibilities of the teachers. On 16th of July on the occasion of the Rath Yatra holiday, several

hostel students headed for home to celebrate the festival with their families.

On 18th of July, the community was blessed to welcome a new member, Sch. Sanchilit Dungdung who will be doing his regency in the school. On 19th of July, the school served as a centre for the JSSC Examination. All the Jesuits and staff members actively participated in ensuring the smooth conduct of the examination. On 20th of July, the community began the Novena to St. Ignatius of Loyola. On the same day, the Superior started preaching the Triduum to the St. Anne's Sisters and On the 23rd July, Fr. Suresh following the good example of Fr. Superior also began preaching a Triduum to the Sisters of the Congregation of Jesus Christ.

As the month draws to a close, preparations for the 31st July are in full swing. The Jesuit community, staff, and students are enthusiastically carrying out their respective responsibilities with dedication, teamwork, and joyful spirit, ensuring that the celebration will be a meaningful and memorable occasion for all.

Sch. Pingal Bilung

ST. IGNATIUS' HIGH SCHOOL, GUMLA

On 29 June, the Jesuit community had a meeting to plan the celebration of the Feast of St. Ignatius on 31 July. Fr. Rector read the previous year's program, and the community finalized this year's schedule.

On 6 July, the community welcomed Fr. Theodore Ba'a as a new member. He has been appointed as the Spiritual Father of Apostolic School, Gumla.

From 7 to 23 July, Fr. Nelson Minj was in Ranchi for his B.Ed. Final examinations and stayed at the Prabhat Tara, Dhurwa community. On 12 July, St. Ignatius High School hosted a CRI meeting under the leadership of Fr. Augustine Kujur. Around 55 religious attended the meeting.

To prepare for the Feast of St. Ignatius Loyola, St. Ignatius' High School organized many competitions such as football, Hindi speech, English declamation, essay writing, and house-wise dance. The students took part with great enthusiasm.

The Apostolic boys also prepared the drama *Madhusala*, which was performed from 27 to 29 July. The teachers

guided and encouraged them throughout the preparation.

On 25 July, Fr. Provincial visited the Gumla Community for the Governing Body meeting. On the same day, the community had a recollection. Fr. Medard Xalxo, S.J., gave a reflection, followed by the Sacrament of Reconciliation, helping everyone prepare spiritually for the Feast of St. Ignatius.

Sch. Anil Xaxa

VIDYAJYOTI, DELHI

On July 2, we began our community orientation with the Holy Mass. During the Mass, Fr. Rector introduced the theme of the community days, “Divine Voice ‘n Digital Noise.” Throughout the orientation, the committee members helped us reflect on four important values: listening within, discerning deeply, walking together, and living authentically. Fr. Rector reminded us of the Jesuit way of proceeding and the expectations of the house. Other Jesuit priests spoke about the “Ethos and Culture of VJ – Living Our Legacy.” These sessions helped us understand the spirit, culture, and life of the Vidyajyoti community.

We also had the opportunity to listen to Dr. Sr. Patricia Michelle Mathias on the topic, “Discernment in the Age of Artificial Intelligence: A Spiritual, Ethical, and Emotional Approach.” She spoke about both the benefits and the dangers of social media. She reminded us that no seminarian is free from its influence. She also warned that the misuse of technology can slowly weaken our vocation and disturb the discipline of seminary life.

On July 6, we celebrated the inauguration of the academic year 2026–2027 with the Holy Spirit Mass, presided over by His Grace Most Rev. Anil J.T. Couto, Metropolitan Archbishop of Delhi. After the Mass, the college felicitated him on the occasion of his Episcopal Silver Jubilee. The inaugural lecture was delivered by Prof. Manoj Kumar Jha, Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha) and National Spokesperson. He encouraged us never to lose hope, even in difficult situations. He reminded us that despite fear, struggles, and uncertainty, we must continue to stand for truth and justice with hope for a better future.

On July 7, each class had its orientation, during which two professors were assigned to every class. They explained

their teaching methods, expectations, and the academic requirements for the year. On July 16, the VJ family was deeply saddened by the sudden demise of our co-worker, Mr. Cornelius Kerketta, a generous and dedicated person. Students and professors paid their respects by participating in his funeral Mass. The college also observed a one-day holiday in his memory.

On July 20, many of us joined the students’ protest at Jantar Mantar, Delhi, to express our solidarity with those who were suffering. It gave us an opportunity to experience the realities faced by many people and to stand with them.

The third-year brothers began their parish ministries on July 18, while the rest of us started the following week. On July 22, we began the Novena to St. Ignatius of Loyola. Each day’s group helped us reflect on our roots, Jesuit identity, and charism, preparing us spiritually for his feast. On July 25, we had a one-day recollection. Fr. Jimmy quoted Fr. Arturo Sosa, saying, “Conversion is a lifelong process, until we die.” He reminded us that our life is a continuous journey with the people of God.

The Feast of St. Ignatius was celebrated with great joy. Fr. Vincent D’Souza (Vicar General, Archdiocese of Delhi) presided over the Holy Mass. After the celebration, everyone was invited for a festive meal in the community. In the evening, the community gathered once again to celebrate with joy, fellowship, and a festive dinner. Although July was a busy month filled with many activities, it ended on a joyful and thankful note, which indeed helped us to receive many blessings and graces through the different spiritual activities.

Sch. Robin Minj

SACRED HEART COLLEGE, SATYA NILAYAM, CHENNAI

The month of July began on a spiritually enriching note. On 3 July, the Satya Nilayam community made a pilgrimage to St. Thomas Mount, Chennai, seeking God’s blessings and drawing inspiration from the apostolic witness of St. Thomas.

On 18 July, all the living groups visited various parishes for Faith Sharing, fostering deeper connections with the faithful and enriching their pastoral experience. Later

that evening, the community participated in the Arrupe Endowment Lecture, organized by the Satya Nilayam Research Institute. The lecture was delivered by Fr. Dr. Anthony Pathumattathil, S.J., Director of Bagaicha Social Centre. He spoke about the life, mission, and enduring legacy of Fr. Stan Swamy, SJ. He highlighted his unwavering commitment to justice and the marginalized.

From 20–21 July, the Second Year Philosophy students attended a Social Analysis Workshop. It was facilitated by Fr. Anthony Pathumattathil, S.J. During the same period, the First Year Philosophy students participated in a Critical Media Workshop. It was conducted by Mr. R. P. Amudhan. First years could learn valuable insights into media literacy and critical engagement with contemporary communication.

The community began the Novena in preparation for the Feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola on 22 July, entering into a period of prayer and spiritual reflection. On 24 and 25 July, the community had a monthly recollection. As part of the feast celebrations, the community also enjoyed sports competitions and various recreational activities. It strengthened the bonds of fraternity and community life.

Apart from these significant events, life in the Satya Nilayam community has continued to progress smoothly, with the members faithfully carrying out their academic, spiritual, and community responsibilities.

Sch. Thomas Purty

PREMAL JYOTI, AHMEDABAD

The month of July marked a vibrant beginning of ministries for the scholastics at Premal Jyoti. Each member took up responsibilities that reflected their availability and creativity in the mission:

Schs. Suleman and Pingal continued their dedicated service at the MC Sisters' hospital in Ranip, offering pastoral presence and assistance. Schs. Prabhaker and Naresh engaged in teaching at Loyola Evening School, contributing to the academic and spiritual growth of young learners. Sch. Nitish immersed himself in Campus Ministry at the college, fostering faith and companionship among students. These varied ministries enrich the

scholastics' formation, strengthening their sense of responsibility and deepening their Jesuit identity.

Meanwhile, the Premal Jyoti community entered into spiritual preparation for the feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola. Through the novena prayers, the community sought his intercession, uniting in gratitude and devotion as they journeyed together in mission.

Sch. Nitish Dungdung

VIDYANIKETAN, TRIVANDRUM

The Vidyaniketan campus came alive with joy and activity as 23 young juniors arrived to begin their formation journey. On June 27, 2026, the academic year was inaugurated with a solemn and meaningful ceremony. Fr. Sunny Thomas, S.J. (Rector, Loyola Institution, Sreekaryam) presided over the Holy Mass, joined by Fr. Sunny Jose (Rector, St. Xavier's Institutions, Thumba) and our Superior, Fr. Raj Irudaya. In his inspiring homily, Fr. Sunny Thomas set the tone for the year, reminding us of the vision, mission, and expectations of the Society of Jesus. The juniors led the choir with great enthusiasm.

After the Eucharist, a short inaugural function and orientation followed. Fr. Sunny Thomas shared words of encouragement and best wishes, while Fr. Anush D'Cunha, Dean, presented the curriculum and roadmap for the year. Later that day, we took an English proficiency test to help the faculty understand our needs and support us in improving our language skills.

On July 4, we explored Trivandrum through a "City Darshan," visiting historic churches, museums, the beach, and other landmarks. This experience enriched us and deepened our sense of belonging. During orientation week (June 27 – July 3), we also shared our family backgrounds and vocation stories. Listening to one another's blessings, challenges, and journeys inspired us to cherish and strengthen our vocation.

Regular classes began on July 6, 2026, preceded by a workshop on Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults (SCVA) conducted by Sr. Lily Pushpa, UFS. The session was informative, challenging, and deeply motivating for our Jesuit life.

Currently, the Vidyaniketan community is preparing for

the feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola. The Novena began on July 22, and our academic life is now in full swing. We, the Ranchi juniors, are healthy, active, and fully engaged in community life. Truly, this month has been a grace filled and spiritually enriching time for the Vidyaniketan family.

Sch. Anjit Xalxo

OURS IN ASSAM MISSION

ST. XAVIER'S COMMUNITY, SONABHEEL, TEZPUR

The Assam Jesuit Education Commission, alongside St. Xavier's School and College, hosted a two-day Teachers Orientation Program from 29–30 June 2026. Centred on the theme “Forming Educators for a Hope-filled Future,” the event drew 200 teachers and principals from Jesuit schools and colleges across the Assam Mission.

The inauguration took place on 29th June at 9:30 a.m. Key Jesuit leaders Fr. Thomas Barla, S.J., Delegate of the Provincial, Fr. Pradeep Kullu, S.J., Principal and PSSE, Fr. Erenius Toppo, S.J., Principal, St. Xavier's College, Fr. Edwin Ritesh Dungdung, S.J., PDD, Fr. Xaviere Lakra, S.J., Fr. Alexius Ekka, S.J., Fr. Claber Minj, S.J., Vice Principal, Fr. Ranjit Kujur, S.J., attended including the Principals of our Assam Jesuit Schools.

The keynote resource person, Fr. A. Christu Savarirajan, S.J., Principal, St. Michael's School, Patna, led intensive sessions on core Ignatian educational values. Key topics included:

- Characteristics of Jesuit Education
- The 4 Cs: Conscience, Compassion, Commitment, and Competence.
- Ignatian Pedagogical Paradigm (IPP): Learning by Reflection.
- Global Identifiers: The 10 Global Identifiers of Jesuit Education.
- Teacher & Student Care: Social-Emotional Competence (SEC) and student mentorship.

Thereafter, all the schools and colleges went for the state summer vacation from 1-31 July 2026.

Fr. Vernon D'Cunha, S.J., General Counsellor and Regional Assistant, accompanied by Fr. Ranjit Kumar Horo, S.J., from Ranchi arrived at Jesuit Bhavan, Tezpur, on 1 June. On 2 June, he met with the Jesuit communities of St. Xavier's and Balipara at St. Xavier's College, Tezpur, and on 3 June, he met Jesuits of other communities of Assam Jesuits at Jesuit Bhavan Tezpur before returning to Ranchi on 4 June and along with Fr. Thomas Barla, S.J., Fr. John B. Dungdung, S.J., Fr. Erenius Toppo, and Fr. Kamal Chandra Bage, S.J., travelled to Ranchi to attend the extended consult at Manresa House from 6–7 June 2026. Meanwhile Fr. Erenius Toppo went to Mandar to his sister's house on 8 June to celebrate “Gami Missa” (Requiem Mass) in remembrance of his brother-in-law who died on 26 May 2026.

Subsequently, with Fr. Thomas Barla, Fr. John B. Dungdung, Fr. Erenius Toppo, and Fr. Kamal Chandra Bage, returned to their respective places on 11 June 2026.

St. Xavier's College hosted a number of key events where Fr. Gabriel Soreng, S.J., the newly ordained priest officiated the thanksgiving Eucharist on 15 June 2026. Fr. Ajit Kumar Xess, S.J., Provincial and Fr. Thomas Barla, S.J., concelebrated on the altar and Fr. Brice Bilung, S.J., Superior, St. John's School Ranchi, and all Assam Jesuits participated the solemn Holy

Eucharist. After the Holy Mass Fr. Gabriel and the Jesuits, who newly joined Assam Mission, were felicitated. The Assam Jesuits were accommodated in St. Xavier's College Boys Hostel throughout the events.

St. Xavier's College community participated in the Final Profession of Fr. Rozario Mosahari, S.J., on 16 June at St. John's Parish Balipara. Fr. Erenius Toppo conducted the choir during the Holy Eucharist presided by Fr. Ajit Kumar Xess, S.J., Provincial who received the Final Vows of Fr. Razario Mosahari, S.J.

On 17 June all the community member went to participate in the inauguration and blessing of new building of Nirmala School and St. John's School Tarabari. Fr. Ajit Kumar Xess, S.J., Provincial inaugurated and blessed both the school in the presence of Fr. Thomas Barla, Fr. Xavier Lakra and other Jesuits, teachers and students.

The Assam Mission organized a solemn thanksgiving holy mass in honour of Fr. Ajit Kumar Xess, S.J., the outgoing Provincial on 18 June at St. Xavier's College community. Fr. Ajit presided over the holy Eucharist and Fr. Thomas Barla and Fr. Xavier Lakra concelebrated with him at the altar. Thereafter, each Jesuit community expressed their gratitude with word of appreciation to Fr. Ajit for his magnanimity of heart and support to all apostolic mission work in Assam Mission. All Jesuit communities presented the Assamese Gamosa, Arunai and gifts. A dinner was hosted on his honour and gratitude. Next day, Fr. Erenius Toppo, joined Jesuit Bhavan Tezpur and Fr. Ajit Kumar Xess on a trip to Arunachal Pradesh to meet Fr. Gabriel Soreng, S.J., at Bomdila Jesuit Mission Station.

St. Xavier's College Celebrates Outstanding University Results following the publication of the FYUGP 6th Semester Examination Results by Gauhati University, St. Xavier's College is celebrating the exceptional academic performance of its students.

Notably, Mary Gloria Billung achieved a prestigious top 5 university rank in BA Political Science (Major). This outstanding accomplishment has brought great joy and pride to the entire college faculty, staff, and student body.

St. Xavier's Jesuit Community Annual Retreat took place from 19 to 27 July 2026. Six Jesuits participated in the spiritual exercise. Fresh from pronouncing his final vows, Fr. Rozario Mosahari, S.J., served as the retreat preacher. Additionally, Fr. Pradeep Kullu travelled to Ranchi to visit his family, while Fr. Ranjit Kujur visited Patna to continue work on his PhD final work.

Fr. Erenius Toppo

DIGLIPUR: ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLANDS

The quiet corridors of Loyola Academy, Diglipur, burst back into life on July, 1st morning as the school officially reopened its gates following the conclusion of the annual summer vacation. Students, filled with a mix of excitement and nostalgia for the holidays, returned to the campus dressed in immaculate uniforms, ready

to embark on the new phase of the academic session. Teachers and Fr. Bipin Tirkey, the new Principal stood at the entrance to warmly welcome the students back, creating a vibrant and reassuring atmosphere on day one.

The parish community erupted in joy and spiritual fervour as they warmly welcomed their new Parish Priest, Fr. Ignatius Kujur. He arrived safely from Port Blair, escorted by Fr. Sikander Tirkey, who accompanied him to ensure a smooth transition and show solidarity in his new pastoral mission.

Upon their arrival, they were received with traditional warmth, prayers, and deep gratitude by the committee, religious sisters, and the faithful. A short welcoming ceremony was held where parishioners expressed their excitement to work under the spiritual guidance and leadership of Fr. Ignatius. The community extends its heartfelt prayers for Fr. Ignatius Kujur as he begins this new chapter of leadership, and expresses sincere thanks to Fr. Sikander Tirkey for his fraternal accompaniment and support.

A three-day solemn Novena prayer service and spiritual retreat concluded on 21 July for parishioners with deep devotion and community participation at the Catholic Church in Subashgram, Diglipur. The faithful were happy to attend the prayer service. The three-day devotional event brought together hundreds of faithful from across Diglipur and neighbouring rural zones in North Andaman to pray for peace, spiritual renewal, family well-being, and community unity. This spiritual preparation was done for the coming festivals.

On July, 26 in an extraordinary atmosphere of spiritual reflection, praise, and community bonding, parishioners gathered in full force to partake in a monumental celebration marking a "Triple Joy" event: The Parish Day, the solemn Feast of Saint Anne and Joachim, and the birthday of Fr. Ignatius. The grand occasion brought together young and old alike, highlighting the spirit of fellowship, gratitude, and devotion that unites the parish community. The grand occasion was marked by lively participation, bringing the entire parish family together in a beautiful expression of faith and unity.

Fr. Bipin Tirkey

OURS IN DIASPORA

INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE OF GESÙ

For the Gesù Community, the fourth week of June was a time of joy and blessing with the arrival of nineteen First-Year Theologians. Among them were four Scholastics from the Central Zone of India, who came to Rome to begin their theological studies at the Pontifical Gregorian University. Ananias Xess and three other Scholastics were warmly welcomed at the airport by Mathew and Nitin on 25 June.

Having successfully completed their Semester examinations, Mathew and Nitin are spending their summer break in different parts of Europe. Mathew, together with fifteen Third-Year Scholastics from the Gesù Community, went to the Holy Land to participate in the month-long Scriptural Formation Programme. The programme was designed to deepen their understanding of Sacred Scripture through the study of the archaeology, history, geography, and contemporary context of the Holy Land. The programme was directed by Miguel Ángel García, SJ, who also accompanied the participants during their annual eight-day Spiritual Exercises. The archaeological component was led by Josef Mario Briffa, SJ, archaeologist and Director of the Pontifical Biblical Institute in Jerusalem.

The pilgrimage offered a unique opportunity to study, pray, and reflect in the very land of our spiritual origins, where the mystery of salvation unfolded. Following the tradition of St. Ignatius of Loyola, the Scholastics traced the footsteps of Jesus through Jerusalem, Judea, and Galilee, allowing the Gospel narratives to come alive in their original setting. During their stay, they completed their annual eight-day Spiritual Exercises within the Old City of Jerusalem, receiving points for prayer and meditation at various Biblical sites that provided a uniquely profound context for contemplation. Visits to the Sacred Shrines and Holy Places greatly enriched their meditation on the mysteries of the Incarnation, the public ministry of Jesus, and the Paschal Mystery. The entire pilgrimage proved to be a deeply transformative spiritual and formative experience. The participants returned with renewed gratitude to the Society of Jesus

for this exceptional opportunity to deepen both their Biblical understanding and their personal relationship with the Lord.



Nitin left for the northern Italy on 22 June to engage himself in the apostolic ministry by serving at three week-long Youth Summer Camps in different regions of Italy, after which he will continue his vacation in Switzerland and Germany. Since 29 June, Ananias has been attending an intensive Italian language course at the Gesù Community in Rome, which continues throughout the month of July. Alongside his language studies, he is making the most of his time by discovering the rich spiritual, historical, and cultural heritage of the Eternal City through visits to its historic Churches, Basilicas, and monuments. He has embraced the new phase of his formation with great enthusiasm, a sincere desire to learn the Italian language, and a deep eagerness to immerse himself in both the academic and spiritual treasures that Rome offers.

COLLEGIO ROBERTO BELLARMINO

The one-month Italian language course for newcomers at Collegio Bellarmino began on 30 June. The participants were divided into two groups, beginners and slightly advanced learners, to help them gain a better grasp and understanding of the language. After the initial month of learning within the community, they will proceed to different places in Italy for more intensive language study. Meanwhile, the other members concluded the academic year in June and began leaving according to their summer vacation plans and personal commitments. Some members remained in the community to continue their personal work. Alok chose to stay at Bellarmino, dedicating his time to study and beginning work on

his thesis. On 10 July, the community shared a lunch with the collaborators. It was a meaningful occasion to express gratitude and appreciation for the generous help and support they offer, at the close of the academic year.

Pramod completed his Licentiate in Church History successfully. Before his departure to India, he visited Belgium from 20 to 24 July and stayed at the Arrupe Jesuit Community in Brussels. Since 21 July is the National Day of Belgium, he had the opportunity to take part in the day's celebrations. The events began with the Te Deum, a short and solemn religious service of thanksgiving at the Cathedral of St. Michael and St. Gudula, which remains an important expression of Belgium's national and royal traditions. The Prime Minister, Government Officials, members of the Royal family, and other Dignitaries were present for the Service. Later, at the Parc de Bruxelles, the largest free public event of the day was organized, which transformed the park into a festive gathering place, offering free games, live entertainment, food, and cultural activities etc. At 4:00 p.m., the National Military and Civil Parade took place in front of the Royal Palace, presenting historical milestones, and modern defense technology. Pramod secured a place in the front row in order to have a clearer view of the events.

On 22 July, Pramod visited the Generalate of the Ursuline Sisters at Scherpenheuvel. In the afternoon, he travelled to the nearby city of Diest, where the house of St. John Berchmans still stands intact, preserving the life and history of the Saint. It was a moving experience to be in the place of a Saint who continues to inspire Scholastics and young members of the Society of Jesus. On 23 July, he journeyed with three Ursuline Sisters to Moorslede, the birthplace of Fr. Constant Lievens, Servant of God. They were received at Roeselare by Mr. Ludo, who accompanied them to places associated with SoG Fr. Constant Lievens, including his house and St. Martin's Church, Tyne Cot Cemetery and Memorial (the largest Commonwealth War Graves Commission cemetery in the world), and the city of Ieper. The Church of Martin also houses a small museum on its left side, preserving the history and heritage of Fr. Lievens' missionary work. Pramod felt deeply grateful and inspired by the visit, strengthened by the missionary spirit of the place. He

expressed heartfelt appreciation for the hospitality of the Ursuline Sisters, with special thanks to Kanchan, O.U.S., and Mr. Ludo, who guided and accompanied him, whose contribution is immense in the preservation of the historical arts and artefacts, relics, and historical data of the missionary work of Fr. Lievens in various forms in the Museum. On 24 July, Pramod returned to Rome.

On 25 July, Alok and Pramod were invited to lunch by the Mother General of the Oblate Sisters of the Sacred Heart at Via di Boccea. Pramod's aunt had lived, served, and died in that Congregation. She is buried in Turin. The farewell lunch arranged by the Sisters, therefore, became a touching moment that renewed bonds of gratitude, affection, and missionary commitment. On 26 July, the feast of Saints Anna and Joachim, Jyoti, Alok, and Pramod joined the Sisters of St. Anne for a prayerful service and celebration at their community in Via Flaminia.

On 28 July, Ajay Arun Minj arrived in Rome and was received at the airport by Alok. On 29 July, Pramod travelled back to the Province, ready to take up his new responsibility and mission. Alok travelled to Barcelona on 30 July and then continued to Manresa, where he will make his retreat. With gratitude for the blessings of the past month and renewed hope for the mission ahead, Alok and Pramod wish each and every one a joyful Feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola.

PONTIFICAL BIBLICAL INSTITUTE

The arrival of July marked the beginning of the summer holidays, bringing a noticeable change to the rhythm of life at the Biblicum Community. The usually vibrant corridors gradually became quieter as many Jesuits departed for their summer vacations, pastoral ministries, spiritual exercises, and academic conferences.

Amid such seasonal transition, Jyoti Paul remained in Rome, dedicating himself to the completion of his dissertation. Although Rome experienced the intense heat of the summer season, the air-conditioned facilities at the Biblicum Community provided a comfortable environment that enabled him to focus on his research. Taking full advantage of a period of relative tranquillity, he devoted himself wholeheartedly to his academic work and made significant progress in the writing of his dissertation.

Despite the quieter atmosphere, July also offered moments of joy, fraternity, and community life. On 28 July, Jyoti warmly hosted the Ranchi Jesuits residing in Rome for dinner at the Biblicum Community. The gathering became even more memorable with the arrival of Ajay Arun Minj, who was visiting Rome. The evening was filled with warm conversations, shared memories, and the spirit of Jesuit companionship, providing a welcome opportunity to strengthen bonds of friendship and fraternity before the end of the summer break.

PONTIFICAL ORIENTAL INSTITUTE

Kulwant travelled to Ranchi on 5 July for his summer vacation. The following day, 6 July, he was received at Birsa Munda Airport by Fr. Kuldeep Linda. Since his arrival in Ranchi, he has been residing at Manresa House.

On 9 July, Kulwant celebrated the Holy Mass with the family of Prem at Christ Colony, Mandar, to commemorate the death anniversary of Regius Kishor Xalxo, the youngest brother of Prem. During the Eucharistic celebration, the family prayerfully remembered all their departed loved ones: Sukra Paul (father), Mary Magdali (mother), and their three sons – Rajesh Binod, Anand Prakash, and Regius Kishor. It was truly a grace-filled and prayerful occasion for everyone present.

From 11 to 14 July, Kulwant travelled to Karondabera to participate in the Special Intensive Revision (SIR), after which he returned to Ranchi. During his stay in Ranchi, he also planned to undergo a general health check-up. With the permission of the R.P. Provincial, Ajit K. Xess, he visited an oculist at Netram Eye Clinic on 23 July. Following the examination, the doctor advised him to use progressive glasses for his study and academic work. On 24 July, he also consulted a dentist for dental treatment.

On 30 July, Kulwant extended a warm and cordial welcome to his Roman colleague, Pramod Bara, who arrived in Ranchi. Together, they joyfully celebrated Inigo Day on 31 July with the Ranchi Jesuits under the theme, “Jesuit Identity: Ignatian Heritage and Jesuit Mission,” a fitting theme chosen for the 2026 Inigo Day celebration. Kulwant will continue to reside at Manresa House until the end of September. Thereafter, he will

return to Rome to resume his mission at the Pontifical Oriental Institute.

GENERAL CURIA

On 19 June, the General Curia brought its 2026 Social Year to a close with a joyful gathering of Jesuits and lay collaborators who share in the mission of assisting A.R.P.N. Superior General in the administrative service of the Society of Jesus. The event featured presentations by the various committees responsible for hospitality, Ignatian Formation, collaboration, professional development, and ecology, highlighting the many initiatives undertaken during the year.

Among the notable achievements were the successful organisation of the Annual Open Garden event, the development of a QR Code-Accessible Orientation Folder for guests of the Curia, updates on the challenging situations in countries such as Myanmar and Lebanon, and the completion of an ecological audit assessing the Curia's Carbon Footprint. The gathering also provided an opportunity to welcome new members of the Curia community and to express gratitude to those who will conclude their service and depart in the coming months.

The presentations were followed by the celebration of the Holy Mass, presided over by A.R.P.N. Superior General, Arturo Sosa. The day concluded with a festive community meal, fostering the spirit of fraternity, gratitude, and shared mission that characterises the life of the General Curia.

From 28 June to 1 July, James Hanvey, SJ, Secretary for the Service of Faith, organised a four-day International Symposium entitled “Jesuits and Judaism”. The symposium brought together nineteen scholars and experts – including Jesuits, university professors, historians, writers, and specialists in Jewish studies – from various countries and academic institutions. The participants engaged in thoughtful discussions on a wide range of contemporary and historical topics, including the history of Jewish communities in Italy, the war in Gaza and its global implications, the uses and abuses of the memory of the Shoah (Holocaust) in Israel and elsewhere, relations between the Vatican and the Jewish people before and after the Shoah,

contemporary challenges in Holocaust education, and the rise of antisemitism in different parts of the world. The participants also reflected on the future direction of the symposium and agreed to hold its next meeting in 2028.

In addition to the academic sessions, the participants met with several distinguished members of the Jewish community and renowned scholars in Rome. These included Prof. Anna Foa, historian at the University of Rome; Dr. Alejandro Dieguez, historian at the Vatican Apostolic Archives and researcher at the Cardinal Bea Centre, with particular expertise in the Jewish Catacombs of Vigna Randanini; Prof. David Meghnagi, psychologist and professor at the University of Rome; and Chief Rabbi Riccardo Di Segni of Rome.

The symposium provided a valuable forum for intellectual exchange, historical reflection, and mutual understanding. It further strengthened the long-standing commitment of the Society of Jesus to dialogue, academic collaboration, and friendship with the Jewish community, while fostering deeper reflection on issues of shared historical memory, reconciliation, and interreligious understanding.

PONTIFICAL GREGORIAN UNIVERSITY

On 2 July, Prem coordinated the concluding session of the Online Course of the Joint Diploma in Integral Ecology, held in the form of an International Conference on the theme, "Creating a People's Movement for the Care of Our Common Home." Distinguished speakers and experts on people's movements from different parts of the world reflected on the urgent responsibility of safeguarding our Common Home and fostering a culture of ecological conversion. The Resource Persons from India included Vandana Shiva (Earth University) and the acclaimed filmmaker Vinita Manda. Alok Ekka rendered generous and invaluable technical assistance, ensuring the smooth and successful conduct of the Conference.

Following the Conference, certificates of completion were issued to participants who, upon request, submitted a brief reflection highlighting the knowledge they had gained from the course and outlining the ecological initiatives they hoped to undertake in the future.

By the fourth week of July, most members of the Gregorian

Professors' Community had departed for their respective summer engagements, including vacations, pastoral ministries, conferences, academic commitments, and family visits. Consequently, all community services at the Gregorian Professors' Community remain suspended throughout the month of August. During the first week of September, the majority of the community members are expected to return to Rome to resume their academic responsibilities and community life.

Fr. Prem Xalxo

AMMAN (JORDAN)

After more than two weeks of stay, Fr. Joseph Cassar, S.J., returned from Baghdad (Iraq) on July 2. He had been there to furnish the new Jesuit house. On July 7, Fr. Magdi Nazmi, S.J., an Egyptian Jesuit, went to Jerusalem for the first time to preach the annual retreat to the Rosary Sisters, a local congregation of the Middle East. The Sisters received permission to celebrate Holy Mass at the Holy Sepulchre and concluded their retreat. During his visit, Fr. Magdi was also able to meet some members of the Jesuit community at the Pontifical Biblical Institute (PBI). Scholars from all over the world, especially from Rome, come and stay there for Bible study.

On July 31, Inigo Day became historic for the Jesuits of the Near East and Maghreb Province. The first Jordanian Jesuit, Deacon Moayad Mayah, was ordained a priest in the Byzantine rite at St. George's Greek Catholic Cathedral. The office of the bishop of this rite has been vacant for the past three years. His Beatitude Youssef Absi, Patriarch of Antioch and All the East, of Alexandria, and of Jerusalem, was invited. His headquarters are currently located in Damascus, Syria. To grace this occasion, Jesuits from Lebanon, Syria, Egypt, and Bethlehem were present. In the Byzantine rite, the first Holy Mass is celebrated together with priestly ordination. On August 1, the Jesuits-only Mass was offered by the newly ordained priest. For many Jesuits, this was their first visit to Jordan. Fr. Bimal arranged a guided trip for them to the famous Baptismal site at the Jordan River. Fr. Magdi organized a dip in the Dead Sea, followed by a sumptuous oriental dinner.

Fr. Bimal Kumar Kerketta

CARIBBEAN JESUITS-GUYANA, JAMAICA

Guyana Human Development Centre, Berbice, had a successful graduation ceremony on 4 July 2026 for the students who completed their training programmes in basic and advanced computer skills, nail care, and makeup. Fr. Amar Bage, S.J., the Director of the Centre, said that although the number of graduates was small, the feedback from the students was very positive. They not only received certificates but also enjoyed being part of the Centre and learned useful skills for life ahead. Registration is now open for the next batch.

At present, a summer camp is being conducted for the students at the Centre. Thirty-four students are participating in the programme. Two teachers are taking care of the entire programme. Fr. Amar Bage, S.J., called a meeting with the parents, students, and teachers. It was a fruitful meeting for everyone involved. The purpose of the camp is to help the students perform better in school and develop good discipline.

Ascension Church, New Amsterdam Parish, has taken a new initiative to extend its support to the Mara community, particularly in the faith formation of children and youth. Parents and some individuals have supported the programme very well, either by bringing the children from the village or by providing them with snacks after the programme.

Fr. Amar Bage, S.J., organized a Zoom meeting for his platform to evaluate the ministries of different parishes and apostolates in preparation for the upcoming sectional meeting in the Dominican Republic at the beginning of August 2026.

The Jesuits' collaborators—the Ursuline Sisters of Tildonkin Karasabai, Sr. Suchita, Sr. Judika, Sr. Deepkala, and Sr. Rashmi—organized a two-day programme for children and youth at St. Therese Church, Karasabai, where they taught prayers, the Bible, the Holy Trinity, the Eucharist, and the lives of the saints. To promote the music ministry in the Church, they also organized a three-day guitar training programme in which 21 young people actively participated.

On 18 July, the M.V. ferry sank in Guyana with 133 passengers, including the crew, on board. Many of them



died in the Atlantic Ocean. The faithful of Karasabai gathered in prayer to remember the victims of the M.V. Barima tragedy and to pray for their families.

Fr. Elias Surin, S.J., successfully completed the first year of his M.A. in Contextual Ministry at the University of the West Indies, Mona Campus, Kingston, Jamaica. His second-year classes will resume in September. During his summer vacation, he has been helping in various parishes of the Archdiocese of Kingston, making himself available for retreat guidance, counselling, confessions, and the celebration of the Holy Eucharist.

Fr. Elias Surin

CAMBODIA

From June 29 to July 4, 2026, Fr. Rajat Hassa Purti, S.J., attended the annual retreat organized for priests serving in Cambodia. The retreat was preached by His Grace Archbishop Simon Poh of the Archdiocese of Kuching, Malaysia. Through his simple yet profound reflections, drawn from his personal journey as a convert from Buddhism to Catholicism, a seminarian, a parish priest, a bishop, and now an archbishop, he inspired and spiritually renewed all the retreatants. The retreat proved to be a deeply enriching experience for Fr. Rajat, nourishing him physically, psychologically, socially, mentally, and spiritually.

Following the retreat, on July 5, 2026, Fr. Rajat shared his retreat experience with the Missionaries of Charity Sisters and Brothers serving in Cambodia.

On July 7, 2026, Fr. Manoj Kumar Ekka, S.J., returned

to Cambodia after a well-deserved, joyful, and fruitful holiday. He was warmly received at Phnom Penh International Airport by Fr. Rajat Hassa Purti, S.J., and the Jesuit community. Having travelled overnight from Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose International Airport, Kolkata, via Singapore, he arrived understandably tired after the long journey.

On July 10, 2026, Fr. Manoj and Fr. Rajat participated in the final matches and the closing ceremony of the Bishop Cup 2026. The Bishop Cup was first organized in 2010 to commemorate the tenth anniversary of Bishop Enrique Figaredo, S.J., as Bishop of the Diocese of Battambang. Since then, it has become an annual event organized by the youth. The opening match featured the team of Bishop Kike against the members of the Bishop Cup Organizing Committee.

From July 11 to 15, 2026, Fr. Oh Chan Simon, S.J., Delegate of Fr. Hwang Jeong-yeng Javier, S.J., Provincial of the South Korea Province, attended the Major Superiors' Meeting held in Kuching, Malaysia.

The Jesuit community joyfully celebrated the birthday of Fr. Rajat Hassa Purti, S.J., on July 17, 2026, with a Thanksgiving Mass followed by a festive dinner.

On July 18, 2026, Fr. Oh Chan Simon, S.J., Delegate of the South Korea Province to the Cambodia Mission, attended the First Vows ceremony of Novice Mao Seum Vianney of the Cambodia Mission at the Sacred Heart Novitiate in Quezon City, Philippines.

From July 22 to 24, 2026, Fr. Manoj Kumar Ekka, S.J., Country Director of Jesuit Service Cambodia (NGO), participated in a workshop on Asset-Based Community Development (ABCD), organized by Jesuit Mission Australia in Siem Reap for its project partners in Cambodia.

Fr. Rajat Hassa Purti

CTI PROGRAMME AT HEKIMA UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, NAIROBI, KENYA

I had the privilege of participating in the Collaborative Theology Initiative (CTI) at Hekima University College, Nairobi, Kenya, from 13 June to 11 July 2026.

The programme was organized by the Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University, California, USA. It was facilitated by Fr. Emmanuel Foro, S.J., Fr. Somy M. Mannoor, S.J., and Fr. Christopher Staab, S.J., whose expertise and guidance enriched our learning experience. The CTI network brought together eight English-speaking Jesuit theology centres from Africa and Madagascar, Asia Pacific, North America, and South Asia Conferences, creating a vibrant international community for theological formation, collaboration, and intercultural exchange.

The course titled, "History and Charisms of the First Jesuits: Discovering Our Friends and Our Friendship in the Lord," invited participants to reflect deeply on Ignatian spirituality through selected lesser-known first-person writings of St. Ignatius of Loyola and the First Companions. It helped us discover the richness of the Ignatian charism and encouraged us to participate in the ongoing work of the Holy Spirit in the mission of the Society of Jesus. The course also responded to Pope Francis' call for a theology that is synodal, contextual, global, transcapillary, intercultural, interreligious, and responsive to the needs of the Church and the world.

The three-credit course combined lectures, close and critical reading of primary texts, group discussions, written reflections, guest lectures and weekly pastoral ministry. These experiences enabled us to live more deeply the Jesuit ideal of being "Friends in the Lord on Mission."

I am sincerely grateful to DNC and JD family for this wonderful opportunity to deepen my understanding of the history, spirituality, and charism of the First Jesuits.

Dn. Sagar Xalxo

GONE BEFORE US

1. **Mr. Robert Horo** (70), uncle of Fr. Ranjit Horo, S.J. (RAN), passed away on 1 July 2026
2. **Fr. Henry D'Cruz, S.J.** (BOM) 91/72 passed away on 12 July 2026.

3. **Fr. Sebastian Kanekatil, S.J.** (PAT) 89/71 passed away on 16 July 2026.
4. **Fr. Robert Athickal, S.J.** (PAT) 73/52 passed away on 19 July 2026.
5. **Fr. Henry Barla, S.J.** (RAN) 80/60 passed away on 25 July 2026.
6. **Mrs. Romola Minj (83)** sister-in-law of Fr. Alois Beck, S.J. (RAN) passed away on 3 August 2026
7. **Fr. Hilarius Anand Tigga, S.J.** (DUM) passed away on 4 August 2026.

HEALTH BULLETIN

Dear Fathers and Brothers,

As members of one Jesuit family, let us remember in a special way our dear Fathers and Brother who are presently receiving care at the Province Infirmary, Manresa House:

1. Br. Elias Minj, S.J.
2. Fr. Dominic Topno, S.J.
3. Fr. Pratap S. Toppo, S.J.
4. Fr. Patrick Kerketta, S.J.
5. Fr. Gilbert D'Souza, S.J.
6. Fr. Benedict Kiro, S.J.
7. Fr. Clement Ekka, S.J.
8. Fr. Cyprian Ekka, S.J.
9. Fr. Xavier Kerketta, S.J.
10. Sch. Gulshan Ba'a, S.J.

We kindly request all our Jesuit companions to keep them in your daily prayers, asking the Lord to grant them strength, peace, and good health.

Whenever possible, please take some time to visit them at the infirmary. Your presence, prayers, and words of encouragement will surely bring them comfort and remind them that they are cherished members of our Jesuit family. Such gestures of solidarity beautifully express our Ignatian spirit of companionship and care for one another.

May the Lord, through the intercession of Our Lady and St. Ignatius of Loyola, bless them with healing and renewed hope.

Fr. Socius

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

AUGUST	
1	Robin Minj
2	Bhushan Kandulna
4	Suman Prabhat Toppo
5	Rajenius Barla
	Anuranjan Hassa Purty
8	John Ekka
	Pradeep Tirkey
9	Fabian Dhanwar
10	Cyprian Ekka
11	Noel Ekka
	Ashwin Ekka
12	Telesphore Lakra
13	Prem Xalxo
14	Vicky R. Soreng
15	George Kerketta
16	Florence Hassa Purty
18	Rohit Kujur
23	Irenius Beck
26	AJIT KUMAR XESS
28	Emile Dungdung
30	Jayprakash N. Kullu
31	James Peter Balmuchu
SEPTEMBER	
1	Anthres Tuti
	Rohit Toppo
2	David Minj
4	Patrick Kerketta
	Ujwal Tirkey
	Ignatius Tete
8	Ajit Saras
10	Dharmsheel Kujur
	Abhinandan Tirkey

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

Amen.