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Foreword

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*Reconciliation and Justice
Collaboration, Networking, Dialogue and Depth*

On 22 May 2018, I complete four years in the Provincial's office. I thank God personally for all His blessings on me and the whole Province during these years! I also take this opportunity to thank each Jesuit of the Province personally and every community and collaborator collectively, for their generosity, kindness and magnanimity. While the first year in the office was exploratory in some ways, the second was getting to the roots even while taking some new steps. While the third year saw some areas of consolidation, it was also an experience of attainments and challenges. The fourth year was marked by simultaneous processes of expansion, consolidation, fire-fighting and crisis-management even while engaging in some new and constructive initiatives. I am sure the fifth year will be another grace-filled period for taking God's mission forward to even greater heights.

The global context

We are having the Province Days 2018 at a time while, in the Assistancy, there are three simultaneous processes in progress:

Firstly, the process of REGAE (Restructuring for Greater Apostolic Effectiveness): As a follow up of GC36 mandate for a restructuring of our governance structures for greater apostolic effectiveness, a process has been started at the Assistancy level. The challenge now is to implement it at the Province level. The rationale for restructuring is enshrined in the Phesama Statement-2014 (JCSA, Phesama, Nagaland, 27 Oct-01 Nov 2014), that stresses on acknowledging and rediscovering, in practice, that our Jesuit vocation is to the universal Society and not a province, so that one is available for mission -- both universal and local. This implies a search for the magis of more interior freedom for greater and more universal availability, striving for renewal of our structures at the service of our mission, and reminding ourselves that we are invited to creative fidelity, leaving aside all traces of mediocrity. Restructuring also means a redrawing of boundaries for greater apostolic availability, without being unduly conditioned by the exigencies of language, culture and civil borders. It also calls for revisiting the formation programme to instil in our men a greater passion for Christ and His mission, and to become learned, and skilled in ministries, imbued with the spirit of collaboration and dialogue. Restructuring also challenges us to concretely collaborate at the inter-provincial, zonal and Assistancy levels, and thus maximizing the use of our resources. It calls for rationalizing our commissions at province, zone and Conference levels and supporting structures of collaboration with the Ignatian family of the laity and the religious, in order to promote the Ignatian charism.

Secondly, Province Strategic/Apostolic Planning: The process is in progress to make a road map of the Province for

the next 10 years, i.e. from 2018 to 2028, for the following units: Jesuit Community/Parish/Institution; Commission; and Other Ministries, such as AICUF, CLC, LNN, Marriage Encounter, etc. The apostolic strategic planning includes the mission-vision, historical background of the ministry, a profile—demographic, social, cultural, economic, educational and gender; resources in terms of personnel, infrastructure & finance; strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats; short-term and long-term initiatives; goals, objectives and strategies to accomplish them; and so on.

Thirdly, Discernment of Apostolic Preferences: In response to the call by Father General on “Discernment of Apostolic Preferences”, the entire province is involved in making a collective discernment. The Apostolic preferences are defined as a tool to organize interprovincial and global governance structures. Decree states: “These goals will serve to animate and energize the whole of our mission at global, inter-provincial, provincial and even local levels”. However, these universal preferences do not eliminate the local, provincial and regional apostolic discernment. Each universal apostolic preference has different relevance or way of realization according to the local, provincial and continental situation. At the same time, each Conference and Province identifies specific priorities, seeking to align them with the Universal apostolic preferences defined at the global level.

Fr. Kolvenbach’s letter, cited in the GC36 document makes this point amply clear when he says:

“Provinces and Conferences of Major Superiors, as an integral part of the of the Universal apostolic body, in establishing their own respective priorities (cf. CG 34, 461) they are to take into considerations the apostolic preferences voiced by the universal body. Without calling into question provincial or regional priorities, these apostolic preferences should be given special attention-privileged attention” [GC34, D21, n28; Peter-Hans Kolvenbach, 2003/01, 1 January 2003, “Our apostolic preferences”].

In view of the above, as a follow up of GC36 recommendations, Ranchi Province is discerning its universal apostolic preferences of the Society and send them to Father General by 31 July 2018. The formulation of universal apostolic preferences is intended to carry into practice the discernment of GC 36 about the mission of reconciliation and justice, establishing orientations and points of reference for the apostolic commitment of the Society at all levels during the next ten years.

Province apostolic/strategic planning and the discernment of universal apostolic preferences are two processes that should be in dialogue with each other; both processes should take GC 36 as their starting point.

The local context



The Ranchi Jesuit Society is at the crossroads! While the restructuring discourse in the Society amidst the emerging trends of a global decline in the religious vocations has become the talk of the town, the framework of the state and democracy in the context of Adivasis in India in general and in Jharkhand in particular, grips the Jesuits, even as they strive to be part of Universal Mission of the Society.

They are aware of the alarming situation and impending danger to democracy and Constitutional rights, rampant communalism, ecological degradation, anti-life and anti-people divisive processes, socio-cultural annihilation, absence of credible leadership, and so on. However, these are external threats. Among the internal threats are – consumerism, mediocrity, lack of interior freedom, availability and integrity, absence of depth in spirituality, intellectual pursuit and human relationships. Absence of rigour and MAGIS in academics and a lack of intellectual and spiritual leadership are a cause of concern.

It is in the above context that the Organizing Committee of the Ranchi Province Days 2018, has spelt out the theme, “Our Mission Today: Challenges and Response”. Our Mission Today is to work for the Kingdom of God here on earth in the context of the South-Asian Jesuit Conference in general, and the Ranchi Mission in particular, where there is Peace, Harmony, Reconciliation and Justice so that all citizens of the country, particularly the tribals, Dalits, minorities, women, children, unorganized labourers, and other marginalized sections of society, are able to live a life of dignity and self-esteem.

Interventions at the glocal level

In response to the emerging situation at the glocal (global + local) level and in the context of external and internal threats and concerns, there have been efforts to make the Jesuit life, work and governance more effective at the level of Central governance, Assistancy and Province. While discernment on Universal Apostolic Preferences is a central government initiative according to the mandate of GC36, REGAE, at the Assistancy level, is a follow-up of GC35, which was affirmed in Phesama in 2014.

At the local level, the Ranchi Jesuits are faced with a very complex situation at the moment and the Province is committed to walking with the struggling people. There are 13 Commissions actively working in the province in their own respective areas. However, what cuts across all of them is the theme of Reconciliation & Justice of which collaboration, networking, dialogue and depth are important dimensions.

Reconciliation and Justice: The local situation in the region is complex with many contradictions, controversies, tensions and tragedies. There are issues of rampant injustice, intolerance, divisiveness, and manipulations. Lust for power and money has shown its ugly face and simple common people are the casualties. Owing to the state policies, certain groups have become the victims of all forms of violence. They are grappling with the danger not only of land-alienation, joblessness and identity crisis, but of physical annihilation. The situation is much more alarming now than ever before. Efforts of polarization are being made for disunity within the Adivasi community on the basis of religion. In the Church vested interests are trying divisive mechanisms on the basis of denomination and ethnicity. Adivasis and moolvasis are torn apart on the basis of reservation. The Adivasi community used to be a force to reckon with in the past. However, the recent happenings have made it clear that they do not matter anymore in the electoral politics. Justice is a pre-requisite for peace and harmony. Reconciliation is possible only when there is an aspect of justice. Reconciliation and justice are two sides of the same coin.

Collaboration, Networking, Dialogue and Depth: The process of reconciliation of which justice is an integral part, is not without problems. It is a complex issue, which has complexities in its solution. Even if reconciliation is arrived at, it is a consequence of a long process, which requires collaboration, networking and dialogue. All these need to have certain level of depth and maturity. In fact, in order to enter into a genuine process of reconciliation, one requires openness, interior freedom and commitment to the core. While intellectual depth is necessary to have an accurate understanding and analysis of the complex problem, spiritual depth is required to experience solidarity, dedication and integrity to take God’s mission of reconciliation forward.

I am confident that in the coming months, the Ranchi Jesuits own up the call of ‘Reconciliation, Justice and Peace’ given by Father General and take some concrete steps to concretize God’s Kingdom on earth.

Introduction

Fr. Ajit Kumar Xess, SJ

It is heartening to know that we have successfully brought out the 4th consecutive edition of Ranchi Yearbook 2018. In the noisy and confused world of ours, it is not easy to put together some thoughts on a piece of paper. Writing and presentation of our thoughts essentially presuppose certain reflections and discourses. This edition, therefore, is a proof of how positively we are moving together in sharing our views and news as a family. Let us say, the year book has become a platform to share our life and its rich experiences with everyone in our family.

When we share our life experiences, we do not merely share our happiness and struggles. Instead, we teach each other the various values and approaches we have come across personally. Our individual discoveries are our own but they are certainly not useless and insignificant. Rather, they are sources of wisdom for the others as

well. In our day to day life, our words and actions carry immense significance in the beautiful atmosphere we live in. Not only do they shape our personalities but they also direct us towards our goals. Hence, when we share these truths with others, we become learning resources for the others.

As individuals we live in different contexts and areas of the earth. Our diverse surroundings definitely inculcate in us the several beauties of the universe. Hence, when we come together through this book, we initiate the process of fusing our spirits which we get in our everyday life. Undoubtedly, as the members of a great family we cannot ignore or disregard the feelings, emotions, views and thoughts of our brothers. Because, in choosing to listen to our brethren, we also choose a divine path of walking together in their moments of happiness and sorrows.



Left to Right (Joseph Marianus Kujur (Provincial), Francis Minj, Raymond Kerketta, Alexius Tirkey, Ajit Kumar Xess, Cyprian Ekka, Ajay Soreng)

This edition of year book would not have been as beautiful as it looks now without the wit and vision of our Fr. Joseph Marianus Kujur, the Provincial. He has exhausted all time at his disposal to read through all the articles personally. Surely, it is not at all an easy task to interpret the ideas and meanings of someone else's articles in such a short time. But, Fr. Provincial personally went through all the articles and made some necessary modifications to give the book the much needed standard. We will ever remain grateful to his indefatigable efforts in this regard.

Lastly, thanks to all the contributors, associates, patrons and well-wishers. The book would not have seen such wonderful edition in the absence of your orientated and dedicated guidance. All the writings and articles are work of inspiration. Let us then inspire ourselves reading and reflecting upon them. Our efforts will reap a good harvest only when the book will accomplish its well-seeded and imbedded goals – we live to care and share.

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Rengarih Parish: One Fire, Many Sparks

Fr. Francis Minj, SJ



“People are flocking to us by thousands. We should not let them go away. If we fail to go along with it, the movement will vanish.” ... “Considering that the oppression of the people is the first reason for this movement, it is of the highest importance that we go to work quickly. For our Fathers attract the people because they teach them how to defend themselves.” A small band of intrepid Jesuit missionaries took upon themselves the defence of the Adivasi (tribal/indigenous) rights as one of the first strategically discerned tasks for evangelization in Chotanagpur. And the men at the helm of the affairs were four pillars of the Ranchi Mission: Fr Sylvain Grosjean, a great visionary, planner, astute administrator and consolidator who functioned as Mission Superior; Fr Constant Lievens, the acclaimed apostle of Chotanagpur and a champion of Justice; Fr John Baptist Hoffmann, a great linguist, analyst, legal and economic luminary, and finally, Fr Louis Cardon, a great missionary, agriculturist, botanist and a noted equestrian. They all worked like sparks emanating from the same fire – zeal for souls! This article pieces together the sparks from the fire lit by Louis Cardon and his confreres in Rengarih.

Fire and Storm in Biru

If the Jesuit missionaries had fire for souls, their enemies

had equally nefarious designs to thwart the sparks of evangelization. In 1889 the zamindars (landlords) and their police hatched a conspiracy theory that the Jesuits were inciting rebellion among the Adivasis in Basia, Biru, Barway and Gumla area. An enraged Mr Renny, the acting Deputy Commissioner of Lohardaga, set out to quell the rebellion with a threat of expelling the Jesuits. Months of legal battle drained Jesuit reputation, resources and energy. But the truth was out. All unjustly incarcerated Adivasis were released. Only one thing was true: atrocities against the Adivasis had reached their zenith. There was no revolt, no Jesuit plot. The Jesuits survived the tempest.

Strategy for the New Mission

False accusations turned serendipitous for Cardon. Even before the alleged storm, scores of Adivasis traversed miles to meet him at Tetra. Although the zamindars lost the legal battle they continued harassing the Adivasis. Meanwhile, Gajrat Singh Deo, the king of Biru-Kesalpur feudatory kingdom failed to pay taxes to the colonial British Government. Consequently, the British government took back the kingdom from him and auctioned it. Sensing an opportunity, the Jesuits of Bengal Mission, headquartered at Calcutta purchased in August 1900 the three mauzas of Rengarih, Konpala and Barbera for Rs. 2000. They became landlords. Their zamindari, however, differed from those of rajahs and the Jesuit owned haciendas (estates) of the

colonial Latin America. In Rengarih, the Jesuits acted only as conduits in collecting “legally Fr Sylvain Grosjean’s letter of 3 April 1889 and 27 July 1889 to Fr Delvaux, the Provincial of Belgium. Cf. Henri Josson, *The Mission of West Bengal* trans. Lucien Clarysse (Ranchi: Catholic Press, 1993), 79-81.

Fidelis de Sa, in his masterly work, offers a detailed analysis and reflection on the accusation against the Jesuits. Cf. *Crisis in Chotanagpur* (Bangalore: A Redemptorist Publication, 1975); Peter Tete, *To Chotanagpur With Love and Service* (Ranchi: Ranchi Jesuit Society, 1991), 69.

During the British colonial period a mauza referred to an administrative unit in a revenue district.

Peter Tete, *The Kharias and the History of the Catholic Church in Biru* (Ranchi: St Albert’s College, 1990), 91.

accepted” taxes for the British Crown; in turn, the Jesuits also received the legally accepted services from the people: three days of annual free labour in ploughing, transplanting and harvesting! With that arrangement the ordinary people felt protected from the tyranny of the feudal lords and their cohorts. The tribals of Biru feudatory kingdom had not forgotten the days of terror (1889–1890) perpetrated on them by the zamindars and their cruel police. Besides their legally permitted service to the king and the landlords the Adivasis had suffered much; they lost their land, dignity, and lawsuits. In Rengarih, landlordism meant the end of exploitation of the hapless Adivasis of Chotanagpur. In what way was this arrangement a liberation for the Adivasis?

Fr Louis Cardon and his confreres seldom desired to be lords. So, their method might look a little odious or suicidal, if not criminal, because the Jesuit felt called to save souls, not to earn wealth. But Rengarih offers a curious case of combining risk and hope. As mentioned earlier, during the peak of exploitation (1888-1890) the Adivasis had expressed their desire to embrace Catholicism if that meant an end to exploitation. Was it mere desire for temporal liberation? Sure, they wanted liberation from the mysterious spirits that failed them in obtaining justice. Despite the Rajah’s treacherous moves in preventing his subjects from getting converted, scores of people dodged his hawkish eyes and met Fr Cardon. On 17 March 1901, Fr Cardon, along with Fr Britius Meuleman made a detour of the Biru kingdom. By 15 April, it became certain the Fr Louis Cardon would take charge of the Rengarih Mission. Together with Fr Joseph Van Gerven, Cardon set out for the new mission on 2 May 1901, and both were installed on 14 May 1901. They lived in a hutment under a banyan tree at Bandipahar of Konpala mauza, just a stone’s throw away from where they would reap the first vocation from the Biru kingdom

– Nicholas Kujur, who later became the first Archbishop of Ranchi. After more than a year at Bandipahar the duo relocated to Rengarih where the Parish stands now.

While at Bandipahar, Cardon also supervised the upcoming school that started for boys in 1903 run by dedicated staff and later for girls in 1908, jointly run by the Ursulines of Tildonk and the Daughters of St Anne, an indigenous Congregation of women founded in 1897, in Ranchi. Education and evangelization caught the attention of the nascent Adivasi Christian community. The Lutherans had already made their inroads in some pockets of Biru but Cardon and his confreres won most of them over to their side and expanded their work. In 1903 Samtoli and Kurdeg emerged as new mission centres. A man of manifold skills, Cardon, besides being a missionary excelled as horticulturist, botanist and herbalist and thus nurtured Rengarih for 16 years before he moved to Samtoli. He bequeathed a Jesuit residence, school, convent and a beautiful church. In the wild, he discovered a new variety of orchid called *dendrobium reginum*, for which he secured first prize and medal at the London Horticultural Show. He also discovered another orchid new to science, a *microstylis*, which is known as *microstylis cardoni* after Cardon’s name!

Peter Tete, *The Kharias and the History of the Catholic Church in Biru* (Ranchi: St Albert’s College, 1990), 94.

Brititus Meulman was born at Ghent on 1 March 1862. He joined the Society of Jesus on 23 September 1879 and arrived in India on 4 November 1886. He was Superior of the Mission before he was nominated the Archbishop of Calcutta on 21 March 1902. He went to France to recover from sickness but died on 15 July 1924 at Marseilles on his way to Belgium. Theophile Van Der Schueren, *Moral and Intellectual Uplift of the Aboriginal Races of Chotanagpur, India* (London: East and West Ltd., 1928), 14.

Expansion of Christianity in Biru

Spread of Christianity in the Biru kingdom, unlike Barway, took about three decades but in a consolidated way. People came in droves to the missionaries, the groundwork being done mostly by catechists and the Daughters of St Anne. Fr Medard Vermeire mentions that scores of villages in the feudal kingdom sought baptism. Students in both boys’ and girls’ schools grew exponentially. But the scourge of influenza hit Rengarih hard. In 1917 Rengarih had 12,238 Christians but in 1919 the number dropped to 11,852. Apostasy or apathy were not the reasons behind such a drastic decrease in number, the scourge of influenza was. Influenza and pneumonia killed almost 60,000 people in Chotanagpur. The mission lost 12000 Christians in which Rengarih had a share of 600 deaths. However, the hard labour of Cardon’s successor Fr Fredrick Ernes reaped a good harvest of 13,000 Christians.

Drought, disease and destitution forced the Adivasis to migrate to other places for livelihood. During World War I about 4000 Adivasis assisted the British army as Labour Corps in France. They returned in 1918. Rengarih also had a good share in the Labour Corps. On their return, and at the request of the British officials, the missionaries allowed them to work as forest clearers in the Andaman Islands, of course, for a good salary. But those migrating to the tea gardens of Assam suffered much at the hands of the human traffickers. Fortunately, at that time the Bengal Mission Superior had assigned Fr Stanislaus Carbery to take care of the migrant Adivasis in Assam; unfortunately, after a few years he was called back to Chotanagpur because of the growing needs in Jashpur, another princely state to the west of the Biru mission.

Cardon's successor Fr Fredrick Ernes took care of 13000 Christians. Missionary though he was, he had taught Moral Theology at St Mary's College, Kurseong, so he carefully nurtured Christian morality among his flock. His successor Leo Dejardin continued his legacy and strengthened pious organizations like Sodality and Nisha Sangat (temperance society). Number of Christians continued to grow under the pastoral leadership of Merckx brothers (Floent Merckx and Joseph Merckx) during the 1920s. The Catholic Bank and the Catholic Sabha got strengthened during this period. Besides, the first class land produced for the mission substantial income from paddy cultivation while thousands of acres of forested and hilly tracts of lands remained largely unused. Fr Anthony Suys led the community when Rengarih became part of the newly carved out diocese in 1927. Known for his prolixity, Fr Schill also worked in Rengarih at that time and held meetings on economic, social and spiritual matters with the villagers.

History was rather unfortunate in losing so many sturdy Jesuits at their young age; most of them died in their forties. But it was equally satisfying that their life taking labour seldom went in vain. In fact, a baby boy born a stone's throw away from Cardon's Bandipahar residence, joined the Society of Jesus on 27 April 1919, and later became the first Archbishop of Ranchi. On 2 February 1919, the Ursulines too had their first vocation from Biru – Elisaba (later Loyola) Kerketta. Many vocations were to follow.

Attempts at Being a Multicultural Church

The villages that sought to embrace Christianity were: Baghchatta, Barbera, Betma, Birkera, Biura (north of Kurdeg), Dhingurpani, Gulda, Jhunkachapar, Kochedega, Khamhantoli, Konbegi, Konjoba, Konoskeli, Kurumia, Lathakhamhan, Meromloya, Mundaltoli, Palemura, Pithra, Simberbera. Medard Vermeire, Biru Mission History (unpublished), 76.

Expansion became the catchword when Fr Henry Floor

came in 1935, to pastor the community of 18,244 Christians. Small church, many people; Adivasi church; what about the willing Sadans (low caste Hindus)? Indeed, in 1927 some Sadans embroiled in court cases approached the Jesuits for help to liberate themselves from the tyranny of zamindars. The Jesuits indeed helped them. However, perseverance in getting baptized and regularity in attending Mass took a backseat after the amelioration of their grievances at the law courts. One of the likely reasons, the Jesuits noticed, was the spread of Haribaba Hindu religious movement that predicted the imminent curse on the Sadans if they embraced Christianity. Hope of a cure from a curse looked unconvincing to them; fear impeded their entry into the Christian fold.

Rengarih – A Beehive of Multiple Activities

Fr Henry Gallagher during his stewardship (1936-38) rejuvenated the parish with many activities like the Catholic Sabha, Mahila Sangh (Women's Association), Marian Sodality, regular meetings of the panches (headmen) and catechists. It paved the way for his successor Henri de Jonghe, a man of short stature but big dreams and discipline. Coming from a family of brewers, he mobilized the people for religiosity and abstinence from drinks! There followed short stints of Charles Timmerman, Rev Stanislaus Tigga and Henry Floor. Besides the usual missionary routine work Rengarih had a flourishing weaving school under Henry Floor's (1946–1947) leadership. With two trainers and 15 apprentices, the school looms produced clothes for daily use like dhoti, sari, gamchha, pichhauri, towels, chadar, shirting and all that were sold out immediately after they are out of the loom. Weavers always lacked ready supply.

Fr Victor Rosner was another notable figure, writer, ornithologist, hunter and the last zamindar during the years 1950–1955. The zamindari staff operated as a unit "distinct from the parish. The Parish clerk did, however, function as the Tasildar or tax collector. A head forester with four forest guards (mohri), eight ploughmen and a supervisor made up the estate personnel." It was Rosner who handed over his authority of a landlord to the government of Bihar when landlordism was abolished in 1955. It was a good transition when the tax-collecting Jesuits became tax payers. Their importance in the Lord's vineyard, however, never diminished. By 1955 Rengarih had about 5 fledgling or full-fledged parishes in the erstwhile Biru kingdom and 5 others in the Gangpur region of Orissa that were handed over to the Society of Divine Word (SVD) in 1948.

Henri de Jonghe: Reality of a New Church (1965–1968)

A significant change occurred when Fr Henri de Jonghe led the parish during his second stint (1958 – 1969).

He decided to build a new church. Mobilizing men and money was a matter of management, he felt. Like during his earlier stint, Henri exhorted his faithful to shun drinking, save money for future and contribute to the building of the church just like he did by collecting funds from his family of brewers and friends. Foundation stone was laid in 1965 for a sober but massive structure. Br George Van Remoortere and Br Blasius Ekka, tasked to oversee the construction, used their imagination and skill in giving the church a serene look. The people on their part contributed much through labour and generosity. The October 1965 Ranchi Bulletin explains it well:

Yesterday (Oct. 12) our people, village by village, carried all the trusses for our new church from Samtoli to Rengarih (each truss in 2 sections of 36 feet plus the ties). It was a procession worth seeing! 15 to 17 pairs of men to each truss, with a relay-team following behind. Some teams came non-stop; others carried through the night (moonlit) and reached at 2 a.m. Till the end of their days they'll proudly remember it. The operation had taken their fancy; so, all men, young and old, made sure to be in it. The work at the church is proceeding well.

When all arrangements were in place, Fr Henri de Jonghe found himself in the sickbed for a fortnight at the Holy Family Hospital Mandar in seclusion and prayer – having exerted overmuch. Finally, the day came well prepared!

Assisted by Bishop Stanislaus Tigga of Raigarh and Bishop Leo Tigga, SJ of Dumka, His Grace Pius Kerketta, SJ, the Archbishop of Ranchi blessed the new church on 24 November 1968, in the presence of 12 concelebrating priests and thousands of faithful gathered to witness the ceremony that took place at the mango orchard adjacent to the church. The parish, convent and the High School hosted many important guests for the event. The felicitation programme reached its climax when 11 middle school boys representing the eminent guests and pastors emerged being carried on a boat. Fr Henri de Jonghe was a proud man today, so were his people!

Rengarih Today!

Rengarih saw many committed Jesuits like Frs Marcel Defoort and William Missiaen. Fr Luc Verstraete was the last Belgian functioning as Rengarih's pastor. Although a couple of diocesan priests like Stanislaus Tigga (later Bishop) and M. Tete also functioned as Parish Priests it was Fr Daud Kerketta followed by Albert Dungdung, Cornelius Ba'a, Alexander Beck, Vital Ekka, Christopher Dungdung, Ajay Soreng and Alois Beck have served the flock as Jesuit pastors in recent years. Since then, much has flown into that Samarsigha rivulet that borders Rengarih and Katukona. Today Fr George Soreng as pastor, assisted by Frs Anthres Dungdung, Anthres Minj and Gabriel Xess

serve a community of 12255 Catholics.

The present St Pius High School, Rengarih, started in 1958 as High School for Jesuit Brother Candidates on the parish campus in the dharam school building, was relocated to its present campus 2 Kms away on a sprawling campus. The diocese of Simdega runs the High School, Intermediate College and an English Medium School there. The Ursulines run the Middle School, High School and a dispensary. Although Rengarih can be called the mother of all parishes in Simdega, two other parishes Samtoli and Kurdeg started in 1903, at least 12 parishes are straight offshoots of Rengarih – 7 in Simdega: Samsera, Salangaposh, Tumdegi, Dhingurpani, Banabira, Kochedega and part of Karangaguri and 5 in Gangpur Mission (Orissa): Kesramal, Kusumdegi, Gaibira, Hamirpur, and Jhunmur. The parishes in Gangpur were handed over to the SVD Fathers in 1948.

Conclusion

One hundred and eighteen years have passed since the fire ignited by Lievens and carried forward by Cardon and his confreres, its sparks can be palpable. Since its inception, Rengarih saw 35 parish priests and scores of assistants and hundreds of catechists, teachers, religious women and other lay leaders. Rengarih has gifted many vocations to priestly and religious life, second only to Katkahi. Vocations include the seven Bishops. Archbishops Nicholas Kujur, SJ, and Pius Kerketta, SJ, Bishops Leo Tigga, SJ, Bishop Charles Soreng, SJ, Bishop Joseph Minj and Bishop Angelus Kujur, SJ, are to name a few. Archbishop John Barwa, SVD, though not born in Rengarih but Gaibira (Orissa), also traces his ancestry to Rengarih.

The year 2018 makes it triply important: firstly, the present gigantic church completes 50 years of its existence; at her bosom many felt God's presence, many felt called, many felt empowered. Secondly, two of the bishops from the soil are celebrating jubilee – Bishop Angelus Kujur of his 50 years in Jesuit life and Bishop Charles Soreng of his 25 years of his bishopric. Thirdly, the year 2018 marks 150 years of Jesuit presence in Chotanagpur; in 1868, Fr Augustus Stockman came to Chaibasa to test the waters for the future mission. Truly, the church standing for the last 50 years requires a facelift and the flock of Christ need to relook at the past glory and move with a future vision that promises to shape the contours of the church in Chotanagpur – so well nurtured by the indefatigable 'landlord' missionaries! Rengarih started with the assurance of protecting the land and its people. Similar issues confront us today. Does the present generation of Jesuits truly treasure the sparks ignited by those indefatigable and intrepid pioneers?

SOSO PARISH : Past and Present

Fr. Vital Ekka, SJ

Introduction

Soso was started as a Parish in 1901. When its founding Fr. died, Fr. Clement Bretaudeau SJ, a French national of the Belgian Jesuit Province, was sent from Noatoli to Soso towards the end of 1902. He continued there without break for 19 years as in charge of the (mission) district. It was a centre for receiving supplies from Ranchi to be sent to the mission stations in Barwe.

Soso Parish has 300 Catholic families and the number of Catholics is 2189. The villages which have catholic population like Charotoli, Tangertoli, Jilinga, Sakaerpur-Gamharia, Satpara, Ghatta, Lattatoli, Panari, Mokro, Chandali, Chatti are relatively far from the Parish proper. Besides its historical significance in the history of Catholic Mission in Panari-Nawagarh Pargan and Barway to the west of Ranchi, it is also a place of pilgrimage for the



Soso has a very old Church attached with Fathers' residence. The old Bungalow which served as retreat house for the catechists and teachers was demolished two years back in 2014 while the old school building has been turned into a modest hostel for boys and part of it being used by Fr. Marc De Brouwer SJ for "Gram Uthan" (skill development projects) of the Gumla-diocese. The present Primary School building built by then Parish Priest Fr. George Zwjisen SJ, in the eighties has been given a face-lift but it requires additional classrooms since there is increase in number of school children every year.

diocese of Gumla as it also used to be a retreat-centre as mentioned above.

The history of Soso Mission

Soso Mission had its ground-breaking existence since in 1889 even before Gumla, Majhatoli and other Mission Stations of Barwe region came into existence. In September 1889, Fr. Lievens was in the Panari and Nawagarh Parganas (geographical-ethnical demarcated districts), and baptized 2888 persons of the area. Again

on 3 February 1891, Fr. Lievens was in Panari (Telgaon) and Nawagarh and baptized another 1977 persons during this sojourn.

When Fr. Lievens decided to push towards the west of Ranchi, Dighia (40 KM west of Ranchi) was the first place was where he made a significant halt before proceeding farther, over-stepping Patrachauli only 20 kilometers from Ranchi. From Dighia he would head to Mandar, Lohardaga and Soso before proceeding to Barwe. The present Gumla-Chainpur Road did not exist at that time as a road.

Fr. Lievens would make a night halt at Soso before going ahead to Barwe. But, since it was a lowly hamlet of a Zamindar amidst a verdant forest infested with wild animals, he would not stay at Soso proper but proceed a little farther west to Panari on a small hill about five kilometers from Soso. There he would seek the hospitality of the Zamindar. The Zamindar was friendly and readily bestowed his hospitality. Some people, knowing that he was fighting land-cases for the tribals oppressed by the landlords, would approach him for advice, conversation and help. Sensing how promising the place would be in the future, Fr. Lievens dared request the Zamindar for a piece of land to start a small Mission Station. The Zamindar, promptly turned down the request of Fr. Lievens. This incident is narrated by Paulus Tirkey, an octogenarian of Pahar-Panari. He narrates further that at this, Fr. Lievens shook off the dust from his feet and cursed the place saying, let that piece of land have no pleasure of ever cradling a converted Christian. Paulus alludes this as a reason why reason why Pahar-Panari has never had a soul converted to Christianity even up to this day.

Though Panari village may have been accursed not having a single Christian baptized there, its neighbouring villages like Kolpara Ghatta, Satpara Ghatta and Lathatoli, do have some Christian families. At one time, these villages were totally Christian villages but due to the lack of regular pastoral care for lack of missionaries, the majority slowly fell back to their Sarna religion. This is evident from the letter of Fr. Lievens to the Provincial of Belgium which he wrote on 12 December 1888.

“At least half of our Christians and Catechumens have

never seen a missionary, and they will never see one, for we do not visit them. We are not sufficient for so many people; we cannot even give them a chapel or a permanent catechist. We are too poor. There is no need to give the names of neglected villages which are again becoming pagan, or that have already apostatized and will unavoidably fall away. None of us can, however, work more than he does; we are overwhelmed and are busy night and day. This year we need a great quantity of men and money in order to win the people of Chota Nagpur. The movement is going on, but how long will it last? On the other hand, if we carry on our work energetically, we can exert an influence and give a drive not only in Chota Nagpur, but also to a great extent in Central India, which in a few years could count thousands of good Christians. It is therefore necessary that we combine our energies and give more men to Chota Nagpur, many men, as many as possible, in order to open a high school for our people, and in order to increase the number of our mission stations.”

(cf. Lucien Clarysse, S.J., Fr. Constant Lievens, S.J., pp 270-271).

Plan of a new church in Soso:



The church is like a heritage building, always reminding us of the Jesuit legacy. However, we have not been able to renovate it due to shortage of funds. The original plan was to renovate the church to help renewal and deepening of the faith of the parishioners and of all the faithful of the region as Soso is also a centre for retreat and pilgrimage. However, Soso is going for a new church building and the old church will remain a heritage for the multi-purpose use of the school and parish.

HERMAN RASSCHAERT: Towards Church Honour

Fr. Cyprian Ekka, SJ



Having received the approval of His Lordship Vincent Barwa, DD, Bishop of Simdega, with the consent of the Province Consultors given at the meeting of 19 July, 2017, Fr. Kulwant Minj, SJ, was appointed as Postulator for the cause of canonization of Rev. Fr. Herman Rasschaert, SJ, on 15 August 2017, before the Curia of the Diocese of Simdega with the authority and faculties granted by the Church's common law for the exercise of this position including the authority to administer the temporal goods pertaining to the postulancy in accord with the norms from the Holy See and the particular norms of our religious community. He was granted the faculty to appoint, with Provincial's consent, one or more vice postulators to assist him in the promotion of the cause. The postulator was also given the charge to promote the knowledge and devotion of Rev. Fr. Herman Rasschaert within our religious family and among the faithful at large.

Fr. Aurel Brys, SJ, was appointed as Vice-Postulator to assist Rev. Fr. Kulwant Minj, SJ, the Postulator for the cause of canonization of Rev. Fr. Herman Rasschaert, SJ.

The Provincial, Fr. Joseph Marianus Kujur, on 15 August 2017, wrote to Bishop Vincent Barwa, in accordance with Normaeservandae, 5a, to kindly request him to give an initiation to the process of the cause of Beatification and Canonization of Rev. Herman Rasschaert, SJ, a Belgian Jesuit, who was martyred for his faith in Jesus Christ on 24 March 1964 in Gerda. The place of martyrdom falls under the canonical jurisdiction of Simdega Diocese.

His reputation of sanctity (famamsanctitatis) arising out of his martyrdom has steadily grown, and continues to grow and inspire people to remain firm in their faith in Jesus Christ and to work for peace, justice and social harmony. After long prayerful discernment and deliberations with fellow Jesuits, priests, religious and people of all faith, the Provincial affirmed that his eventual beatification would be a blessing to the local Church as well as to the universal Church.

Ranchi Jesuit Society also assured His Lordship that all the basic requirements to initiate the process of Beatification and Canonization would be taken care of by Jesuits in collaboration with priests, religious and people of all faith. They all sought his paternal blessing for the cause of Beatification and Canonization.

In his letter dtd 21 August 2017, the Provincial attached three letters to His Lordship from his office for the latter's perusal for the cause of Canonization of Fr. Herman Rasschaert, SJ, namely: (1) Petition by the Postulator to Open a Diocesan Inquiry, (2) Publication of the Postulator's Petition by the Bishop, (3) An Overview of the Procedures for the causes of Sainthood. The Provincial also requested His Lordship, as the first step, to kindly publish the petition to open a Diocesan Inquiry as requested by Fr. Kulwant Minj, SJ, for the publication of the Postulator's Petition by the Bishop.

His Lordship has enthusiastically initiated the process on his part, so that the matter is expedited.

Recalling the Sacrifice of Fr. James Kottayil

Fr. K.C. Philip, SJ

Nawatanr: In the early morning on the 14th news reached Archbishop's House and Manresa House that Fr. James Kottayil had been assaulted the previous night (that means on the 13th night) in his own parish bungalow and been brought to Mandar: blood donors were needed immediately.



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Fr. Jacques took some seminarians and scholastics to Mandar and the reaction of Fr. James to the transfusion was satisfactory; fresh hope dawned. Fr. De Munter had anointed him, during the night as soon as Fr was brought in and a first blood donor for immediate transfusion was the Gabriel Brother who had brought him. Sister-Doctor and nurses worked during the rest of the night clearing the lungs from the flow of blood, helping him to be X-rayed, bandaging wounds, etc. On Sunday however his condition grew worse. Fr. Provincial still saw him in the morning, and James recognized him and thanked him. At 7 pm death came to Fr. Kottayil and after the inevitable post mortem he was interred at Mandar on Monday afternoon. Fr Provincial said the funeral Mass and His Grace gave Absolution and officiated at the grave. Many parishioners of Nawatanr came and accompanied the procession to the cemetery, in spite of heavy rain.

Fr. James hailed from Kerala. He joined the novitiate at Sitagarha in 1936 and kept veneration for his Master the late Fr. G. Turkenburg. He was ordained a priest at Kurseong in 1948 and served in the mission fields of Biru and Jashpur as assistant and as Fr. in charge. For a time he was Minister of St. Mary's High School, Samtoli. What

must have struck many was his sense of duty, especially when there was a question of organizing cooperatives or getting the banks on a sound footing in parish circles; also certainly his interest in the Sodalities of the Blessed Virgin. Not very long ago he went to Bombay, deputed by his Superiors, to assist at the Sodality Seminar.

The Catholic Leaders of the place (Nawatanr) came together and decided they would hold a condolence meeting on Sunday July 30 and erect a memorial slab. R. I. P. ("News about the attack on Fr. James Kottayil, SJ," Ranchi bulletin, July 1967, page 2)

A.M.D.G.

The Ranchi Jesuit Society gratefully and lovingly recalls the supreme sacrifice of Fr. James Kattayil, SJ, for the empowerment of the Adivasis/tribals through education, development and by catering to their pastoral and spiritual needs.

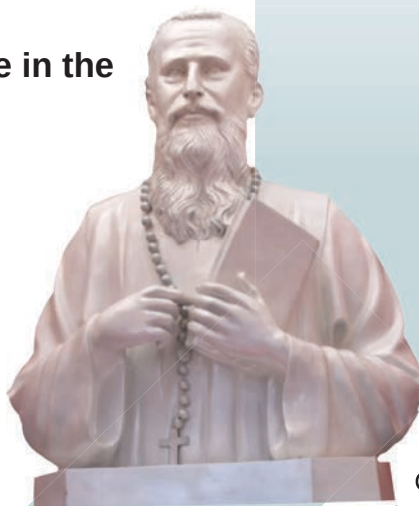
The Ranchi Jesuits thank the family & friends of Fr. James Kattayil, SJ, for giving such a wonderful and zealous missionary on fire, to the Ranchi Province, primarily for the Adivasi/tribal people of Chotanagpur.

Homecoming of Baba Bulcke

Fr. Ajay Soreng, SJ

Information about Dr. Fr. Camil Bulcke in the Cemetery Record

Name: Fr.	: Christisen Bulcke
Serial No.	: 301
Grave Plot No.	: 56
Grave No.	: 35
Date of Death	: 17th August 1982
Date of Burial	: 19th August 1982
Christian Name	: Christisen
Surname	: Bulcke
Religious Denomination	: Roman Catholic
Profession	: Priest
Cause of Death	: Heart Attack
Buried by	: No name mentioned



5 March
2018,

Saint Nicholson
Cemetery, Kashmiri

Gate, Delhi: The exhumation of the mortal remains of Fr. Camil Bulcke at Saint Nicholson Cemetery, Kashmiri Gate, Delhi, was very successful. The process of exhumation started with blessing of the grave and a prayer conducted by Fr. Milianus Beck, SJ, a professor at Vidya Jyoti College of Theology, who belongs to the Ranchi Jesuit Province. Fr. Sebastian Jeerakassery, SJ, Provincial of Delhi Province, initiated the digging of the grave and the grave diggers continued the process. By 12 noon all mortal remains of Baba Bulcke were recovered.

The plan to bring the mortal remains of Baba Camil Bulcke was in discussion in the last two years. Bulcke was buried at Saint Nicholson Cemetery, Kashmiri Gate, in Delhi, after his death at AIIMS on 17 August 1982. At that point in time, his mortal body could not be transported due to some practical problems. However, a devotee of Fr. Bulcke had predicted at the time of his burial in Delhi, "There will be a time in the future when Baba's mortal remains will be taken to Ranchi." More than 35 years after his death, the dream of bringing Bulcke to where he belongs, was fulfilled.

Fr. Ranjit Tigga, SJ, HOD, Tribal Studies, Indian Social Institute, New Delhi, was the architect in facilitating the exhumation of Bulcke's mortal remains and for transportation them to Ranchi.

On arrival at Birsa Munda Airport by Air India 417 on 13 March 2018, Joseph Marianus Kujur, SJ, Provincial, Ranchi Jesuit Society received Bulcke's mortal remains along with Ajit Xess, Alex Ekka, Nicholas Tete and Members of Jesuit Alumni from Fr. Tigga. The caravan from the airport



At Ranchi Airport



In Procession



In Manresa House

including the Provincial and Fr. Ajit Xess, Principal, St. Xavier's School Doranda, Fr. Alex Ekka, Director, XISS, and two bus-loads of students from St. Xavier's School Doranda, and Old Xaverians, proceeded to Manresa House, Ranchi, Which is the Mother House of the Ranchi Jesuits. This is the community where Fr. Bulcke lived and worked for many years before being shifted to AIIMS for his treatment.

As the caravan reached St. John's School on Karbala Tank Road, the students and teachers paid their respects to Baba Bulcke. At Manresa House, there was a brief programme for paying homage to Baba Bulcke after which the mortal remains were kept in Manresa House chapel.

The next day at 10.30 am, on 14 March, the Mortal remains of Fr Camil Bulcke were solemnly and prayerfully reposed in the beautifully made shrine at St. Xavier's College, Ranchi, in a function attended by intelligentsia, his devotee students, College faculty, Fathers and Sisters of different institutions. Among the dignitaries were His Eminence Cardinal Telesphore P. Toppo, DD, Fr Vernon D'Cunha, SJ, Regional Assistant of South Asia, Rome, Professors from Delhi, Allahabad, and Ranchi Universities.



The Future of Ranchi Province

Formation commission aims to give a holistic formation to our young men in formation right from the early stages of their formation. We also keep in mind the spirit of the expansion and consolidation of Ranchi mission and the mission of the Society of Jesus as well. Therefore our scholastics are given different opportunities of training and experiences at different stages of formation in order to inculcate in their minds and hearts a love for Christ and His mission all over the world. We have our own Pre-Novitiate and Novitiate. After the first vows scholastics are sent for the next stage of formation to different places.

Stages of formation	Place	Total number
Novitiate	Namkum	26 (1st yr-11, 2nd yr-15)
	St. Stanislaus' College Hazaribag	3 (1st yr)
Juniorate	Vidyaniketan, Trivandrum	6
	Dhyan Ashram, Kolkata	6
	Gyanoday, Patna	5
College	Andhra Loyola College, Vijayawada	3 (3rd yr)
	St. Joseph's College, Trichy	9 (1st yr-4, 2nd yr-2, 3rd yr-3)
	St. Xavier' College, Ranchi	22 (1st yr-8, 2nd yr-8, 3rd yr-6)
	St. Paul's College, Ranchi	3 (1st yr-1, 2nd yr-2)
	M.Sc. Loyola College, Chennai	1 (1st yr)
Philosophy	JDV Pune	9 (1st yr-3, 2nd yr-6)
	Satya Nilayam, Chennai	9 (1st yr-3, 2nd yr-6)
	Germony	2 (1st yr)
Regency	Ranchi	10 (b.B.Ph-1, 3rd yr-2, 2nd yr-3, 1st yr-4)
	Assam	2 (1st yr-1, 2nd yr-1)
	Cambodia	1 (2nd yr)
Theology	RTC, Ranchi	6 (1st yr)
	VJ, Delhi	5 (2nd yr-1, 3rd yr-4)
	Spain	2 (3rd yr)
	Rome	2 (3rd yr)
	France	3 (1st yr-2, French Language -1)
TOTAL		135

Scholastic get-together-cum-Mission Experience in Assam from 14-20 May 2017

Last year we had our scholastics get-together in Assam. Scholastics were very much impressed seeing the response of our own people and the marvelous works of our own brothers in Assam. It was really an eye opening experience for them. They are now very much aware of Ranchi mission in Assam.



Jeevan Deep, Pre-Novitiate Namkum

Jeevan Deep Pre-Novitiate is now shifted from St. Michael's Khunti to ATC Namkum. Before it was shifted, the pre-novitiate was renovated. Right now everything is in order. There are 24 pre-novices and two staff -- Fr. Suman Beck, SJ, is the Director and Sch. Alok Toppo, SJ, is the assistant Director, Fr. K.C. Philip, SJ, and Fr. Amar Beck, SJ, help us occasionally. Pre-novitiate and ATC community live together.

In the pre-novitiate we try to give the pre-novices a good foundation in English language, spirituality, character building, etc. We also help them to know well and strengthen their vocation, experience religious life, and know about the Society of Jesus and its mission. We offer them facilities to learn music, work, games, etc.

St. Aloysius' Minor Seminary, Ranchi

St. Aloysius' Minor Seminary, Ranchi is a Jesuit Candidate House of Ranchi Jesuit Society (RJS). It was established in 1903 in view of catering to the tribal aspirants who would be joining the Ranchi Jesuits. At present there are 103 candidates. In the first year the number is 62 and in the second 41. All of them are pursuing their Intermediate studies from St. John's Inter College, Ranchi.



The objective of Minor Seminary is to give a strong spiritual and intellectual foundation to the candidates. Hence, there are several spiritual activities together with intellectual and physical inputs for the growth of the candidates. Morning prayer, meditation, Holy Eucharist, rosary, Holy Hour, spiritual reading, confession, visit to the Holy Sacrament, reading practice for Holy Mass as well as evening prayer, prayer before meals, regular spiritual conversation with the directors periodically, etc. are some of the activities of Minor Seminary.

The summer course (vocation camp) was conducted from 18 April to 10 May 2017. There were 121 participants in the camp. Among them 65 were selected of whom only 62 turned up for Minor Seminary. Some of the candidates were sent to other provinces.

In the month of June the second year candidates had

prayer recitation individually in front of the group so as to have the knowledge of prayers and have confidence to lead the prayers wherever required. The second programme for them in the same month was speech recitation delivered by some of the renowned speakers of the world.

The candidates took part in the Karam dance completion organized by St. Xavier's college cultural wing. Though they did not win the prize, they won the heart of the spectators.

In view of giving exposure to the candidates, a pilgrimage to the shrine of Our Lady in Ulhatu parish, the Minor Basilica, was organized in the month of August. The candidates took part in the ordination of Fr. Rajesh Sandil, SJ, in Bundu parish, on 7 January 2018. This was also to let them know about the beauty of the religious life and

vocation and its challenges. The picnic to Dasham Fall was organized on 21 January 2018 to have the 'we feeling' among themselves in the group to grow in fellowship, companionship and solidarity with one another in the Society of Jesus.



Apostolic School Gumla

The apostolic school is a vocation centre. We get vocations mostly from the apostolic school. Very few vocations to the Society for Ranchi Province are from other schools and hostels. In the apostolic school boys are admitted in the 7th class after an interview and a written test. After 10th standard summer course is conducted for one month and boys are selected for Minor Seminary. While in Minor Seminary boys pursue

their Intermediate education. Thereafter, they are promoted to pre-novitiate.

The Apostolic school Gumla, was started in June 1955. It is the formation centre for Priesthood and Brotherhood at an initial stage. The boys who aspire to be religious priests and Brothers stay here for four years from class VII to X.

The boys are encouraged and motivated to join for religious life either as priests or Brothers. It is to nurture vocation. The boys are trained in the life-style and ministry of the religious. The apostolic school is meant for the discernment of vocation.

Important activities of Apostolic Schools

It was felt by the authorities that the candidates coming from our schools cannot follow classes in English. Therefore, directions were given for a good foundation for English already in the apostolic school.

In order to achieve this we have extra English coaching classes by our scholastics during holidays and by resident staff regularly throughout the year.

English is important to their studies in the Society, but for their apostolic life among common people, the language and culture of the place, too, is important. Therefore, we have Sunday Masse in Kurukh and some inputs are given on tribal culture.

Spiritual formation is the prime concern where the students are introduced to the taste and habit of prayer in their early stage of training. They learn to pray individually so also in the group. They begin the day with the morning Prayer and end the day with evening prayer. Eucharist is the centre of Christian life. Therefore, to make it more meaningful boys are given various opportunities to take part in the preparation of the liturgy. The choir selects the proper hymns according to the theme of the day's readings.

During the day, boys visit the Blessed Sacrament twice in the chapel. Every day they recite rosary in honour of our Lady. In view of preparation for the Mass, boys spend 15-20 minutes in meditation. Monthly confession and recollection are regularly arranged for them. Every year the annual retreat is also arranged.

For intellectual formation, the students have to study hard till they reach their final stage of formation. Thus, they are given ample opportunities and facilities for their intellectual growth. They undergo courses, such as languages, religion, social science, natural science and mathematics. Quiz, drama, elocution and debates are also arranged regularly.

Character formation is another important area. Students are helped to grow in maturity and understanding. They are given responsible tasks according to their ability. They are corrected, encouraged, and guided as and when required. A strict discipline is a must in every sphere of life in the apostolic school.

“**Y**esu bulaa rahaa, Tera naam lekar bulaa rahaa,” was the entrance hymn with which the Holy Eucharist began of the First Vows of the approved novices at Ashirvad-Jharna, Namkum, at 5.00 pm, on 21 June 2017. Fr. Provincial Joseph Marianus Kujur, SJ, officiated at the Mass. There were a good number of Jesuit Fathers and Brothers numbering around over a hundred from around Ranchi town and its suburbs. The Religious Sisters and Candidates were close to 60 from around Namkum area as well as the local faithful.

As in the Old and New Testaments Fr. Abraham, in the New Testament St. Paul, and in the Society Fr. Ignatius and other saints, whom God called in a special way and in a particular context for a specific purpose and as these men responded promptly and wholeheartedly, in our context today we also have to sacrifice greatly and leave behind plenty. Are we ready for that? We have to have a way forward being open fully to receive fully; to give up to get plenty increasing our knowledge power to be effective; putting constant efforts for being skillful in whatever field possible; converting our ideas for liberation and being innovative all the time; being pursuer of integrity with a sense of team work and moving together as companions of Jesus.



The following approved novices took their first vows on 21 June 2017:

1. Bara Arpan	7. Kerketta Sukesh	13. Lakra Wilson
2. Barla Arvind	8. Kindo Ravi Sushil	14. Minj Erencius
3. Beck Ireneus	9. Kujur Hemant	15. Minj Praveen
4. Ekka Ravindra	10. Kujur Rohit R.	16. Minj Rajen
5. Hemrom Mouris	11. Kullu Praveen	17. John Fisher Osga
6. Kerketta Sameer	12. Lakra Wilson	18. Soreng Sumit

After the Holy Eucharist they were felicitated by those present and with a good dinner the ceremony was concluded. The Novice Master Raymond Kerketta, Socius Fr. Ferdinand Kullu, Fr, Superior Fr. KC Philip, and Minister Brother James Barla had arranged everything to its detail and all went off well and the guests were fully satisfied and edified.

God has blessed Ranchi Province with five priestly ordinations in the year 2017-18. Four of them have been ordained already and the fifth one is going to be ordained on 20 May 2018. By the time The Province Year Book 2018 is released, Deacon Deonis Ekka will be at the altar of God offering Mass for all of us.



Deacon Rajesh Sandil, SJ, was ordained priest by his Lordship Binay Kandulna, DD, Bishop of Khunti Diocese, on 7 January 2018 at St. Xavier's High School, Bundu. His motto was "You did not choose me, but I chose you" (Jn 15: 16). The bishop's homily centred on the theme of the Lord Jesus appointing priests to make people holy. There were 78 priests, 5 Religious Brothers, 3 Deacons and 43 Religious Sisters, who participated in the ceremony. The total number of the faithful attending the ordination was around 2000.

Deacon Pradeep Soreng, SJ, was ordained priest by his Lordship Vincent Barwa, DD, Bishop of Simdega Diocese, on 15 January 2018 at Jampani Parish. His motto was "You are precious in my eyes" (Is.43,4). There were 78 priests, a good number of Scholastics and Religious Brothers, about 21 Sisters and some 2000 faithful present in the ceremony. The theme of the homily was "All Religious are called to unite others."



Deacon John Jyoti Kujur, SJ, was ordained priest by His Lordship Anand Jojo, DD, Bishop of Hazaribag Diocese, on 21 January 2018 at Rengarih Parish. His homily centred on the theme that a priest is to be a teacher, preacher and shepherd to his people. There were 78 priests, a good number of Jesuits Fathers, Brother and Scholastics, some 40 Sisters and about 4000 faithful participated in the ceremony.

Deacon Bipin Lugun, SJ, was ordained priest by his Lordship Vincent Barwa, DD, on 28 January 2018 at Padripani Parish, under Simdega Diocese. His motto was "Abide in my love" (Jn15, 9). He is the first Jesuit from this new Pandripani parish. A good number of Jesuits, Fathers, Religious Brothers and Scholastics and some 2000 faithful took part in the ordination ceremony.



5. Deacon Deonis Ekka, SJ, will be ordained priest in the Holy Family Church, Rajawal, on 20 May 2018, by His Lordship Paul Lakra, DD, Bishop of Gumla. His motto is, "You live in me and I in you" (Jn 15:4).



Our life in Munich began on 18 October 2016, as we landed at the Munich Airport. We were very privileged to get an opportunity to attend the Scholastic Get-together (Germany, Austria, Switzerland Provinces) in Switzerland, within the very first week after our arrival. It was a good start and wonderful introduction to the culture and language of these three countries.

On 3 November we started our language-course, which would last for one year. Apart from the hectic language classes, we also had some jolly and fantastic moments with our Jesuit companions. Community Holidays in Lisbon (Portugal), Community Weekends in the mountainous regions of Bavaria or grill-party in summer, to name a few, were the moments which rejuvenated us to march ahead, in spite of all the challenges and difficulties. During the year we also took part in the Province and Scholastic Gathering of the would-be one Province (Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Hungary and Lithuania). These were the occasions, when we experienced the universality of the Society of Jesus.

Of course, it was not easy to enter into a new culture. For both of us, it was difficult to accept straightforwardness. "You have done it, and you are responsible for it, not I." Hearing such statement of straightforwardness was not

a cup of tea in the beginning. But the intention behind it was always to help us directly. Now we are used to it. The community life is taken very seriously. Opinion of every member is respected irrespective of assigned responsibilities. Communication and expressing oneself are very important. Apart from learning language, we are learning the way of life: A culture of asking and answering. One learns here to generate ideas and defend his ideas the best way he can with facts and reasons. Time management is another area, where we struggled at the beginning. In Germany valuing time (punctuality) is equal to valuing life and vice-versa and it is an indicator of a person's reliability.

At present we are busy with our philosophical studies, which we began on 16 October 2017. From then on, our



life has taken a new direction. The struggle has doubled. But with the help of our Jesuit companions things are getting better. We get genuine feedbacks time and again. We are getting new perspectives to see the society we live in. That helps us now to see our Tribal society and our country from a different viewpoint. We are very hopeful and are trying our best to make use of the opportunities given to us.

Dankeschön!

Musings from Madrid (Spain)

Schs. Anuj Minj & James Balmuchu

With the provincial's dream and in conformity with the vision of the Society, both of us (Anuj and James) got an opportunity for the first cycle of our theological studies in the Pontifical University of Madrid.

The Pontifical University, Comillas, founded in 1890, is one of the most prestigious private Jesuit universities in Spain. Originally located in the town of Comillas in northern Spain, the university moved to Madrid in 1960 and expanded its fields of study to include a broader range of students providing them a rich experience with diversity.

During the summer holiday we engaged ourselves with the youth accompanying them in their spiritual journey. Both of us are also engaged in Fe y Luz, a group of differently able people and also those who are engaged with these people. The main aim of this group is to find Jesus Christ as the manifestation of God in the form of these people. Our Ignatian Spirituality very much reflects in all activities of this group, "finding God in everything". This shows that Christian hope blooms as a transformational factor in the world as a result of the experience of faith.

Our visit to Paris and Rome during the Christmas and New Year holidays was delightful. Meeting all our provincemen over there and sharing life with them was not less

than visiting our own families.

Now, in the Second year, we have already started our TIEMPO ARRUEPE which we generally know as POP in India. The Spanish Province has its own way of doing this



since it is done throughout the year, there are weekends specially dedicated for this. We spend time trying to read some documents related to the Priesthood and we have ample time for sharing and discussion. This year we are 12 Jesuits from six countries.



In Rome



In Paris

With great zeal and excitement, the eleven tertians -- Andrew Downing (USA), Elias Surin (India), Gabriel Khairallah (Lebanon), Jean Claude (Madagascar), Michel Lessard (Canada), Niccolo Steiner (Germany), Oleksii Bredeliev (Ukraine), Pavol Trgo (Slovakia), Peter Paul Musekiwa (Zimbabwe), Sanjeeva Fernando (Sri Lanka) and Zong Jiang (China), along with our tertian instructors -- Fr. Jan Van De Poll, SJ (Netherlands) and Fr. Paul Pace, SJ (Malta), started our school of heart for nine months on 19 September 2017, in Cardoner House, European Tertianship, Manresa Jesuit Centre of Spirituality, Dublin, Ireland. Fr. Michael Drenan, SJ, the son of the soil, the Rector of the Community, always inspired us by his committed Jesuit life. Thanks to our tertian instructors who treated us like their younger Brothers with great care and concern and helped us to create a very conducive atmosphere for the school of heart. We cherished a lovely Jesuit community life.



The sapience study of the Constitution of the Society of Jesus, the General Congregations' Documents, the lectures on various topics and the great one month long Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius made us realize that every tertian group restores the Society of Jesus. We entered into the process of self-awareness of a mature relationship with God, with life and growth in freedom. Indeed, it became for us the life changing event. We were deeply rooted and grounded in faith and have great love for the Society of Jesus. Our presentations on Jesuits and Mission from Africa, South Asia, Latin America, USA, Europe, Asia Pacific and Oceania were very informative, inspiring and challenging. The great retreat became the milestone in our life. The personal encounter with Jesus Christ enabled us to overcome all our fears, hesitations and doubts to follow him and share his mission.



The School of the Heart: 'Founding of the Society'

Fr. Ignatius Tete, SJ

On 14 June 2017, seventeen tertians from 11 Provinces with seven cultural backgrounds stepped into the Tertianship at Sitagarha. Their number matched with the last two digits of the year. This was interpreted as God's special gift for this particular year. Therefore they were received as such by the two Tertian Instructors, Fr. K.C. Stephen and Fr. Ignatius Tete with a deep sense of joy as well as responsibility for further enhancing the gifts.

Three sets of three events, activities and observations respectively characterize the Tertianship 2017, at Sitagarha. These three sets are well intertwined. The events initiate activities and activities in turn bear fruits which are observable. The first event initiates the preparatory phase, while the second event leads into the central phase, the Divine Encounter and the third one concludes not only the third phase known as 'Integration' but the whole programme of the School of the Heart.

Among the first set of three events the first event was the inauguration of Tertianship held on 15 June, the day after the arrival of the tertians. What was special about the inauguration was that it was held in the Juniorate wing and that it was the first time any Provincial was present for the occasion to deliver a key note address. Fr. Santosh Minj, the Provincial of Hazaribag Province, welcomed the tertians and tertian instructors to do tertianship in the Juniorate wing for two successive years while the new tertianship building would be coming up. While highlighting the theme of the year, 'Rowing into the Deep' he urged the tertians to do Tertianship in all earnestness amidst inconveniences of the new place underlining its unique importance in the life of a Jesuit. He also added that their inconveniences would bear good fruit for their successors.

With the inauguration done, there began a series of activities of the preparatory phase. After a due consideration of the document on Tertianship written by Late Fr. Peter Hans Kolvenbach, sapiential readings of the Autobiography, the Letters, the Spiritual Diary and the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius were of prime importance. The Autobiography which is a personal account of how God guided St. Ignatius after his

conversion is the foundation for the other primary sources. Highlighting its importance Jerome Nadal has said that this would be of 'greatest utility to the Society' and that 'this was truly to found the Society'. Naturally then with the study of the Autobiography there began the 'founding of the Society' anew in the hearts of the tertians in the light of each one's personal graced history. The preparatory phase was concluded with the novena to and the feast of St. Ignatius.

The second significant event was our pilgrimage to Dhori Mata in preparation for the spiritual pilgrimage of the Long Retreat. It was done in the real spirit of St. Ignatius who made a vigil at our Lady of Aranzazu and again a night long vigil at Our Lady of Montserrat in preparation for his pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Many shared that the intercession of Mother Mary was powerfully felt during the Long Retreat. The Long Retreat definitely further deepened the 'founding of the Society' with its purgative, illuminative and unitive phases. Fr. General's letter, 'Our Life is Mission and Mission is Our Life' and the document of JCSA on the Indian situation were also well integrated in the Long Retreat. As usual the Long Retreat was a unique transformative experience for all the tertians. The Long Retreat was followed by another unique experience of Ignatian retreat guidance wherein their long retreat graces and experiences were further deepened and confirmed. Retreat guidance was followed by an exposure to the poor and the marginalized. Thereafter they returned to Sitagarha full of joy for the third phase – Integration through the study of the Constitutions.

In this third phase together with the study of the Constitutions a group of five tertians prepared a video on the Indian heritage and the current situation. It was presented to all the formees of 12 Formation Houses situated in the SCC campus as well as to the Religious of Hazaribag town. Each video show was followed by a fruitful discussion of one hour. Through this video watching and sharing the participants were inspired to imbibe and promote constitutional values to counteract the current growing explosive Indian situation.

During this phase Fr. George Pattery, SJ, the POSA made his visitation of Sitagarha. In his 'Memoriale' he has made

three observations: transforming retreat experiences, renewed companionship and the urgent need to adopt ways and means to sustain the Tertianship graces back in the Provinces. A portion of his 'Memoriale' is worth citing in order to help the readers feel the spirit of the Tertianship at Sitagarha.

"In the serene, green and 'historical' campus of Sitagarha, you had the privilege to rediscover the heritage of the Society and an occasion to love the Society anew. You experienced a renewed belongingness to the Society. This was made possible through the preparations and the actual experience of doing the Spiritual Exercises. With Nadal you could truly say: the Society is our pathway to God. The dynamics of the Spiritual Exercises offer a unique way of entering Salvation History and of becoming part of it. Thanks friends for sharing these privileged moments."

"All of you felt transformed through the Tertianship journey. This is the intended grace of the 'School of the Heart'. Our growth in the Spirit enables us to see 'life and mission' as one integrated whole as the Decree of GC 36 says.

The 3rd significant event was the blessing of the foundation of the new tertianship building on 14 December, the day of departure of the tertians. Right Rev. Bp. Anand Jojo officiated the blessing ceremony in the presence of the inmates of SSC, the contractor and his aides and some representatives of other Formation Houses. His prayer began with the citation of verse 1 of Ps. 127: 'Unless the Lord builds the house, in vain do its builders toil. Unless the Lord guards the city, in vain does the guard stay awake.' While the foundation blessing of a new Tertianship building was reminding the tertians of the foundation of the Society laid in their hearts in the School of the heart, the prayer was assuring them that the Lord alone can keep it being built up and see to its preservation [812-813]. As the tertians made their departure the two Tertian Masters had a joyful sense of fulfilment on seeing the return of the enhanced gifts into the hands of the Heavenly Father as his pliable instruments for the universal mission.



Assessors' Training Programme in Ranchi



Sacred Heart College was established in 1895 at Shemnaganur, Kodaikanal, Tamil Nadu, as a centre for the philosophical training of young men who chose to become Catholic priests in the Society of Jesus. Several hundred Students from India, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Banglades, Europe and North America have passed out of this college during its long history. Prompted by the desire to be closer to the centers of higher learning and culture, the college was shifted to its present campus in 1980. Along with this decision to shift the venue, its name was modified as Sacred Heart College, Satya Nilayam, Institute of Philosophy and Culture, though it is popularly known as SATYA NILAYAM. In February 1986, Satya Nilayam was recognized by the University of Madras as a Research Centre for conducting research, leading to Ph. D in Philosophy and Sanskrit. In 1998 the University of Madras recognized Philosophical studies here as M.A. Philosophy programme. It is done through Loyola College, which is a recognized autonomous college. Thus, Satya Nilayam has entered a new phase of conferring

M.A. degree to our students and Philosophy programme is revised accordingly.

Currently, Satya Nilayam has the following units functioning within its campus -- Ecclesiastical faculty of Philosophy, Department of Philosophy of Loyola College and the Research Institute for Philosophy and Sanskrit, recognized by the University of Madras. In 1995, Satya Nilayam celebrated its centenary and is poised towards training ecclesiastical personnel for the 3rd millennium, who will serve the universal church and much larger society with class and distinction. Here are some of the annual (June 2017- March 2018) highlights of the academic and extra-curricular activities conducted by the institute and participated by both the staff and students.

Academic Life

The academic year began on 15 June 2017 with the Mass of the Holy Spirit presided over by Most Rev. Dr. Antonysam Peter Abir. He also gave the Schola Brevis focusing on the



theme, the Biblical basis for Intellectual Formation. In the previous academic year out of 35 students, 12 students secured first class with distinction, while 23 students secured first class. In the Comprehensive examination conducted at the end of the course, there were five Distinctions. At the moment, Satya Nilayam has seven full time teaching faculty, four in the administration, 52 students in the first year and 36 in the second year. The Student body has an international look, as there are students from East Africa (4) Bangladesh (3) East Timor (Formerly part of Indonesia) (4) and Myanmar (2). We have 9 young Jesuits from Ranchi province doing their philosophical studies -- 6 in the second year and 3 in the first year. Fr. Medard is the Spiritual guide who joined the community this year and Fr. Vinod has been a teaching faculty since 2005.

In the month of June as the new Academic year began, the teaching and administrative staff had an orientation programme in Kottagiri, Nilgiri district of Tamil Nadu for four days with a focus on promoting aspects of appreciative inquiry. Moreover a plan to develop a module for staff appraisal that would have a focus of 360 degree approach was developed. It was effectively guided by Fr Michael

Dhanraj, Rector, Vidyajyoti, Delhi. Apart from following a well-developed curriculum the student community benefited from various other allied programmes. The usual programmes of orientation, a week of well-worked out orientation to philosophical studies coordinated by Fr Patrick, familiarizing the new comers to the important places in the City of Chennai, English Diagnostic Test, 10 sessions in yoga etc., were all very well received by the students. After the English Diagnostic Test conducted by Dr. Ganesh Krishnamurthy, Head, Department of English, MCC, Tambaram, 13 students were identified who needed some effective follow-up in English Language. They were guided by a specialist from the vicinity. The teacher conducted 20 Classes in the afternoon and it helped the students a great deal. The students have the opportunity to learn a classical language such as Latin and one foreign language (either French or German). These language classes are done as extra-credits and done in the third semester without affecting the usual class hours. The Teaching/Learning/Evaluation is carefully followed-up and there is constant effort by the Staff to focus on the learning outcome.

The student Activities (Academic in Nature)





- A group of students participated in the celebration of Dr S. Radhakrishnan Day organized by the Department of Philosophy of Madras Christian College, Tambaram, on 5 September 2017, and our students were the overall Champions in the various competitions. Sch. Alok Ekka of our province was part of the champion team. Many congratulations to him and all the student delegates.

- All the Teaching Staff made a presentation of their work and publications in front of the special UGC Committee on 21 July 2017 in Loyola College. They appreciated our response and the presentation.

- The entire class of Second years spent two days at SACAR, Pondicherry to follow the classes on Sri Aurobindo by Dr. Ananda Reddy and made visits to Auroville and the Samadhi on 11-13 August 2017. This was part of the requirements of the paper related to Contemporary Indian Philosophy.

- Some students along with a staff participated in the National Seminar on Identity Politics held at Sacred Heart Seminary on 23 September 2017.

- All the staff and students participated in the Two-day National Seminar organized by the Department of Philosophy in collaboration with Satya Nilayam Research Institute on Popular Devotions. This was held at Loyola College and Satya Nilayam on 9-10 January 2018.

Field Exposure Programmes for the Students

- Visits to Ramakrishna Math and Vivekananda Illam as part of the course in Vedanta by the second year students on 7 March 20A18

- The pilgrimage to Achirapakkam as part of a course in Popular Religiosity by the first year students on 31 January 2018.

- The students who follow the optional course on Philosophy of Liberation had field visits to the NGO,



International Justice Mission (IJM) and Pathai, the social work centre at Chingalapet and Periyar Thidal, both in the outskirts of Chennai.

- The second year students had the opportunity to learn on addictions from the workshop conducted by the TTK Medical College on 7 February 2018. This programme was part of a course on Philosophical Psychology.

- On 7 March 2018, the students who follow the course on Philosophy of Education had an exposure programme at Loyola College of Education, where they interacted with both the students and teaching faculty on the theme, "A Philosophical Discourse on Education: Current Trends and Challenges". They were accompanied by Fr. Vinod S. Soreng.



Extra Curricular Activities (Socio-Pastoral & Cultural)

- 'Man of Lamancha', a musical drama was staged on 9 December 2017. It was an outstanding performance by the whole team in front of a packed audience ably directed by Sch. Sumit D'Souza of Bombay province and guided by Fr Patrick. Sch. Alok Ekka of our province essayed a pivotal role in the play as one of the main characters. The annual drama adds formative values apart from being a platform for social and communication skills.
- The Inter-departmental cultural festival of Loyola, known as Ovations is a major event and our students got third place in the Western Music Competition.
- Satsophia, A student Journal: It is an annual feature of the Department to encourage and promote the writing skills of our students. It was released by the Deputy Principal during the annual Seminar held at Loyola College on January 10, 2018. The magazine was edited by the staff editor, Fr. Vinod S. Soreng and the student editor, Sunny De Costa of Kolkata province.
- Our students participated in the Inter-departmental sports activities, held at Loyola College. The Department of Philosophy was Champions in Basketball and runners-up in Volleyball and Football respectively. Many of our scholastics from Ranchi province were integral part of all the three events.
- The students of the department of Philosophy (Satya Nilayam) actively participated in the Sports Day of the College held on 16 February 2017.
- Cultural Festivals: The institute encourages and promotes mutual respect and sensitivities to different

cultures and hence, three major cultural festivals of India, Onam and Karam in September 2018 and on 15 January 2018, the Pongal, a harvest festival of Tamil Nadu, were celebrated with traditional fervor and fanfare.

■ **Eco Club:** To instill in our students sensitivities toward environment and love for nature, there is an Eco Club, consisting of 40 to 45 students who look after the physical well being of the vegetative and animal worlds, by planting trees, ensuring cleanliness of the campus and protecting all forms of life. The direct results of such efforts are the Bird Sanctuary and Hen Pen (collection of country chickens, goats and rabbits) in the campus.



- **Pastoral Ministry:** Our Scholastics contribute immensely in the area of pastoral care rendering their valuable services to as many as 22 parishes Chennai. Teaching catechism, animating youth and choir are some of the areas of help they extend.
- **SJ Musical Hub:** Since the institute is blessed with several musical talents, our young men train the local youth and school children in Western music including musical instruments once a week.

Philosophical and Intellectual training of our young Jesuits is the forte of Satya Nilyam as a leading national centre for formation. However, it aims at facilitating holistic and integrated psycho-spiritual formation for our young men. The above mentioned details of activities are a testimony to this holistic approach to formation that is being implemented by this House of Formation. There is a lot of scope for improvement and the faculty here is leaving no stone unturned to make the curriculum even better for the years ahead.

Experiencing Kairos in Cairo

Fr. Bimal Kumar Kerketta, SJ



For the first time, I had landed at College de la Sainte Famille, Cairo, in August 2002. It was and it still remains the 'Mother House' of Jesuits in Egypt for the Near East Province. It was a typically French community and the second language was Arabic. Egypt is known to the world for its ancient civilization, Christian and Islamic history, etc. It is an Islamic nation with Sunni Muslims majority. Among various oriental rites, Coptic Orthodox Church is in majority. Catholics are a few thousands. Two years ago, I joined the community for the second time after collaborating in different apostolates all over Egypt. As I arrived, I was very happy to find four young Jesuit priests from four countries. They were here to learn classical Arabic language. This

had not happened for years that a group of Jesuits would come to Egypt together. They were Alvaro Dorantes (MEX), Gil Donayere (PHI), Heri Satyawan (IDO), and Wibowo Sigit (TAI). Looking back my own past experience, I was able to share with them the challenges of living and studying in an Islamic nation.

The other joy was meeting two young priests from India. They came for the first time to have Arabic and Islamic studies followed by their ministry in Egypt. Fr. Wilson Kodav, SMA, from Telangana and Fr. Sunil Tirkey, OP, from Chattisgarh. Rev. Msgr. Kurian Mathew, the then Secretary to the Nuncio Apostolic at Cairo was ever encouraging. With him I tried to bring Christians of India together during major feast days. Some Christian personnel at Indian Embassy, Cairo, were a big help in organizing such programmes. For me, it was a rare blessing to come together as Indian priests in Egypt.

Back to the community for the second time also gave me a flash of the hard realities of life. Some veterans and more than eight members of the community had already left for their heavenly abode. Difficult to comprehend but very much part of life, was the feeling. Though refugees from the Arabic speaking world are found in many places, very few Jesuits take the pain to learn Arabic language. To work among the Arabic nations is another issue.



Collegio Gesù



Edwin Ritesh Dungdung and Ravi Hemant Kujur successfully completed their second year of theological studies in June 2017. Immediately after the conclusion of the Academic Year, both of them went to Jerusalem along with their other Jesuit companions of International College of Gesù for one month of the on-the-spot study of the Sacred Scriptures. Fr. Stefano Bittasi, Director of Pontifical Biblical Institute, had made a meticulous Program for them, so that they could draw maximum fruits from their one-month sojourn in Jerusalem. The Programme stated with the 8 days Retreat. Slightly different from the traditional retreats, they received the instructions and points for prayers and reflections every day in a different place, which was relevant to the theme and also important from religious, historical and cultural point of view. They were asked to observe, feel, and touch, to be able to enter into the reality of time, space and situation of the Biblical era. For example, they had unfathomable experiences in touching the rock of the Church of Holy Sepulcher, which contains two holiest sites – Calvary or Golgotha and the empty tomb where Jesus was buried. After the conclusion of the retreat, they went for a guided tour of Nazareth, Bethlehem, Sea of Galilee, Golan Heights, Tel Aviv, Haifa, Jaffa, Roman Crater, Dead Sea and the largest Holocaust museum -- Yad Vashem in Jerusalem. Enriched and enlightened by the guided tour of almost all the important biblical, archaeological and historical places of the Holy Land, they came back to Rome on 4 August 2017.

After their return to Rome, Ravi Hemant went to Brussels to learn French, whereas Edwin Ritesh moved to Munich to learn the basics of German language. Learning one more European language was required for the third and

final year of theological studies. They were ordained Deacons on Tuesday 3 May 2018 along with 16 other Jesuit Companions from different corners of the world by His Eminence Cardinal Walter Kasper in Gesù Church, Rome.

As part of the preparations to write the Dissertation, both Edwin and Ravi opted to attend the final Seminar Synthesis of Theology and Ethics in *Amo ergo sum* conducted by Prem Xalxo. Both of them have decided to write the final dissertation under his guidance. The theme of the dissertation of Edwin Ritesh Human Person: Created in Love to Love is an effort to explain the moral implication of Christian theological anthropology; whereas Ravi Hemant has decided to integrate his pastoral experiences of Bardih with the three years of theological studies under the title Sacrament of Marriage as Symbol of God's Divine Love.

Collegio Bellarmino

Edwin Dang had a pleasant experience to be part of the renowned Institution of Psychology at Pontifical Gregorian University. The four years of intense formative journey provided him with ample opportunity to understand the basic dialectics and dynamics of human behavior. He was contented with the focus of courses which were very much practical and relevant to the psychological, spiritual and affective human formation. They helped him to learn and understand the 'why' and 'how' of the unconscious resistance which prevents priests and religious from living Christian vocation more fully and authentically. Having spent four fruitful years in the Eternal City of Rome, as he prepares himself to go back to the Province, he remains profusely grateful to God, to the authorities, to the beloved Professors,



to the Province friends in Rome, and to his colleagues for their continuous support and valuable contribution to his intellectual, spiritual and vocational growth.

After his priestly ordination and pastoral ministry, Kulwant Minj came back to Rome to start the Licentiate in Canon Law in Pontifical Gregorian University. After a long gap and perhaps for the first time, there are 6 Jesuit students, who enrolled themselves together in the Faculty of Canon Law, which makes them all the more serious and attentive. That also helped Kulwant to initiate group studies and sharing, which has been of tremendous help in deciphering and comprehending the Codes of Canon Law.

Generale Curia

For Anselm Ekka, the one-year stay in Roman Curia from 6 January 2017 to 6 January 2018 was primarily a time for learning and assimilating the assigned mission as the Assistant Treasurer, and also for enhancing the personal skills and talents to better his service towards the Universal Society. Within no time, he learnt and got acquainted with the work culture and the account keeping system. Nine of them hold offices in Econmato Generale with specific role and work division; but they co-ordinate and collaborate with one another with a sole purpose of helping R.P. General to strengthen and to further the mission of the Society of Jesus in the world.

Pontifical Gregorian University



Linus Kujur is happy and content with the rich experiences of teaching in the Faculty of Missiology for about seven years, and of collaborating with the Gregorian Centre for Interreligious Studies as an Academic Coordinator for two years, which requires of him to keep the current accounts of the Centre and to participate in the planning committee. The Faculty of Missiology together with its centre is like an Opening Batsman of cricket, facing new ballers with a new ball amidst the unknown wicket-keeper and fielders around him either to ball him or catch him out. The main orientation of the Faculty is to open new fields of theology in order to reach out to many more peoples to communicate that truth, which liberates them.

Taking into consideration the reaching out spirit the Church, Linus is developing two courses for the next Academic Year: a) How to evangelize secular feasts as religious feasts?; and b) How to use Communication as the Mission of the Church? By doing so, he hopes to offer insights to bridge the secular and the religious way of life, plus making use of the modern means of communication to update the propagation of the Good News. All these are done in the spirit of openness to new realities with understanding, in order to create an atmosphere of mutual respect, sympathy and solidarity among persons of different walks of life.

For the Academic Year 2017-2018, Pontifical Universities and Athenaeum in Rome have started a joint venture for the first time in their history to offer a diploma course under the title Joint Diploma in Integral Ecology. After the promulgation of *Laudato si'* on 15 May 2015, there has been a significant surge in the interest in ecological issues. *Laudato si'* of Pope Francis also happens to be the longest of all Encyclicals so far and the most "sold" in terms of number of copies (words of H.Em. Cardinal Peter Turkson), stimulating reflections and praxis around the globe both within the Church and within the civil society and in the academia. Gauging the underlying importance of the ecological vision enunciated in *Laudato si'* and reading the "signs of the times", a group of Professors from Gregorian, Salesianum, Urbaniana, Antonianum, Santa Croce, Lateranense, Angelicum, Regina Apostolorum, and Sant' Anselmo came together in Gregorian University in November 2016 to explore the possibility of creating an alliance. After a series of meetings and discussions, the text of the Alliance was finalized, and presented to the concerned authorities of each University for the approval of the Project. At the end of the approvals from each single unit, the Council of Rectors approved the project on 5 June 2017 with some suggestions. Thus, the Joint Diploma in Integral Ecology was born. The Project was presented to the Holy Father Pope Francis on 22 June 2017 by Prem. The Holy Father was greatly pleased with the inter-University collaboration to promote and to propagate the vision and mission commissioned by *Laudato si'* and he imparted his Apostolic blessings on the Project.



The Year 2017 has brought a lot of blessings to St. Xavier's Doranda, in the form of accomplishments. Although we are now quite used to various features of academic and non-academic excellence, the parameters for further performances and experiences in this regard have undergone exceptional changes and innovation. For example, we do not merely now focus on teaching of the conventional and classic concepts of various



subjects but we have also with time evolved a very special space for our children to help them grow in the changing scenario of our ever developing world. Not only does this space allow them to grow intellectually but it also helps them build and inculcate within them strong and healthy cultural and vocational skills.

As such, the results are all here to see for us. We have now on a regular basis begun to reap the harvest of our earnest investments. Both, within the country and overseas, our students have initiated waves for themselves. First, a group of three students: Tarush Modi, Alokith Charles Toppo and Altamas Sami, came out with astounding results to bag the Overall Championship Trophy in the recently held Inter Jesuit Schools' Speech and Elocution Contest in Durgapur, West Bengal. Among the best 16 participating schools from Bihar, Jharkhand and West Bengal, St. Xavier's Doranda, left indelible memories in the history of the iconic event. While Tarush Modi was declared the best extempore speaker, Altamas Shami and Alokith Chales Toppo commendably ensured second and third rank for themselves in Junior and Senior Elocution Contests respectively.



Hardly had these boys soaked us in the euphoria of their groundbreaking achievements when the school most convincingly won the Overall Championship Trophy in the all prestigious Doranda Old Xaverians Inter School Co-Curricular Activities Championship held on 31 August 2017. Given the magnitude of the contests, with 32 schools participating from Ranchi, Jamshedpur and Hazaribagh, it was an awe-inspiring demonstration by the ever industrious students from St. Xavier's Doranda.

Adding to these, the two well deserving students from our school: Master Tarush Modi and Ms. Rahat have kept the legacy of victories alive by winning National ICSE/ISC Debate and Declamation Contests held at City Montessori School, Lucknow on 15 October 2017. Both of these students along with other talented ones from the school have incredibly compounded their efforts and interests to win this year many medals for the school at the zonal and regional levels of Bihar and Jharkhand.

Moreover, Tarush Modi along with his companion Akash Singh participated at the famous TV rounds of INDIA TODAY Inter School Quiz Contest towards the end of October 2017 in New Delhi.

Things don't end here however. Rather, we just restart all over again post many accomplishments of such kind. Few months behind, a delegation from the International Olympic Committee visited our school to most fittingly award us with the opportunity to represent the youth of the nation at the International Youth Forum in Estonia. A Team of five students from our school led by an escort teacher participated at the International Gathering of Youth in Estonia and they put up a tremendous show to be awarded medals of merit during the programme days.



The school also has an International Cultural Exchange program with Belgium. Every year a group of students from St. Xavier's Doranda goes to Belgium and the Belgian students come to Ranchi. Both the groups have a mutually enriching experience.



Bidding to become able and responsible citizens of the society, the students put in enough fervor in their interaction with the aged and the invalid of the local Cheshire Home, Ranchi. It was indeed a life-time experience for the students to have spent some golden hours with these distinctive people. The students, on their own, had arranged good assortment of goods and money for the noble purpose. Not only did they share their contributions with them but also blissfully communicated their concerns

for them. The people at the Cheshire home were awed by the innocent but conscious response of our young children

SXD VISION 2020

St. Xavier's School has been a Jesuit institution with one history but many stories, one fire with many sparks; it forms men and women for others, men and women who display competence, commitment, conscience and compassion. We firmly believe that St. Xavier's is the work of God and it shall continue and excel in the days to come.



We celebrated the GOLDEN JUBILEE of the School in 2010 and continue to celebrate the legacy of 56 years and pledge to prosper with our motto, UTSAH SIDHDHAYE (Strive to Excel).

We journey with dedication and determination to illuminate the minds of many with enduring wisdom. It is a march towards new directions of expansion, both academic and infrastructure. We have initiated Vision SXD 2020.

Though it has already made its mark in the world of education, it needs to expand so that it can cater to a larger number of meritorious as well as needy students in the days to come.

HISTORY OF THE SCHOOL

The School was established in 1960 and it has gone through certain extensions in the course of time. In 1963, a part of the present building in the Senior Section was completed while in 1974-76, the present Primary section building came into existence. In 1984, the school celebrated its Silver Jubilee and as a remembrance it added another section of the building in the Senior Section. These extensions were quite sufficient till we had only classes from KG to X.

UPGRADATION OF THE SCHOOL

In 2001, the School upgraded itself to Senior Secondary Level. It has a very good beginning. We started only with Science Stream of 2 sections and in 2006 we also added Commerce stream. Thus at Plus Two we have occupied 8 different class rooms. At the moment it is running very well.

Meanwhile, the School progressed in its performances; it could be academics or co-curricular activities. It regained its name and fame and a large number of parents are seeking admissions of their wards in St. Xavier's School Doranda. Above all, we are very happy that we are able to admit 40 to 45 percent our tribal and Christian students

in the school. With this need we have increased one more sections from classes Prep to X which requires 11 additional Class rooms.

It is also to be noted that the whole structure at the moment has been sufficient enough to fulfill the needs of initial periods. Now we require better and more infrastructure to meet various needs of the students and their parents.

RATIONALE OF SXD VISION 2020

1. In the Senior Section, we have 5.15 acres of land. It has a big playground which we like to develop further. However, at the moment we require a separate Plus two building with better facilities in terms of Library, Computer Lab, Science Labs, Class rooms, Conference rooms, staff rooms, multipurpose hall, etc., for which we have SXD VISION 2020.
2. The above mentioned facilities will be made available for all the students. However, they will be more utilized by Senior Secondary Students, which are lacking at the moment.
3. Expansion is necessary to cater to a larger number of meritorious as well as needy students in the days to come.
4. We have increased one more section in each standard. It means that we need 11 extra rooms.
5. With expansion of the infrastructure we will be able to continue admitting 40 to 45 percent our tribal and Christian students in the whole of School.
6. In 2020, the School will complete its 60 Years. We would like to celebrate 2020 with gratitude with the members of the Society of Jesus, staff, students and their parents and our esteemed alumni.

NETWORKING & COLLABORATION

Our endeavor to spread our wings towards new horizons requires a consistent cooperation and collaboration. We have called upon the Members of Doranda Old Xaverians (An Association of the Alumni), and parents of our students and our well wishers within the country and outside to come forward to participate in the process of development and expansion of an institution of learning so that it can serve the nation better in the times to come. The Doranda Old Xaverians have been able to network with 2600 alumni within and outside the overseas at the moment with whom they are regularly in contact.

Based on the financial viability and the financial management, we would like to complete VISION 2020 projects in 3 years in three phases.



The Province Higher Education Commission made new strides in 2017 in three specific areas. The first was participating in the JHEASA Conference at XIDAS, Jabalpur from 3 to 5 November 2017 on three themes of GC 36: (1) Implementing “Reconciliation and Justice” among the staff and students in our institutions, (2) “Discernment, Collaboration and Networking” among our institutions of higher learning, and (3) Corporate response of JHEASA to the threats and challenges to secularism and the unity and integrity of the country. The Ranchi Jesuits participating in the conference were: Fr. Alex Ekka, Fr. Nicholas Tete, Fr. Francis Minj, Fr. Anand Kumar Kerketta and Fr. Peter Paul Ekka.

Two events at St. Xavier’s College, Ranchi, made a history in the annals of the Higher Education in the Province. The first was the blessing and inauguration of the Dr. Camil Bulcke Library at St. Xavier’s College, Ranchi, by Fr. Provincial Joseph Marianus Kujur on 23 May 2017. The second was the starting of the Tribal Languages Research Centre in June 2017. Under the leadership of Fr. Nicholas Tete, the Principal and Fr. Nabor Lakra, the Vice Principal, five Unit Heads of Tribal Languages – Kurukh, Mundari, Kharia, Ho and Santali – were appointed to coordinate research and publication in their respective languages. It was indeed a remarkable achievement that all the five units released their respective journals and booklets on 17 December 2017 in a short span of time.



The third major event of the year was the 9th Congress of the World Union of Jesuit Alumni (WUJA) held at John Carroll University, Cleveland, USA. About 100 Jesuits and their collaborators had assembled to deliberate upon the theme ‘Uniting Jesuit Frontiers’. Ranchi Province was represented by Fr. Alex Ekka, Fr. Nabor Lakra, Fr. Ajit Xess and Fr. Florence Kujur.



The blessing of the foundation of the boundary wall of St. Xavier's College, Simdega, took place at 11.00 am on 2 April 2018 at village Konjmenjra where the 12.85 acres of land has been purchased for the degree college in Simdega District. Fr. Provincial Joseph Marianus Kujur, SJ, officiated in the blessing ceremony. Many Fathers, Brothers, Sisters and lay people had gathered there numbering about 60 in all.

Among those who had gathered there were Fr. Provincial Joseph Marianus Kujur, Fr. Principal Nicholas Tete, Pradeep Kujur, Fr. George Kerketta, Fr. Ajay Soreng, Rector of St. Mary's High School, Samtoli Fr. Linus Dungdung, Fr. Principal Emmanuel Barla, Fr. Bruno Toppo, Fr. Anup Arvind Ekka, Fr. George Soreng, Fr. Gabriel Xess, Fr. Anthres Dungdung, Fr. Anthres Minj; the Jharian parish Fr. Pingal Kujur, Fr. Ignatius Kujur and also the well wisher and a GB Member of the College Mr. Benjamin Lakra, AAG, Rtd.

Among the Sisters present were Sister Lucy SJT, Superior, Fr. Praphula, SJT. Sister Pushpa N. SJT, Sister Malina Toppo, SJT, Sister Manish Toppo, DSA, Sister Tarcicia Xalxo, DSA, and Sister Alka Minj, DSA, Miss Vandana Panna, a helper.

The land owner Mr. Arvind Kumar of village Konjmenjra, who had sold the land to the then Rector Fr. Alois Beck, of St. Mary's High School, Samtoli, was also present with his wife and daughter. There were some faculty members of St. Xavier's College, Simdega, a few parents and some students of the College.

Among the local villagers of Konjmenjra, Dhawaipani and Sonatoli were the following: Mrs Grace Kiro, Jonathan Dungdung, Bandni Dungdung, Prabhat Kerketta, Mungrel Dungdung, Rajendra Manjhi (Gond), Ranjit Manjhi, Snadeep Kerketta whose house is just at the road side.

The blessing took place right at the North-west corner of the property on the right by the side of the main road. A small shamiana was erected for the purpose. For the blessing along the border of the property, foundation pits were dug ten feet distance between two pits.

At the beginning of the blessing Fr. Nicholas Tete, SJ, Principal of St. Xavier's College, Ranchi, welcomed each one present there and said that it was a historic moment for St. Xavier's College, Simdega, to have the foundation of the building being blessed. He gratefully reminded all present there and thanked Fr. Alois Beck, SJ, in his absence, the then Fr. Rector of St. Mary's High School, Samtoli, for his great foresight who bought this property not imagining that this land would take such a shape today. Fr. Nicholas Tete, wished and prayed that the college would grow into an intellectual hub in the coming years and would be the light of Biru Pargana.

Background

The idea of a Degree College in Simdega was mooted for the first time in 2007, in order to respond to the situation of backwardness in the region. However, the dream could not be materialized for lack of resources – financial



and human. In the present context, the existence of St. Xavier's Degree College in the region seems to be the need of the hour in spite of the same constraints. In view of the development of the region, a degree college is the right response to the hopes, expectations and aspirations of the youth, who are not untouched by the process of globalization.

Details Regarding its Need

There was a desire expressed by the general public of Simdega to explore the possibility of higher education in Simdega district. Hence, a feasibility study was undertaken for opening a College at Simdega.

The study recommended that the time has come now to move ahead to open up higher education for the poor and marginalized ST/SC group that feels the need today. There is only one constituent government college in the whole district.

Many students of this region/district are too poor to study outside Simdega. Many parents are unwilling to send their girls outside due to security reasons. Moreover, there are no good and affordable hostel facilities in the cities.

The new college in Simdega will facilitate many students from distant villages and poor financial background can also benefit who otherwise stop their education immediately after their intermediate studies.

Rationale for Opening a Degree College in Simdega. Quality Education to the Deprived Sections of the Society.

The inhabitants of the region from certain social sections are poor and cannot afford expensive education in the cities. They do not have resources to travel to the cities or to pay fees for good education in the cities. Since they are poor they have no access to quality education. They

are neglected and not cared for. If these people are offered quality education, they will find ways and means for their progress and survival.

Good Academic Environment with Value Education

In the whole of the region, promotion of human values is missing. Academic atmosphere of the region is vitiated, in which tribal students, despite their potentials, are not allowed to flourish. Corruption has become part of the consciousness in education. In such scenario, it is high time that a degree college is set up to inculcate good

academic environment in the region and prepare good human beings who are competitive, professional and compassionate to the marginalized sections of the society without any bias.

Enhancement in the Quality of Life of the People

Majority of the population of the region is tribal, who primarily depend on agriculture for their sustenance. Land and forest are the only source of their day-to-day sustenance. Due to mortgaging of land, influx of immigrants, development projects (dams, roads, building-infrastructure, power projects, industries and mines etc.), much of their land has been alienated from them consequently they are forced to migrate to mega cities for work as cheap domestic labour force. If there is a good degree college, which takes care of their holistic growth— educational, spiritual, cultural, economic, social and political— thousands of dropouts will get opportunity for higher education. This will enhance quality of their life, not only in terms of economy but also in self-dignity and self-confidence.

Opening for Career and Placement

The location of the proposed College is excellent for quality education. It will open avenues for career and placement, which the locals are deprived of so long.

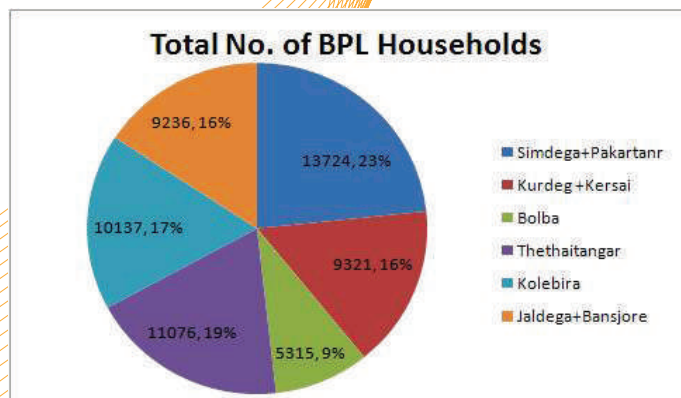
Target Group that this Institution Aims to Serve

Though the proposed college would be open to all the people of the area and beyond, since the district has the tribal majority, the major beneficiaries of the college would be the Kharias, Oraons and Mundas. The non-tribal communities, particularly the girls of the Minority communities, will also benefit from the project. The SCs are a minority compared to the tribals but they will also be one of the main beneficiaries.



Map of Simdega District

According to the census of 2011, Simdega district has an area of 3761.2 sq. kms. The total population of the district is 5,99,813 of which the male population is 2,99,905 and female 2,99,908. It is a Scheduled



Area District, which means the tribal population is in the majority. The Scheduled Tribes population of the district is 3,60,825 (70.15%) and the Scheduled Caste is 39,669 (7%). The literacy rate of the district is 67.59 per cent out of which the male literacy rate is 75.84 per cent and the female 59.38 per cent. The rural population is 5,56,880 and the urban 42,933. It is a home to many different tribes, such as Kharia, Oraon, Munda, Turi, Cheek-Baraik, Lohra, Gonds, Rawatias, Dom, Birhor, Bhunyas, Ghansi and so on. The first three tribes, namely the Kharia, Oraon and Munda have made a great progress in education. Their literacy rate is much higher than the other tribes of the district.

BPL Survey 2002-2007 in Simdega District

Total Households	107511
Below Poverty Line (BPL) Families	71635 (66.63%)
Above Poverty Line (APL) Families	35876 (33.37%)

The economic condition of the majority of the families in the region is very bad. Many of them are in the category of Below Poverty Line (BPL). Below Poverty Line is an economic benchmark and poverty threshold used by the government of India to indicate economic disadvantage and to identify individuals and households in need of government aid and assistance. It is determined using various parameters which vary from state to state and within states. The present criteria are based on a survey conducted in 2002. Going into a survey due for a decade, India's central government is undecided on the criteria to identify families below the poverty line.

The majority of these students usually take arts subjects. There seems to be a good response for commerce subject at the Intermediate level whereas some like to take science subjects as well. Further study may help us in the choice of subjects which could be introduced in the college in the initial stages.

The Ranchi University has already granted affiliation to the new degree college. In all, there are more than 950 students in Arts and Commerce streams within a period of two years. Science will be introduced eventually.



(Laying foundation stone of new college building by Fr. Provincial)

Fr. Alexius Tirkey, SJ



Satya Bharati, the official Communication Centre of the Province, engaged in communicating the Word of God and Evangelical values through Dharmik Sahitya Sadan, a publication wing, sells and distributes religious and liturgical books. Its audio-visual wing supports the said efforts by producing CDs. For the last 35 years, it has been producing the Hindi Bible Diary 'Pajhra' (Wellspring). The book is in much demand in the Hindi speaking regions, as it also includes the daily Scripture text. In the year 2017, we produced for Christmas one audio CD and two video DVDs. The videos are entitled as 'Daliya Sajaayke' and 'Chunumunu Disela' by Fr. Bipin Tirkey, SJ, and Sch. Sujit Toppo, SJ. The videography is done by Fr. Sibil Horo, SJ.

SIGNIS (The Catholic Association for Communication): Fr. Alex Tirkey attended the meetings of SIGNIS BIJHAN at Satya Bharati Ranchi, SIGNIS India in Chennai and World SIGNIS in Canada. This year's SIGNIS theme is 'Communicating Hope'.

Quebec, Canada — June 2017: The SIGNIS World Congress 2017 was held during 19-22 June on the theme: 'Promoting Stories of Hope' with plenary sessions and workshops wherein topics on the world of media and social communications were discussed, discovered and shared. There were more than 300 professional Catholic communicators, including fifteen from India and two from Ranchi, Jharkhand: Fr. Cyprian Kullu and myself. The participants listened to the stimulating inputs and shared ideas on subjects related to the world of communications. It was a unique experience for me to attend the World SIGNIS Conference. Besides the meeting, we visited many places in Canada, including the C N Tower and Niagara Falls.

Fr. Alex Tirkey on AIR: I delivered a 20-minute Christmas message on the All India Radio, Ranchi, which was broadcast on 25 December 2017, at 5.30 p.m. Through this medium I communicated Christian

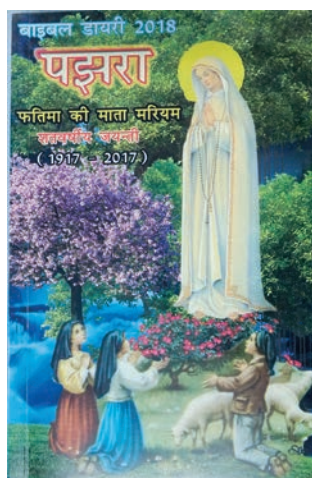


Hope and Love of Jesus. Speaking on the radio was yet another unique experience for me.

Lay collaboration: SMART School of Music Art and Training is teaching communication and training the students. Under the guidance of Mr. Anup Tigga, music, dance, paintings and language classes on Kurukh, Mundari and Kharia are being conducted.

Another collaboration with the lay people was 'Adivasi-Geet Nritya' under my guidance and coordination along with Mrs. Gyanlatika Toppo, the coordinator of 'Jharkhand Sanskriti Sanrakchan Samiti'. Eight songs were recorded and 500 students from the Ursuline and St. Anne's Convents performed Adivasi dance for the Foundation Day of Jharkhand on 15 November 2017, at Morabadi Stadium, Ranchi. Twenty scholastics of Manresa House and 10 Brothers of St. Albert College accompanied them with Mandar and Nagara.

Dharmik Sahitya Sadan: From the shop regular purchase and sale of religious books, articles and CDs continue.



A Call to Protect Children and Vulnerable Adults

Fr. Amrit Tirkey, SJ



His Holiness Pope Francis on 2 February 2015, in his letter to the Presidents of the Episcopal Conferences and the Superiors of Institutes of Religious Life and Societies of Apostolic Life, encouraged the Church at every level “to take whatever steps are necessary to ensure the protection of minors and vulnerable adults, and to respond to their needs with fairness and mercy.” Fr. Adolfo Nicolás, SJ, the former Superior General of the Society of Jesus, wrote on 18 May 2015, stating that “all Jesuit Provinces and Regions must have written protocols to deal with complaints of sexual abuse that take into account the differing cultural and legal contexts where Jesuits live and work. The Superiors should ensure that all Jesuits are familiar with the procedures connected to allegations of abuse of any kind outlined in the Province protocol.”

The Ranchi Province responded to the call promptly.

With the mandate of Fr. J. Marianus Kujur, SJ, the Provincial of Ranchi, the protocol Commission (Fathers Amrit Tirkey, Francis Minj, Sudhir Kumar Kujur, K.C. Philip, Deepak Toppo, Xavier Soreng, Ignatius Minj, and Sister Leona Navchand, O.S.U.) drafted “A policy for Protection of Minors and Vulnerable Adults from Sexual Abuse and Sexual Harassment” in 2016. The Jesuits of Ranchi province are called to protect children and vulnerable adults. We are called to create a healthy and child friendly atmosphere in all our Jesuit houses and institutions. Therefore, the awareness, education and development of policies is essential to fulfil the Gospel call to care for all those whom we serve and work with, especially the most vulnerable. To realize this good wish the commission decided to conduct zonal-wise workshop on ‘Child Protection’ for the Ranchi Province.

Ranchi Zone: The Commission conducted the Workshop for the Ranchi Zone on 7 December 2017, in the conference hall of Manresa House, Ranchi. Practically every Jesuit of the zone was present. Fr Deepak Toppo highlighted the urgency of making a policy for child protection. Fr. K.C. Philip narrated some of the incidents of child abuse in India and in Jharkhand. He also shared his personal experiences with regard to child abuse. Thereafter, Fr. Amrit Tirkey introduced the Ranchi Province policy with regard to child protection. He underlined the need to take proactive steps, for preventive measures are better than curative actions. He also exposed some recent incidents of child abuse in India and in Jharkhand. The lawyers Fathers Xavier Soreng and Ignatius Minj explained and



(The Jesuits of Khunti zone attending the workshop)

clarified the legal aspects of the policy, especially referring to the “Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012” (POCSO). Fathers Sudhir Kujur and Francis Minj chaired the interaction session. Some of the Jesuits in Schools and College shared their experiences with regard to child abuse and child protection. Fr Joseph Marianus Kujur, S.J. the Provincial of Ranchi Province explained that protection of children and vulnerable adults is a legally and morally binding justice issue. Fr. Francis summarized the whole session.



Simdega Zone: The workshop for Simdega zone was held on 4 March 2018, at St. Mary’s High School, Samtoli. The attendance was hundred percent. The intervention and interaction was so lively that we went beyond the scheduled time.

Khunti Zone: The workshop on child protection for the Jesuits of Khunti zone was conducted on 14 January 2018, at St. Michael’s Residence, Khunti. The presence of the Jesuits was hundred percent. The Commission followed the same procedure as in Ranchi zone. The new member Sister Leona Navchand, O.S.U., has joined the team. She shared her working experience with the abused children. There was an active and lively interaction.



(The Jesuits of Simdega zone attending the workshop)



Gumla Zone: The workshop for Gumla zone is scheduled for 29 April 2018, at St. Ignatius’ High School. The commission is looking forward to interacting with the Jesuits of Gumla zone.



Fr. Sylverius Chermako, SJ, and Sister Leona Navchand, O.S.U., attended the seminar on “Ethics of Child Protection” organized by the Centre for Pastoral Management at the Post Graduate Block of Jnana-Deepa Vidyapeeth, Pune, from 19-22 March 2018.

The World Union of Jesuit Alumni (WUJA) 2017

Fr. Ajit Kumar Xess, SJ



Ranchi Delegates (from Left to Right Fathers : Alex Ekka, Florence Kujur, Ajit Xess & Nabor Lakra)

The World Union of Jesuit Alumni (WUJA) holds an international Congress every four years to gather Jesuit friends and alumni—from as many as 50 countries representing a global network of Jesuit ministries—to build international networks and affirm Jesuit centric values for a greater good.



From 28 June to 2 July 2017, WUJA met for the first time ever in North America, at John Carroll University, in Cleveland, Ohio. WUJA 2017 gathered renowned, world-class speakers committed to Uniting Our Jesuit Frontiers in the arts, business, science, law, spirituality, theology, faith and leadership, service and justice.

More than 500 attendees, made up of alumni and friends of Jesuit institutions, enjoyed countless opportunities to connect, learn and celebrate, providing a unique platform for participants to take shared experiences back to their country to help shape our society for the common good.

While we gathered as Jesuit alumni and friends, we found God within and among each other.

Together, we discerned how to promote peace and justice in a global and sustainable world.

Fr. Arturo Sosa, SJ, joined WUJA 2017 via live teleconference at 2:00 pm, on Thursday, 29 June. It was a moment of grace for all of us. He stressed discernment, collaboration and networking as the guiding forces in making the world a better place to live in.

Fr. Greg Boyle, the founder and executive director of Homeboy Industries, pastor of Dolores Mission Church in Los Angeles, urged the audience to have inclusive approach in our life and mission. He mentioned how people are segregated, excluded and left to themselves. Church needs to accept them.

Fr. Timothy P. Kesicki, SJ, the President of the Jesuit Conference of Canada and the United States, made us to see the world through the windows of different conferences, such as Asia, Africa, Europe, America, Latin America, etc. He gave us the overview of the world which has lots of similarities as well as differences. In the present world context he urged the Alumni to come forward to work together in making a better world to love and live.

Katherine Marshall, a senior fellow at Georgetown University's Berkley Center for Religion, Peace, and World Affairs, mentioned the need of coming together to work in the field of education, health and other social sectors.

Chris Lowney, chairman of the Board of Catholic Health Initiatives inspired all to be the inspiring leaders. He paused number of questions to reflect and practice in day-to-day life.

Rev. Peter Balleis, SJ, the director of Jesuit Worldwide Learning – Higher Education at the Margins (JWL), asked us to work towards a collaborative global initiative in the field of education. He also invited alumni to be part of Jesuit efforts working at Jesuit Refugee Service.

James Martin, SJ, a Jesuit priest and author, whom, on 12 April, Pope Francis appointed America Magazine's editor at large, as a consultant to the Vatican's Secretariat for Communications, spoke of the Church's efforts in bringing harmony and peace in the world. He also emphasized the Jesuit spirituality as the working force for all the Alumni.

Apart from the input sessions the alumni engaged themselves in interacting and sharing with one another on various issues and matters emerging in the present context.



After the WUJA Congress, we also visited our Alumni staying in Chicago, WDC and New York and informed them about our institutions.



We also were happy to meet our Christian brethren living in and around New Jersey, New York, Edison and other places. Sunday, around 20 family members assembled in the house of Mr. John Ekka in Edison (New Jersey) where we had a good sharing of our life, faith and works.

The Assam Mission: Challenges and Prospects

Fr. Xavier Lakra, SJ

Introduction – Our Future Paths

The Good news for the Adivasis is that of motivation, “Send your children to school”. This demands that we give them the highest grade of service in our Jesuit institutions in the simplest yet best way possible. Our ‘preferential option for the poor’ is costly in terms of finances and personnel. In this expression, ‘poverty’ means material poverty; the ‘preference’ is spiritual poverty; and the ‘option’ is the commitment against poverty. Poverty encompasses not only the social, economic and political dimensions but it simply means physical and cultural death – unjust and premature death. The Good Samaritan said, “Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend” (Lk. 10:35). As our primary move is to fight for years to come, some more Jesuits may have to die for this cause and may never enter the Promised Land – like Moses! But, that is what mission is all about



Recharging Batteries – Our Spiritual Renewal

In view of giving a new lease to our missionary activities, a common and customary feel was that all the Jesuits in the Assam mission spend our annual retreat time together with the Lord on the hill up in a conducive place called Phesama in Nagaland. Practically all of us with a few excuses spent time in renewing ourselves spiritually under the expert guidance of Fr. Barry O’ Loughlin, SJ, of Hazaribagh Province from 3 to 11 July 2017.

It was a wonderful experience of spiritual deepening amidst the panoramic view of the surrounding mountains covered with clouds reminding us of the desert journey of our ancestors who marched toward the Promised Land under the guidance of Yahweh who



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Baton Passed – From the Old to the New

Fr. Xavier Lakra passed on the baton to Fr. Pius Xalxo on 15 July 2017, during the Eucharistic celebration in the evening. Fr.



Xavier Lakra was the delegate of the Provincial for nearly 10 years. Now it is your turn Pius! Our best wishes and prayerful support to you!

Collaboration – Our felt-need in the context

The context is changing in time and space. Therefore, the collaboration is the felt-need of the hour. In view of this, a meeting between the Ranchi Jesuits and the Kohima Jesuits was held in August 2017. It has started bearing fruits. As its maiden effort, the Kohima Jesuits under the delegation of Fr. Hector D' Souza, organized a Spiritual Renewal Programme for the young priests of the Assam Mission and the Kohima Region on 14 & 15 September 2017, in which 12 of them participated. Fathers Anup, Ashok, Rajesh, Rosario, Roshan, and Suresh attended the programme from the Assam Mission.

Scholastics – Welcome for a Mission Darshan

Our 62 young scholastics of different stages in formation visited the Assam Mission from 14 to 21 May 2017. It was part of their annual get-together to have an exposure trip to the missionary work in Assam. It was a unique opportunity for our young men to see the different challenges, opportunities and how best they can prepare themselves to cope with in changing situations. They enjoyed hospitality of our people, students, parishioners and communities. They had interactions with various ethnic groups, like Boros, Garos, Santhals and Adivasis.

Gana Chetana Samaj – Our Social Wing – NGO

The Gana Chetana Samaj has focused most of the project activities on the Education of Children, because education among Adivasis (non-scheduled tribes migrated from Jharkhand, Odisha, Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh) is the biggest issue at present. More than 100 years ago during the British rule in India, the British had brought them to Assam as cheap labour force to work in the tea gardens. Since then they are working in the tea industries of Assam.

Their population is about 85 lakhs. But the literacy rate among them is not more than 15%. They are kept uneducated so that they remain a cheap labour force in the tea industries. Their situation is pathetic. They are just surviving. Hence, they cannot raise their voice to demand just rights.

The NGO is working in the non-formal education sector by opening study centres for disadvantaged groups and arranging Matric coaching classes in the tea gardens and villages. It has also adult literacy programme for the women working in the tea gardens. The organization is trying to generate interest in education of the poor

children so that they have schooling and eventually change their living standard.

Small tea plantation and piggery farms are developed in two villages last year namely in Tinighuria and Mohong for the individual families who are very poor and cannot afford to send their children to good schools. These are means to help the families for generating income to educate their children. The contracts have been signed between the families and the organization that they will educate their children with the income generated through rearing pigs. It is very successful as they are able to generate income and are sending their children to Christian English Medium schools.

St. Xavier's College, Sonabheel

Fathers Ashok Sandil, Peter Paul Ekka, Ranjit Kujur and Xavier Lakra were inducted to this community, so it became the biggest community in the Assam Mission with 6 priests. After much reflection and deliberation on the academic activities of the College, the community has come up with an action plan for the year. As part of it, we have categorized the students in various groups to help them improve their results. The management is serious about the future plans and already steps have been taken in that direction, especially in the area of accompaniment of the students in improving discipline through counseling and motivational classes. The four-fold framework on priority of the management is as below:

1. Maintaining and improving discipline by accompanying staff and students, especially restricting the use of mobile phones.
2. Identifying weaker students and conducting remedial and special classes for them in view of the Board Exam and if need be avail board and lodge facilities in the hostel.
3. Conducting regular monthly tests and evaluations.

Loyola Training Centre: New Strides in Youth Empowerment

Fr. Ajay Remi Soreng, SJ & Fr. Ashok Kandulna, SJ



Background

Loyola Training Centre [LTC], established in 1976, on Dr. Camil Bulcke Path (Purulia Road), Ranchi, under the aegis of 'Society for Cultural and Social Development' [Registered under the Societies Registration Act 21/1860. Reg. No. 52/1962-63 Ranchi, Jharkhand], is run by the Ranchi Jesuit Province of the Society of Jesus, also commonly known as 'Jesuits'.

One year before its registration, the Loyola Training Centre was started on 7 July 1975, by the Society of Jesus (Jesuit Fathers) who realized that the youth needed to be trained and guided, besides the academic studies of the schools, in preparing themselves for the competitive examinations that were conducted by the then Bihar Government. The tribal youth, in a particular way, needed guidance and support as they had very poor academic background at home due to socio-economic background. Besides, there were many failures in the matriculation examinations apart from numerous drop outs before the matriculation examination. It is against this background that the Loyola Training Centre was launched more than 40 years ago.

Over the years the Jesuit Fathers carried on helping the youth and the drop out children through the coaching classes in various subjects of matriculation examinations. It produced a very satisfying result and consequently more and more children joined the Institute.



Courses offered

Right from its inception the Loyola Training Centre ran the courses of coaching classes for Matriculation examinations, Shorthand and Typing. The students followed these courses and were successful in getting government jobs in various sectors.



In the past years the following courses were offered:

1. **SSC, Railway and Banking**
2. **Computer**
3. **Secretarial Courses**
4. **Shorthand**
5. **Typing**
6. **Regional Language Classes**
7. **Library and Study Room**
8. **Coaching for IAS, IPS, UPSC and JPSC**

This is also to humbly acknowledge that in the past many students have passed out from the institute and are well placed now but we do not have their record at present.

Loyola Hostel: A Home for the Rural Poor:

In view of giving shelter to the poor tribal boys from rural areas to be able to pursue their university studies in Ranchi, Loyola Hostel on the campus was started in 1966, ten year before the Loyola Training Centre came into existence. In the last more than 50 years, Loyola Hostel has facilitated stay and study of thousands of students, some of whom are class-I officers today contributing to the nation building. Many of them have also successfully passed out from the hostel and are now leading their life as successful citizens of the country.

The courses offered at present:

At present the following courses and facilities are running for the poor and marginalized students:

Sl. No.	Courses & facilities	No. of students		
		Boys	Girls	Total
1	Shorthand	43	47	90
2	Typing class	136	139	275
3	Library & Reading room	185	93	278
4	Computers	76	76	152
5	Spoken English	25	39	64
	Total	465	394	859

Source: Admission Register, 10 April 2018

Empowerment of the Poor through Skill Development:

One of the most sought after and successful works of the LTC has been vocational training programmes, such as typing, short hand, computer, etc. Moreover, spoken English, Matriculation Coaching for the dropouts of Ranchi and outside, career guidance or Jobs Training for the youth from poor background, library and reading room, etc., have been very popular.



Loyola Training Centre, Ranchi, under 'Society for Cultural and Social Development' is in the process of renovation and revamping taking into consideration the present-day context of hopes and aspirations of the youth against the background of globalization. If we want the youth from the most marginalized and under-privileged sections of the society to be competitive, we need to train them in soft skills and engage them in various other skill development programmes.

The Loyola Training Centre has an old library with about 2500 books, which needs to be updated to make it relevant to the present-day competitions in all fields. The hopes and aspirations of the youth can be met to a large extent if we offer them such facilities in a safe environment. There are a few libraries in town, but the admission fees there are pretty high.

Jharna: A Center for Ignatian Spirituality

Fr. Deepak Toppo, SJ



Jharna means 'spring' and this center is committed to become a 'spring' to the Province men and to the people who come near this spring. It is working for the spread of Ignatian Spirituality and to help people get deep into it.

The year 2017 has been a wonderful year for Jharna, in terms of serving God and God's people. Nearly 1000 people were helped individually and collectively, both religious and laity to achieve their spiritual and psychological well being. It is gradually becoming a center to be much sought after to quench one's spiritual thirst. The number of people coming to Jharna for counseling (individual, couple, and family) in the year 2017 was big. This is one of the big achievements of the year. Jharna is networking with many schools and parishes to better serve God's people. It also organized many workshops and seminars on various topics, to name a few Personality Development, Servant Leadership, Community building, Communication skills, Religious vows, How to study, How to achieve one's emotional maturity etc...

Purpose	Frequency	No. of participants
30 Days retreat	3	15
8 Days Retreat	10	73
7 Days Retreat	2	05
6 Days Retreat	19	132
5 Days Retreat	6	35
Tridum	2	36
Seminars, workshops, meetings Others	18	507
One Day Recollection	12	68
Counseling (individual, couple, Family)		40
Total		906

At present, there are three Jesuits working in Jharna as residential staff. Fr. K.C. Philip is the Superior, Fr. Deepak Toppo, Director and Bro. James Barla is the Administrator. Jharna is also strengthened by its extended staff. Fathers Sylverius Chermako, SJ, Novice Master, Ferdinand Kullu, SJ, Socius to Novice Master, Aurel Brys, SJ, Animator, L.N.N., and Sister Suchita Kullu, S.C.N., Novice Mistress, form the extended staff of Jharna.

In order to serve people well, Jharna is networking with neighboring Jesuit Provinces on some specific programmes to respond to the need and cry of the people of the time.



Outreach at Xavier's Doranda: Reaching Out to the Poor

Fr. Ajit Kumar Xess, SJ



Inspiration:

Reflecting on actual situation of today's world and responding to the call of Christ who had a special love and concern for the poor; the Church and the Society of Jesus have made a preferential option for the poor. This includes those without economic means, i.e., the handicapped, the marginalized, and all those who are unable to live a life of dignity and self-esteem. In Jesuit education this option is reflected both in the students who are admitted and in the type of formation that is given.

Origin of the Project: In 2001, the Superior and Principal took the challenge of penetrating into the areas where people led a life full of misery and misfortune due to extreme poverty. They were not able to send their children to nearby schools as they were unable to pay the required fees. For these people food and clothing, along with shelter, mattered more than anything else. It was a decisive step as St. Xavier's School authority invited Xavier Institute of Social Service (XISS), Ranchi, Personnel Management Students, to conduct survey

in and around Doranda, Hinoo, Argora and Dibadih, to assess their economic condition and lifestyle, for a better understanding of their social and economic status.

The survey highlighted that most of the people were rickshaw pullers, daily labourers or unemployed youth. It also revealed that there was an influx of people from various parts of the state to these areas, primarily in search of jobs, businesses and good climatic conditions. As a result the new settlement pushed the Tribal and other poor communities into a number of small tolas (localities) which were already suffering from overcrowdedness, unhealthy living conditions and serious economic problems.

Having conducted the survey, the Educational Project was started for five hamlets in the above-mentioned areas, whose parents were too poor to pay for ordinary schooling. They were basically the children of rag pickers, rickshaw pullers and daily-wage labourers. Furthermore, one main centre was started in the school premise itself

whereas the other four centres were established in the respective villages, for which the instructors were trained at X.I.S.S, Ranchi.

The whole school infrastructure, including classrooms, library, computer lab, science lab, multimedia facilities, playground, etc., is made available to them, who otherwise would never have been able to avail such facilities in their entire life.

Thus, the new system was in place and runs very satisfactorily since then.

Location of the Project:

1. St. Xavier's School, Doranda –Teaching the dropouts
2. Madukum Ratu, Ranchi – Educational Activities
3. Kathar Cocha, Birsha Chowk – Educational Activities
4. Koynar Toli, Dibadih – Educational Activities
5. Naya Toli, Dibadih – Educational Activities

Objectives:

1. To educate the underprivileged, dropouts and help them in mainstreaming.
2. To make aware of their rights and duties.
3. To raise their self-esteem dignity and confidence.
4. To develop their soft skills and make them responsible for lives.
5. To establish a community, based on equality irrespective of caste creed and religion.
6. To promote their language culture and tradition to help them for self-employment.

Activities: Classroom Teaching, Sports & Games, Cultural Programmes, Celebration of National Festivals, Exposure Programmes, Picnics, House Visits, Organizing Meeting with the villagers

Achievements

Academics: The project is committed to enhance the literacy rate of the target groups to help them learn and grow to live a life of dignity and self-esteem.



No of students already passed:

Class X: 125 students.

Class XII: 35 students.

Social Change in Villages: As the prime concern is to bring in the awareness concerning their health and basic amenities, the project carries out educative and informative activities based on plantation and hygienic living conditions. We also notice considerable changes due to our efforts

Motivation: The project intends to provide counselling classes to the youth. To this end, certain activities like youth meetings and related programmes are conducted.

Health & hygiene: It is impossible to separate health from hygiene as good health cannot be attained without a good hygiene. The project conducts medical camps and provides free medicines to the needy ones. They are also trained to dispose of the waste safely, in order to keep themselves healthy. The children are also given instruction on food habits and upkeep of their houses.

Employment: Students have been able to get government jobs, such as police, clerk etc. Some of them are working in private jobs, like in hospitals, hotels, petrol pumps, etc., to name a few.

Vocational Training

The Outreach Programme is also dedicated towards providing training to the girls and boys so as to help them improve their social and economic condition for self-employment, such as tailoring and carpentry.

Future Plans:

1. Dispensary: To start a dispensary in a village in Dibadih as the health facilities like public dispensaries or clinics are not available in these areas. Non-availability of medical service also forces them to go to private hospitals, Vaid/Hakim for treatment, which costs them a lot of money.



2. Cell Phone Repair: Today the entire world is globally connected with a device, called cell-phone. It has opened up opportunities as a new income generating source for the less privileged groups by engaging them in self-employment, as cell-phone technicians. A cell-phone repair centre will enhance their economic and moral status.
3. New Balwadi Centre: We plan to start a new Balwadi Centre near the Ranchi Birsa Munda Air Port, which is identified as a backward area due to its low literacy rate.

Today our primary objective of educational must be to form men and women for others; men and women who will live not for themselves, but for God...; men and women who cannot conceive of the love of God which does not include love for the least of the neighbours; men and women completely convinced that the love of God is in the promotion of justice for men and women, without which speaking of God's love is a farce.

In this endeavour many people of good will join hands with the school. The Belgian students in particular are our partners in the project. They visit our outreach program every year and whatever they collect with their hard work they contribute to the project in cash or kind.





Ever since Jharkhand has been carved out as a new additional State in the Indian union, changes began to occur in every sphere of life. Transformations have been experienced in Ranchi, the capital city, which has since been growing rapidly in different directions along different dimensions. Healthcare is one such. While there are several specialty hospitals emerging in the town, healthcare facilities are becoming increasingly costly so much that, access to medical facilities seems to be going out of reach of common people. In rural areas, the situation is rather grim as healthcare system itself is in a pathetic state. It is in this context, we began to explore various possibilities hoping that something can be done. This brought us to the consoling fact that there is a sizable presence of Catholic Medical fraternity in Ranchi city. Jharkhand has enormous natural resources which are utilized for the good of the entire country. The State and its people hardly get its benefits. The same is true with human resources too. The enormous human resources of tribal communities of Jharkhand is unutilized for the benefit of the people. One such resource is Medical doctors and health professionals. We learnt that there is no association or a guild of Catholics professionals in Ranchi. Need of having a guild or association was once again underlined in an informal consultative meeting held with a few Catholic doctors. Hence, forming a guild of Catholic doctors emerged as our primary action plan. With this goal in mind we decided to hold Catholic doctors meet.

Catholics, particularly Roni Sudeep Kujur, assured all the

help needed in organizing the meet. Dr. Neha Sheetal D'Cruz came forward to sponsor food expenses. Meanwhile, to help initiate the process, we contacted various Catholic Medical Guilds. Finally, Dr. Gladstone D'Costa, a former member of St. Luke's Medical Guild, Goa and Dr. Enid de Sa Miranda, the President of St. Luke's Medical Guild, Goa, were contacted as resource persons for the meet. Sunday, 16 July, 2017 was finalized for the meet.

There were 39 doctors present. Rev. Sister Suchita Shalini, Provincial Superior of Sisters of St. Ursula, and chairperson of the CRI, was present for the meet. Fr. Pradeep Kerketta, SJ, assistant director of XISS was also present. Due to his ill health His Grace Bishop Telesphore Bilung could not be present for the meet. Due to his prior engagement Jesuit Provincial Superior Fr. Joseph Marianus Kujur was away in Kerala. He sent his message to be read during the meet. However, as soon as he arrived in Ranchi on that day, he straight away rushed to the venue. Fr. Xavier Soreng, SJ, had to honor his prior commitment, hence he arrived after lunch.

After the welcome address and felicitations, the purpose of the meet was spelt out clearly following which Fr. Provincial's message was read. Subsequently, Dr. Gladstone D'Costa enlightened the participants on intricacies of various medico-legal issues and its ethical implications, such as Medical Termination of Pregnancy (MTP), Organ Donation and Transplant, Euthanasia, Suicide, Patients' Rights, etc. He then brought home the point focusing how acute the need of a Medical Guild is. In fact, he expressed a surprise that there is no Medical Guild of Catholic Doctors in the whole State of Jharkhand.



Dr. Enid Miranda began her presentation with briefly highlighting the life of St. Luke, the patron of doctors. She further explained how St. Luke portrays compassionate and merciful image of Jesus and presents him as a divine healer in the Gospel that he wrote. While explaining function of individual doctor member in St. Luke's Medical Guild, Goa (SLMG), Dr. Enid informed the group how everyone put in efforts together to make the events successful. She acknowledged the fact that not all the members are able to be present at all the activities; yet, she said, functioning as a group does make a difference. She cited numerous events the guild in Goa conducted beginning with orientation and plans for the new comers, Advent and Lenten retreats for member doctors, medical camps, symposium on "IVF, Church and the Doctor" program on "Sensitizing young Catholic doctors to be more humane", Workshop on Suicide Prevention and a seminar on Medical Ethics, etc. It was astounding to learn how professionals can live and express their faith so very meaningfully.

Discussion



After the inputs a discussion was held. Initially, questions expressing difficulties and hurdles of various kinds, including political resistance, were raised. Someone also raised doubts on the financial aspects of the proposed group. Dr. Enid and Dr. Gladstone responded to each question and doubts attesting their experience and narrating how they handled such situations in their group which has completed more than forty years of its existence. After clarifications the participants began to view possibilities forming a guild more realistically. One by one, they appreciated the idea, as they expressed support to the undertaking. Some even said that such a guild was the need of the hour. Sister Suchita Shalini also expressed her support to form a guild.

Deliberation

After completing the round of discussion and clarifications we arrived at a point as to how to proceed from here.



Few suggestions were voiced. One was to keep meeting informally after few months of intervals. Many said that this would not help the process and the interest would die gradually. Taking note of everyone's enthusiasm and support, it was proposed that a core team be formed for which anyone from the group could volunteer. Almost all supported this suggestion. Accordingly, participants were invited to volunteer if they wished to be in the core team. Dr. Deonis Xess, Dr. Ajit Dungdung and Dr. Sujata Kujur volunteered to be in the core team. Everyone welcomed them with an applause. There was joy on everyone's face. With this the proceedings of the meet were concluded.

Medical checkup Camp at Samlong Parish

The Coordinators met a few times to discuss as to what the next activity of the Doctors could be. It was decided to hold a medical checkup camp in one of the parishes. The choice fell on Samlong parish. It was decided to hold checkup camp from 10 am onwards, on Sunday, 8 October 2017. The parish Priest was contacted and arrangements made. Six doctors joined in the camp and many from the parish benefited from it. The first experience showed the strength as well as weaknesses that we need to look into. This was a great learning process for all of us.

Christmas Get-together for Doctors and their families





Later, as Christmas approached, the coordinators felt the need of holding a Christmas get-together to know each other and reinforce bond of cohesiveness among the members of the newly formed group. The Christmas get-together was held at 10 am, on Sunday, 10 December 2017, at XISS auditorium. The get-together began with celebration of the Eucharist with Bishop Telesphore Bilung, SVD, the auxiliary Bishop of Ranchi as the main celebrant and Fr. Ashok Ohol, SJ, as a co-celebrant. In his homily, Bishop explained the meaning of Christmas and God with us in the context of our contribution in building Catholic faith community. He also appreciated the doctors' group and the activities they wished to undertake and wished them success in the same.

The children in melodious and unison voices sang carols while some of them played music in perfect beat. Some

Continuous Medical Education (CME) for Catholic Doctors: the Way Forward

Many doctors expressed the need to hold a session to keep abreast with the latest knowledge on topic such as medical Ethic or medical-legal issues. It was decided to hold what is commonly known among medical fraternity as Continuous medical Education (CME) session. It was a trying experience to locate an expert in Medical Ethics and Medico-legal issue. After much exploration in several cities across India we found Dr. Sylvano Dias Sapeco, HoD of Forensic Medicine and Toxicology at Jawaharlal Nehru Institute of Post Graduate Medical Education and Research, Kariakal, Pondicherry. When contacted, Dr. Sapeco showed whole hearted willingness to come all the way to Ranchi. The CME was scheduled at 7 pm, on Saturday, 7 April 2018, at XISS auditorium.

The CME session was chaired by Dr. Jacinta Minz, former HoD of Obs. And Gynae., RIMS. There were 32 doctors present for the session. The session began with prayer lead by Fr. George, the director of Constance Lievens Hospital and Research Centre, Mandar. Fr. Joseph Marianus Kujur, Provincial of Ranchi Jesuit Province, delivered the welcome address. Rev. Fr. Mathew Perumpil, the health secretary to the CBCI was present.

Dr. Sapeco made power point presentation for about 40 minutes covering Euthanasia, suicide, Medical Termination of Pregnancy (MTP) in the light of biblical texts and various Church documents emphasizing the Church's position. The doctors were seen listening intently. In the question-answer session, many sought clarifications and raised important questions. The presentation seems to have stirred them all. The programme ended with dinner.

The 'Catholic Doctors, Ranchi' has several plans to



doctors conducted party games for all those who were present and prizes were distributed for the winners and runners up. The get-together concluded with sumptuous meal and Christmas wishes

be executed in the future. As it moves ahead it gets consolidated. We need your prayers and support. Thank you.

Animation Rural Outreach Service in Lohardaga

Fr. Sushil Tirkey, S.J



With the extension of the services of AROUSE (Animation Rural Outreach Service Society) to Lohardaga district in the year 2006, the work has been continuing in different villages of 6 development blocks in Lohardaga district. We are working with the rural youth, children, women and farmers by promoting and nurturing Yuva Jhankars (Youth Clubs), Women Self help Groups (SHGs) and Farmer Clubs and carrying out relevant activities to bring about socio-economic and political changes.

1. Youth Club (Yuva Jhankar) : We have been working with the unorganized rural youth who are faced with socio-economic and political problems. Due to lack of proper education, poverty, naxalism, migration, displacement, erosion of tribal value system and destruction of sustainable tribal economy which is agro-based, these youth are badly affected. We are trying to accompany them in search of meaning in their life. In the process we conducted the following activities for the Youth: 7 Agriculture Training and Exposure programmes – each having two days' sessions for 70 participants
2. Women Self Help Groups: (Non-funded) 30 SHGs are under our supervision and monitoring and are the members of 'Soyang Mahila Federation.' Till date the members have saved Rs. 102000/- (One lakh twenty thousand) in favour of Federation for own thrift and credit.



3. Farmer Clubs: (Funded) Out of 31 Farmer Clubs under our supervision and monitoring 26 FCs have been uploaded in Krishaksarathi web under digitalization drive.

Farmer Clubs		
Block	No. of Farmer Clubs	No. Villages
Lohardaga	6	6
Kuru	4	4
Senha	2	2
Kisko	10	10
Peshrar	9	9
Total	31	31

Farmers' Training Programmes			
BLOTP		Agriculture Training	
No. of Progs.	No. of Participants	No. of Progs.	No. of Participants
7	400	3	74

4. Health Awareness Programme : (Funded) AROUSE, Lohardaga, under the supervision and support of CHAI (Catholic Health Association of India) conducted TB awareness and referral programmes in the villages of Lohardaga and Senha developmental blocks.

Block	Akshya SAMVAD			Community Meetings			Diagnosed Positive
	No. of Villages	No. of Household	No. of Suspects Identified	No. of Villages	No. of Participants	No. of Suspects Identified	
Lohardaga & Senha	30	3250	70	0	0	0	3

5. Jan Netritva Pahal (Funded): Under the leadership and supervision of TOTs following activities were conducted for the rural people of Lohardaga district

S.NO.	DATE	NAME OF THE ACTIVITY	TOTAL NO. PARTICIPANTS	NO. OF MALE	NO. OF FEMALE
1	02/03/2017	Village Meetings	39	20	19
2	30/03/2017	Village Meetings	38	09	29
3	07/04/2017	Village Meetings	48	19	29
4	27/04/2017	Village Meetings	46	23	23
5	08 to 10 June 2017	Leadership Training	11	06	05
6	12 to 14 June 2017	Leadership Training	31	31	01
7	20 to 22 June 2017	Leadership Training	34	20	14
8	24 to 26 June 2017	Leadership Training	29	15	14
9	27 to 29 June 2017	Legal Training	32	22	10
10	27/08/2017	Workshop of Gram Sabha & Traditional Leadership	214	168	46
11	12/11/2017	Workshop of Gram Sabha & Traditional Leadership	231	148	83

6. Preservation of Indigenous Seed: From Lohardaga we are trying to promote organic cultivation and indigenous seeds. Some farmers from Turur, Naditoli, Merle village have adopted System of Rice Intensification and learning Organic cultivation under the guidance of Navdanya University, Dehradun.



1. Fr. Paul Vijay Minj, SJ [1966-2016]

The sudden death of Fr. Paul Vijay Minj, SJ, due to a massive heart attack on evening of 2 June 2016, while playing badminton at St. Xavier's College, within five days' after the demise of Fr. Ranjit Pascal Toppo, SJ, on 28 May 2016, due to cancer, came as a big shock to the entire Province. It compelled to make urgent adjustments of some of its personnel in apostolic works.

Fr. Paul Vijay, Mostly known by his second name by Vijay, a well-disciplined and very motivated, hard working man, had gone about through the day like other days- getting ready for the start of the classes after the summer holidays. Though feeling a little tired and lack of energy, he had worked the whole day in his office and went to St. Xavier's College Community for some relaxation by playing badminton. Most unfortunately, though, Vijay, collapsed while playing and gasping for breath as though with exhaustion, had probably died on the way already, before he could be attended to at Orchid Medical Centre, Ranchi, where he had been rushed for medical assistance.

Born on 19 July 1966, in an educated family in Majhatoli, Paul Vijay had his early schooling from 1973 to 1979 at Middle School Majhatoli. The Parish was, at that time, still under the Jesuits and Vijay got inspiration to become a Jesuit Priest in Majhatoli. He, therefore, joined Apostolic School Gumla in 1980 and wrote his Matriculation in 1984 from St. Ignatius' High School Gumla. While staying in Apostolic School, he showed his great talent in playing musical instruments and his director, Fr. James Lakra, SJ, encouraged and helped him develop this talent. After completing Intermediate studies at St. Xavier's College Ranchi in 1986, he joined Jesuit Novitiate at St. Stanislaus' College Sitagarh and took his first vows in 1988. He continued for another year (1988-1989) at Sitagarh doing his Juniorate. He came back to Ranchi in 1989, where he joined St. Xavier's College for his University studies and got his B. A. degree in 1992. Later, in 2009, he got his M. A. Degree through Ranchi Centre of Indira Gandhi Open University (IGNOU) and his B. Ed. from Ranchi in 2015.

Vijay's priestly formation took place in Pune, Boreya and Ranchi. He was sent to Jnana-Deepa Vidyapith (JDV), Pune, for Philosophy (1992-1994) and to Regional Theologate Centre Boryea, Ranchi (1997-1999) and Vidya Jyoti Delhi (1999-2000) for Theology and was ordained a priest in 2000 at Majhatoli.

Fr. Paul Vijay entered into active apostolic work with a brief exposure to pastoral ministry in 2001 as an assistant pastor in Catholic Church Bardih. Prior to this, he had an opportunity to integrate himself in this apostolic work of the Society during Regency after his philosophy first, for two years 1994-1995, in Apostolic School Samtoli and then for another two years from 1995-1997, at St. Xavier's School Doranda. This had given him a good experience as to how the school and campus are managed. Thus, when he was appointed as the Principal of the Junior Section of St. Xavier's School Doranda, he found it quite comfortable to handle the responsibility. He held this responsibility for three years (2002-2005).

In 2006, Fr. Vijay was transferred to St. John's School Ranchi as the headmaster of its Middle School, the post he held till 2008. In 2009, however, Fr. Provincial gave him an additional responsibility to start a new English Medium School at

St. John's School Ranchi. With the experience he had at St. Xavier's School Doranda and at St. John's Ranchi, he took no time in realizing the dream and thus, to give a concrete shape to the "vision" of the Province that it had already been spelled out in 2007. He started it almost single handedly and gave a strong academic foundation to it so that the strength of the students swelled in no time. By his sheer hard work, discipline and motivation, he was able to set the standard for the school. Moreover, by his knack of mingling strictness with kindness, he could galvanize the staff and the students well and establish a rapport with the parents. Since the new English Medium School required concerted effort to look into the technical aspects for NOC, the Affiliation and the Recognition of the School, Fr. Paul Vijay was relieved from the Hindi Medium School in May 2016 and was appointed the Principal of St. John's English Medium School. God had, however, another plan for Paul Vijay so also for the new school.

Vijay had his own values and principles. He could be tough when the situation called for but kind and judicious in dealing with people. He was intelligent to grasp things fast, critical in evaluating matters and firm in taking decisions. His politeness and simplicity attracted others. He lived his life as a Jesuit very faithfully.

Vijay's life journey wouldn't be complete without any mention about his interior life, he tried to live so earnestly. No matter what amount of workload he had or, how busy he would be, he was always faithful in fulfilling his spiritual duties and being available to any sacramental and priestly function. His seriousness in preparing talks, the depth of his reflections, and above all, his willingness to preach retreats, show how much he had integrated his apostolic life and work as the mission of the Society lived out in service in the church.



Fr. Sudhir Kumar Minj, SJ

2. Fr. Leo Bara, SJ [1932-2016]

Fr. Leo Bara, SJ, born in Katkahi on 16 March 1922 and entered the Society of Jesus in 20 June 1942 at St. Stanislaus' College Sitagarh, died on 10 December 2016 in Manresa house, Ranchi, at the age of 94 having lived 74 years as a Jesuit and 63 years as a priest. One of the oldest members in the Province, a heavily-built man, jovial with jest for life, one who always looked at the brighter side of life, who easily entered into conversation with anyone and prompt in responding in any conversation, a lover of books and a keen reader, with great admiration for people he ever met, affectionate and grateful, exacting disciplinarian and goal oriented and deeply religious person, Leo was an epitome of an endearing teacher and a selfless pastor.

Fr. Leo started going to the primary school at his native place in Katkahi, one of the biggest parishes of Lievens' Barway Mission. He did his middle school for a year in 1937 in St. Ignatius' School, Gumla, and went to St. John's High School, Ranchi, for High School where he studied from 1938 to 1942. After his Matriculation, Leo entered Jesuit Novitiate at St. Stanislaus' College, Sitagarh in 1942 and after his first vows he continued his training in the Juniorate at Sitagarh for the next two years (1944-1946). On the following year, i.e., in 1946, he was sent to Shembaganur for Philosophy till 1948. He did his theology from 1951 to 1954 at St. Mary's College, Kurseong, Shembaganur, where he stayed for two years and was ordained as a priest there in 1954. In 1957, Fr. Leo once again returned to Shembaganur for his tertianship, following which he took his final vows in Shembaganur on 2 February 1957.

Leo's active ministry began with two years of Regency at St. Mary's High School Samtoli from 1948 to 1950. After his priestly ordination, he got his first appointment as an assistant teacher for two years (1954-1956) in St. Ignatius' High School, Gumla, and for a year at St. John's School Ranchi (1956-1957). After his tertianship, he was appointed in 1959 till 1961 as an Assistant Parish Priest under Fr. Louis Torps and as headmaster of Middle School in Banabira. Leo was full

of jest and vigour, very energetic and brimming with desire to excel in his work. He saw to it that the school excelled not only in good teaching but also in games, in discipline. The number of boys in the hostel increased. Regular games and evening study for the hostel boys as well as for the day-scholars and daily supervision of the study by the teachers was the normal routine of his years as the headmaster. Students excelled in hockey and volleyball as well as in studies. No wonder, many good students from the school later became achievers in their own way. Though he was a strict disciplinarian in the school, he also loved his students and teachers.

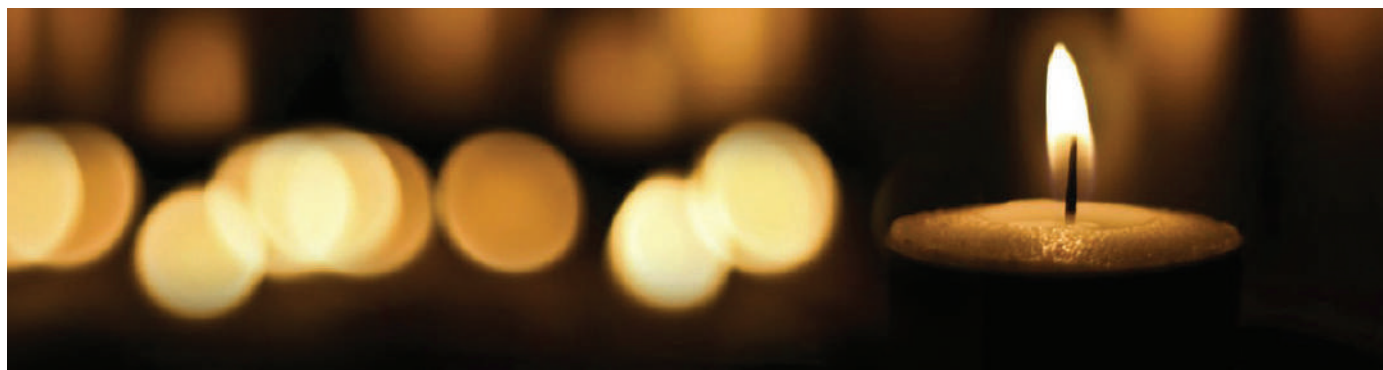
In his next appointment, Leo was sent to Shantipara, Gholeng, for a year in 1962, as the assistant parish priest and for the next two years (1963-1965) to Kunkuri as an assistant teacher in Loyola Higher Secondary School and as Minister of the house. He enjoyed teaching in the class and coaching the boys in the playground. His dynamism in apostolic ministry as an assistant pastor and as a school teacher continued in Majhatoli (1966-1972) but probably with little reduced vigour as a school teacher in Tumdegi (1972-1974) but his zeal in pastoral work remained indefatigable. While in Tumdegi, Leo had a miraculous escape from sudden death when on a very clear but hot summer, he was struck by a lightening while taking his lunch, after the morning classes got over and all the teachers and students had gone back home. Fortunately, the catechist came in from elsewhere and helped him. However, it permanently damaged his ears and was forced to use hearing aid for the rest of his life.

Another phase of Leo's apostolic ministry began when he was appointed as a Parish Priest of Bemarla in 1975 where he worked till 1982 and as Assistant Pastor and Minister in Tongo (1982). Having left teaching in the schools and actively involving himself with the boys, his role fully as a pastor gave him more opportunity to devote himself to the people with pastoral needs in the villages. We find him next as a Parish Priest of a new Parish called Jokari which was bifurcated from Majhatoli (1983) and then as a pastor of Karra (1984-1988) and finally as the founder pastor of Kachabari-Bingaon (1988-1994). Here he proved himself how best he could care not only for his parishioners but also for ecology. He single handedly planted trees all around the Residence and raised a beautiful forest of sal trees.

In his last active apostolic ministry, Leo was made a Champlain at Holy Family Hospital Mandar where he actively served the people with pastoral care by administering sacraments and visiting the sick and comforting them and saying daily mass for the sisters and the nurses for nine years from 1994 to 2003. In 2003, he Fr Christopher Lakra, then Provincial of Ranchi, transferred him to Manresa House Ranchi where he lived in Infirmary till his death (2016), praying for the Church and the Society.

Though living a retired life in the Province infirmary, Leo was probably most active in the sense, that he continued his habit of reading books, journals, magazines etc., of any kind with great interest and whenever occasion permitted him, he never missed discussing what he had found in them. He would never miss to type some good points or ideas he got through his reading. Thus, he fully occupied himself and enjoyed his stay in the infirmary with utmost satisfaction. Even then, twice he wished, he would die but both the times he survived almost miraculously, from critical conditions of his health and returned from Holy Family Hospital, where he had been admitted for treatment, to the Infirmary in Manresa House, Ranchi.

The last fortnight of Leo was a bit of struggle for him when he ate little, moved little and communicated little, almost going into silence. He remained sitting in silence in his usual place in the veranda or lay in his room. It is this state of quietness and silence he eventually passed away from his earthly abode to his eternal rest on 10 December 2016. A huge number of his students, friends and acquaintances, besides his own family and relatives in Ranchi joined in his last journey and burial at Tamtam, made many admire how much he had influenced people in his life by his work he was assigned by the Society.





3. Fr. Patras Ekka, SJ [1953-2017]

Fr. Patras Ekka, SJ, who had quietly accepted the critical condition of his physical health since he underwent prolonged treatment for his infected knee in 2012 and suffered from failure of both the kidneys, yet survived on regular dialysis for nearly four years, died on 9 March 2017, at Orchid Medical Centre, Ranchi.

Patras Ekka was born in Jampani on 16 September 1953 in a good Christian family. After his primary education at Jampani, he went to Apostolic School Gumla with a desire to become a priest where he did his secondary education at St. Ignatius' High School, Gumla. He joined Jesuit Novitiate at St. Stanislaus' College Sitagarh after completing his Intermediate studies at St. Xavier's College, Ranchi, in 1973. He returned to St. Xavier's College for his B. A. in 1976 and went to De Nobili College Pune for bachelor's in Philosophy. He continued his priestly formation at Regional Theologate Centre Boreya (1983-1984) and at Vidya Jyoti Delhi (1984-1986), and got ordained as a priest in 1986. He was sent to Beschi College Dindigul for Tertianship (1994-1995) and took his final vows at Gumla in 2002.

Patras started his apostolic ministry with a short exposure after his B.A., when he was sent first to Garo (Hazaribag) and then to Kishor Nagar at Bargawan (Ranchi), where he had an opportunity to take care of the boys from financially poor or, from otherwise disadvantaged background. During his two years' regency at AROUSE, St. Ignatius' High School, Gumla, where he worked in rural literary campaign under National Adult Education Programme, training for self-employment of the rural youth and "Balwadi" (Kindergarten) programme in the villages, he endeared himself by his openness, polite behavior. He was equally enthusiastic and effective in running the development programmes, leaving a good impact in the villages around Gumla.

As a priest, Patras worked for the 28 years in the educational institutions as minister & treasurer in St. Mary's Samtoli (1987-1988) and in St. John's Ranchi (1995-1999) and as treasurer in St. Stanislaus' Sitagarha (1988-1992), in St. Xavier's Doranda (1992-1994) and in St. Ignatius' Gumla (1999-2005). In 2005, he was appointed as an assistant Parish Priest of Catholic Church Bingaon where he acted also as a headmaster of the primary school till he developed critical health problem in 2013 and had to be hospitalized and eventually to the Province Infirmary for better care of his health.

A great sportsman as a sprinter and pole-vaulter and a great player of hockey and football in his youth, Patras was always energetic and enthusiastic about any work or assignment. Having good intellectual capacity, he was able to grasp things easily. Equally so was his ability to deal with people by his pleasant dealing and apt talking. He knew how to maintain conversation. As a minister of the house, he was warm and welcoming, and attentive and sensitive to the needs of the individual members and of the community. He knew his job as a treasurer and carried this responsibility meticulously.

Patras was a cheerful and pleasant person, frank and open in dealing with others. His company would never be monotonous or boring. He would not make differences with people but was kind and generous towards any needy person. He had his limitations and he was humble enough to accept them. It was this that he would, at times, feel some inhibition but never to the extent that he would close himself up.

When Fr. Patras was compelled to hospitalization for treatment for internal tissue infection, having the risk of amputation of his left leg, he accepted without despair or sadness, his culpable mistake of care for treatment. He took frequent hospitalizations due to his health-complications, with great courage and peace of mind. He never complained about anything but accepted his physical troubles with enduring patience. Prayer was his strength in the waning days of his health, more so, since he had to be sustained on dialysis twice a week for nearly four years. It is in such circumstances that one could see his inner faith and trust in the goodness of God who kept his cheerfulness and peace.

Surprisingly, Patras had managed to survive longer even under such odd conditions, but serious complications in his health in the last 3-4 days, saw how this great sportsman with a robust health in his prime and full of energy and enthusiasm had, finally come to accept also the misery of his health in equal trust and confidence in the goodness of his Lord and surrendered it to him, the giver of all good gifts.



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4. Fr. Victor Surin, SJ [1934-2017]

Born to Kripa and Benjamin on 12 October 1934, the earthly journey of Fr. Victor Surin, SJ, began in Patiamba (Jaldega). He started his primary education at Lachragarh Parish in 1942 where his Fr. was a catechist and then he moved to St. Mary's Samtoli for High School in 1950 but a year later, in 1951, he had already moved to St. John's High School, Ranchi.

Victor entered the Jesuit Novitiate at St. Stanislaus' College, Sitagarh (Hazaribag) in 1954 and returned to Ranchi in 1956 for his Pre-University study at St. Xavier's College. He would go back to St. Stanislaus' College Sitagarh in 1958 for Juniorate and much later, he would write his B. A. from the Ranchi University as a private student.

In preparation of his ecclesial studies, Victor was sent for Philosophy to De Nobili College, Pune, in 1960-62, and to St. Mary's, Kurseong, for theology in 1964-67, where he was also ordained a Deacon in 1966. He was ordained a priest in 1967 in Ranchi and thereafter he was sent to Mount St. Joseph's Bangalore in 1970 for tertianship - his final formal training as a Jesuit.

Fr. Victor Surin's apostolic work began with two years of regency at St. John's High School, Ranchi, between his studies in philosophy and theology in 1962-64. After his priestly ordination, his active apostolic work extends from 1968 till 2013 as an Assistant Pastor in Pathalgaon, Lureg and Ambikapur, from 1968 to 1971 in Jashpur and Raigarh Dioceses and from 1971 to 1977 in Khunti and Karra and, for the first time, as a Pastor of Karra, from 1977 to 1980 in Khunti diocese.

Victor had a break from the active pastoral work when he was appointed as the Minister of St. Stanislaus' College Sitagarh (Hazaribag) for two years from 1980 to 1981, where he took care of the House, of its goods and the vast property.

In 1981-1983 Victor was appointed as an Assistant Pastor of Majhatoli thereafter he moved to Tongo in Barway, as its Pastor from 1983 till he opted to become a missionary in Tanzania (Africa) in 1985. Thus, he became a link to the First Mission of Ranchi Province outside, to Africa, which had been started in 1971 spearheaded by Fr. Polycarp Lakra, SJ. For more than seven years, he worked there as a Pastor till 1993. On returning to Ranchi in 1993, Victor was again sent to Tongo as an Assistant Pastor for a brief spell, till he would be appointed as a Pastor in the land of the Mundas- in Khunti (1993-1999), Maranghada (1999-2010) and Sarwada (2010-2013), for nearly 20 years and as a District Superior of the Jesuit Pastors of his Deanery.

It was in 2010, sometime after Victor had been transferred as a Parish Priest to Sarwada, that he started experiencing some pain and swelling of legs. He tried country medicines for some time but they did not give him any significant relief. Eventually, on the insistence of Fr. Socius, he agreed in 2011 to go for specific clinical check up and treatment in Ranchi. His medical investigation revealed that he was suffering from prostate cancer. He started visiting his doctor regularly and it so happened that his pain disappeared and he felt much relief. So, he went back to Sarwada and kept himself busy in pastoral work for the nearly six months or so, till he began to experience again, swelling in his legs and pain and discomfort. Thus, he was fully relieved from pastoral activity at Sarwada in 2013 and, for better care of his health, came to stay in the Province Infirmary. Till June 2016, last year, Victor was comfortably well. His health gradually began to deteriorate just before his 60th year of his jubilee as a Jesuit and had to be shifted first to Seva Nilaya, Ara Gate and then to Ranchi Urology Centre, Bariatu, from where, after his condition became fairly stable and showed fair recovery, he was shifted to Constant Lievens Hospital, Mander, for the sake of better nursing care. He was treated with chemo

which seemed to have helped him initially but he could not bear the second dose of it and lost his mental orientation, temporarily. It was, therefore, decided to stop this line of treatment. But, to a much relief of all, he gradually regained a fairly good health, partly also because of his will and the tenacity; so much so, he came back to his community in the Manresa House Infirmary for some time. After September 2016, on account of swelling of legs and some difficulty in walking, besides pain, he was once more admitted in Constant Lievens Hospital Mandar.

Fr. Victor briefly returned to his community at Manresa House, for the last time at Easter in April 2017. Prior to this, he came for three days to celebrate his 50 years of priesthood in March 2017. There was a plan to bring him to Ranchi again during the Province Days, to which Fr. had happily agreed but, when the Province Days 2017 came, he was physically not well disposed since he had begun experiencing continual pain in his hips. He, therefore, preferred to stay in the hospital. Since the beginning June 2017, as his pain gradually spread to the knees and he could not get up or walk by himself, on 12 June 2017, he was brought to Ranchi for a review and consultation with his Doctor. Considering Fr. Victor's age and condition, the Doctor declined any further investigation but advised some relief medicines and palliative care. These medicines, however, could not reduce the pain and thus, he spent some sleepless nights, making him more tired and weak. His blood-count also fell and he suddenly became very weak. Meanwhile he had transfusion of four units of blood at different times, including one in the last week, which helped him regain some strength. The transfusion of yet another unit was, in fact, fixed on 28 June 2017 but that was not to happen.

Fr. Victor Surin SJ, had completed the length of his earthly journey and had reached that promised homeland, which the Lord had promised him to give - that Promise, in the hope of which, he had gladly accepted all his physical pains and sufferings, as St. Paul tells us:

Suffering produces endurance and endurance produces character

and character produces hope and hope does not disappoint us... [Rom 5:4-5]

May God grant Fr. Victor Surin S.J. Eternal Rest!



Fr. Sudhir Kumar Minj, SJ

5. Br. Yacub Xalxo, SJ [1937-2017]

Brother Yacub Xalxo, SJ, also known as 'Masterji' in the Province for his managerial skill, elegance and persuasive conversation with any category of people - men and women, capable of handling tactfully any situation with his wisdom and presence of mind, was born on 14 August 1937 to Martin & Josephine Toppo at Jhagarpur under Tamamunda Parish in Chhattisgarh. He went to the neighbouring parish of Tapkara for his schooling in 1953 from where he passed the Middle School in 1959. He spent another year at Tapkara as an assistant teacher and helping the Fathers in the parish. This close contact with the Jesuit Fathers there motivated him to become a Jesuit.

Yacub expressed his desire to become a Jesuit religious and so, he was directed to go to Rengarih where Fr. Paul Terrens was, at that time, in charge of the Jesuit Brothers' candidates. On the occasion of his golden jubilee Yacub narrated how he had walked the whole day on foot - from morning to late evening accompanied by his mother, to reach Rengarih and had a very warm welcome on reaching Rengarih. His short career of teaching in Tapkara and his personality inspired Terrens to make him a teacher of the candidates in Rengarih and tested for his motives to become a Jesuit novice. This was how Brother Yacub was known among his companions as "masterji".

Yacub entered the Jesuit Novitiate at St. Stanislaus' College, Sitagarh in 1960 and took his first vows in 1962 and

continued his formation as an approved Brother for another two years (1962-1963) in Sitagarh including his training in Nursing at Mangalore in 1963. He went to Mount St. Joseph's Bangalore in 1972 where he did his tertianship and took his final vows in the following year at St. Xavier's College, Ranchi, where he was appointed Infirmarian of the House and the College. Yacub took his entire formation seriously to mould himself as a committed Jesuit, as could be seen in carrying out his assigned responsibilities and in his personal relationship with Christ in the life of prayer and spiritual exercises. No doubt, his was a well integrated life as a Jesuit.

The first appointment of Brother Yacub after finishing his Juniorate was as an Assistant Infirmarian at St. Stanislaus' College Sitagarh in 1965 for which he had been trained soon after his first vows. He remained here for a year till he was transferred to St. Xavier's College, Ranchi, where he worked most effectively as the Infirmarian till 1978, and coming in contact with various groups of people - college students, officials, dignitaries and developed a way of dealing with them.

Another period of Yacub's effective life and ministry was at St. Ignatius' High School Gumla where he was Minister of the House and Infirmarian of the School for eight years from 1978 to 1986. Here he had several opportunities to interact with the parents of the students, the local officials and other people. He tactfully handled difficult situations and problems facing the institution. He always had time to listen to people and establish good rapport with them. People had great respect and regard for him because of his gentleman's approach and his kindness to them.

From 1986 to 1991 Brother Yacub lived in St. Albert's College and had opportunity to serve the Seminarians and the Fathers of the faculty for five years in the capacity of an Infirmarian. A keen observer of persons, he enjoyed his stay and work in the Seminary in understanding the Seminarians as a friend and as admonitor to them.

Through his work in the formation houses, Yacub gained experience and wisdom and in practical managerial skills. He was, thus, entrusted with a mission by POSA to work in the common houses of the Assistancy. Thus, he was away from Ranchi for the next nineteen years - first as Minister and in-charge of Kitchen at Vidya Sadan, Tiruchirapalli, of the College Juniors, from 1991 to 2001 and from 2001 to 2009 as an Infirmarian at De Nobili College Pune. Yacub left a memorable mark among the scholastics and the members of the community by his friendly and understanding approach towards all.

With growing age, Brother Yacub realized that it was time to get back to the Province, thus having accomplished his assigned duty in the Common Houses, he returned to Ranchi in 2009 and was appointed as Minister and in-charge of the Kitchen & garden at Tarunoday (Regional Theologate Centre) till 2012. He was, by now, having difficulty in hearing and his movement was also slowing down. Therefore, he requested Fr. Provincial to be relieved from the responsibilities and be placed in any small community. Thus, in 2012 he was transferred to St. Xavier's Bundu where he helped the community in sundry works. As he began to lose his hearing and signs of forgetfulness as also slower movement, he was assigned to the Infirmary at Manresa House, Ranchi, where he spent his last days praying for the Church & Society till his death on 1 August 2017. For the last eight days, he went into a kind of coma. He no more spoke and rarely opened his eyes and passed away very quietly.

May God Grant him eternal rest!





6. Br. Francis Xavier Bilung, SJ [1932 - 2017]

“Our life is like grass; we grow and flourish like a wild flower;

Then the wind blows on it and it is gone; no one sees it again.” (Ps 103:15-16)

It is the nature of law that one who is born in this world has to die one day. Brother Francis Xavier Bilung died in Constant Lievens Hospital Mandar on 8 August 2017. Affectionately known as Chhotu, Francis was born on 20 October 1932 in a village called Paikpara-Deleatoli, under Rengarih Parish. He spent his childhood there and joined R.C. Middle school late for his primary education and passed it in 1952.

After the primary education, he stayed at home with his parents, Simon and Magdalena and his Brother Tintus, to help the family. He realized a call from within and so, he wanted to be a religious but he thought that educationally he would perhaps not qualify. All the same, he decided to become a religious Brother and thus, he entered the Society of Jesus on 1 August 1958, at St. Stanislaus College, Sitagarh. After two years of novitiate and two years of Juniorate (1958-1962), he was appointed as an Assistant librarian at St Xavier’s College Ranchi (1964–1976). From here, he went for his tertianship in 1970 at Mount St. Joseph Bangalore, and came back to St. Xavier’s College to resume the work of a librarian. He took his Final Vows on 2 February 1971. From Ranchi he went to Vidya Jyoti, Delhi as an Asst. Librarian (1976–1979). He came back to Ranchi and became the Asst. Headmaster in St John’s Middle School (1980–1987). From 1987 to 2003 he was appointed as an Assistant Librarian at St. Albert’s College, Ranchi. He spent the longest years here. In all the places wherever he was assigned as a librarian, he did his duty very meticulously.

After the handing over of St. Albert’s Seminary to the Bishops of Bihar & Jharkhand (BIJHAN) in December 2002, Brother Francis was transferred in 2003 to St. Stanislaus High School Lohardaga and was in-charge of the small farm and garden. Here, his health began to deteriorate and hence, in 2006, he was brought to the Infirmary at Manresa House. Since then he lived in the Manresa House Infirmary till his death on 29 August 2017, praying for the Church and the Society. Towards the end of his life, he had become weak and also began to lose his memory. On the same night, i.e., early morning of 1 August 2017, when Brother Yocub Xalxo died, Brother Francis also lay in his bed with cough and cold. He did not eat or drink properly. He was immediately taken to Lievens Hospital Mandar. Initially, he responded to the treatment. His fever and cold was gone and he began to talk softly and started taking liquids. However, the congestion in his chest which had been a very long history with Francis continued. After a few days through the treatment, he gradually began to sink and it was almost clear that his earthly life was soon coming to an end. His family members were informed about it who visited him in the hospital. He surrendered his life to his Master on 29 August 2017. His funeral took place on the following day, i.e., 30 August 2017, at Tamtam cemetery Ranchi. May God grant him Eternal Rest!

When I think of Brother Francis, I remember the words of Jesus to Nathanael, “Here is a real Israelite, there is nothing false in him” (Jn. 1:47). Brother Francis was a very simple and guileless person. His brief life sketch as we have delineated, most of which was spent in the library, in helping out others. While living in St. Albert’s Seminary, he was a good driver, companion and helper to Fr. Jozef De Cuyper, who took him during holidays to visit different parishes of the Archdiocese in connection with the diocesan tribunal work for marriage-cases.

Brother Francis lived his religious life very faithfully and honestly. His life was frugal and simple. He had no pride and did not assume much. A good observer of people, he would not miss to make an apt remark about any Seminarian who needed correction. While staying in the Infirmary at Manresa House, he faithfully took care of the sacristy of the Infirmary and was ever ready to substitute the Minister whenever he was absent.

Francis was a man of prayer. He faithfully recited rosary, visited the Blessed Sacrament regularly and fulfilled his daily spiritual duties. He was a self-disciplined person and very modest in his behaviour. For every activity his time was fixed for him. He had learnt how to keep everything neat and clean. Wherever he was, he was loved by all. He loved the community life and in the Infirmary, he used to meet every one. He always preferred to join the House Refectory for his meals. Towards the end of his life, when he could not walk much, he still made efforts to go to the House Refectory for meals.

He was a very good hockey player and enjoyed playing, but as he grew older, he switched over to playing Badminton. He was gifted with many qualities. His life was a source of inspiration for many. We thank God for such a beautiful life.



Fr. Vinod Kumar Bilung, SJ

7. Br. Vinay Santosh Kullu, SJ [1945–2017]

Brother Vinay Santosh Kullu, SJ, Sleeps in heavenly peace today on the day of Christmas 2017. He chose a beautiful day to meet his Master and Lord Jesus.

Brother Vinay Santosh Kullu was born on 25 April 1945 in a small village called Dalmadih in Noatoli Parish in Gumla Diocese. After his early childhood in 1958, he moved to the nearest parish school Konbir Noatoli for his primary and middle school education. He successfully completed his middle school education which was up to 7th standard at that time in the year 1965. In those days when the schools were few and the parents were uneducated, usually, in the villages young boys and girls were joining the school quite late at the age of seven or eight or even thirteen-fourteen.

Young Vinay Santosh was not different from other village children of his time. He had completed his standard seven at the age of 20 and at that time he heard a silent call of His Master and Lord who said to him 'come, follow me.' He heard the call and said, 'Lord, speak your servant is listening.' Young Vinay Santosh Kullu had no idea where the Lord was going to lead him. He went to Sitagarh in the year 1966 and joined the Jesuit novitiate, St. Stanislaus' College, Sitagarh for the Ranchi Jesuit Province. After a rigorous training in prayer and the way of life as a religious in the Society of Jesus for two long years he was found worthy to serve in the vineyard of the Lord Jesus as a Religious Brother in the Society of Jesus in the Ranchi Jesuit Province and he professed his first vows on the feast of the Presentation of Our Lord. He was asked by the superiors to continue his studies in Sitagarh in the Juniorate during which period he devoted his time in learning English language. He spent two years in the Juniorate.

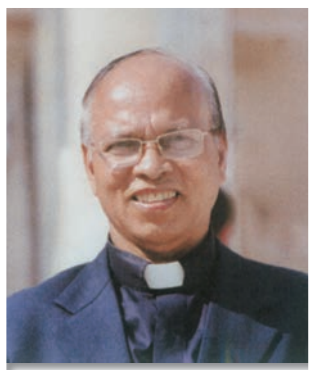
Seeing his ability and intelligence he was sent to Teachers' Training Institute, Sitagarh in the year 1971. He successfully completed his training from the Institute in the year 1973 and was assigned a responsibility of teaching in Bardih Middle School as an assistant teacher. He faithfully carried out his responsibility there. Superiors saw his capability and brought him to St. Xavier's College, Ranchi, in the year 1977 and gave him a responsibility of an Assistant Librarian. He did his job very sincerely and faithfully till 1989. This was a period for Brother Vinay Santosh Kullu for upgradation in terms of grade in the Society and also in terms of secular degree. He quietly pursued his studies from Ranchi University as a private student and acquired a bachelor degree in Arts. He also went for his tertianship to Xavier Teachers Training Institute (XTTI), Patna, in the year 1981 and later professed his final vows in the year 1986 at St. Xavier's College, Ranchi.

The superiors observed his dedication and intellectual ability and decided to send him to Rome to be in the service of Rev. Fr. General of the Society. He went to Rome and very sincerely carried out his responsibility of Minister of the General Curia and assisted Rev. Fr. General for 19 long years till 2009. By this time he had given his prime life time

to the service of Society in different capacities and crossed his retirement age. But as the tradition goes a religious never retires, after coming back from Rome he spent one year in the Provincial's House, Sadbhavna, in the capacity of assistant treasurer of the Ranchi Jesuit Province. Then towards the twilight of his life in the year 2010 he came back to the place where he had spent his youth and grown-up in his intellectual and spiritual maturity, St. Xavier's College, Ranchi. He served this community in the capacity of a Minister, an assistant Minister, in-charge of kitchen and garden, etc... But his health was slowly waning. He was asked to take rest in the same community. During his stay in Rome he had undergone a by-pass surgery for his artery blockages. That too took toll on his health. He was 72 years of age. He had celebrated his golden jubilee of his religious life a year before. He had lived a fruitful religious life.

As a whole, he was living a normal life with some occasional complaints of weakness and pain in his knees. One fine day he said, 'I feel I should go to the hospital. My Haemoglobin level has come down.' That day he went to the Main Road, Mahatma Gandhi Road, Ranchi, for a walk. After coming back he was taken to the hospital at Ara Gate.

Over the last seven years whenever he had been admitted to a hospital, he had come back refreshed in mind and body. The community members thought that this time too he would regain his health and join the community again as he had done earlier. This time God had a different plan for Brother Vinay Santosh Kullu. He was taken to Seva Nilaya Health Centre, Ara Gate. There, he was given three units of blood transfusion. Then the doctor found out that there were some other complications in his anatomy. He was then transferred to Lieven's Hospital, Mandar. There, he was taking rest and on 23 December 2017, the news came to the community that Brother Vinay Santosh Kullu was in a critical condition and had been transferred to the ORCHID HEALTH CENTRE, Ranchi, for better medical care. On 24 December, the day before Christmas, when the whole city was in a mood of jingle bells, Santa clause and Christmas carols, he must have heard the singing "O come all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come to Bethlehem..." Hearing this call around noon Brother Vinay Santosh Kullu, SJ, went to his Eternal King in heavenly Bethlehem and slept in the Lord peacefully. May the Eternal King give him His eternal reward!



Fr. Vinod Kumar Bilung, SJ

8. Fr. Peter Paul Ekka, SJ [17 June 1953-12 March 2018]

Fr. Peter Paul Ekka, SJ, was born on 17 June 1953 in a village close to Simdega town called Samtoli. His Fr. was Mr. Antony Ekka and mother, Mrs. Julia Minj. He was the youngest child among three sisters and four Brothers. His Fr. being a respected teacher of his time and one of the first tribal graduates, took special care and interest in educating young Peter Paul. He was sent to St. Anne's Primary School under Samtoli Parish in the year 1959 and then moved on to St. Mary's Middle School to successfully complete his studies up-to the seventh standard in the year 1966.

At his young age he heard Jesus calling him to become a priest which he had yet to understand. With this thought in his young mind he went to the Apostolic School, Gumla, for his high school education and got admission in the eighth standard in the year 1967. He was very good in studies and also in football. He was a star player of the winning school team in his high school days. He passed his matric examinations in the year 1971 with Science as his main subject. Having an interest in Science he successfully completed his I.Sc. in the first division in the year 1973.

He decided to join Ranchi Jesuit Province and went to St. Stanislaus' College, Sitagarha, Hazaribag, in 1973, to join the Jesuit Novitiate there. In those days St. Stanislaus' College, Sitagarh was a part of the Ranchi Province. After two years of rigorous training he pronounced his first vows in the Society of Jesus on 21 June 1975.

After completing his Juniorate in Sitagarh in 1976 he came to Ranchi to pursue his studies of B.Sc. Honours in Chemistry from St. Xavier's College, Ranchi, which he successfully completed with flying colours in 1978.

His intelligence and capability in intellectual pursuits drew the attention of his superiors and so he was sent to Loyola College, Madras, in 1979 to pursue his Master degree in Chemistry. He completed his M. Sc. in Chemistry in the first class in 1981 and went to De Nobili College, Pune, for philosophy. He completed his philosophy in 1983 and was put at St. Xavier's College, Ranchi, to teach Chemistry as a regent for a year in 1983-84.

After his regency in the college, he was sent for theological studies at Vidya Jyoti, Delhi, for four years from 1984 to 1987. He was ordained priest on 29 April 1987 at the Samtoli Church along with his three Jesuit companions and two diocesans. They were ordained by the Archbishop Telesphore P. Toppo, DD, later elevated to the office of Cardinal. He was to be a lecturer in Chemistry at St. Xavier's College, Ranchi, and so to make him intellectually more equipped the superiors sent him to Marquette University, Milwaukee, USA. After spending one year there he came back to his Alma Mater, St. Xavier's College, Ranchi, in 1988 to be formally appointed as a lecturer in the Department of Chemistry.

Since 1988 he served the Department of Chemistry and St. Xavier's College, Ranchi, in different capacities for twenty eight long years till his superannuation in 2017. During his long service at St. Xavier's College, Ranchi, he took a break in 1994-95 in order to complete the last Jesuit training - tertianship, which he did at St. Stanislaus' College, Sitagarh. He pronounced his final vows on 8 September 2000.

At St. Xavier's College, Ranchi, he shouldered the responsibilities of Registrar from 1995 to 2000, then was elevated to the post of Vice-Principal of the College in 2000. He continued to be the Vice-Principal till 2012. He was freed from this responsibility and was allowed to devote his full time to the Department of Chemistry of which he was made the Head of the Department. He did justice to this last responsibility from 2012 to June 2017. In this span of his life he was awarded Ph.D. in Chemistry in the year 2012 by the Ranchi University.

After his retirement from St. Xavier's College and seeing his qualification and experience in teaching he was sent to St. Xavier's College, Sonabheel, Assam, a new college started by the Ranchi Province, Assam Mission. He was entrusted the responsibility of the Principal there. He took it very responsibly and within a short period of time of his Principal's tenure he obtained the initial recognition for the college from the government and the concerned University Authorities in Assam. Now the students of the college can write their examinations in their home centre at St. Xavier's College, Sonabheel, Assam. Earlier they had to go to some other college to write their university examinations, which was very inconvenient for the students as well as the College itself. That was one of his achievements for the Ranchi Jesuit Society, Assam Mission. He shouldered the responsibility of the Principal of St. Xavier's College, Sonabheel, Assam till his last breath.

Dr. Fr. Peter Paul Ekka, SJ, was known for his Hindi stories and novels. He has a number of publications to his credit. There are a number of young Hindi research scholars who are doing research on the writings of Dr. Fr. Peter Paul. One of his stories has been included in the University curriculum of Mahatma Gandhi Antar Rashtriya Hindi Vishwa Vidyalaya, Wardha. Towards the end of his life he had written some stories which he wanted to publish but his wish remained unfulfilled. He also has received some awards for his writings and other contributions. All these are available in the internet-site of Fr. Peter Paul Ekka, SJ.

He also had a great interest in photography. He had been invited for some special photography programme of the international level in the coming month but before that, God called him to his heavenly reward.

Dr. Fr. Peter Paul Ekka, SJ, was a man of few words but was a good Jesuit, faithful in his prayers. He used to spend time for his personal prayers, rosary and mass. May the soul of this faithful servant find a place in the kingdom of Our Lord Jesus! May God bless each one of those who were close to Fr. Peter Paul Ekka, SJ, and left a vacuum in their life by his sudden demise!

Awards and Accolades: 1. India International Friendship society: (a) Shiksha Ratan Puraskar-Delhi (20th Oct 2011). (b) Indira Gandhi Shiromani Award, Delhi (17th Dec 2011). (c) Glory of India Award, Dubai (18th Nov 2011). 2. International Publishing House: (a) Best Citizen of India (2011). 3. International Institute of Education and Management: (a) Vijay Rattan Gold Medal (2016). 4. International Business Council: (a) Star of Asia (2016). 5. INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE OF EDUCATION AND MANAGEMENT: (a) Life time Education Achievement Award (4th September 2016) 6. JHARKHANDI BHASHA SAHITYA SANSKRITI, AKHRA: (a) Akhra Sahitya Samman, 2017.

List of Publications: 1. Short Stories Collection: (a) Khula Aasman Band Dishayen (b) Rajkumaron Ke Desh Mein (c) Parti Jameen (d) Chhittiz Ki Talash Mein 2. Novels: (a) Palas Ke Phool (b) Son Pahari (c) Moun Ghati (d) Jungle Ke Geet 3. Memoire: (a) Loor Gomke.

His stories and novels are sensitive portrayals of the struggle of the Tribal people of Jharkhand who have to migrate as cheap labourers to far-off places like Assam, the Andamans and other states of India. All his stories and novels display great authenticity of experience since he himself belongs to the Tribal community.

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New Year's resolutions:
the pope Francis list:

1. Don't gossip.
2. Finish your meals.
3. Make time for others.
4. Choose the 'more humble' purchase
5. Meet the poor 'in the flesh.'
6. Stop judging others.
7. Befriend those who disagree.
8. Make commitments, such as marriage.
9. Make it a habit to 'ask the Lord.'
10. Be happy: (The Joy of the Gospel).

A blissful New Year to all...



Jesus taught us how to forgive out of love, how to forget out of humility. So let us examine our hearts and see if there is any unforgiven hurt - any unforgotten bitterness! It is easy to love those who are far away. It isn't always easy to love those who are right next to us. It is easier to offer food to the hungry than to answer the lonely suffering of someone who lacks love right in one's own family. The world today is upside down because there is so very little love in the home, and in family life.

(Mother Teresa)