

Bishop Charles Soreng - new member of St. Xaviers College community.

(924) By **Michaelsj** on 05-July-2013

Ranchi, 4 July : July 5, 2013 Bishop Charles Soreng SJ was welcomed as a new member of St. Xaviers College Ranchi. His successor Bishop Anand Jojo came along with him. He was also accompanied by the priests, religious and the faithful of Hazaribag diocese. On this occasion thanksgiving Eucharist was celebrated at St. Xaviers College Chapel which was presided over by the Bishop Emeritus of Hazaribag. In the beginning Fr. Vinod Bilung, Rector of the Jesuit community welcomed all for the Holy Eucharist. In his homily Bishop Charles spoke of Gods immense love, and encouraged the faithful to be witnesses of that wonderful love. He also stressed on forgiveness and reconciliation. At the end of the Mass Bishop Anand Jojo thanked God, thanked Bishop Charles and St. Xaviers Jesuit community for accepting Bishop Charles as the new member. After the Mass fellowship dinner was served for all.

LEARNING FROM GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY, WASHINGTON DC (925) By Prem on 09-July-2013

WASHINGTON DC 8 JULY : We are lucky to be together here in Georgetown University.

These were the words of Alex Ekka when he met me in Washington DC. Along with Mr. Pinachi Ghosh, one of the Professors of XISS, Alex was here at Georgetown University to explore the possibilities of some exchange programs. Both Alex and Pinachi were lodged in the Jesuit community of the University. I had already descended to Georgetown University from New York on 5 July with my friend Carlos Medina, an army medical doctor.

We were astonished to visit the impressive campus and elegant buildings of the University situated by the banks of Potomac river in more than 100 acres of land. Established in 1790, Georgetown University is the oldest Jesuit university in United States. According to the Jesuits working in the University, it has around 7,000 undergraduate and over 8,000 post-graduate students from all over the world from a wide variety of religious, ethnic, and geographic backgrounds. Apart from Masters and Doctoral programs in arts and science, the other major programs of studies are Nursing and Public Health, Medicine, Business, Foreign Service and Civil Law.

Alex will indeed be very glad if his efforts of initiating some exchange programs get going in collaboration with a University, which has such variety of programs of studies. Personally, I was deeply impressed by our short visit to Woodstock Theological Centre.

As such Washington DC is a well-planned and organized capital of the United States. Since our friend Carlos had a car with him, we had the chance to visit all the major monuments and important places of Washington. On 8 July, he drove us to the house of George Washington, the first President of the United States. The visit helped us to understand the story behind the evolution of the United States under the

charismatic leadership of George Washington. Many more things learnt than a mere visit!

Photo: Alex and Prem in front of the Capitol.

Chennai Darshan (926) By alokekka on 09-July-2013

Chennai, 09/07/2013: Last Saturday on 29th of June we the first years under the guidance of three third year Brothers for Chennai Darshan. It was a fascinating day for all of us. We visited some historical and significant places in Chennai. It was a good time to get acquainted with the place.

We left in the morning around 8:30 and first went to St. Thomas Mount. From there we moved to The Science City. It was an enlightening session of the day with lots of insight into the space and science. Then we proceeded to the Children's Park. We were very much amazed to see the variety of reptiles and animals which are becoming rare day after day. We also enjoyed our Banbhoj there. After relaxing a little we headed for the Museum. We were really thrilled to be there and witness various objects like the skeleton of dinosaurs and things that were used in the past. Finally we went to Marina Beach and became let the child in us be free. We enjoyed there for about 1 hour playing in the water and jumping in the water.

This tour helped us to relax as well as to see and learn how things were and are. It was also a time for us to grow in companionship. Thank you.

By - Sch. Saban Binod Xalxo SJ

RB JULY 2013 uploaded. (927) By Michaelsj on 10-July-2013

Ranchi, July 10, 2013: Dear Readers,

Kindly find the RB July 2013 uploaded.

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.: ANY INSPIRATION FOR US TODAY ? (928) By Prem on 14-July-2013

COLUMBUS, GEORGIA 13 JULY 2013 : Photo: Along with my friend Dr. Carlos Medina, an army medical general surgeon in front of the pulpit, from where Martin Luther King, Jr., used to preach.

I have a dream.

When I visited today the King Memorial Church of Montgomery, Alabama, I recalled the words of Martin Luther King, Jr., which he had used on 28 August 1963 to address more than two lakhs of civil rights supporters from the steps of Lincoln Memorial of Washington DC. Montgomery was the center of American Civil Rights

Movements from 1955 to 1968.

It has to be remembered that even after the Declaration of Independence on 4 July 1776, which proclaimed that all men are created equal and endowed with certain unalienable Rights, the blacks of United States of America were discriminated and denied the rights until 1965. An example of the discrimination was the separation of seating arrangements for the blacks and the whites in the city buses of Montgomery. On 1 December 1955, Mrs. Rosa Parks, a black woman was arrested for refusing to give up her seat on a city bus to a white man. That was the beginning of the civil rights movement. Martin Luther King, Jr., the Pastor of the Dexter Avenue Baptist Church led the movement which successfully culminated in the Civil Right Acts of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965. Martin Luther King, Jr., was assassinated on 4 April 1968.

While listening to the guide on the life of Martin Luther King, Jr. and the Civil Rights Movement, one aspect which touched me deeply was the unity of the people for a cause animated by an inspiring and dynamic leadership. Forgetting the differences, all the Churches came together to fight for the rights of their people and took every challenge as the call from God. Recalling the dedicated works done and sacrifices made by our people back in Chotanagpur for justice, freedom and equality, I was intrigued by certain questions: How much are our various Churches united for the genuine causes of their people? How much influence and power do we exert in various movements? Are we able to give a right direction to various movements with some dynamic leaderships? Probably the life and examples of Martin Luther King, Jr. can become a source of inspiration for us today, who are continuously fighting against injustice, inequality, discrimination and corruption.

These are the words of hope and inspiration for us today:

Dr. Martin Luther Kings Dream is a living legacy of how one man made a difference with the help of so many others. The story will forever be told of those who made sacrifices for the freedom of so many. Most importantly, the torch of justice continues to shine as men and women, young and old, and representatives from all racial and ethnic groups strive for human rights worldwide (Excerpt from Dexter Building the Dream, the brochure published by Dexter Avenue King Memorial Baptist Church, Montgomery, Alabama).

Holy Spirit Mass (929) By alokekka on 15-July-2013

Loyola College Chennai, 15/07/2013: Today we had the Mass of the Holy Spirit for the students of Loyola campus. It was organized in the Bertram Hall. Archbishop of Madras, Mylapore, presided over the Eucharist along with many priests from the institutions in the campus concelebrating with him. The homily of His Grace was very touching. He stressed on five 'A's i.e. Attitude, Attribute, Awareness, Accuracy and Achievement.

Fr Bernard Toppo expired this evening (930) By [davidsj](#) on 22-July-2013

Manresa House Ranchi: Fr Bernard Toppo SJ (Ran 80/57) passed away this evening today at 7.15 pm in Manresa House infirmary. He was suffering from Dementia and Tuberculosis. He was admitted to Seva Nilaya, Ara Gate for quite sometime. When he showed some improvement, he was discharged from there and brought back to Manersa House, infirmary just a few days back.

This evening infirmary attendants were feeding the sick. Fr Bernard and Br Samuel were given evening meals together. It was while having his meal sitting in his chair, Fr Bernard breathed his last. May his soul rest in peace!

The funeral mass will take place tomorrow (Tuesday) in St. Mary's Cathedral Ranchi at 1.00 pm and thereby the burial will take place in Tamtam Kantatoli cemetery.

Fr Bernard bade farewell (931) By [davidsj](#) on 23-July-2013

Ranchi: Fr Bernard Toppo, SJ was laid to eternal rest today in the cemetery of Kantatoli Tamtum by a sizable number of faithful at 3.00 pm after the solemn requiem Holy Mass was offered in St. Mary's Cathedral Ranchi. According to the news reported earlier, Fr Bernard died on July 22, 2013 in the evening at around 7.15 pm.

The Holy Mass was celebrated by Bishop Emeritus Charles Soreng and concelebrated by Fr Provincial Xavier Soreng, Fr Pius Xalxo, the Rector Manresa House, Fr Vinod Bilung, the Rector St. Xavier's College, Fr Patrick Kerketta, the Superior St John's School community and many Jesuits Fathers and brothers. A very good number of religious sisters, brothers, and students were present the Holy Mass in which an earnest prayer and supplication was made for the repose of the soul of Fr Bernard. Fr. Pius Xalxo, the Rector Manresa House Ranchi, gave a brief life sketch of Fr. Bernard Toppo and about the moments of his last days. Fr Florence Kujur, the Principal of St John's School gave an apt homily in which he enumerated some of the exemplary qualities of Fr Bernard.

After the Holy Mass the remains of Fr Bernard was taken to the cemetery at Kantatoli Tamtam, where it was buried with due respect and honour. Fr Patrick Kerketta offered the last funeral rites. Many faithful paid their last homage to the departed wishing him to rest in peace and by lighting the candles at his grave.

Good bye dear Fr Bernard. May you enjoy the everlasting bliss in heaven!

Mr. Suleman Minj (65) passed away on 24 July 2013. (932) By **Michaelsj** on 25-July-2013

Ranchi, July 25: Mr. Suleman Minj (65), uncle of Sch. Bimal Minj, expired yesterday in his native village under Noadih Parish, Gumla Diocese. Sch. Bimal is doing his first year philosophy at Jnana Deepa Vidyapeeth, residing at De Nobili College Pune. His uncle was very dear to him because he grew under his care and guidance. He feels great loss on passing away of his uncle. He has already left Pune to be with the bereaved relatives. We express our sincere condolences to him and assure our prayers for the bereaved family members. We pray that God may welcome Mr. Suleman in his Kingdom for eternal rest and peace.