

Br Linus Minj, SJ (Ran) laid to eternal rest (914) By **davidsj** on 20-May-2013

Gumla:: Br Linus Minj, SJ (74) laid to eternal rest yesterday on May 19, 2013 in the small graveyard situated in the premise of Apostolic School, Gumla. A good number of religious priests, brothers and nuns came to bid farewell to our dear Br Linus despite the scorching heat. The funeral rites started around 3.00 pm in the hall of St. Ignatius High School, Gumla. Fr. Xavier Soreng, the provincial, Fr. Cyprian Kullu, the Vicar General of Gumla diocese, Fr. Sudhir Minj, the Socius, Fr. Pius Xalxo, Rector of Manresa House and a good number of priests concelebrated the Holy Mass. The boys of Apostolic School conducted the choir. After the Requiem Mass, the remains of Br Linus was taken to Apostolic School premise in procession and buried there with due rites and respect. Fr. Provincial offered all the funeral rites.

Br. Linus Minj have had heart anomalies. Yet he was keeping perfectly well till evening May 18. He himself drove Fr. Albert Kullu, the Rector of the House, to Urmi Hospital accompanied by Sch Bipin Lugun. He got him admitted there and came back. He apparently developed his chest pain and breathing problem after the dinner around 10.00 pm, when all went to retire to bed. He too was in his room but door was not fully shut. Fr. Christopher, who was awake and walking on the corridor, heard him suffering terribly, went in and woke other priests and rushed him to Sadar Hospital, Gumla. But, it was too late by now. Hardly doctor and nurses had attended to him, he breathed his last.

Br Linus was the minister in the house. Like a caring mother, he took care of the Rector and reached him to the Hospital. Nobody knew that after reaching Fr. Rector to the Hospital, he himself will have to be rushed to Hospital. It was indeed a tragic end of Br Linus. He served others so caringly, but never gave chance to serve him. May God grant him the due reward that he deserves in heaven for all the good works he did here on earth.

Joy of being together (915) By **davidsj** on 22-May-2013



Gumla:: Ranchi Jesuit scholastics have had a meaningful get-together here in Apostolic School Gumla from May 19-22, 2013. The theme of the get-together was Joy of being together. St. Ignatius Jesuit community has been very kind to sponsor this years scholastic get-together.

Yesterday was the picnic day! The day was special because this years all the newly

ordained priests of Ranchi Province (Frs. Ajay Prakash, Amar Beck, Francis David and Roshan Bage) were invited for the day. The newly ordained priests offered their ever First Mass with the scholastics. After the Holy Mass they were given a grand welcome by the scholastics.

The picnic spot was Sakhya Dam near Konbir Noatoli. It was indeed a nice day out there in the Dam site. A well-fatted goat was butchered on the spot and prepared. Though late, we all had a sumptuous picnic dinner. Two buses from St. Xaviers Doranda were to our service for travel. Journeys as usual were fantastic with full Gaza-Baza and varieties of Akhara Songs. I am sure we have had a true sense of togetherness as the theme Joy of Being Together aptly guided us.

Well done Scholastics! Continue growing in the spirit of the Society of Jesus. Congratulations to Fr. Michael who has been accompanying the scholastics.

Day I of Ranchi Province Days 2013 (916) By [davidsj](#) on 23-May-2013

Ranchi: Ranchi Province Days 2013 began today with a meaningful Eucharistic celebration in the XISS auditorium at 6.15 am. The Mass was celebrated by Fr Augustine Kujur, the coordinator of the education Commission in the province and concelebrated by the headmasters of Jesuit Schools in the province. IN his homily, Fr Ignatius Lakra very aptly situated us and set us into the tone of the Province days theme by highlighting a few points about the restoration of the Society of Jesus.

The Ranchi Province Days 2013 was formally inaugurated today 8.30 am in the auditorium of XISS by the welcome address of Fr. Xavier Soreng, the provincial, and by lighting of the lamps by all the Belgian Missionary priest of the Province. Expressing his great joy and happiness Fr. Provincial welcomed each and everybody to this Province Get-together. He made a special mention and requested the house to pause for a silent prayer for those who have departed before us since last get-together up till nowviz. Fr. De Cuyper, Fr. Stanislaus Kerketta, Fr. Walter Ekka, Fr. Walter Pillen, Fr. Van Winckle and Br. Linus Minj. He also made a special mention of those who have come from Guyana, Rome, Egypt, Jammu, Assam and Andamans.

Finally he wished all present a meaningful, restful and fruitful Province Days 2013 and invited all to reflect our past and present to see the future. He expressed the opinion that in the edifice of the Past we would be able to build our future. After the official welcome address of the provincial, Fr. Binod Toppo introduced the gathering about the theme of the province days 2013 which read as Celebrating 200th Year of the Restoration of the Society of Jesus: Revisiting our Heritage, Revisioning our Future. He said that it is an opportune time to reflect on the two aspects of the great

event, viz., looking back our past and to look forward to our future. Introducing the theme he also pointed out the happy coincidence that seat that suppressed the Society of Jesus has been given back to a Jesuit Pope.

Immediately after the inaugural session the input sessions began. The first session dealt with the history of our Jesuit Mission between the years 1869-1935. The resource persons were Frs. Shailendra Bara, James Toppo and Emmanuel Baxla. This session led the gathering to revisit our own Ranchi Jesuit Mission history and heritage and draw some fruits and inspiration to re-vision our future. Fr. Ignatius Tete chaired the session. The second session after the coffee break also dealt with the history of the Ranchi Mission between the years 1935-1956. The resource persons were Frs. Alex Ekka, L. Francken, Sudhir Kujur and Deepak Toppo. However, the presentation as such was made by Alex Ekka with the help of PowerPoint. Fr. Philemon Ekka chair this session.

The second half of the day was spent in visiting XIPT and Kishore Nagar. The Prabhat Tara Community hosted the evening cultural programme and dinner thereafter. As part of cultural programme a film called The Mission was screened at the courtyard of Prabhat Tara. After the sumptuous dinner all returned to retire.