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FR. PROVINCIAL'S PROGRAMME

AUGUST 2015

- 3-4 : Khunti Visitation
- 8-9 : Prabhat Tara & Saporom – Visitation
- 10 : Central Zone Provincials' Visitation – RTC & BAGAICHA
- 11 : Central Zone Provincials' Visitation – Hoffmann Law & Education Bureau
- 12 : Central Zone Provincials' Meet
- 13 : Conference on Ecology - *LAUDATO SI'*, XISS, Ranchi
- 14 : PROVINCE CONSULT
- 31-01 Sept : Off to Jharsuguda

SEPTEMBER 2015

- 01 : Jharsuguda – Keynote Address on “Negative Impact of Mining & Our Response”
- 4-6 : Manresa House – visitation
- 13-22 : China
- 25 : PROVINCE CONSULT
- 26 : St. Xavier's Doranda – Visitation
- 27-28 : St. John's Ranchi – Visitation
- Sept. 30 : Patrachauli – Visitation

Joyful Celebration of Inigo Day in Ranchi

Like previous years, the month of July was concluded by the joyful celebration of the feast of St. Ignatius on 31st July. On this day, the Solemn Holy Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral was presided over by H.E Cardinal Telesphore P. Toppo, D.D.



The theme of the Mass was *Consecrated Religious Life for the Greater Glory of God*. The Auxiliary Bishops Telesphore Bilung and Theodore Mascarenhas, Bishop Charles Soreng (Emeritus) and the Provincial Fr. Joseph Marianus Kujur, concelebrated with him at the altar. Before the Mass, Fr. Provincial welcomed all the faithful for the solemn Eucharist. Fr. Erik Breye SJ gave an inspiring homily, highlighting St Ignatius' zeal, his creative responses to the challenges and his fidelity to the Church. The Choir, led by Manresa House Scholastics and XAR (Xavier Association of Religious), made the liturgy more solemn and festive. Beautiful entrance and offertory dances by the students of

St John's Inter-College raised the festive spirit of the liturgy. At the end of the Mass, Fr. Vinod Bilung SJ gave a short and sweet vote of thanks.

Announcement & Information:

- ▶ **Retreat for Jesuit Pastors** and others who would like to join it:

Dates: **23 – 31 August 2015** (inclusive)

Place: **Jharna Spirituality Centre Namkum**

Preacher: **Fr. Emile M. Coelho SJ**

All the pastors are kindly requested to make adjustments to attend the Retreat.

Kindly inform Fr. Deepak Toppo SJ, Director of Jharna, or Fr. Sudhir Kr. Minj SJ, Socius, about your attendance / arrival.

- ▶ On the occasion of the **Diamond Jubilee of JDV Pune**, an International Conference on *Befriending the Other* is being organized on 24-28 November 2015. All JDV alumni are invited to attend this conference. To register please mail to: jubilee@jdv.edu.in or contact Fr Selva Rathinam SJ or Fr Kuruvilla SJ (kuru@kuru.in); Tel: 91-9579959565; 91-9096872278; Fax: +91-2041036290

HOUSES & INSTITUTIONS**Manresa House**

A talk on *Human Rights Violations* was organized on 4th July in Bulcke Hall by Fr. Ignatius Minj SJ in the wake of the Land Acquisition Ordinance of the Central Govt. Frs. Stan Swamy SJ and Xavier Soreng SJ highlighted some serious issues confronting the Adivasis which need immediate attention and collective response.

Fr. Pius Xalxo and Fr. Xavier Soreng went to attend an International Society of Jesuit Ecumenists 23rd Congress, 2015 which took place at Kardinal Käning Haus, Vienna, Austria from 13th -19th July. The theme of the Congress was "The Thinking and Feeling with the Churches". In the beginning the number of participants was 22 but later on it came down to 19 as a few left the Congress due to some other commitments they had already made. In this Congress papers were presented by the participants followed by response and comments. On 19th July Fr. Xavier presented a paper entitled "*Ecumenism- Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow*" with special reference to the Churches at Ranchi/Jharkhand. Fr. Pius presented a paper *Emerging Issues Leading to Churches' Collective Response with special reference to 'Nemha Bible'* and difficulties in writing and publishing on tribal matters. The Paper presentations came off well and they were appreciated by the participants. After this, they visited Brussels, Paris and Rome and saw places of importance which broadened the horizon of their knowledge and information. They came back to Ranchi on 30th July to celebrate the Feast of St. Ignatius. Br. James Barla went

to Lonavla for Brothers' Coordinators Meet to elect a Brother delegate who will take part in the forthcoming GC 36 from South Asian Assistency. He was back to the house on 25th July. The community appreciates the initiative of Fr. Victor Surin who planted 14 mango saplings in the campus. He also generously availed himself in giving a triduum to the elderly Daughters of St Anne's community Loadih.

The month of July ended on a very happy note as we celebrated the feast of St. Ignatius with great joy and zeal. The day began with the solemn Eucharist presided over by H.E. Cardinal Telesphore P. Toppo D.D. After the Mass the customary football match between the Staff and the Scholastics was played in the Minor Seminary ground. The staff team won the match by 8-2 in the penalty shoot-out. In the afternoon, many religious men and women, friends and relatives, collaborators, youth and children joined us for tea to share our festive joy. In the evening both the Auxiliary Bishops with some superiors of the local religious communities were present for the dinner.

Fr. Antony & Fr. Victor

St Ignatius, Gumla

The month of July began with a series of sad news. Fr. Erentius Minj lost his brother-in-law at Tukai (Basia - Kumhari) on 1st July. He went for the funeral the next day. As if that was not enough, he lost another brother-in-law on 28th July. He was going to see him who was in his death bed in Raipur. He got the news on the way while in a bus that the man had expired and the burial would take place in Tapkara. So he returned from half

way to Gumla and the next day went for the burial. We wish him hearty condolences and pray for the bereaved families and the departed souls.

A rare visitor to our Campus: a big monkey entered our campus on 2nd July and was jumping around in branches of the trees. Our hostel boys chased it; the monkey was much surprised to find that there were many others “like him” around. So off it was from the campus.

Inter House Football tournament in the School was held in the school. It went on for more than a week leaving the newcomers enthused very much. We have a good team of girls this time. It looks that the inter Jesuit football trophy this season is reserved for them. Time will tell when it comes!

Sharing our Teachers: Something very innovative of St. Ignatius H. School and Intercollege! Four science and Maths teachers of ours used to go in the afternoon to Bardih H/S to give classes, because they had no teachers those days. They did it for a week during the House tournament in the school. This is the spirit of sharing and cooperating with Ours! Greatly appreciated!

Fr. Anil Tirkey, our missionary in Guyana, paid us a visit on 6th July with his sister Sraddha (nun). One day he addressed our Apostolic boys sharing about the Guyana Mission. It was liked much.

Fr. Thomas left for Tezpur (Assam Mission) for a short visit on 9th July and was back on 16th after a brief tour of different places and getting to know about the work he will undertake over there. He had a mixed feeling after his visit – mission in the periphery. Childline Project was started from 15th of July in the AROUSE as the Centre. It is a good service to children.

The Sarva Dharma Sadbhavna Manch held the Eid Milan and Rath Yatra programme in the premises of AROUSE on 18th July. The D.C. Dinesh Chandra Mishra and the S.P., Mr. Bhimsen Tuti were Chief Guest and Special Guest respectively. Many people came for the celebration. However, a sad incident dampened the spirit – five boys from the Muslim Community who were drowning in the Koel River, were rescued by the villages but one of them died all the same. So, many Muslim brethren could not attend the celebration. The news came just a little before the ceremony started. We had a condolence message at the end of the programme.

Supplementary Matirc exams were held in the school from 21st July to 25th, for which we had to suspend our classes except the Class X and Inter College.

The House bought a new car – *Maruti DZire* - for the School and Inter College. On 24th morning Fr. Rector blessed the new car and the Headmaster distributed sweets on the occasion.

St. Anne’s hosted a big festive Dinner on 26th evening; none of us absented from this dinner! Earlier in the morning some of us went to pray with them during the solemn Mass in the Cathedral. The Feast of St Ignatius was celebrated with great joy, devotion, and fanfare. It was a rainy day but could not prevent the football enthusiasts between the staff and the students. Of course, the staff had to win. Add to it the Birth Day Cake cut by Fr. Marc De Brouwer during the dinner with all our guests! He said, “This is the first 90 years of my life that I see”. This very day letters came in e-mail: Frs. Praful Ekka and Manohar Khoya have been approved by Rome for their final vows in the Society. Hurrah! Congratulations to both of them!

Fr. Christopher

St. Xavier’s School, Doranda

The month of July witnessed full of activities and celebrations. There were Inter-School literary and sports and games competitions at the Zonal and Bihar-Jharkhand region. Practically in all the zonal level competitions, our students got championships. Miss Netali of class XII participated in Declamation Contest held at St. Teresa’s School, Bhagalpur and was awarded with the 3rd prize in the Senior Category. Quizzers in Junior and Senior categories participated in ICSE/ISC Quiz Contests held in Sacred Heart School, Hulhundu and got the first and the second prizes respectively. Creative writing Contest was held at McCluskigunj where Anant Maheswari and Sachin Sagar of our school won the first prize in both senior and junior categories. The school was awarded with the second prize in the ICSE Painting Competition held also at McCluskigunj. Raunak Prakash of class X was declared the best debater in zonal as well as in Frank Anthony national debate competition. Raj Shekhar Haldar was another debater who was declared the best debater in the Senior Category. Kudos to all these young achievers, who bring baskets of laurels and glory to the school. These winners will take part in the Regional

level competitions organized at different times by different schools in the month of August. We wish them all the best.

The preparation for and celebration of the feast of St. Ignatius was the culmination of all events. The preparation began with the Novena to St. Ignatius reflecting on the various Ignatian sub-themes under the major Theme “Igniting Ignatian Values”. The teachers and students creatively organized the prayer service. On 25th the community members had an inspiring spiritual talk by Fr. Erik Breye who helped us all in the meaningful preparation for the feast.

Fr. Francis Minj, the Dean of the RTC Tarunoday, ignited our senior students with the Ignatian Values on 30th July. He challenged them by his inspiring talk on *Magis*, Excellence and Transformation. On that occasion, Fr. Principal briefed the students about the Jesuits mission and vision in Ranchi and in the world and projected the province documentary for the students. The same day the Inter House Quiz Contest was held for the Junior Category students exclusively on Ignatius’s Life, on Ranchi Province, on the School and on the Society of Jesus at large. The students enjoyed the contest. The Feast of St Ignatius brought showers of blessings. Incessant rain and unfavorable weather could not stop the enthusiasm of students, their parents, religious friends and our well wishers who attended the Holy Eucharist in the morning. Fr. Prem Xalxo presided over the Eucharist and delivered an inspiring homily. After the Mass the teachers and the students felicitated the Jesuits. In the second half of the day we received a good number of guests in small as well as in bigger groups. The sharing of joy continued till late evening. In the evening, religious men and women from nearby communities gathered for the prayer service which was led beautifully by Sch. Navin. Thereafter they joined us in fellowship dinner. A one-day workshop on *Creative Teaching* was held in the school conference hall on 24th July for the Headmasters of different schools of the state. Fr. Ajit Kr. Xess, organized it with a resource person Mr. Rithish from Delhi.

Sch. Navin Jigga

St Mary’s Samtoli

Two teachers Patrick Kerketta and Alphonse Dungdung retired from their teaching career. They were given a

grand farewell by the school. The cultural programme in their honour lasted more than three hours. The school acknowledged their dedicated service with gratitude. After the programme, meal was served in the community for the staff.

Fr. Solomon Barwa SJ and his team from Gumla conducted a three-day Jivan Pravesh Seminar for Class X. The participants profited from it and seem to be quite happy. Similarly Fr. Linus Dungdung SJ conducted a three-day Orientation Programme for the Class XI students of Ursuline Inter College. He focused on self-awareness and self-knowledge in order to enable them set their goals. He sensed that many students found it difficult to grasp it.

Members of the Building Commission consisting of 11 Jesuits from Ranchi and Gumla with Frs. Provincial and Socius came to Samtoli to inspect the site for the planned Degree College. They visited two places –vegetable garden property and the property at Konmenjara village. They also visited the Apostolic School where the building has been started for the AROUSE and where the degree college can be started in its initial stage. After lunch at 1.00 p.m. all sat down to share their opinions. Fr. Gilbert D’Souza, the new community member, arrived in St. Mary’s Samtoli to start the new Degree College. 5 Jesuits – Frs. K.C. Philip, Sikander, Binod, Brs. Patras and Stephen Kandir with 5 lay people – from the ATC and Ashirvad Community, accompanied Fr. Gilbert to Samtoli.

Fr. Anuranjan and Fr. Isaac Tete gave recollection to the religious Sisters of the DSA in preparation for the feast of St. Anne. Fr. Anuranjan went to Lachragarh for the Sisters of Lachragarh-zone while Fr. Isaac gave to the Sisters of Simdega-zone.

To make the Feast of St Ignatius a memorable one, two One-Act Plays – one in Hindi and the other in English – were staged in the school hall. Plays were staged 3 days for the school children and one day for the outsiders. Together with the one-act plays there were some cultural programmes too.

The hostellers and apostolic boys uprooted the paddy seedlings on 26th & 27th July. The next day all the hostel boys of St. Mary’s and Apostolics, and hostel girls from Ursuline, St. Anne’s Hostel and St. Joseph’s of Tarbs finished the work of transplantation in a short time. After the work was done all were given snacks and refreshments.

On 30th July, the Feast of St. Ignatius was celebrated with joy and fervour in the school. Fr. Rector celebrated Mass in the English Medium School. He was present for the felicitation programme in both the schools. After the programme the staff was served festive dinner as a mark of gratitude for their service. On the Feast Day of St. Ignatius, Bishop Vincent Barwa presided over the solemn Mass in the Cathedral. The choir was led by Fr. Irenius and Schs. Sujit and Arvind. After the Mass there was a short *swagat* followed by breakfast at St. Mary's community. For lunch some guests were invited but nobody turned up because of rain. Some came to wish us from far during the tea. The football match was played on the parish ground between Fathers and staff members. Since there were no field goals, Fathers won by penalty shootout. In the evening the nearby communities were invited for dinner.

Fr. Anurvanjan

Patrachauli

Fr. Alphonse Kullu has begun his work in the school with full vigour and zeal. He celebrated his birthday on 19th July for which Jesuits from Saparom and Prabhat Tara turned up for the celebration. It was an occasion to celebrate our companionship with mutual joy and sharing. Deacon Pradeep too joined the community on 7th July after finishing his B.Th exams at RTC Tarunoday. He began diaconate ministry with his visits to different villages.

As preparation for the feast of St. Ignatius the Jharna-Ashirvad community had invited Fr. Emmanuel to give spiritual talk on the life and spirit of St. Ignatius. We too prepared ourselves spiritually by Novena to St. Ignatius. On 31st July, a solemn Eucharist was presided over by Fr. Ignatius while homily was delivered by Dn Pradeep. Fr. Alphonse and Dn Pradeep had prepared the choir well to make the Holy Eucharist more devotional and participative. After the Mass, felicitation programme lasted for almost two hours followed by fellowship meal for all the invited guests. Despite a rainy day, some religious guests, mostly from Dighia vicariate, turned up for the feast. In the afternoon, two football final matches – one of the girls and the other of the boys – were played. The final matches signed off the Double *Khassi* Football Tournament which had a double purpose to bring the youth together as well as to celebrate the feast of

Ignatius with the people meaningfully. Thus the Inigo Day ended with a lot of joy and satisfaction.

Fr. Ignatius Kujur

St Stanislaus, Lohardaga

The school management faced an unprecedented strike and protest by the staff and the students. It created a chaotic situation and a baffling task to handle. Timely support and guidance of Fr. Ajit Xess, SJ and Fr. Florence Kujur, SJ paved the way for the management to resolve the issues and grievances. Fr. Provincial's visit to Lohardaga Jesuit Community from 27th & 28th July boosted the morale of his fellowmen by emphasizing more on community life and sharing. He invited all to convert the negative energy into positive to focus on the mission entrusted.

The School campus was blessed with plenty of mushrooms to relish the flavor of the season. But Scholastic Bimal Nag could not escape from typhoid and jaundice due to which he was compelled to fight back with medicine and bland diet. Br. Nico could not know for sure what his ailment was because, after taking medicine, he felt dull and sleepy all the time. Fr. Alex and Fr. Ignas tried to beat higher sugar count, BP and weight by brisk walk around the football ground. But Fr. Ranjit, while shouldering the responsibilities of the community, hostel, school and spiritual ministry, found his uric acid optimum. Fr. Sushil sometimes looked exhausted and bogged down but kept on moving.

31st July, this year, was not celebrated with songs and dance, fun and frolic but football match during the day. The evening celebration, however, was marked by the presence of Priests, religious sisters and brothers from different religious communities in Lohardaga.

The AROUSE team is battling to keep women self help groups (SHGs) steady and intact as some of them are lured away by the promise of grant assistance. But the team is geared to federate all the SHGs for sustainability and empowerment. At the same time some of the farmers have been assisted to procure Kisan Credit Cards (KCC) through Joint Liability Groups. Out of 24 Farmer clubs, being nurtured by AROUSE, six clubs of the remote and forest areas went through base level orientation and training programme so as to help them to tap the services and resources provided by different institutions and agencies.

Fr Sushil Tirkey

Tarunoday, Kanke

The second year theologians came back to Tarunoday on 2nd July after a month-long Pre-ordination Programme (POP) held at Woodcot Kurseong and another month of summer ministry in the Assam mission. By then the Deacons had left the place after their comprehensive examinations, and the newcomers were about to conclude their annual retreat under the guidance of Fr. Deepak Toppo. The inauguration of the new Academic Session took place on 4th July, Saturday, with its theme *Consecrated Life in the Adivasi Tradition*. The Provincial of Ranchi, Fr. Joseph Marianus Kujur SJ delivered the key-note address. A good number of participants from Kanke were present on this occasion.

Classes resumed on 6th July for both the years. Fr. Francis Kurian, SJ, the Provincial of Hazaribag, gave classes to the First Years on *Growth Dynamics and Personal Growth*. The Provincial of Ranchi came here for visitation from 20th to 22nd July. It was his first visitation to us as Provincial.

As preparation for the feast of St. Ignatius, community had *Novena Prayers* and *Triduum* which began on 20th July and concluded with an inspiring talk on the theme *Consecrated Life* given by Fr. Linus Kujur SJ. On the feast of St. Anne's and St Joachim, we prayed for the Daughters of St. Anne and doubled their joy by our presence for dinner. Thereafter the feast of St. Ignatius on 31st July was celebrated with zeal and full gusto. Fr. Peter M. Tigga SJ enthused the faithful by his inspiring homily. Of course, the combined choir of the St. Anne's candidates and the Taruns made the whole liturgy very devotional. Felicitations and *swagats* followed the liturgy and, of course, concluded with a free *Nasta with pork* and entertainment for all. Fr. John Mundu had been to Morning Star Seminary, Kolkata for teaching.

Sch. Rajesh

Vidya Jyoti, Delhi

After the refreshing summer holidays, all the scholastics returned with greater enthusiasm to Vidyajyoti. This year Vidyajyoti is blessed with a new rector in the person of Fr. Michael T. Raj, SJ (JAM), a new administrator Fr. Mohan, SJ (KAR) and one more spiritual director Fr. Michael Alosanai, SJ (MDU). With the change of leadership in the community we

also experience some changes and newness. The first year theologians had their week-long orientation programme under the guidance of Frs. Gratian Carlo SJ and Tony Andrade SJ enabling them to enter into the world of theologizing.

The staff had their meaningful colloquium at Shimla in the first week of July and in their absence Beadle Rozario and Sub-beadle Anburaj took care of the house. On 11th July we had our community orientation where Fr. Rector addressed the community and thanked the outgoing Rector Fr. Joe Sebastian SJ and administrator Br. Patras SJ for their service at VJ. The college reopened on 13th July with the solemn Eucharist presided by the Archbishop of Delhi. The different ministries were also introduced to the students. Sch. Bipin opted for the parish ministry; Mukul and Justin for Tribal ministry. We also began the Ignatian Novena on 22nd July in preparation for the feast of St. Ignatius. The Inigo feast was celebrated with great joy where Fr. Rector was the main celebrant. The community also thanked Sch. Rozario Mosahari for effectively completing his term as a beadle.

Sch. Rozaria

Satya Nilayam, Chennai

The month of July has been a special one for us. We had a very meaningful Novena prayer services to St. Ignatius prior to the actual feast of our founder. First eight days, all the living groups named after some very prominent Jesuits like Xavier, Gonzaga, Britto, De Nobili, Beschi, Hurtado, Claver and Lievens took turn to conduct the prayer services highlighting the lives and missions of their patrons in the light of Ignatian spirituality and mission. The prayers were very creative and meticulously planned. Decoration of the chapel, power point presentations, video presentations, one-act plays; besides readings and recitals from poems, anecdotes and writings of these great Jesuits were the special features of the novena that were insightful and inspiring. The ninth day of Novena was very well conducted by the staff members. The feast of our founder St. Ignatius was celebrated with usual flair and fervour. Fr. BK Francis Xavier, the Parish Priest of Besant Nagar, presided over the solemn Eucharist. In his homily, he appreciated the simplicity with which we celebrated our founder's day. His homily centred on the theme, "With Christ we are Hero and without

Christ we are Zero". To mark the occasion we had a volleyball match between First Years and Second Years in which the ever enthusiastic first years got the better of second years in straight sets. In the evening, we had a small prayer service with the religious of the neighbourhood, the parish priests of the city where our Brothers go for pastoral ministry and a select group of friends and collaborators; it was then followed by a variety cultural programme and fellowship meal.

Loyola College Chennai organized the inter faculty Basketball, Volleyball and Football tournaments. Since we are recognized as the faculty of Philosophy, Loyola College, Chennai, our teams competed in all the three events. We made it to the finals of all the three. However, to our bad luck, we had to be satisfied with the runners-up medals of both volleyball and basketball tournaments whereas our team is yet to compete in the football finals. We are hoping that the equation would change this time around and we would eventually have the winners' trophy in football. On 4th August soon after having played an intense volleyball final, on their way back to Satya Nilayam, three of our players were caught by the railway police for mistakenly entering into the first class railway compartment. They were fortunately left free after a strict warning and a handsome penalty. Sch. Pramod Bara was one of them. He has taken this incident in his stride, saying that it was quite an experience getting a mouthful from the policemen on duty.

Sch. Libin Kerketta

Sanjeevan Nivas, Vijaywada

The month of July began with a prayerful mood. On 11th July we had the recollection by Fr. Kiran SJ, the Socius to the Novice Master. Brothers started participating in various sports in the College team this year. We had the Ignatian Novena from 22nd to 29th in our Community but on 30th we joined the College Community as well as the hostellers to conclude the novena by a procession with the Blessed Sacrament. We joyously celebrated the feast of St. Ignatius by taking part in the solemn mass at the College chapel and sharing the high breakfast with both teaching and non-teaching staff of the College. In the evening the Religious and the Clergy were invited for the celebration.

Sch. Wilson Kandulna

Loyola College, Chennai

We, the Tribal Jesuits and the Tribal students from Chotanagpur in Loyola College celebrated Holy Eucharist on 12th July at Berchman's Illam to receive blessings from God for the new academic year. On the same day, our spiritual father, Fr. M.J. Victor SJ (MDU) went missing from our community. He was going to celebrate the Eucharist to his relative's house. On the way to Central Railway Station, on the subway he had a massive heart attack and collapsed. The police carried him to the Rajiv Gandhi Hospital, Chennai where he was declared dead. The police could not identify him because he carried only the holy mass kit and not even his cell phone or any ID. He was kept unidentified in the mortuary till he was identified by our three Jesuits after five days based on police information. The body was brought to Loyola campus on 19th July. A huge congregation paid him last homage during the funeral mass followed by burial.

We got the result of the semester exams on 25th July. We were delighted by our good performance. Berchman's Illam organized a quiz competition on the Society of Jesus and a grand cultural show in view of the feast of St. Ignatius on 26th July at Bertram hall for all the inmates of Loyola campus (Berchman's Illam, Loyola Men's Hostel, Loyola Women's Hostel, LIBA Hostel). This was a wonderful evening for us!

The Loyola Jesuit Community and Berchman's Illam had the novena to St. Ignatius from 23rd to 30th July. On the eve of the Inigo feast we spent the evening in recollection. The feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola was celebrated solemnly. Fr. M. Francis Jayapathy, SJ, the Rector, presided over the mass and all other priests concelebrated with him. All the participants were invited for festive breakfast at Loyola Men's Hostel Mess. Soon after breakfast Jesuits of Berchman's Illam played basketball and football matches against Loyola Men's Hostel. They lost the trophy in basketball by only one point but they bagged the trophy in the football match by scoring two fantastic goals.

We Ranchians celebrated companionship at Satya Nilayam. Fr. Vinod Soreng and Fr. Erenius Toppo celebrated the Holy Eucharist. We prayed for all our deceased Jesuits of the current year and for the mother of Fr. Erenius who passed away on 25th May. We shared the fellowship meal with lot of humor and joy.

Fr. Erenius & Sch Saban

ASSAM & ANDAMAN

St. Xavier's College, Sonabheel

The daily schedule of the people of Solabasti was shoddily weighed down due to unexpected flood; nevertheless the college remained open with classes uninterrupted. The presence of Schs. Claber and Samir is gearing up with a beneficial milieu in the college as they have quickly acclimatized themselves with the nature and demands here. College had summer vacation from 1st July till 3rd August. On 20th July Fr. Ranjit Horo set off to attend a meeting in Patna regarding administration in educational institutes. Fr. Florence is back here to look into some official requirements pertaining to Degree College. The community except Samir and Florence had gone to Phesama, Nagaland to make their annual retreat under the guidance of Fr. Fabian Bhuiyan (JAM). Recharged with Ignatian spirit the community was back on 12th July and was engrossed in preparation for the feast of St Ignatius which was celebrated in our place. Fr. Bene after having treatment from the dentist is convalescing from his tooth-ache.

Fr. Ravi

Jesuit Bhavan, Tezpur

Fr. Xavier returned to Tezpur from Europe on 2nd July, after visiting friends, benefactors and funding agencies. The next day 13 Jesuits of Assam Mission started their trip from Balipara, Sonabheel, Kathalguri, Manas Bansbari and Mushalpur and Tezpur to Phesama (Nagaland) to make their annual retreat. In Dimapur 2 more Jesuits from Pengaree joined the group. Thus 15 Jesuits reached Phesama around 4.00 pm to start the annual retreat under the guidance of Fr. Fabian Bhuiyan SJ (JAM). Fr. Jerome Veigas SJ (KHM) also joined the retreat. The atmosphere, weather and place were very conducive for prayer and reflection.

Some areas of Assam had been affected by flood frequently; even Balipara was on the verge of being washed away. Some of the parishes like Tetonbari and Gohpur of Tezpur Diocese were very badly affected by repeated floods. Fr. George Soreng SJ visited Tetonbari area for survey work. Meanwhile Fr. Anupchand was busy with getting the accounts of Assam Mission audited from 23rd - 31st July with a team of auditors headed by Fr. Vijay Manohar Tirkey, the Province Treasurer.

This year the feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola was celebrated in St. Xavier's College, Sonabheel. Nearly 140 invited guests, Priests, Sisters and friends had come to share our joy in the evening.

Fr Xavier Lakra

Gana Chetana Samaj, Tezpur

On 2nd July Fr. George Soreng SJ, Director of Gana Chetna Samaj (GCS) along with two staff - Mary Paul Ekka and Juspin Kerketta- went to Tetonbari and Amjharni Panchayat area which had been badly affected by the flood due to heavy rainfall and the rain water flowing from Arunachal Pradesh causing damage to the existing Bandhs on 27th July. They approached the affected people and studied the basic problems and the immediate help needed. The Parish Priest Fr. Pancratus Soreng and assistant Parish Priest Fr. Raju Paul Tirkey, of Tetonbari Parish also extended their helping hands in the survey work. The survey was done under two Panchayats: Tetonbari and Amjharni. The survey included eight villages namely Jugibari, Karigarej, Baliyan, Tetonbari, Puronigarej, Amjharni, Goroimari and Teton Pokhari.

On 14th July another heavy rainfall swept away two little innocents. The same day Fr. George again went to Tetonbari to meet the bereaved family and the flood affected people. Then the Director prepared a report and sent it to different foreign agencies seeking some help for the flood affected people at Tetonbari area.

GCS trained 95 farmers for the cultivation of System of Rice Intensification (SRI). On 14th July SRI cultivation was demonstrated by a trained farmer called Anil Oraon from Chapaguri village. Other farmers like Rajesh Kerketta, Amarlata Topno, Bimal Oraon, Musku Oraon, Bithu Oraon also went for SRI cultivation besides their normal cultivation.

A monthly meeting was held for the instructors of the study centers on 6th July at the Conference Hall of GCS, Tezpur. The main objective of the meeting was to review the performance of all the study centers. The monthly meeting helps to keep up to date each center and share new information to the centers. It also helps instructors of the centers to learn and adopt appropriate measures for better functioning of the centers.

A one-day financial literacy awareness programme was held on 10th July at Multi-Purpose Community hall Banadarhagi Pathar village under Dhekiajuli Block of Sonitpur District (Assam). The programme was supported by NABARD. The speakers were Mr. Dilip Kumar Das, AGM NABARD, Sonitpur, Mr. A. Mahanta, LDM, Sonitpur, Fr. George Soreng SJ, Fr. Thomas Barla SJ, Jharkhand, Dr. Terath Singh, Veterinary Officer, Ranagapara Dev. Block and Rama Kanta Nath, Agriculture Development Officer, Dhekiajuli Dev. Block. It was also the foundation day of NABARD. The programme was attended by 78 participants.

A village-meeting was organized by GCS on 23rd July at Chapaguri village. The main agendum of the meeting was to discuss about the forthcoming Karam celebration. More than 40 people attended the meeting including men, women and youths from four villages, namely - Chapaguri, Vitar Panbari, Sessa Girja Line and Dhekidol. During the meeting it was decided to combine two-three villages together to organize Karam celebration for three years. Another meeting on 30th was held to form a committee to organize Karam for three years.

During summer vacation many college students benefitted from computer course in which they learned Microsoft Word, MS Excel, MS power points and Internet as a holiday Package. GCS has brought the new computer soft skill training programme, which is highly benefiting the students.

The flood relief distribution programme was done on 29th July at St. Francis Xavier School Tetenbari for two Panchayats - Tetenbari and Amjharni. Mosquito nets were provided to 60 hostellers also. The flood relief distribution programme was conducted by the staffs of GCS and 30 volunteers. Fr. Pancratius Soreng, Parish Priest of St. Frances Xavier parish and Fr. Raju Paul Assistant Parish Priest were very helpful to us. They helped us to know the details about the affected people. We are thankful to them and appreciate their collaboration. We are very grateful to the mission procurator, Fr. Klaus Vathrder SJ (Germany) for the generous support to the affected people. On 31st July, a foreign guest Fr. Quang Vinh from France visited our Demo Farm at Bhaitabhang. Fr. George Soreng and some staff members of GCS took him to the site.

Fr. George Soreng

Pengaree

The school closed for summer vacation from 1st July to 31st August. Frs. Telesphore and Patrick went to Nagaland for their annual retreat where they joined other Jesuits of the Assam Mission. After retreat was over, Fr. Telesphore along with three other Jesuits of the Assam Mission took part in a Seminar on School Management in Patna. Fr. Norbert and his team provided us some inputs and skills for better school administration and management. Indeed it was insightful and thought-provoking for 48 school Principals of North East India.

Fr. Mukul prepares himself for Guyana Mission. He is running up and down to Guwahati for the passport. Fr. Alois Beck SJ has joined the community as a new member. Welcome to Fr. Alois in this Green Land of Assam.

The feast of St. Anne's and Joachim on 26th July was celebrated as St. Anne's Day in the parish. The parishioners joyfully felicitated all the sisters. On the same day they also gave farewell to Fr. Mukul and welcomed Fr. Alois as the new Parish Priest.

The Pengaree Mission mourned the loss of Miss Suchita Barla, a loving motherly figure who served Pengaree Jesuit Community for 13 long years as a cheerful kitchen girl. She had a complaint of Breast Cancer and was operated in Chennai in March. Unfortunately it was unsuccessful due to which her health deteriorated very fast. On Monday 27th July, both religious and faithful in a big number participated in the funeral ceremony in Mohong. May her Soul Rest in Peace!!!

Fr. Telesphore

Ramnagar

A seminar on Human Rights by Mithun Das and his team was held on 7th July. Mr. Lalita, B.D.O. of Diglipur highlighted the fundamental rights of every Indian citizen given by the Constitution of India. She also mentioned about the Govt. Schemes beneficial for the people. On 8th July, Bp. Alex Dias, SFX along with Fr. Selvaraj and two Jesuits, namely, Fr. George Beck, Spiritual Guide of the Diocese and Fr. Friedrich from Austria visited Ramnagar.

The feast of Blessed Anne Marie, the foundress of the Cluny Sisters was celebrated by the parishioners on 12th July. After the mass, there was a felicitation programme in honor of the sisters. In order to share in

their joy, St. Anne Sisters from Magarnallah, Missionary of Charity Sisters from Diglipur and Frs. Edward and Alexander came here. Frs. Ajit Ekka and Sebastian from Kalapahar parish also joined the group. The Eucharist was offered for the intentions of the Cluny Sisters. Fr. Benedict was the main celebrant. All went back to their respective places after sharing the festive dinner.

An awareness programme about Tuberculosis (TB) was arranged for the parishioners on 19th July by Mr. Rahul. The Doctor from Kalighat spoke about health and hygiene. He gave information about various diseases and especially T.B. as there were some cases in Ramnagar. The *Pradhan* of Ramnagar Panchayat was also present.

Parishioners celebrated St. Ignatius' feast on 26th July in the parish while the following day St. Anne's Sisters of Magarnallah celebrated the feast of St. Anne and St. Joachim. Frs. Benedict and Anil went there for the feast. Fr. Alexander Tirkey was the main celebrant. After having the festive dinner all set off to their respective places.

Fr. Anil Kandulna

Prothrapur

In the parish, SSCs are very alive and active in different villages. The Annual SSC Day was celebrated on 5th July. The diocesan SCC Coordinator, Fr. Zacharias Barla and the Diocesan Spiritual Director Fr. George Beck SJ (DUM) were present for the solemn Mass. Fr. Zacharias encouraged the faithful to live a life of holiness and service. Melodious singing made the liturgy prayerful and devotional. Sisters of SJA, Diocesan SCC team, were the special invitees of the day.

It was our privilege to welcome an Austrian Jesuit Father Friedrich along with the Bishop Alex Dias SFX.

In the evening Bishop Alex invited three of us, namely, Frs. David Bara, George Beck and Friedrich.

Later in the month's feasts of the Sisters of St. Joseph's of Cluny and of St. Ignatius were celebrated on 15th and 31st July respectively. St. Ignatius' Feast was celebrated in a simple way. Fr. George Beck SJ was the main celebrant. Liturgy was prepared well by the youth. A good number of faithful was present for the Mass. Festive dinner was hosted in the evening for the Fathers and Sisters of the parish.

Fr. David

Diglipur

Most Rev. Bishop Alex Dias, SFX together with Fr. George Beck SJ, Fr. Friedrich SJ (a Jesuit from Austria) and Fr. Selvaraj visited Diglipur Parish on 8th July. They were on their way to Radhanagar. The feasts of Sts. Anne and Joachim and of St. Ignatius were celebrated on 26th and 31st July respectively. As usually on the feast day of St. Anne's and Joachim, DSA sisters were given a warm felicitation, and the feast day of St. Ignatius was observed as the Parish Day. As its spiritual preparation, the faithful had Novena to St. Ignatius which concluded on 30th July with a half-day recollection. The same evening Jesuits of Ramnagar and Diglipur had a celebration of the Founder's Feast in Diglipur. The Parish Day on 31st was celebrated with great zeal and fervor. The liturgy was well prepared under the guidance of Fr. Alexander. Dancers of Mahila Sangh solemnized the liturgy by their entrance dance. After the Mass Frs. Edward & Alexander were warmly felicitated by the parishioners through various songs, dance, and skit. After the programme all had festive meal prepared by the Catholic Sabha. Thus, the Parish Day ended with a lot of joy and satisfaction.

Fr. Alexander

DIASPORA

Rome

In July, Edwin Ritesh Dungdung and Ravi Hemant Kujur completed successfully one month of Italian language course in Rome. Apart from learning the basics of Italian language, they also seem to have acclimatized themselves well to Roman life, culture and weather. For the month of August, they will move to Genova to continue their language course. The Italian Novitiate atmosphere would definitely be more

conducive for them to grasp and deepen the fundamentals of Italian language. Sanjay Dilip joined the Radio Vatican officially on 1st July and with the help of Justin, he was quick to pick up the tricks and intricacies of writing news, editing, recording and preparing the materials on time for the transmission. He is confident of sailing through the initial difficult times and of being expert in communications with each passing day. All four Ranchi men at present in Rome

celebrated the Feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola in Roman style. For Edwin, Ritesh, Ravi and Sanjay, the celebrations lacked the vigor, large-scale participation and fanfare to which they were accustomed with the usual grand celebrations in and around Ranchi. In the evening, they participated in the solemn Holy Eucharistic celebration in Gesù Church which was presided over by R.P. General. On 1st August, Indian Section of Vatican Radio bade farewell to Justin. As his admissions in Marquette University for his doctoral studies is still under process, he moved to Milan to continue his correspondence with the concerned authorities.

From 1st July onwards, Edwin Dang seems to be well settled in one of the northern Italian Parishes for his summer ministry. Being alone in the Parish has turned into a great boon as he practices freely and fearlessly whatever he has learnt in one year in Rome. A great plus point is that the people of that Parish are very helpful and encouraging. He is confident of mastering the spoken as well written language at the end of his two months' summer ministry. During the first week of September, he plans to visit some important places related to Fr. Constant Lievens in Belgium.

During the month of July, Linus was fully busy giving regular classes in St. Albert's College. Kulwant and myself landed in Ranchi almost together. On his arrival, Kulwant was assigned an important job of checking and rewriting the data of each and every member of Ranchi Jesuit Society. He goes everyday up and down from Manresa House to Sadbhavna to carry out the assignment faithfully and diligently. He has already caught the attention of others with his dedication to the work and his punctuality. He hopes to complete the assignment before going for a short home visit towards the end of August. I had to leave for Bangalore on 16th July to participate in the Pan Asian Conference on the theme "Doing Catholic Theological Ethics in a Cross-Cultural and Inter-religious Asian Context" from 17th to 20th July for which there were 100 participants from all over Asia. Immediately after the Conference, I lectured an intensive course on "Communication Ethics in the Age of Diversity and the Clash of Civilizations" for the L.Th. students of DVK, Bangalore. I came back to Ranchi for the feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola. Many

months before, Ajit Xess had already asked me to preside over the Eucharistic celebration in St. Xavier's Doranda on the Feast of St. Ignatius. It was evident that the Jesuit Community and the staff had meticulously planned every aspect of celebration in a true Xaverian style and spirit and executed the plan in a grand manner. All of us will be back to Rome during the first week of September.

Fr. Prem

Jerusalem

Experiencing Jesus is the main purpose of any Christian group coming to the Holy Land. And so it is for any Jesuit for that matter. July is specially given for the Scholastics coming mainly from Gesù', Rome. This has been a tradition since many years till now. To have a program for the scholastics at this stage of formation has a special significance, namely, that, their study of theology does not remain merely at the mind level but should help them to deepen their personal relationship with Jesus by actually walking with Him here in the Holy Land. To this end this year ten scholastics came for the programme from the Community of Gesù'. Br. Kulwant Minj could not join the group as his papers got delayed. He waits for a chance in the near future. The scholastics hailed from various nationalities. Besides them four other Jesuits joined the programme: two Jesuit priests from India, one from Brazil and a deacon from Haiti. The programme started with the eight-day Spiritual Exercises. The dynamics of the Exercises were not in keeping with the Weeks, but to get oneself immersed into the actual Holy Places of Jerusalem and thus to allow the places to speak for themselves. Meanwhile they required to be watchful and awake and absorbing them in the heart. The second part of their spiritual journey was in Galilee for six days. The programme was heavy and the weather turned out to be hot and yet the whole journey gave them a new experience. Some of them said, "We had so many things to see and experience within such a short time that we had no time "to stand and stare".

The last week of July came as a moment of grace to revisit the places and deepen the experiences of the whole month. The climax was the beautiful and homely Eucharistic Service celebrated in our garden on the auspicious occasion of the Feast of St. Ignatius. The priests, religious men and women and laity gathered

around the Table of the Lord by 18.45. The participants were altogether about 150. Among them the French Consul, the Delegate of the Nuncio and some Bishops of other denominations were present. The scholastics helped us to pray more devoutly by their beautiful, melodious singing at the Liturgy. The dinner was served

to all soon after the Eucharist. The menu was superb and abounding in quantity. Everybody had a delicious festive meal which was so meticulously prepared by our co-workers.

Fr Camil Kerketta

Let Us Remember in Our Prayers:

Mrs. Teresa Kerketta (82), Sister-in-Law of Fr. Ferdinand Kullu SJ, passed away on 20th July 2015.

BIRTH DAY BABIES: AUGUST & SEPTEMBER

AUGUST

- 04 Ekka John
Toppo Suman Prabhat
- 05 Barla Rajenius
Hassapurty Anuranjan
- 10 Surin William
Ekka Cyprian
- 11 Ekka Noel
- 12 Lakra Telesphore
- 13 Dungdung Linus
Xalxo Prem
- 14 Xalxo Yacub
Tirkey Modestus
- 15 Kerketta George
- 16 Purty Florence Hassa
- 18 Soreng Charles
- 26 Xess Ajit Kr.
- 28 Dungdung Emile
- 29 Joncheere Florent
- 30 Kullu Jayprakash N.
- 31 Barla Ajay Roshan

SEPTEMBER

- 02 Delporte Antoon
- 04 Kerketta Patrick
Xess Isayas
- 07 Ekka Severius
- 08 Kadookunnel Anthony
Saras Ajit
Kullu Elias
- 10 Ekka Prakash
- 12 Kerketta Elvius
- 13 Kindo Beatus
- 14 Tigga John Crus
- 15 Bara David
- 16 Ekka Patras
Tirkey Alexius
- 21 Toppo Christopher Raju
Bage Tej Mati
Dang Edwin
Kandir Stephen
- 23 Kujur Linus
Kujur Pingal
- 24 Tirkey Ignatius
Kullu Pradeep
- 25 Baxla Tej Kumar

**WISHING YOU ALL
A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**