

RANCHI BULLETIN



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Ranchi Jesuits, Sadbhavna P.B. - 4, Ranchi - 834 001, Jharkhand

AUGUST 2018

Provincial's Programme

July

- 4 July : Inauguration of the new session, B.Ed. SXC, Ranchi
- 6 : GB meeting, St. Xavier's College, Ranchi
- 13 – 15 : Central Zone Educators' Meet, Ranchi
- 16 : To Rengarh – Visitation
- 17 : GB meeting, St. Mary's English Medium School, Samtoli
- 21 : PROVINCE CONSULT
- 26 : Feast of Sts. Joachim & St. Anne – St. Anne's Congregational Feast
- 31 : Feast of St. Ignatius Loyola

August

- 2 – 5 Aug. : To Chennai visitation
- 6 – 8 Aug. : To Bangaluru – meeting
- 9 – 10 Aug. : To Trivandrum – visitation
- 11 Aug. : Back to Ranchi
- 18 Aug. : GB Meeting, St. Xavier's College, Simdega – 10:00 a.m.-01.00 p.m
- 20 Aug. : GB Meeting, St. Xavier's School, Doranda – 6:00 p.m.
- 25 Aug. : Province Consult
- 27 Aug. : Assistancy Novice Masters' Meet 2018, Jharna-Spirituality Centre, Namkum (6:00 a.m. Eucharist & Key note address)
- 29 Aug. : Province Consult
- 31-1 Sept. : Central Zone Provincials' Meeting

REMINDER

Annual retreat of our Parish Priests 2018 has been scheduled for **September 8 eve – 16 morning, 2018 in JHARNA SPIRITUALITY CENTRE, Namkum. Fr. Emile Koelho, S.J. (JAM)** has kindly consented to give the retreat. Others are most welcome to join the retreat.

Kindly ensure your seat as early as you can so that practical things will be taken care of smoothly.

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Socius

News: Br Telesphore Horo, S.J. has successfully completed his B.A. scoring 57%. Bravo! Congratulations.

Grade Card Status

(Selected programs of BDP)

Select Program : Enter Enrolment Number

Indira Gandhi National Open University

Current Grade Card Status as on August 10, 2018

(For information only)

Saturday, August 11, 2018 8:56:39 AM

Enrolment Number : 147287455

Name : TELESPHORE HORO

Program : BDP

The Status is indicative only & cannot be used as a substitute for the final grade card which is sent by SED at the end of a semester

Course Code	Asgn 1	Asgn 2	Asgn 3	Asgn 4	Term End Theory	Term End Practical	Status
ANC 1	79	79	46	-	64	-	Completed
BHDF 1	73	71	-	-	50	-	Completed
BPAE 2	90	90	90	-	59	-	Completed
BPSE 12	66	66	66	-	48	-	Completed
BSHF 1	78	78	78	-	40	-	Completed
EPA 4	78	78	78	-	45	-	Completed
EPS 11	63	63	63	-	57	-	Completed
EPS 15	57	57	57	-	59	-	Completed
EPS 3	63	63	63	-	63	-	Completed
EPS 7	81	81	81	-	49	-	Completed
EPS 9	70	70	70	-	37	-	Completed
FEG 1	75	75	-	-	50	-	Completed
FST 1	84	84	84	-	38	-	Completed

ST MARY'S SAMTOLI

On July 91, 2018 Fr. Erentius Minj was accompanied by Frs Ajit, Alexander and Sikander to his new community, i.e. Manresa House, Ranchi. He will be the coordinator of the Central Zone Education Bureau (CZEB) and also the PCE of Ranchi Province. Fr. Rector started

giving English classes to the St. Anne's candidates from the same day.

On July 07 four of our community members, Frs Anup, Bruno, Ireneus and Sikander went to Ranchi to appear for the NET exam and Fr. John went to attend the meeting of the principals of Minority Schools. Since many were absent, the birthday of Br. Basil was postponed to the next day.

Again on July 13 Frs. John, Sikander and Alexander went to Ranchi to attend the 2 day meeting. From there Fr. Sikander proceeded to Patna for three-day seminar for the probable principals arranged by Central Zone Education Bureau.

Fr. Ajit went to Ranchi with a double purpose: First, to reach the scooty to Sadbhavna. The vehicle was used by Fr. Gilbert who is now transferred to Ranchi. Second, it was to submit the budget to Fr. Provincial.

Transplantation : The uprooting of the seedlings was done by all the apostolic and hostel boys together with the Ursuline hostel girls and as a result the work finished in few hours. On the next day the transplantation began. It was done by the hostel and apostolic boys plus 23 ladies who were hired. This year it was over by less than three hours. After the transplantation they were given some nasta. To our great surprise the following day negative reports appeared in the papers. The school had to defend it in writing. The letter was sent to D.C. and copy of the letter was sent to the editors of the papers.

On July 19, all the approved teachers of High School went to Ranchi to submit the memorandum to the education minister regarding the salary. They are not paid since February 2018.

Inauguration : There was an inauguration ceremony of SXC, Simdega on July 25 for the part I students. The blessing of 3rd floor was done by Fr. Rector. Thereafter the new students were welcomed by the 2nd year students. Then a short and sweet programme followed.

St. Ignatius' Day : The high school and English Medium School celebrated the feast of St. Ignatius. The programmes were held in their respective places. College did not have the programmes because of the preparation for the exams of the 2nd year students. This year SXC, Simdega too is the centre for the exams. Programmes in the schools were short and sweet. After the programme lunch was served to the teachers and professors in the school hall.

To prepare ourselves for the feast of the Founder, Ignatius Loyola, we had community recollection beginning from the eve of July 21 to 22 noon. The theme of the recollection was -

“Ignatian Discernment - tool for better decision making.” Fr. Michael Kerketta S.J. was the resource

person. On July 22 we ended the recollection by Adoration.

Linus

On July 31 there was a grand celebration of the feast. We had the Holy Mass in the Cathedral at 6.00 a.m. Fr. Ignace Tete, V.G. was the main celebrant. The singing was conducted by Schs. Nelson and Anil. After the Mass the Fathers were given swagat by the Catholic Sabha, Mahila Sangh, Yuva Sangh and the hostels of St. Anne's, Holy Spirit School and others. After the swagat crowd of women and children came for the breakfast. The dancers and choir group were also given breakfast. Compared to other years we had a bigger crowd this year. In the afternoon the people of the neighbourhood came to wish us. In the evening we, priests and nuns had gathering and had supper together. The rain had stopped for three hours and thus we were able to have our supper peacefully but as we were finishing, few drops of blessings started and we had to hurry up with the swagat and dancing. After having danced we dispersed to our places. As a whole the programmes were very good and the feast got over.

Linus

ASHIRVAD-JHARNA

The month of July began with an exciting episode: thirteen (13) freshmen entered the Novitiate. They were welcomed warmly with traditional symbols like a handwash, *tilak* on forehead, garlands, etc. The rituals made them feel at home. Now all together we are twenty-three (23) novices here. Please, pray that all of us may persevere in God's call. Fr. Master has given each of the 2nd year brothers the responsibility to accompany one or two freshers. We find it quite supportive and mutually considerate.

On July 12, Fr. K. C. Philip, our Superior, returned from Shillong where he had gone to give the Sp. Exercises to our Fathers in the Assam Mission. Fr. Deepak Toppo also came back from Vietnam, on July 16, after directing two retreats to the SCJM nuns. Fr. Jagdish Parmar, S.J. (DAR) interacted with us on the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network (PWPN) or the Apostleship of Prayer. Deacons Ravi Hemant and Edwin Ritesh, who returned to the Province after their theological studies in Rome, were with us and shared their experiences and challenges.

Some of us had the opportunities to attend to our Fathers in hospitals. This was quite an experience in that we could share their pain and suffering. At the time of writing this news clip, two of ours are in the Guru Nanak Hospital taking care of our ailing Fathers. Some of us donated blood as the need arose.

In preparation for the solemnity of St. Ignatius Loyola, our Founder, we had a novena, followed by a conference by Fr. Henry on the Mysticism of St. Ignatius, and the sacrament of reconciliation for the Fathers and Brothers of the ATC-Ashirvad-Bagaicha-Kishor Nagar communities. On the Feast day we had a solemn Eucharistic celebration at the ATC presided over by Fr. Henry. Fr. Suman Beck gave a very inspiring homily. A combined choir of pre-novices and novices deserve our praise for making the Mass very devotional with the choice of hymns which all could sing. After breakfast with the people present, and the felicitation, the time-honored football match followed between novices and the Kishor Nagar. The eleventh player from Ashirvad was our driver Praveen! The KN team played very skillfully while most of the novices were seen somersaulting often on the slippery grassy battle field. Despite accurate passes and ball-possession, the former team had to be satisfied with 2-4. Three cheers for the umpire because not a single player was shown yellow or red card! Light rain did not deter the well-wishers from coming over to Ashirvad for *fuchka* and other items laid out with novices to distribute them. A troupe of drummers and dancers kept the dust flying in the air at the portico with their sound and dances, welcoming the guests. All ended by 7.30 pm, and after some time we concluded the day with dinner and early to bed. – The only and only person we missed was Fr. Ferdinand, our Socius who went home the same morning for the funeral of his niece Kanta, who died of cancer. We remembered Fr. Socius and his deceased niece in our prayers.

NS Ashwin & NS Pingal

ASSAM MISSION

From 3 to 10 July 2018, annual retreat was arranged at Ka Pimpei Arrupe Jesuit Novitiate, Shillong. Jesuits from various mission stations such as St Xavier's Sonabheel, Xavier Sadan Balipara and from Pengaree Frs. Alois,

Patrick and Roshan came to Jesu Bhavan for an overnight stay. The following day we set out for our destination. At the arrival we met the Retreat Director – Fr K.C. Philip who had come all the way from Ranchi. Next day we were invited to participate in the Holy Mass on the occasion of “Cassock Day” for the 9 first year novices at their entry into the Novitiate.

The Novice Master presided over the Holy Mass. The local faithful were also invited. Soon after the Mass, breakfast was served to all who attended the Holy Mass. Our retreat began on July 03, 2018 and got concluded with the Holy Mass on July 10, 2018 noon. On behalf of the Retreatants, Fr. Alois Beck expressed sincere thanks to Fr. K.C. Philip, S.J. for guiding us to our spiritual journey successfully through his talks, video shows and availing some inspiring books to read. After lunch, we went for ‘Shillong darshan’ and visited Don Bosco Museum, Cathedral and some part of the city. We found the Museum very impressive and informative about the tribals of North–East region of India. In the evening, we came back to the Novitiate and had our supper. On the following day, Fr. Rosario came to the Novitiate where he had received his initial Jesuit formation, and offered the Holy Mass for the community for the first time after his priestly ordination. He gave an inspiring homily to the Novices and thanked the Novice Master, Socius and other members of the community who proved to be his true mentors. He also thanked the community, on behalf of all of us for accommodating and creating ambience for the success of our retreat and gave invitation to visit Assam Mission. On the same day, we made our journey back to Jesuit Bhavan, Tezpur to attend Annual Assam Mission Meet – 2018 scheduled for July 12 – 13, 2018 at Jesuit Curia, Tezpur. Annual Assam Mission Meet – 2018 took off at 9.00 am with a prayer led by Fr. Swarn Tigga. Fr. Pius welcomed the participants and gave the logistics for sharing about “Community life”, “Education apostolate”, “Pastoral Apostolate”, “Social Apostolate” and “Finance”. He invited the person in-charge of the apostolate to share first and then others. They were asked to share about the achievement, problems and difficulties, opportunities and action plan to turn the opportunities into reality pertaining to topics given for sharing. It was a kind of sharing of life and work. Superior shared about their community life, Principals about education, Pastors about pastoral

apostolate, Fr. Thomas about social work and Fr. Anup about temporal administration and finance. Sharing helped us to know the life situation and work of our men. It was quite inspiring, challenging and enriching experience. It was heartening to know that despite all odds, our friends are making headway with determination and commitment. At the end of the session, Fr. Pius thanked each and all for availing themselves for the Annual Assam Mission Meet–2018 and for their genuine sharing of life and work. He, too, congratulated them for all the remarkable works being done despite all kinds of difficulties and unfavourable situations. On July 13, 2018 evening, the two-day Meeting was concluded with the Holy Mass that presided over by Fr. Pius Xalxo. He thanked the Lord for two days which offered the Jesuit friends an opportunity for sharing of their life and work. Special prayers were offered for Fr. Anup because of his birthday and God's blessings were sought for the success of his Tertianship. The fellowship meal followed after the Holy Mass. Thanks to Fr. Thomas and Fr. Anup for hosting the Jesuit friends with a tasty dinner. On the following morning after breakfast, the community members of Kathalguri, manas Bansbari and Mushalpur left for their respective places. Curia members saw them off wishing them a safe journey. There was also a two-day seminar for the Adivasi intellectuals of Assam who took up burning issues of the Adivasis of Assam and dealt with them squarely. It was arranged by a NGO named PAJHRA.

On July 16, 2018 afternoon, Fr. Cyril Guria S.J. was installed as a new treasurer for the Assam Mission. The handing over took place at the office of Assam Mission Treasurer. Fr. Pius Xalxo thanked Fr. Anup, the outgoing Treasurer for his efficient work as Assam Mission Treasurer and invited him to hand over all the accounts, assets, liabilities and documents, files etc. pertaining to treasurer's office to Fr. Cyril Guria. Fr. Pius and Fr. Thomas were the witnesses who authenticated the handing over by signing the papers containing the list of all items.

Under the guidance and direction of Fr. Thomas, there was a tribal dance practice for a couple of weeks for the leaders in view of the up-coming Karam festival scheduled for the month of September. Our house kept resounding with the beat of Mandar and songs awakening in us the taste and love for the tribal culture and identity of Jharkhand.

In the evening of July 24, 2018, there was a farewell programme for Fr. Anup. The neighbouring Jesuit communities of St. Xavier's College, Sonabheel and Xavier Sadan, Balipara were invited. Farewell Mass was presided over by Fr. Anup at 7.00 P.M. in which he shared his experiences and achievements. A sumptuous farewell dinner followed soon after the Holy Mass. Thanks to Fr. Thomas Barla for arranging such a great dinner on this occasion. On July 25, 2018 early morning, Fr. Anup took a bus to Guwahati in order to take a train to Ranchi from there.

On July 29, 2018, Balipara community invited the Jesuits of Jesuit Bhavan, Tezpur and St. Xavier's College, Sonabheel to celebrate the Feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola together with the parishioners. The Holy Mass started at 9.30 A.M. Fr. Pius Xalxo was the main celebrant while Fr. Ashok Kumar Sandil gave an inspiring sermon in high Hindi. After the Holy Mass, there was a felicitation ceremony. The Parishioners welcomed the Jesuits with Bodo aronai, Garo gamosa and Assamese gamosa and with ethnic cultural dances. The last and the most important program which everybody enjoyed was the festive meal. On July 29, 2018, Xavier Sadan community, Balipara invited the neighbouring Jesuit communities and Holy Cross Sisters, our collaborators for the birthday celebration of Fr. Benjamin Lakra. Before the celebration proper, we had singing practice for the Feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola. We enjoyed the birthday dinner and the quality presence of one another. On July 31, 2018, three Jesuit communities, working in Tezpur Diocese celebrated the Feast of St. Ignatius in St. Xavier's college, Sonabheel. It started with the Holy Mass presided over by His Lordship Rt. Rev. Michael Akasius Toppo. A good number of priests and religious and well wishers were present. At the outset, Fr. Pius welcomed the participants in few words and beloved Bishop led us into the Eucharistic celebration. Thanks and congratulations to Fr. Ashok Sandil and Fr. Ranjit for leading the choir with devotional songs. After the Mass, festive dinner was served in Jesuit community refectory. Fr. Xavier gave a cordial welcome to the guests and made mention of the varieties of food items set on the table. Meal was blessed by his Lordship and cake was jointly cut by the Bishop, Fr. Pius and Fr. Theodore, the birthday baby. We enjoyed the rich food that was served to us. Thanks to Fr. Xavier and his community members for serving such a lavish dinner.

LET US REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE US

1. Fr Albert Dungdung S.J. (RAN) died of kidney failure at Guru Nanak Hospital, Ranchi. He was 84 years of age, 61 years in the Society and 49 years as priest.
2. Fr Stephen (Steno) De Raffaele age 84, and 65 in the Society, died on 17 July 2018 at Mater Dei Hospital, Malta
3. Fr Arockia Raj Raphael S.J. (MDU), 57/37, passed away on 15 July 2018 at St Joseph Hospital, Dindigul.
4. Ms Kanta Kullu, the niece of Fr Ferdinand Kullu S.J. died in Simdega.

BIRTHDAYS**AUGUST**

01 Minj Robin
 04 Ekka John
 Toppo Suman Prabhat
 05 Barla Rajenius
 Hassapurty Anuranjan
 10 Ekka Cyprian
 11 Ekka Noel
 12 Lakra Telesphore
 13 Dungdung Linus
 Xalxo Prem
 14 Tirkey Modestus
 Soreng Vicky Roshan
 15 Kerketta George
 16 Purty Florence Hassa
 18 Bp Soreng Charles
 22 Minj Rajen
 26 Xess Ajit Kr.
 28 Dungdung Emile
 30 Kullu Jayprakash N.
 31 Barla Ajay Roshan
 Balmuchu James

SEPTEMBER

02 Delporte Antoon
 04 Kerketta Patrick
 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 Tirkey Alexius
 Dhanwar Fulit
 17 Minj Claber
 20 Tirkey Stanislaus
 21 Toppo Christopher Raju
 Bage Tej Mati
 Dang Edwin
 Kandir Stephen
 23 Kujur Linus
 Kujur Pingal
 24 Tirkey Ignatius
 25 Baxla Tej Kumar

The Portrait of Fr. Albert Dungdung, SJ (Oct 16, 1934-Aug 7, 2018)

Fr. Albert Dungdung, S.J. was born Oct. 10 in 1934 in a village called Takba near Khanjaloya, a Catholic parish established by the Jesuits. His father Joseph Dungdung had migrated to Takba from Jokari and settled there as an adopted son-in-law who could inherit the ancestral property of his wife Mariam according to kharia traditional custom. He was the last among the siblings. His two sisters namely Sr. Symphrosa and Sr. Majela were Religious Sisters in the Daughters of St. Anne, Ranchi. Sr. Jacinta, the niece of Fr. Albert, is also a religious in St Anne Congregation. She is in the St Anne community, Gangu Toli serving as a nurse. Fr Albert started his early education in St. Joseph, Primary School, Khanjaloya and matriculated from St. Mary's High School, Samtoli. He did his preuniversity study from St. Xavier's College, Ranchi. He entered the Society of Jesus on July 30 1957 in St. Stanislaus College Sitagarha and did his novitiate and Juniorate there. He graduated as B. A. from St. Xavier's College, Ranchi. He studied both philosophy and theology from JDV Pune and did his Regency in St. Mary's High School, Samtoli in the intervening years. He was ordained on March 24 in 1969. He did his Tertianship from St. Stanislaus College, Sitagarha and pronounced his final vows on February 2nd 1983.

He started his priestly ministry as an Asst. Parish Priest in Tongo and as a headmaster in the middle school therein of which he became a parish Priest after his term

as a Socius to the Provincial in the Curia of the Province. He was also an Asst. Parish Priest in Khunti for a short period of time before becoming the Parish Priest of Sarwada. He was appointed the Parish priest of Rengarh twice for a considerable time. Apart from serving the Province on governance and being the Minister and Rector in St. Stanislaus College Sitagarha he will be remembered more for his untiring service to the different parishes as a Parish Priest whose reminiscence he cherishes most and a Hindi semi-autobiography, "Chaar Pallinyan: Ek Paali Purohit" (Four Parishes: One Parish Priest) is his oeuvre.

Fr. Albert embodied simplicity. As a person he was soft spoken and very understanding, kind, considerate and gentle. He was a good listener despite his hearing impairment towards the latter years. He was very humble and ready to learn from his mistakes and also open to learn from others. He was a very descent and clean loving person. He was simple but meticulous in his plans and in his approach and dealings with people and matters. He was neither ostentatious nor arrogant. He was hardly angry or irritated despite his high sugar level and high BP. He maintained his calm and composure, a thing to be emulated by modern Jesuits. He was content with what he had and was a cheerful person. He was quite open to accept and appreciate new changes in the world and largely and especially in the Society. He loved and encouraged the young Jesuits. He

kept in touch with the current affairs in and outside the Society. He followed the daily normal time-table of the house strictly and failed not to attend the community meetings as a keen observer; the role he thought was his prerogative.

As a Jesuit he had embodied the spirit of the Society of Jesus. He was faithful to his prayer, spiritual duties and to his mission big or small. He was very regular and particular to daily Eucharist, Examen, Breviary and Rosary. His concern was vivid and visible in the formation of young boys in the way of helping them out in learning English grammar and giving them regular Mass Reading practice.

As a priest he was very holy and was always available for the ministry of the Sacrament of the Reconciliation. As a pastor he won many souls, touched many lives. His simplicity drew him many hearts. When in good health he was always on his toes for the care of his flock.

He wanted to be close to the apostolic boys. He liked visiting familiar places and people as years seemed eclipsing. His last wish was to be buried at Samtoli. He loved life and lived gracefully and gratefully and set 90 his touchline but the Lord called him to share in his bliss prematurely four years ago on Aug 7, 2018.

By Fr. Ireneus To'oppo, SJ