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Wishing you all A Happy & Prosperous New Year 2015

FR. PROVINCIAL'S PROGRAMMES,

January – February 2015

06 Jan : RJS General Body Meeting
08 Jan : Installation of the New Provincial,
St. Anne's, Ranchi Province
: Diocesan Education Policy – SDC
9-10 Jan : Gerda Parish
12 Jan : Building Commission Meeting

13 Jan : AROUSE Gumla – GB Meeting
14 Jan. : Finance Commission Meeting
15 Jan. : Province Consult
18 Jan. : Rengarih – Ordination of Dn Suresh Aind SJ
24-25 Jan.: Rumtukel – Canonical Visitation
01 Feb. : Doranda - Ordination : Dn Ravi B. Xess SJ
04 Feb. : Installation of the New Provincial,
Ursulines, Ranchi Province.
13 Feb. : Province Consult.

INFORMATION

YEAR BOOK OF RANCHI JESUITS 2015

Ranchi Province plans to publish a *Year Book of Ranchi Jesuits 2015* with its aim to highlight the activities of 2014-15 covering all commissions and ministries. Fr Provincial has formed a 9- member Board headed by Fr Ajit Xess S.J. The plan is to release it during the **Ranchi Province Gathering 2015 (21-23 May 2015)**. Therefore **Superiors** and **Directors** of Works of different Houses/ Institutions/ Parishes are requested to send their activities report with appropriate photos (more or less 1.00 MB) to the Provincial's office by **31 January 2015**.

- **Ranchi Province Gathering 2015** will be held from **21-23 May 2015**.
- Information for all the **Treasurers /Directors of works/ Parish Priests** by **Father Pradeep Kujur SJ** :
 - In view of preparing budgets for the next financial year 2015-16, please keep your accounts up-to-date. Your **budgets** should reach the Provincial's Office by **15 February 2015**.
 - Your **contribution to FACSI**, Common Expenses, Parish Fund and Province Fund should be given by the **end of January 2015**.
- **To All Our Parish Priests:** This is to inform you all that the Novices from Ashirvad Novitiate, Namkum will be available for the forthcoming Lenten Season during their Village experiment. You may contact me (+917549133149) or **Fr. Socius** (+919199393103); first come first serve! Meanwhile we sincerely thank you all for the generous cooperation you have been giving in the formation of our early formees. [**Raymond Kerketta, SJ**, Novice Director]
- **Fr Alexander Tirkey SJ** : mobile Number: 07063927757;
e-mail ID : alexandertirkey@rediffmail.com

HOUSES, PARISHES, INSTITUTIONS

St Mary's Samtoli

Frs. Sikander Kerketta and Ireneus To'ppo were out for the election duty from 1st to 3rd December 2014. Happily they were back safe and sound. After the elections we had 2nd terminal exams for classes VI – IX and XI followed by the Annual Sports day on 16th December. The BDO of Simdega was the chief guest in the morning and the DDC of Simdega was the chief guest in the afternoon.

For Christmas ministries Frs. Sikander, Ireneus, Bruno, Isaac and Sch. James Balmuchu went to Dumki, Fr. John to Nanesera, Fr. Manohar to Joretoli Pakertanr and Fr. Anuranjan to jail. Fr. Albert helped the cathedral parish in hearing confessions.

On 23rd Dec community had a short Christmas gathering with the domestic co-workers at 4 p.m. During Christmas holidays, community members were in and out. Fr John had gone to Katkahi; Frs Bruno and Anuranjan to Banki for marriage blessing of Mr Paulus Topno who is a teacher in our English Medium School. Schs James and Arvind had gone to Jharna for their triduum. They were back to Samtoli on 31st Dec.

Fr Isaac Sete

De Nobili College, Pune

Echoes of Christmas songs could be heard from early Dec. in the corridors of DNC. On the occasion of the feast of St. Francis Xavier, Basketball and Football matches were held against Alian Club on 2nd and 3rd Dec. respectively. On 14th Dec the Chotanagpur Cultural Association arranged a day of recollection for Chotanagpur tribals in Pune. A big number of faithful turned up. The Chotanagpur Cultural Association visited the Christian families with their beautiful and melodious Christmas carol. On 20th Dec the DNC Community organized Christmas celebration for the domestic workers. On 22nd Dec we had the Christmas gathering in the Community. We, Ranchians were overwhelmed to receive Fr. Sylvester Chermako SJ for the Christmas among us. The arrival of a big number of faithful made the Christmas very meaningful and colourful. Soon after the mass, people were thrilled to dance for nearly two hours. Unfortunately we had to rely on our old instruments as the Pune police has prohibited using loud music after mid night. In the mid-night of 31 Dec., the community gathered together to thank the Lord for His blessings in the year 2014 and to welcome the New Year 2015.

Sch. Claver

SSC Juniorate

The month of December was busier than earlier months. This month we had lot of programmes and activities. On 7 Dec. we had a community picnic. We all went to 'Konar' river to celebrate it. On 14th Dec. we gave farewell to 20 Tertiaries. They shared that they had good experiences staying here. On 15th Dec. they all left for their respective provinces. On 16th Dec. we celebrated the birthday of Fr. Dean. We wished and prayed for him on this occasion. He shared his significant life experiences with us and encouraged us to move ahead in our lives. On 21st Dec. we had the picnic and Xmas gathering with our co workers in the campus. Many outdoor games were held for everyone with many prizes. Every family was gifted with a special gift. In the evening we had community penitential service.

From 22nd we engaged ourselves in house decorations. On 25th Dec. we a grand celebration in the house. The whole house celebrated it joyously. Fr. Dean has been so kind to us,

that he has provided Internet facility for us. We are allowed and able to access the Internet. Now, each Junior is having an E Mail ID too.

Sch. Patras Topno

Ramnagar

Preparation for marriage for 10 couples were conducted from 24th Nov. to 10th Dec. The retreat was preached by Fr. Benedict and Fr. Anil. The whole course was conducted by Sr. Gracy, Sr. Lily, Sr. Anita and some mahila sangh members.

We were glad to welcome Fr Provincial Joseph Marianus Kujur who was here for the annual visitation on 10th Dec. He was accompanied by Fr Xavier Soreng and Fr David Bara. All of them joined us in the last tour mass which was at Kalighat where Fr. Xavier's relatives are there. The following day, in the evening we went Ramnagar beach to spend few hours there. After coming from there Fr. Provincial met our neighbours, Cluny Sisters. A meeting was arranged for all the Jesuits working in the Andamans around 06.30 pm. Fr. Edward Kerketta and Fr. Alexander Turkey also came to take part in this meeting. We talked about our future mission in the islands.

As Christmas was nearing we geared up for its preparation. Christmas carol at Ramnagar was from 8th – 11th Dec. and at Kalighat from 17th – 20th Dec. We had very grand "Prakash Yatra" (procession of light) programme. It started from Ramnagar beach gate and proceeded towards Ramnagar Catholic Church. This was led by motor bikers who were followed by a truck in which crib was made, and the faithful. Members of other denominations like G.E.L. also joined us in this procession. After reaching the church, representatives from different Small Christian Communities and G.E.L. Pastor delivered their Christmas message. At the end all were served with snacks.

Christmas vigil mass started at 11.45 pm. We had a solemn Eucharistic celebration. Fr. Benedict celebrated the mass while Fr. Anil helped the choir. The melodious singing of the choir created an ambience of devotion and prayer, and certainly festive mood. At the end of the celebration, a Christmas cake was cut by a small child. This cake was served along with some sweet and tea.

Anil Kandulna, sj

Diglipur

Fr. Alexander was out for four days for Advent tour to remote areas (Katai A, Katai B, Harinnallah, Burma Charh) moving from one place to another. He came back on 5th Dec. On 9th Dec., Frs. J. Marianus Kujur (Provincial), Xavier Soreng and David came to Diglipur. Fr Provincial came for the annual visitation. We had joint meeting with Fr. Provincial in Ramnagar on 11th Dec.

A group of Maria Sena (Legion of Mary) came to Diglipur Parish on 8th Dec. They were visiting nearby villages, to each family and praying with them. Fr. Edward accompanied them. On 13th Maria Sena organized Night Vigil for the people of Diglipur Parish, which began with the Adoration to the Blessed Sacrament. This helped the parishioners for their spiritual preparation for Christmas. Around two hundred people attended it.

Diglipur parish had a grand *Prakash Yatra* on 21st which began from the Church and went around the main road, market place and came back to the Church. Fr Alexander celebrated the Christmas vigil mass on 24th while morning festive mass was offered by Fr Edward. After the Mass we went to visit the old

and the sick to give communion in different nearby villages. We had Christmas Tree (gathering) for the parishioners on Sunday, 28th Dec. Various games and singing competitions were organized with the help of the parish youth. The winners were given prizes by the Parish Priest. We had thanksgiving Adoration and Mass on 31st night 11:00 p.m. We bade farewell to the Old and welcomed the New Year with great joy.

Alexander Tirkey

Prothrapur

Youth of Prothrapur parish started Christmas Carol from 1st Dec. onwards and covered practically all the villages of the parish with zeal and joy. Pastoral sisters were fully involved in guiding the youth.

Pathargudda which is one of the sub-stations of Prothrapur parish celebrated the feast of St. Francis Xavier in a grand manner on 7th December. Prior to that as a spiritual preparation, there held the Novena conducted successfully by various SCCs. Liturgy was well prepared. Rev. Father Patrick Alphonse SDB, the superior of the SDBs working in Andmans, was the main celebrant whereas parish priest Fr. David concelebrated with him. Thereafter short felicitation programme was held followed by fellowship meal.

Fr. Joseph Marianus Kujur, S.J. Provincial of Ranchi accompanied by Fr. Xavier Soreng, arrived at Port Blair air port on 7th Dec. and availed themselves for some days to the Jesuits

working in Andaman Mission. They had a pleasant trip to Diglipur and Ramnagar parish. Although their stay was short but it was good one. Return journey was little unpleasant as flight was cancelled on 16th and timing was rescheduled for 17th Dec. Fr. David was there to see them off.

Bible Quiz Competition - based on Genesis, Exodus and Levi - was held in the parish on 21st Dec. From each SCC at least 4 participants were asked to take part in the competition. The groups had really taken trouble to read the Bible and prepare themselves. All of them went back home with a sense of satisfaction of having gained a little more knowledge of the Bible

Prakash Yatra (Light procession) was held on 21st Dec. in which many took part even the members of other denominations like CNI. It started from Catholic Church Prothrapur just after Eucharistic celebration at 6.15 p.m. and lasted for one and half hour. Mr. William Ekka played a major role to give messages on the way and read the passages from the Bible. Day ended with the message of Christmas.

St. Joseph's Catholic Church Prothrapur organized Christmas Mela for three days from 27th to 29th Dec. Several competitions like Group Singing, Bible Role Play, and Group Dance were held. Response from the faithful was superb and amazing.

Fr David.

DIASPORA

Jerusalem

As the month of December began with the Advent Season, the City of Bethlehem (no more a village today) became the centre of attraction for believers and non-believers alike. The Old City of Jerusalem and the city of Bethlehem appeared nice and beautiful as the shops, churches and the streets were filled with multi-coloured Christmas lights and decorations.

Our community spent a day of prayer as a preparation to the great Feast of Christmas. On 24th Dec we as a whole community (about 15 of us) left for Bethlehem to participate in the solemn Holy Eucharistic celebration presided by the Latin Patriarch. We had to move already by 08.00 pm with a reserved mini bus in order to have enough time to pass through the traffic on the way and also to get clearance through the security check at the entrance to the Basilica. The crowd of people and a long queue of vehicles were all heading towards Bethlehem. It took more than an hour before we could get into the church. The Holy Mass got started at 11.00 pm. It was all in Latin with Gregorian chant which not only gave the taste of the traditional past but also enhanced our prayer and devotion. The celebration was over by 02.00 a.m. The number of priests concelebrating was about seventy. Some political leaders and various dignitaries too were present at the celebration. Soon after the Holy Mass we came back home but only to return to Bethlehem in the morning of 25th Dec for the nine O'clock Mass. This time only our community had the privilege to celebrate Mass at the chapel of St Jerome just below the Grotto of the Nativity built on the Birth Place of our Lord. The Christmas Lunch was something special to mark the importance of the Day.

For three days (18-21Dec) the students went to South Jordan to visit the archeological sites. These sites refer to the journey of the Israelite in the desert under the guidance of Aaron and others.

Walking in the desert, viewing the Red Sea, mountains and valleys were very exciting. Petra is one of the most visited mountains called the Mount of Hor in Edom. On this Mount Hor the tomb of Aaron is situated. All came back home on 21 Dec evening and were very happy and satisfied with the trip. Other visits they are doing occasionally together with their lessons at the Hebrew University.

Weather here is going from cooler to the coolest. Heating system in the house is the greatest consolation. Last year by this time there was snow but this year there has been no sign yet. Hopefully it could be in the next month. We had occasional drizzling rain in the last weeks here plus the wind and that made a big difference in the temperature. Often morning hours are bright and sunny but by the afternoon sky is covered with clouds.

A group of Jesuits from Spain and Italy came to live with us for a week. Their purpose was to deepen the Ignatian spirituality by actually visiting and praying in the places of Jesus here in Israel. They started their journey from Galilee and proceeded to Jerusalem and Bethlehem. They had Christmas Eucharistic celebration with us at Bethlehem on the morning of 25th Dec. By the end of the month all returned to their countries.

Fr Camil Kerketta

Paris, France

Fr. Jean-Yves GRENET, the provincial of France Province came to us for annual visitation. He was with us from 4 -8 Dec. He made himself available for dialogue for an hour for his own province men and to others 45 minutes. He celebrated the Mass and gave his exhortation on the last day.

In Paris, though the decoration of houses and streets started before the feast of Christ the King, the Christmas vacation began only from 20th Dec. However, before this I went through French language test. I was happy to see my improvement in the language.

The following day we, the Indian Jesuits (15+1 Sri Lankan) gathered in my community, Raynouard for Christmas gathering. As I am alone, a Jesuit priest from India, I presided over the Mass. After the Mass, we went for fellowship dinner followed by carol songs in our mother tongues together with the exchange of small gifts to one another as Christmas friends. We enjoyed Indian dishes.

On 24th Dec. as a community, we had prayer hour: contemplative listening. It was prepared by one of us. After the prayer hour, we exchanged small gifts that each one had for his Christmas friend followed by dinner. Then, all of us dispersed for night Mass to different places. I joined one of my colleagues to con-celebrate the Mass. It was Assumption Convent Chapel where an organisation had arranged the Mass for old persons, widows and widowers. I had practised the Eucharistic prayer. It was not bad. After the Mass, we had another festive meal with them. So, it was meaningful to spend some time with such people. The next day, we had community Mass presided over by our superior followed by festive lunch. After this only, the community members started leaving for different places for holiday. Two of us remained at home.

Fr. Samir

Guyana

The month of December began with the celebration of the precious gift of life as blessing, for Fr. Elias Surin celebrated his birthday with his parishioners on 1st Dec. He was granted his long awaited Marriage Officer’s Certificate from the Ministry of Home Affairs, the Government of Guyana. He, as the mission

in-charge of Pakaraima Mountains, consists of nineteen churches, carries on a great responsibility on his shoulders and determined to march forward in the mission of love and service. He was made the Signatory in the Republic Bank for the Roman Catholic Accounts. It was the joyous moment for Fr. Anil, Fr. Amar and Fr. Elias coming together from different directions, for the Priests’ Council Meeting in the Bishop’s House, Georgetown on 4th Dec. They cherish the companionship by sharing their profound experiences of their mission. On 12th Dec. Sr. Suchita Jagrani Kujur, OSU and Fr. Edwin Anthony, SJ, the newly ordained priest from Madurai, were received and given warm and hearty welcome to Guyana by Fr. Elias Surin and Fr. Justin Prabhu in Chhedi Jagan International Airport Timehri, Georgetown. During the Advent Season, the family Rosary Prayer and Novena were conducted by the Parish Lay Assistants in each village community for the Christmas. Of course, that made it a big difference in their celebration. Sr. Seraphina Kerketta and Sr. Divya Gulab prepared 236 Confirmation Candidates and were confirmed by His Lordship Bishop Francis Alleyne, OSB during Christmas and New Year Season in South Pakaraimas. The Christmas and the New Year Celebrations were grand and solemn. 26th Dec. was celebrated as Boxing Day which added its flavor and color as they exchanged their Christmas gifts in their boxes. The Guyana Jesuits’ Regional Conference 2015 was held on 5-7th Jan. in Arrupe House, Georgetown on the theme- ‘Our Mission of Love and Service.’

Fr. Elias Surin, SJ

LEFT THE NOVITIATE

- Novice Ashok Lakra, first year novice, left Ashirvad Novitiate Namkum, on 16 Sept 2014
- Novice Niranjan Ekka, first year novice left Ashirvad Novitiate Namkum on 01 Dec. 2014.
- Novice Justin Minj, first year novice left SSC Novitiate Sitagarha on 15 Dec. 2014.

BABIES OF THE MONTH: JANUARY & FEBRUARY

January		February	
06	Minj Patras	03	Tigga Blacius
07	Ekka Philemon Kujur Anselm Kiro Laurentius	05	Beck John Anuranjan Kerketta Cherobin
09	Lakra Amrit	06	Ekka Anup Arvind
11	Terrens Paul Kullu Clement	09	Kujur Ranjit
12	Dungdung Mathias Kullu Albert	10	Kujur Robert Pradeep
13	Kindo Robert	11	Minj Anuj
15	Toppo Alok	12	Kujur Ignatius
17	Bage Sandeep Birendra	14	Kujur Johny
19	Kullu Rajesh Kuldeep	15	Ekka Sameer
20	Tete Ignatius	16	Toppo Deepak Lakra Amit Juel
22	Minj Nelson	21	Tirkey Suresh John
24	Lakra Chonhas	22	Kerketta Bimal
26	Kerketta Raymond Tigga Tej Kumar	23	Tete Isaac Ekka Alok
27	Lakra Bimal Elias	24	Horo Emmanuel Kerketta Edward
28	Ekka Blacius Lakra Nabor	29	Dungdung James W.
30	Ekka Manoj		