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MESSAGE FROM FR PROVINCIAL

**Let this 31st July be a time of Prayer, Reflection,
Deliberation and Action**



Every Ranchi Jesuit deserves congratulations! We have had a very stimulating Province Days 2015. The Organizing Committee worked hard to make it a grand success. Every department's contribution, entrusted with some responsibility or the other, was outstanding.

The theme '**Renewal of the Consecrated Life for Effective Mission: Our Response and the Challenges**' was well chosen. Challenges indeed are galore. Some of these, in the group discussions followed by the plenary session, were spelt out in terms of the (a) impact of globalisation in our everyday life — a consumerist life style, clear signs of secularisation, weakening identification and accompaniment of the poor and the marginalized; (b) confusing Mission with day-to-day activities and institutions; (c) mediocrity (lack of professionalism & MAGIS) in our apostolic works, Jesuit way of life, intellectual pursuit, and relationships; (d) compromise on our day-to-day spiritual exercises and their genuine and concrete implementation in terms of a lived-in spirituality; (e) crisis in our community life in terms of perennial tension, individualism, lack of mutual trust, and absence of participation of everybody in decision-making process; (f) inordinate attachments to material things, people, friends, families and some of our pet ideas with a sense of arrogance and stubbornness; (g) absence of Ignatian generosity for going to the 'peripheries'; (h) lack of interest

and participation in people's struggles against displacement, human rights violation and indiscreet privatisation of public sector enterprises; and (i) absence of humility and trust for collaboration with laity, other Religious persons, and with Jesuits.

The remedy to all above maladies, however, appears to be only one thing – **ROOTEDNESS AND GROUNDEDNESS IN CHIRST** – the 'fire' which sustains us, gives us inner freedom in an attitude of generosity and magnanimity to reach out to the frontier missions, and makes us persons of integrity. Each province-man deserves appreciation because despite challenges, he keeps moving forward. If he gets a knock on the way and falls while walking, he refuses to keep lying on the ground. He gets up and resumes walking. This is what I gather when I talk to ours either in India or overseas. Their stories of courage sustain us. We learn from them. I have met those from Cambodia, Guyana, Roman Houses, Egypt, Israel, Assam Mission and the Andaman. Those of ours in remote parishes and rural schools, who work silently and often go unnoticed, teach us more than we can give them. Those in elite institutions also teach us to be men of 'poverty', humility, generosity and integrity despite pulls and pushes from the opposite forces. From those confined in their rooms of the infirmary to the novices and pre-novices and even the little ones in apostolic schools, teach us to live for others and be united with the Lord. I always ask myself "how can I do more and be more for these brothers of mine". The idea of the extension of infirmary originates from these very

sentiments. Those of ours, who have slogged all through their life, need to be well taken care of. They continue praying for the Society in silence, without any complaints, and we owe our future to their present. My heart is full of appreciation for our Rectors, Superiors and directors of work who slog day and night to make their communities and places of work vibrant despite problems of secularisation. To all our formators and formees, my appreciation for their continuous contribution to the growth of the province in various ways. There is a contribution of every single Jesuit to make our province flourish and be vibrant.

Challenges are many but we keep growing and maturing. The bottom-line of the 'Action Plan' session of

the Province Days 2015, was to give an honest try in 2015-16 in our communities and Commissions to be authentic, available, generous, men of prayer and men of integrity. In spite of our brokenness and struggles, we continue striving for Ignatian Magis. We know we have limitations but we keep fighting the negative forces of the process of globalisation. We know it well that to be available for the frontier missions, we need interior freedom, which only our deep experience of Christ can give us. Let this 31st July be a time of prayer, reflection, discernment and action so that we can truly be Jesuits Saint Ignatius today can be proud of. **A VERY HAPPY & MEANINGFUL LOYOLA DAY 2015!**

Fr. Joseph Marianus Kujur, SJ

FR. PROVINCIAL'S PROGRAMME

JULY 2015

17 : Education Commission Meeting
 18-19 : Interaction on Land Acquisition in Bagaicha
 20 : Evening – Arsande Visitation
 21-22 : Arsande visitation
 23 : Senate Meeting – St. Albert's College
 : Visitation – St. Albert's College
 25 : Meeting with Sr. Provincial Superior, FC
 26 : Feast of St. Anne's Congregation
 : Kochang – Blessing of the new school building
 27-28 : Lohardaga Visitation
 31 : Feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola

AUGUST 2015

3-4 : Khunti Visitation
 8-9 : Prabhat Tara & Saparom – 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

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
- ▶ **NS Paul Kindo**, a first year novice, left Ashirvad Novitiate on 17 July 2015

REVISED STATUS - 2015

P	Aind Suresh M	B. Ed.	St. Xavier's College Ranchi Resides in St. Xavier's Doranda
P	Ba'a Ephrem	Dean ad tempus	College Juniors, Manresa House
P	Ba'a Theodore	Parish Priest	Manas Bansbari
P	Barla Gilbert	Asst. Teacher	High School Sarwada
P	Barla Rajenius	Headmaster High School	High School Keondtanr
P	Baxla Suman J.	Parish Priest	Diglipur, Andaman Coordination Relief Works Nepal Gana Chetna Samaj [w.e.f. 20/12/2015]
P	Barla Thomas	Director	Pengree, Dibrugarh
P	Beck Alois	Parish Priest	Noadih
P	Beck Suman	Parish Priest	Middle School Saparom
P	Bilung Brice	Headmaster Coordinator In-Charge	Primary & Middle Schools Saparom Community
P	Burh George	Asst. Teacher	HS Vijaygiri [additional charge]
P	D'Souza Gilbert	Starting SXS Degree College	St. Mary's Samtoli
P	Dungdung Anthres	Acting Parish Priest	Rengarih
P	Dungdung Emil	Acting Parish Priest	Keondtanr
P	Ekka Clement	Spiritual Director of College Juniors	Manresa House Ranchi
P	Ekka John	Asst. Treasurer Treasurer	SXC Ranchi SXC Community
P	Ekka Severius	Asst. Parish Priest	Sogra
P	Ekka Vital	Asst Parish Priest	Tongo
P	Guria Cyril	Treasurer & Minister	Prabhat Tara Dhurwa
P	Hassapurty Anuranjan	Director	AROUSE Gumla [w.e.f.01/10/2015]
P	Kerketta Edward	Asst. Parish Priest	Prothrapur Andamans [Transfer after Suman Baxla's Arrival]
P	Kerketta Elvius	Parish Priest	Mushalpur
P	Kerketta Xavier	Headmaster	Middle School Sarwada
P	Kindo Alexius	Asst. Teacher	Middle School Muri
P	Kindo Robert	Asst. Parish Priest	Bardih
P	Kiro Laurentus	Principal	St. Xavier's Manas Bansbari
P	Kujur Ajit Kalyan	B. Ed.	St. Xavier's College Ranchi Resides in St. Xavier's Doranda
P	Kujur Ignatius	Asst. Parish Priest	Patachauli
P	Kullu Alphonse	Asst. Teacher In-Charge	Patrachauli Children's Sponsorship Programme
F	Kullu Jayprakash	Kitchen	Manresa House
P	Lakra Benedict	Acting Treasurer	[Additional responsibility]
P	Lakra Mark Mukul	Mission	Guyana
P	Lakra Telesphore	Superior & Treasurer	Pengree Jesuit Community
P	Minj Anthres	Treasurer In-Charge	Jesuit Community Rengarih Children's Sponsorship Programme
F	Minj Elias	Treasurer & Minister	Jharna-Ashirvad
F	Minj Patras	Treasurer	ATC Namkum
S	Sinduria Valentine	In-Charge	Children's Sponsorship Programme [Additional charge]
P	Soreng Geroge	Parish Priest	Rengarih [w.e.f. 29/12/ 2015]

P Tete Isaac	Director of CLC (HS & IC)	Simdega Diocese
P Tete Patrick	Spiritual Director of College Juniors	Manresa House Ranchi
P Tigga Lalit J	Parish Priest Coordinator In-Charge	Dhurwa Jesuit Pastors, Ranchi Province Children's Sponsorship Programme
P Tigga Mahendra	Asst. Parish Priest, LLM studies & Practices Law	Kanke [Attached to Hoffmann Law Assoc.]
P Tigga Tej Kumar	Parish Priest	Dolda
P Tirkey Alexander	Starts the process for opening a new School	Diglipur
F Tirkey Modestus	Kitchen	Jharna-Ashirvad
P Toppo James	Parish Priest Coordinator	Bardih Jesuit Pastors, Gumla Zone
P Toppo Christopher R.	In-Charge	Children's Sponsorship Programme
P Xalxo Isaac T.	Acting Superior	Jesuit Community Noadih
P Xalxo Jerome	Headmaster In-Charge	Middle School Noadih Children's Sponsorship Programme
P Xalxo Patrick	Asst. Teacher & Asst. Parish Priest	St. Xavier's School Pengree
P Xess Gabriel	Asst. Teacher Asst. Parish Priest	R.C. Middle School Rengarih Rengarih

HOUSES & INTITUTIONS

Jharna –Ashirvad, Namkum

Jharna was fully occupied by the retreatants from the last week of May to June. Two groups of our Scholastics made their annual retreats guided by Frs. Alphonse Aind and Suman Beck. Different groups of religious sisters at different times also made theirs given by Frs. K.C. and Sylvanus Kiro. Fr. K.C. also guided an annual retreat for St. Anne's Sisters in their Mother House. Our 2nd year novices made their Vows retreat here guided by their Novice Master. Fr. Deepak was away for spiritual ministry – to Ambikapur for an annual retreat of the Holy Cross Sisters and to the RTC, Tarunoday, for an orientation retreat of the first year theologians. Brs. Modestus, Prakash and Fr. Binod took a day-off and went to Nowadih parish accompanying Fr. Suman, the new parish priest. On their way back, they had a quick visit to our men in Tongo. Meanwhile, on June 14 evening we had a meaningful thanksgiving Mass for years of committed service of Br. Prakash Kullu, our outgoing member of the community. We bade him farewell and best wishes for his new assignment in Manresa House the following afternoon, and on the same day welcomed Br. Elias Minj, our new Minister and Treasurer. On June 19, twelve newcomers for their Novitiate arrived here accompanied by Frs. Sudhir

Minj (Socius) and Ajay P. Minj. The 13th one from Tongo parish joined the contingent after three days due to health reason.

The climax of the month of June was the First Vows of 9 new Juniors on June 21. Fr. Provincial, Joseph Marianus Kujur, SJ, received their simple perpetual vows during a well prepared liturgy. Good many Jesuits, and some invited religious sisters and neighbours were present for the celebration. Thereafter all were invited for the festive dinner.



The novitiate family is immensely grateful for the generosity and thoughtfulness of Frs. Ajit Kr. Xess and

Florence Kujur, Principals of St Xavier's School, Doranda and St. John's School, Ranchi respectively. While the former donated fans for the Novitiate cubicles, the latter a good set of drinking water purifier.

Raymond Kerketta

Ignatius School, Gumla

House consult was held on June 5 to discuss the proposal of Fr Provincial about the school bus to be disposed of by SXS Doranda. In principle the consult agreed to get the bus if there were sufficient response from our students to avail the service. Our summer Holiday was concluded on June 6 with grand celebration with a fattened "khasi" at table offered from Anselm's farm. At the end the people said, "Let there be more *khasis* in our animal farm!" Florence finished his retreat and was well on time for this day.

The Minister, Director and Prefect found their godowns empty. So off they were to Pandra Bazaar in Ranchi for their "annual shopping" for the whole year. They came back at midnight but their truck load followed them two days later.

The retreats were organized (10 – 14 June) for our students in two groups. The students sat though three days, earnestly praying under the Directors – Francis David Kullu for High School and Deepak Toppo for the Inter College. They came off all shining and immaculate after three days' prayers, penance and fasting!

The History of Ranchi Province – *Jesuit Mission among the Adivasis of Chotanagpur* – was finally released on June 20 at XISS. Fr Rector represented and got a copy for the community. It is a marvelous piece of work. Congrats to all the authors cum editors!

The inauguration of Class XI took place on June 24. Mr. Shiv Shankar Oraon, MLA of Gumla, was the chief guest on the occasion. He gave a simple, meaningful and very honest speech touching the heart of the people. Two memorial trophies instituted this year in the name of Fr. PP Van Nuffel, were given to the toppers in Matric and Inter College. Other toppers were also rewarded duly on this occasion. Hope many more candidates with 90% and above next year!

Christopher Lakra

St Mary's Samtoli

Coaching classes for Class X was held from June 1 to 15. Schs Paulus Minj and Celestine Minj from Manresa House helped the students how to pick up English

language better. On June 15, the school reopened but many could not come because of MCC *band* for three days. *Samman Samaroh* was held on June 18 to honour the meritorious students who stood first, second and third in the Board Exams of X and XII. Mr. Munjini, the DDC of Simdega, was the chief guest who presented the medals and encouraged the students to perform well in their academic pursuit.

There was a two-day orientation programme for Class XI. Fr Prakash Lakra (Redemptorist) was the resource person. Fr Sikander and some teachers too were present for the success of the programme. Fr Linus went to St Xavier's School Doranda to finalize the delivery of a bus from SXS Doranda. Finally on June 27 Fr Britius Ekka, superior of SXS Doranda, brought the bus to St Mary's Samtoli for handing it over. Now St Mary's English Medium has two school buses and one Tata Magic for the conveyance of the students.

Fr Linus Dungdung

Manresa House Ranchi

During summer vacation the Manresa Collegians were out for summer ministries in different parishes and schools. They returned to MH on June 20. The next day all of them participated in the vows-ceremony of 9 Novices at Ashirvad Novitiate. They went to Jharna on June 22 for their annual retreat. Fr Sylvanus Kiro SJ accompanied them in their spiritual journey. They came back to MH on June 30 after spiritually rejuvenated. They began their normal classes after summer holiday in the first week of July. This year MH has welcomed 11 new scholastics and brothers who will be doing their college studies.

The new community members of MH- Fr. Patrick Tete, Fr Clement Ekka and Br Jayprakash Kullu joined the community on June 14, 15 and 17 respectively. They have already assumed their responsibilities with great earnestness. Frs. Patrick and Clement are appointed as the spiritual guides of the Collegians while Br Jayprakash will be looking after the kitchen. The new community members were formally welcomed by the community on July 2.

Fr Victor & Br Telesphor

St. Michael's Residence, Khunti

Fr. William Surin had a fall in the bathroom which led him to Seva Nilaya Ara Gate for better care and treatment. At present, he is back to the community. He is not able to walk by himself. Frs. Ferdinand and

Sylverius and Sch. Jyoti attended the course on *Effective English Teaching* held at ISI Bangalore from June 1 to 10. Sincere thanks and sayonara to the outgoing regent Sch. Fuldeo, who left us on June 14 for his theological studies. Sch. Albert Kispotta replaced him, who joined us on June 7. Fr. Augustine underwent an operation for hernia on June 16 in Jaiswal Ortho Care Centre, Ranchi. He is back in the community after taking enough rest in Manresa House, but he still needs some more days to recuperate fully.



The inauguration of the new session 2015-16 of the pre-novitiate took place on June 23. Fr. Provincial Marianus Kujur, SJ presided over the Mass. There was a short felicitation programme after the Eucharist followed by provincial's address to the pre-novices. As per the tradition, there was an exhibition football match between Loyola hostel and pre-novitiate in which the latter emerged victorious. This year there are 40 pre-novices: Jharkhand-35, Andaman-1, Assam-3, Chhatisgarh-1. Fr Ferdinand, Fr Sylverius Chermako and Sch. Jyoti will accompany them.

Sch. Jyoti Paul

Patrachauli

Though it was very hot, yet many parents came to parish to register their children's names in order to prepare themselves spiritually to receive the Holy Communion first time in their life. There were 59 children for it. After full two weeks of catechism, given by Fr. Ignatius Kujur, Sr. Francisca, SCJM and the head catechist Hilarius Kerketta, the children received the Holy Communion on June 7. On this day the Eucharist was meaningfully celebrated by Fr. Emmanuel Horo SJ (PP), and the choir was conducted by Fr. Ignatius.

After summer vacation both the schools – Janata High School and St. Joseph's Middle School – resumed classes on June 8 and 15 respectively. All seemed very happy to attend their classes. There was a series of farewell for Fr. Gabriel Xess, SJ who served St. Joseph's Middle School and Parish about 6 to 7 years. Patrachauli is immensely grateful to Fr. Gabriel for his contribution. Best wishes for his ministry at Rengarih. He was accompanied by some teachers, a couple of parishioners and Fr. Emmanuel as well to reach him to Rengarih on June 30. On the other side Fr. Alphonse Kullu SJ arrived in Patrachauli on June 29 from Rengarih by two small vehicles. He joined the community and took over his office in the Middle School officially on July 1. He was given a very warm welcome in the Jesuit community, in St. Joseph's Middle School and in the Parish. On June 17, while coming back from Ranchi on motorbike Fr. Ignatius Kujur was dashed by a pair of oxen at Nagri. Consequently, he was slightly injured on his ribs. Since he sustained internal pain, he is taking medical care and proper rest to recover faster.

Fr. Ignatius Kujur

St Stanislaus' Lohardaga

Exceptionally scorching heat could not deter the school to reopen after summer holidays. Fr Alex Ddungdung took up his responsibility as the headmaster with a new vision and enthusiasm. The hostel superintendent cautiously kept the hostellers indoors or under the trees to avoid sunstroke. Sch. Bimal Nag is often unnoticed among the students but his presence is felt. Br Nico was not so well; however, he was seen walking feeding pigs, rabbits, ducklings and chicks. Fr. Ignatius Xalxo gave extra time for spoken English class.

In order to make the school campus safe and secure the boundary wall was plastered, gateless exit got an iron gate and narrow gate has been widened for easy entry of the school bus. Keeping the appeal of 'Swachta Abhiyaan' in mind a washing machine is installed and to lighten the burden of Mr. Bombay, the cook of the hostel, a rickshaw cart has been bought. At the same time the ovens of the house and hostel have been renewed.

Schs Amit Lakra, Sanjay Tigga and Ignatius Tete had their chance to relish the *leetchi* of Lohardaga. They helped the house and AROUSE for documentation. They also stole time to visit villages and mingled with

children for motivating them to go to school. They also sweated out in strengthening the basketball team of the hostel.

Apart from supervising the Women Self Help Groups and Kisan Clubs, Joint Liability Groups (JLGs) and youth groups, the staff of AROUSE Lohardaga was occupied with UNICEF's programme - 'Jharkhand Mother & Child Health and Nutrition Month'. They assisted the health workers in raising awareness among the people living in very interior villages.

Sushil Tirkey

De Nobili College, Pune

Having spent the summer vacation fruitfully in the province, we departed for Pune on June 1. The pleasant and cool weather made our two days of train journey a comfortable one. This year we are four Ranchians (Sandeep Kujur, Nirmal Minj, Anil Kullu and Lazarus Basumatary) in DNC community for our philosophical studies.

DNC is blessed with the new Rector and the new Minister this year. Fr. Edward Mudavassery (HAZ), former POSA, is our new Rector and Fr. Jacob Kulangara (GUJ) is the new Minister.

We had our monthly recollection on June 13-14. Fr. Rector gave us an orientation talk placing before us some important points for reflection like "Why am I here?" and "What are my focuses in DNC?" The recollection was concluded with the Holy Eucharist. The inaugural function of the academic year 2015-16 was held on June 8 in JDV with its theme *Befriending the Other* for the whole year. Our regular classes began from June 9. So far, the weather in Pune has been very conducive and pleasant for us.

Sch. Nirmal Minj

Satya Nilayam, Chennai

Having spent nearly two months (18 April to June 9, 2015) of summer holidays in the province we began our journey back to Chennai on June 9, along with Fr. Vinod and three first year philosophers - Alok Toppo, Kuldeep Ba'a and Pramod Bara. We had a pleasant journey, and safely reached Chennai on June 11.

A two-day community orientation programme based on the theme, *Tabula Rasa* was organized by Satya Nilayam Cultural Committee. It was an opportunity to know one another besides having moments of fun and frolics. On June 15, Bishop

Francis Serrao, SJ, of Shimoga Diocese (Karnataka), celebrated Mass of the Holy Spirit and inaugurated the new academic year 2015-16 by lighting the lamp. In his inaugural address, he basically spoke about the modern Challenges of consecrated life. He very strongly said, "Nuns and Priests are discussed today for the lack of holiness" and ended his address with some blazing words of wisdom "Do or die; Do before you die; Do and die to do it; If none can do, let me do it." It was a momentous occasion for both staff and students to begin the new academic year with such a positive note. This year we are altogether 83 students (38 first years and 45 second years) from 21 different provinces. From June 16-19, the first years were introduced to the world of Philosophy through an academic orientation programme called, "On the Threshold" very ably guided by the two young professors namely Fr. Vinod Soreng SJ and Fr. Robin Seelan SJ, whereas the second years began their regular classes.

On June 20, the first year students went for Chennai Darshan to have a glimpse of some of the important places of the metropolitan city. The next day we were delighted to have a group of pilgrims from Kanke parish paying us a very short visit. They were on their way to Vellankani.

On June 27, the Chotanagpur Association of Satya Nilayam welcomed the first years and Fr. Boniface Panna (Map) who re-joined the teaching staff after his tenure as provincial. They were accorded with warm and traditional welcome by the second years into the fold. This year we have two tribal Scholastics from Bangladesh. They too felt welcomed and spirited joining our group. Now the first year students are busy completing the admission formalities at Loyola College, Chennai. There is a slight change in the schedule and ministries that we generally used to have. We don't have Sunday Eucharist in the community anymore; instead the students are encouraged to join neighboring parishes for Sunday Masses especially those who are not involved in pastoral ministries. Education ministry in the city is stopped so as to give more focus on pastoral and social apostolate. All the students have already been assigned either to pastoral or social ministry.

Sch. Gabriel Tigga

ANDAMAN

Prothrapur (Andaman)

June 7 was a memorable day for 61 boys and girls who were conferred the Sacrament of Confirmation by Bishop Alex Dias. Prior to the Eucharist, his Lordship exhorted the faithful for 45-minutes of catechesis. Fr Tarcitius Kujur, the treasurer of the diocese, also came along with the bishop.

Fr. Anil Kandulna, the assistant parish priest of Ramnagar came back to Andaman on June 5 from mainland after attending the Province Days. Similarly Fr Edward Kerketta, SJ, parish priest of Diglipur returned refreshed after his home visit on June 12. Both of them were received warmly by Fr David at the airport.

To strengthen the village youth committees, parish youth committee organized meetings at Barud Godam and Carbynscove on June 14 and 21 respectively. The purpose was to know the struggles of the youth in order to accompany them in a better way. The Parish youth committee will continue to visit them from time to time in different village units to support them. Prothrapur parish organized a quiz competition for the youth on June 28 just after Sunday Mass. Nine groups actively took part in it. The programme was successfully conducted with the help of the pastoral Sisters.

Fr. David

Ramnagar

On May 3 Fr. Anil left for Port Blair on his way to Ranchi for treatment. On May 4 guests from Ranchi, Frs. Sylvanus Kiro, Ferdinand Kullu, Amrit Lakra, Augustine Kujur, Christopher R. Toppo, Mr. Makerdhvaj and Mr. Marshal Herenj, a G.E.L lay person reached Ramnagar via Diglipur. They went to Rose and Smith Island on May 5 and while returning they visited the house of Scholastic Sagar Xalxo. On May 6, early morning they left for Port Blair. On May 18 preparation for the first Holy Communion started at Ramnagar parish. Eight children got registered for it. At the end there were only five children who received the first Holy Communion on June 7. On May 18 itself there was a procession in honour of our Lady. The faithful from all three plats praying rosary and singing Marian hymn gathered at C Plat. The procession ended with the Holy Eucharist.

On May 31, the last day of May, the feast of the Holy Trinity, the parishioners observed “*Abba Diwas*”.

There were a good number of people who participated in the Holy Mass. After the Mass, there was a short felicitation programme which the faithful liked and appreciated. On June 8, Fr. Anil came back to Ramnagar after a month of treatment. On June 28, the Small Christian Community Day at the parish level was celebrated. The theme was “May they all be one” (Jn17:21). After the Mass, there was SCC group-wise Bible quiz competition and Bible role-play. Winners of the Bible quiz competition were given prizes and other groups as well received consolation prizes.

Fr. Anil Kandulna

Diglipur

Parish Priest, Fr Edward was away for home visit in Ranchi for two months from April 13. In his absence Fr Alexander shouldered the responsibility with great earnestness. Fr Anil from Ramnagar also came to help him. On the Feast of *Corpus Christi* (June 7), 41 Children received their first Holy Communion. Fr Alexander with the help of DSA and MC Sisters had prepared them well.

On June 13 Fr Alexander went to Indian Evangelical Mission as the chief guest to deliver the message to the participants of the Community Lay-Leaders’ Health Training course, arranged by ‘Christian Medical College, Vellore’, Department of Distant Education. It was a nice experience to meet and exchange ideas with seven different Pastors of different denominations. The same afternoon Fr Edward came back to Diglipur after two month-long holiday. We had a joint meeting of the committee members of Catholic Sabha, Mahila Sangh, and Yuva Sangh on June 14. They were happy to know about the news of opening of an English Medium School in Diglipur in the near future. They assured their full support in every way possible in this venture. The Maria Sena (Legion of Mary) of Port Blair came to re-energize the spiritual life of the faithful of Diglipur on June 18. We had night vigil and Adoration on June 20 conducted by them. We were saddened by the news of Sr. Nirmala Joshi’s M.C demise on June 23. Despite this Sr. Prema, the Superior General of the M.Cs visited Diglipur on 26th. There was a short meeting of all the *sanghs* to discuss and decide about the Parish Day (St. Ignatius’ Feast) on Sunday the June 28, before Holy Mass.

Fr. Alexander Turkey

DIASPORA

Rome

On 24 June, our two Ranchi men – Edwin Ritesh Dungdung and Ravi Hemant Kujur – arrived in Rome. Their flight was well ahead of its scheduled time and hence, they had to wait for their fellow Ranchi men in Rome who were supposed to receive them at the airport. At the first glance, they seemed to be excited, fresh and full of enthusiasm – a very good sign, indeed, for Edwin and Ravi who have come here to study theology at Gregorian University! Kulwant, Edwin, Justin and Prem were there at the airport to accord them a hearty welcome. Dilip Sanjay could not accompany them because of his Italian language exam on the following day. Both of them were received warmly at the entrance of Collegio Bellarmino by Fr. Minister, where they are going to stay for one year with Edwin and Kulwant. Since the kitchen was closed by the time they reached home, Kulwant led them to an Indian fast food outlet for the supper. A good idea to offer them Indian meal before going to bed in a foreign land!

They had three-four days to get accustomed to the Roman climate and to clear their Documents for the Stay Permit before starting a series of language courses in Rome and Genoa. They express their gratitude to Br. Santosh Kullu for taking trouble to teach them some basics of Italian language, which became very handy as they landed in Rome. Kulwant too has shifted now to Collegio Bellarmino because the renovation work of the International College of Gesù has already started. For one year, the Gesù community has already shifted to Collegio Bellarmino. And so, right from the beginning Edwin and Ravi had a good company of Kulwant, Edwin Dang and Biju Sebastian (DUM), who have been trying their every best to make them feel at home in Rome.

On Sunday 28 June, Edwin and Ravi were accorded a cordial welcome – a kind of classical welcome – on the beautiful terrace of Gregorian University. The day happened to be also the birthday of Biju Sebastian. Srs. Anupa and Ranjita, two St. Anne's Sisters, who are studying in Gregorian University, too joined the group and doubled the joy of being together. Edwin

and Ravi shared their experiences and their mission back home. Working together to make the evening an enjoyable one and listening to each other's sharing made the event a "family gathering". From 30 June, they joined a language school close to their house. During August, they will move to Genoa to continue their language course.

After the exams, Gregorian Jesuit community had its concluding Holy Mass on 17 June presided over by R.P. Rector. However, many community members had already left for their summer ministry-cum-vacation to different places. Linus left for Bangalore on 04 June for a Conference on Liturgy. After the Conference, he visited some of his family members before leaving for Ranchi on 25 June. Justin came back from Ranchi on 07 June after his short summer vacation. He dedicated most of his time and energy in editing the final draft of his three volumes of Sunday reflections; however, the release of those three volumes during the Province Days brought him great joy and relief. Along with other Jesuits from Curia and Residenza San Pietro Canisio, he left for Lisbon on 28 June for the Annual Retreat. On 26 June, Edwin Dang accompanied his Bellarminian friends to visit the Ignatian places in Spain starting from Manresa. From 01 July to 01 September, he will stay in a northern Italian Parish for his summer ministry. That will be an excellent occasion to perfect his Italian language. Unfortunately, Kulwant missed the "immersion" of the Second Year theologians into the holy places accredited to Our Lord in the Holy Land because he could not get the Visa of Israel on time. As a result, his entire summer programme went topsy-turvy. After consulting the responsible persons, he wisely decided to go back to Ranchi and contribute his time and energy to some fruitful service in the Province. After successfully completing his Italian language course with the final exams on 26 June, Dilip Sanjay officially joined the Indian Section of Radio Vatican on 01 July. He has been quick to pick up the tricks and intricacies of writing, editing and transmitting news and views for the Radio. After the departure of the other Ranchi men, he would remain as the Master and Guide to Edwin and Ritesh.

Xavier Lakra was in Gregorian University from 03 to 08 June for the important works related to some Projects in Assam Mission. All of us were surprised to find him as punctual, energetic and full of youthful zeal as he was during those days when most of us had not even entered the Novitiate. Despite his tight schedule, he made it a point to participate in all community activities from morning Holy Mass to social hours. Happy and content with the completion of his mission in Rome, he left for Brussels on 08 June to continue with his mission.

On 30 June, I had gone to Catanzaro, a southern Italian city to participate in the Annual Convention of Moral Theologians in Italy. The convention was held in a Seminary where four St. Anne's Sisters are rendering their service. On 06 July a group of 24 Ambassadors and members of the Diplomatic Corps accredited to the Holy See gathered in Pontifical Gregorian University to have a common reflection on the challenges posed by Pope Francis in his new Encyclical *Laudato si'*. Their aim was to share their perception of the Encyclical, to fathom its impact, and to listen to each other so as to get some concrete guidelines to be able to engage the civil servants and their respective governments in saving "our common home". The initiative was taken by H.E Jaime-de Bourbon, Ambassador of Holland to the Holy See. Two Professors from Gregorian – Paolo Benanty and myself – assisted him in organizing the event. The session began with my short personal reflection on *Laudato si'* followed by another short presentation by Prof. Benanty. After some questions and clarifications, two of the Ambassadors shared their views on the ecological concerns of Pope Francis. The open and frank sharing by the Ambassadors was properly in the line of Pope Francis' thinking to have an open and constant dialogue to find the ways and means to safeguard "our common home" from further peril. Instead of leaving for Ranchi on the same day, I postponed my departure to 10 July to complete some pending works. All of us will be back to Rome by the first week of September.

Jerusalem

Although some weeks of June had close to 40°C temperature, the hill country of the Holy Land has not

yet felt the effect of it. The strong wind often blows bringing fresh and cool air. And that makes the whole difference. Good number of tourists and pilgrims were seen enjoying their visit to the Holy Places in this weather. I had the pleasure of meeting one pilgrim group from Ranchi. The group entered Jerusalem on June 10 in the afternoon and stayed till the morning of June 13. I joined the group for two days visiting all the Holy places in Jerusalem and Bethlehem. It was very inspiring and most of all the three of these left a deep moving experience to everyone: the Birthplace (grotto inside the Basilica of the Nativity), the Gethsemany Church in the Olive Garden and the Calvary. After visiting Calvary and the Holy Sepulcher we had the opportunity to celebrate the Eucharist in the chapel near the Tomb.

Two different groups of Jesuits came for Jesus experience this month. One group was from Philadelphia in the United States and it followed its own schedule. The other group was under the guidance of Fr Stefano. The former group consisted of eight while the latter just four. I had the occasion to join the latter group. We went to have the experience of the Judean Desert called Negeb. This part of the land is filled with valleys, ravines and remains completely dry. Negeb and its places are mentioned in the Bible. The Old Testament mentions a place called Beer-sheva referring to Abraham. The ruined city is still seen today. Another ruined city we visited was amazing. It is called Avedat, the Nabatean city. Avedat is said to be 62 station of "the Incense Route". The 2,400 km long incense Route begins in Oman and Yemen and passes through Saudi Arabia and Jordan on the way to Negeb and ending at the port of Gaza (Israel). The traders journeyed with their animals (e.g. donkeys and camels) loaded with frankincense and myrrh, spices, gold and silver etc. Mizpe Ramon is another exciting place in the desert. Huge portion of it is a mountainous valley. It reminded me of the formation of the land in the creation story.

Fr Camil Kerketta

Paris, France

The sacrament of Confirmation was arranged in our school, St. Louis de Gonzague, for around 117 students. They were prepared by catechists of the school for 6 months. The sacrament was given by

Fr Prem

Mgr. Bruno Lefebvre-Pontalis, the Vicar General of Paris. I concelebrated with other priests of my community.

I accompanied a group of students of our school, to their camp in countryside for two days. The programme included an evaluation of the three years (academic, emotional, spiritual, catechetics) into several groups with animators (teachers): with some group games, cultural programme, evening prayer and Eucharist and lunch with their parents on the last day. I was happy to see and know how they organise such programmes for the all-round development of the students.

The last two weeks of June, we, the students of Centre Sèvres were really busy with exams and assignments. At last everything is over and we got summer holidays for two months till August. This year, people over here say that the temperature has drastically gone up to 40°C in Paris and more in other parts of France. This year, 7 of my community members finished their studies here and they went back to their respective provinces. Only two of us remain as the old students in the community. The 8 new community members will be joining us in September.

Fr. Samir

Guyana

Fr Amar Bage went to St. Ignatius Lethem to preach three days' retreat to the candidates for confirmation. Ceremony in central Rupununi was held on June 21 by Mgr. Fr. Montrose. On June 7, the solemnity of the *Corpus Christi* was celebrated with grandeur where 37 children received the First Communion. I presided over the solemn holy Eucharist in St. Joseph's Church Kurukabaru. Fathers' Day in Kurukabaru on June 21 was a day of joy for men, women and children.

On June 24, Fr David Bage, brother of Fr Amar Bage SJ, visited us from Rome with his friends Joseph and Alesio. Frs Amar and David went to Aishalton while Alesio and Joseph remained at Arrupe House in Georgetown. They were happy to see the mission land; admired the beauty of Guyana but at the same time they also experienced the hardships of the mission.

Fr Anil Tirkey left for Ranchi to visit her ailing sister - Sr. Judith OSU but it was sad to know that she

had passed away before his arrival to Ranchi. We express our sincere condolences to Fr Anil and his family members.

Fr. Elias

Cairo

From May 9 to June 24, novices were out in some of the diocesan parishes of Upper Egypt for their pastoral experience. They were back to the novitiate with lively stories and experience. June 1-10 was the educational tour for our Class VI children to France. To look after and guide thirty-three children, we were two Jesuits and three supervisors. In spite of all necessary guidelines and orientation, it was a nightmare for us as half of them became hyper active as we boarded the flight for France. We had to be extra careful everywhere till we were back to Cairo safely. We had one full day trip of Brussels also where the main attraction was Mini Europe Park showing all the European Union countries with their capitals built down to the finest detail to a scale of 1:25.

June 26-28, I had the opportunity to attend a seminar of MEJ (Mouvement eucharistique des jeunes) in the outskirts of Alexandria. One hundred children from Cairo and Alexandria from Class II to V and Class VII were participating. I had the opportunity of celebrating Holy Mass with them in Coptic rite and be the observer. There were twenty-five youth volunteers from the University who had left their classes to be with these children. It was edifying to see them working with very creative mind.

On June 28, European novice masters landed in Cairo for their annual meeting. Fr. John Dardis, SJ (President of the Jesuit Conference of Europe) also had joined them. In the evening, they were invited to the novitiate community. We had a sharing with them introducing ourselves. Two couples with their children from CLC group were invited to share on various issues of Egypt. They were able to see the difference between the talk of television and the real life situation. The informal gathering was concluded with sumptuous Egyptian cuisine which they enjoyed thoroughly. The next day, they left for Alexandria to have their meeting there. They went back to their respective countries by July 5.

Fr Bimal

LET US REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:

Mrs. Abila Ushma Toppo (60), mother of Fr Erenius Toppo SJ, passed away on 25 May 2015

Sr. Judith Tirkey OSU, sister of Fr Anil K. Tirkey SJ, passed away on 26 June 2015.

BABIES OF THE MONTH: JULY & AUGUST**July**

01 Ekka Sanjay Dilip
 04 Dungdung Joachim
 Lakra Mark Mukul
 07 Tirkey Basil
 Tirkey Ajay Anil
 08 Toppo Pratap S.
 Ekka Sebastian
 09 Bage Anugrah Amar
 Kerketta Libin
 11 Tirkey Sikander
 13 Minj Anupchand K.
 15 Kandulna Joseph
 Topno Dominic
 Tirkey Amrit
 17 Kerketta Ajit
 Hassapurty Rajat
 Kandulna Anil
 19 Ekka Alexius
 Kullu Alphonse
 Minj Paul Vijay
 20 D'Souza Gilbert
 22 Sandil Ashok Roshan
 25 Xalxo Isaac
 26 Purti Zacharias
 Horo Ranjit Kr.
 Minj Vijay Kr.
 Kujur Ignatius
 27 Bilung Vinod
 28 Francken Louis
 29 De Brouwer Marc
 30 Lakra Benjamin
 31 Ba'a Theodore Ignatius

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
 18 Soreng Charles
 26 Xess Ajit Kr.
 28 Dungdung Emile
 29 Joncheere Florent
 30 Kullu Jayprakash N.
 31 Barla Ajay Roshan

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