

# RANCHI BULLETIN



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## Provincial's Programme 2018

### July

- 6 : GB meeting, St. Xavier's College, Ranchi
- 13 – 15 : CENTRAL ZONE EDUCATION Coordinators' meet
- 16 : Appoint with Fr. Xavier Lakra, SJ (A.M.)
- 16 : To Rengarih – Visitation (P.M)
- 17 : GB meeting, St. Mary's English Medium School, Samtoli (A.M)
- 21 : PROVINCE CONSULT
- 26 : Feast of St. Joachim & St. Anne – St. Anne Sisters' Congregational Feast
- 31 : Feast of St. Ignatius Loyola

### August

- 2 : To Chennai visitation
- 6 : To Bangaluru – meeting
- 9 : To Trivandram – visitation
- 11 : Back to Ranchi
- 25 : Province Consult

## Matric and Intermediate Results 2018

Congratulations to all the Jesuits and to their Staff members for the good results.

### Matric Results

Name of School	Total No. Appeared	1 <sup>st</sup> Division	2 <sup>nd</sup> Division	3 <sup>rd</sup> Division	Failed	Total passed	Percentage
St. Xavier's School, Sarwada	42	3	20	8	11	31	73.80%
Ango Ipil HS, Rumtukel	25	10	8	00	7	11	72%
St. Stanislaus' Lohardaga	136	55	47	4	30	106	77.94%
St. Peter's, Tongo	97	31	37	00	29	68	70%
St. Xavier's S. Doranda	102	102	00	00	00	102	100%
St. John's Balipara	97	32	22	9	13	84	64.94%
St. Xavier's Mushalpur	18	8	5	00	4	17	72%
St. Xavier's M.Bansbari	22	8	8	00	00	4	72%

Loyola School, Kathalguri	32	15	12	00	00	27	84%
St. Xavier's Pengree	30	7	8	00	12	15	50%
St. Robert's HS, K'dtanr	43	5	21	2	15	28	65%
St. Mary's Samtoli	253	68	95	13	77	176	69%
St. John's HS, Doreya	64	45	18	00	1	63	98%
St. Mary's HS, Bardih	54	12	26	6	10	44	81%
Inigo HS, Saporom	134	95	36	1	2	132	98.50%
Prabhat Tara, Dhurwa	240	216	21	3	00	240	100%
Loyola HS, Khunti	155	127	16	2	10	145	93.54%
St. Xavier's Bundu	212	162	30	00	16	192	90.56%
St. John's HS, Ranchi	236	215	21	00	00	236	100%
St. Ignatius HS, Gumla	197	148	85	3	1	196	119%
St Ignatius Vijaygiri	94	23	44	08	19	75	79.78%

### Intermediate Result 2018

#### Commerce

Name of School	Total No. Appeared	1 <sup>st</sup> Division	2 <sup>nd</sup> Division	3 <sup>rd</sup> Division	Failed	Total passed	Percentage
St. Xavier's Sonabheel	78	10	35	30	3	75	96%
St. Xavier's Doranda	47	41	6	00	00	00	47%
St. Mary's, Samtoli	139	26	85	23	5	134	97%
St. Xavier's Ranchi	421	177	234	10	00	421	100%
Loyola Inter C. Khunti	128	14	81	26	7	121	94%
St. John's HS, Ranchi	164	68	95	1	00	164	100%
St. Ignatius HS, Gumla	89	26	47	3	12	76	88.27%
S Xavier's Int Bundu		10	12	06	xx		

#### Arts

Name of School	Total No. Appeared	1 <sup>st</sup> Division	2 <sup>nd</sup> Division	3 <sup>rd</sup> Division	Failed	Total passed	Percentage
St. Xavier's Sonabheel	95	17	23	36	19	76	80%
St. Mary's, Samtoli	385	80	227	3	75	310	81%
St. Xavier's Ranchi	395	245	144	6	00	395	100%
Loyola Inter C. Khunti	171	22	129	9	11	160	70.8%
St. John's, HS, Ranchi	253	89	150	14	-	-	90%
St. Ignatius HS, Gumla	145	37	90	1	17	128	88.27%
S Xavier's Int Bundu		15	45	11	01		

#### Science

Name of School	Total No. Appeared	1 <sup>st</sup> Division	2 <sup>nd</sup> Division	3 <sup>rd</sup> Division	Failed	Total passed	Percentage
St. Xavier's Doranda	115	115	00	00	00	115	100%
St. Mary's Samtoli	212	41	42	11	118	94	44%
St. Xavier's Ranchi	649	516	131	2	00	649	100%
Loyola Inter C. Khunti	105	17	50	00	38	67	63%
St. John's HS, Ranchi	193	122	71	00	00	193	100%
St. Ignatius' HS, Gumla	187	51	81	00	55	132	70.5%
St. Xavier's Int Bundu		61	89	xx	53		

## St. Xavier's School, Doranda

The month of June has been a time of blessings for St. Xavier's Community because of two joyful events. First, Fr. Pradeep Soreng and Deacon Fuldeo Soreng joined this community. Second, the school had many great achievements. We were sad to bid farewell to Fr. Cyril Guria while Fr. Pradeep's arrival brought joy to the community. Teaching staff went through a workshop on "safe and considerate classroom environment" on June 14 and 15, 2018 prior to the reopening of classes after the summer vacation. On 16<sup>th</sup> June Fr. Ajit Kumar Xess SJ attended "Educators Meet" in Jamshedpur. The very next day DOX (Doranda Old Xaverians) launched 'DOX Connect' App to connect the Doranda Old Xaverians far and wide with their personal data. As of now there are 4000 Old Xaverians connected to one another. The school resumed its usual classes on June 18 with great excitement. The 'Freshers Day' was organized on 23<sup>rd</sup> June for the new batch of class XI with a theme "Let yourself open here". Sr. Mary SCJM, the Principal, Sacred heart School, Hulhundu and Fr. Ajay Soreng S.J. honoured the occasion with their valuable presence and with their inspiring messages.

On the same day the meritorious students were awarded with various prizes and certificates for their hard works:

Twelve students were given Laptops for having scored 90% and above in ICSE 2018 Examination. Three students received Mr. Hira Prasad Memorial Cash Award of Rs. 2500 each and certificate of merit in ICSE and ISC Examination 2018. Four students were rewarded Mr. Hira Prasad Memorial Scholarship as class toppers in class IX. The top ten students who joined St. Xavier's school in class XI present year with 90% and above in ICSE 2018 Examination were rewarded with tablets. Thanks to our benefactors and well wishers who sponsored the valuable prizes.

Fr. Ajit Kumar Xess S.J., who is in the panel of inspection in Siliguri for 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> June, visited the school in view of its affiliation process. Master Alokit Charles Toppo (X) brought glory to St. Xavier's School, Doranda by winning ICSE schools Zonal elocution contest 2018 in junior category. Thus St. Xavier's has life vibrant in its campus.

Sch. Kuldeep Linda SJ.

## St Mary's High School Samtoli

Labours' Day was observed in the community. The tools of daily use were blessed by Fr. Rector before lunch and the labourers were offered gifts as a token of gratitude for their services. They were served meal and were given holiday in the afternoon.

There was a meeting of the parents and students of Std IX in the English Medium School. It was decided to have under the mango grove but it was not possible to have it there as the time of meeting there was heavy storm and rain. All of us rushed to a classroom and corridor. Fr. Erentius, the Principal and Fr. Florence Kujur, Principal of St. John's Ranchi explained the situation about obtaining NOC. Fr. Erentius told the parents about the option of CBSC or JAC Board. He told if we follow the JAC board, there will be no difficulty to write exams of Std X from St. Mary's Hindi Medium School as the material for the study is the same. The opinion of the parents was to follow the CBSC Board. Fr. Erentius went to talk to enroll the names of the students from the school close to Patrachauli. The students were enrolled.

The mother of Bruno was sick and was brought to Ranchi in Borea where the treatment of paralysis takes place. Bruno went to see her and spent a day with her. The day Bruno left for Samtoli, on the same evening she got heart attack and was referred to Raj Hospital. Bruno rushed again to Ranchi. He saw that there was no improvement. She was taken to RIMS. She was in the same condition and after a week she breathed her last. Bruno was there to look after her for a week. After her death she was taken to Noadih for the burial. From Simdega, Sikander, John, Emmanuel Barla and Rector went for the burial.

From the college, Professors too, went in two vehicles. After the burial Bruno came back to Samtoli the following day.

In the early morning of May 14, father, sister and aunt of Sch. Alok Ekka met an accident on their way back from Rourkela to Kurdeg. Father and sister of Alok went to receive his aunt from Rourkela Rly station and were coming back home. Father and sister died on the spot and aunt broke her leg. The burial took place on the same day at 3.00 p.m. Some of us from the community attended the burial mass.

On May 19, Fr. Erentius Minj received the news of the death of his nephew. He rushed home. The burial was the following day.

Fr. Rector gave two day seminar to St. Anne's Sisters in Samtoli. There were 17 participants. After the seminar, retreat began. Fr. Rector himself was the retreat preacher. In the afternoon of May 30, there was a handing over of the office. Fr. Emmanuel handed over the office to Fr. Ephrem Ba'a in the presence of Frs Rector, Bruno and Anup. In the evening we had the farewell of Fr. Emmanuel Barla and welcome of Fr. Ephrem Ba'a in a very simple way. On the next day Fr. Bruno, Fr. Anup Ekka and two employees from the College reached Emmanuel to SXC Ranchi.

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## St Mary's Samtoli

This was the month of the Matric and the Inter-college results. We were eagerly waiting for the good result but when it was out, we were disappointed because many failed in the exams. We had meeting in the community to evaluate and discussed the causes of bad result and tried to find out causes of bad results and tried to find out the ways and means to improve the standard in the school. We resolved in the community to be more committed to our works so that teachers would be inspired by our commitment.

The month of June had been the month of transfers in the province. From our community six are transferred and five are coming to our community instead. Fr. Emmanuel Barla was the first one to move out from here. He went to SXC, Ranchi on May 31 to take the rein of the Principal of the college from June 01. The last one to move out from here was Fr. Erentius Minj. Fr. Erentius Minj was given a simple farewell by the students and teachers. All those transferred were given simple farewell. The community members reached them to their new places. Still two more will have to join our community.

Samtoli and Gumla apostolic boys had a gathering in Gumla on June 23. They had prepared some programmes. The purpose of coming together was to get acquainted with one another and learn from each other. According to the Director, the programme went very well.

Fr. Rector went to XLRI, Jamshedpur for the JHAAN meeting. From all the units except Palamau, Andamans, Hazaribag and Dumka, the representatives were present. The day started with inaugural Mass officiated by Fr. David Vincent, the Vicar General of Jamshedpur Diocese. After coffee break talk was given

by Fr. Nelson, S.J., Professor of XLRI, Jamshedpur on "Mission at Crossroads – challenges and opportunities". Second day was started with Mass offered by Fr. George Fernandes, S.J., Provincial of Jamshedpur Province. The talk was given by Fr. K.M. Joseph, S.J. (Advocate) on "Minority Rights". After the talk there were some questions and clarifications. Thereafter each zone presented the report.

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## Assam Mission

### Tezpur

On the occasion of "International Workers' Day" on May 1, 2018, a one day programme was organized by CRI, Tezpur unit for the workers of the religious communities and houses. It was held at St. Mary's Convent, MSMHC, Teen Mile, Tezpur. Reporting time was 9.30 A.M. and many arrived on the stipulated time and were served with light refreshment. Soon after this Fr. Pius Xalxo S.J. gave a talk from 10.20 A.M. to 11.00 A.M. He highlighted the origin and development of the Workers' Day, dignity of work, church's response to workers' day, virtues of St. Joseph, patron of workers and expectation of religious communities from the workers. Participants were given chance for individual Confession for which Fr. Thomas, Fr. Xavier and Fr. Pius were available. The next program was the Holy Mass which was presided over by Fr. Xavier Lakra while Fr. Pius concelebrated with him. Soon after the Mass, competition was supposed to be conducted by Br. Peter, CST and his team but they were found busy in the town buying prizes for this event. With a view to save little more time for the competition, Fr. Pius, being the President of CRI of Tezpur Unit, preferred to propose a vote of thanks to all those who contributed to the success of the workers' Day gathering. He thanked Sr. Jema, MSMHC, the Superior of St. Mary Convent, in a special way and all the Sisters of the community who dared to host this programme and did a commendable job. He further thanked Fr. Xavier Lakra who readily availed himself to be the main celebrant for the Mass and gave an inspiring homily. The words of thanks were given to Sr. Mridula OSU and UC Novices for leading the choir; Br. Peter CST and CMC Sisters for taking charge of conducting games and to all the Superiors of various communities for sending their workers for this programme. All the participants were well appreciated for their

active role in the programs. Soon after the vote of thanks, Bible Quiz was conducted in the hall by Br. Peter, Sr. Mridula and UC Novices. Workers were smart enough in answering the questions. The two games, passing of rings and breaking of balloons, were conducted in the school ground. Workers enjoyed the games. Games took a good amount of time and got over by 2.30 P.M. Prize distribution was held without any further delay. Feeling hungry, we all rushed for meals and enjoyed rich food prepared by the MSMHC Sisters. After the meal, it appeared that all was over but workers felt that the programme will remain incomplete without tribal dance. So they danced joyfully at the beat of the 'Rabka' and 'Nagara' and found the satisfaction of Workers' Day celebration. After having spent the time meaningfully they left for their destination at their convenient time. On this same day, Fr. Anup came back from CKP, Jharkhand after visiting his relatives and benefactors.

In the evening of May 2, 2018, Fr. Thomas and Fr. Pius went to St. Joseph's Convent to take part in the Holy Eucharist offered for a golden Jubilarian of a newly appointed Provincial of Shilong Province. Bishop Michael Akasius Toppo presided over the Holy Mass and thereafter followed a sumptuous dinner. We congratulated her for successfully completing fifty years as religious and also wished her all the best for taking over this new mission. Two persons, Mr Ankur and Mr Vikram came to Jesuit Bhavan for auditing the accounts of Assam Mission. Fr. Anup was there to collaborate with them in the work of auditing.

On May 5, 2018 Fr. Thomas left for Guwahati to receive Fr. Stanislaus Jebamalai, SJ, popularly known as Sunny Bhai, Secretary, JESA who was coming to visit Assam Mission. Next day around 6.00 A.M. Fr. Thomas and Fr. Sunny Bhai left for Pingaree to see the social work going on there. On May 7, they went to visit the social work centres at Kathalguri, Konapathar and Mohong. Fr. Sunny personally visited and saw the present work of the centres and was appreciative of them. They came back to Tezpur after their visit to Pingaree. On May 9, 2018, they went to see the project work going on in some local centres and meet the beneficiaries of the project being conducted by GCS. On May 10, 2018, Fr. Thomas and Fr. Sunny left early morning for Guwahati to attend JESA, North Zone meeting to identify, discuss and tackle the issues pertinent to this zone.

In the evening of May 7, 2018, as many as 35 local Catholics including Sisters and Parish Priest gathered at Jesuit Bhavan for a prayer in devotion to Mother Mary. Marian prayer started at 6.30 P.M. and ended at 7.30 P.M. Fr Pius expressed his heartfelt thanks to them all for coming to Jesuit Bhavan and praying specially for all the Jesuits. While appreciating their collective effort for prayer, he wished them all to grow in the Marian devotion and invited them to inculcate the virtues of Mother Mary. Soon after the prayer, they were offered refreshment which was arranged by Fr. Anup. After having refreshment, they all joyfully left for their houses.

One day early in the morning, a band of monkeys invaded the Jesuit Bhavan. They scattered the clothes spread on the terrace by the students, mostly girls following computer courses. Fr. Anup, sensing their presence came out and managed to drive them away but sad to know, much damage had already been done before his action.

Fr Anup had to lodge FIR in the police station, Sonaribari, against the anti-social group which put objection to the construction of open hall at St. Xavier's college, Sonabheel. On May 8, 2018, Fr Anup, Fr Ranjit and Fr. Pius met ASP, Sonitpur, Tezpur and informed him about the anti-social group interfering the construction work. He heard our complaint and directed the in-charge of Police station, Sonari Bari to take necessary action against it.

On May 11, 2018, there was an important meeting between the anti social group and the College. It was held in the police station of Sonari Bari. The anti-social group was represented by Md Karim, Mr. Sudhan Bhengra, Mr. Daniel and others while the Jesuit representatives were Fr. Anup, Fr. Ranjit, Fr. Pius and Mr. Vijay Tiru, our friend and well wisher. It was chaired by the IC of Sonari Bari police station. He played an important role in exploring the ways and means to solve the existing problem. Both the parties were given chances to express their grievances and came to an agreement for extending mutual cooperation and support for the good of the College. Hope, with this agreement, construction work will resume at the earliest and the College will make a steady progress day by day. It brought a great relief to us Jesuits.

On May 12, 2018, Fr. Thomas took four guests to the project area where GCS is conducting the programme. In the evening Fr. Pius went to St. Joseph's Convent, FMA to celebrate the feast of St. Domnica Mary Mazrello, the co-founder of Mary Help of Christians. Bishop Michael

Akadius was the main celebrant of the Holy Mass and a sumptuous dinner was served thereafter. On May 13, 2018, in the evening, we went to St. Xavier's College, Sonabheel to wish Fr. Xavier who was all set for his journey to Europe the following day for the fund raising. Special evening prayer was offered for Fr. Xavier and the benefactors. On May 14, 2018, Mr. Sunil left for Ranchi after finishing the auditing of the Assam Mission accounts. Fr Pius along with another auditor called Vikram, took a train to Ranchi on May 16, 2018. He reached the destination at 9.30 P.M. the following day. Fr. Fredrick Kujur, in all his generosity, came to the railway station to receive him. Fr. Pius will remain indebted to him for his acts of generosity. On May 20, 2018, Fr. Pius, along with Jesuits of Ranchi Province attended the ordination of Deacon Deonis Minj at Rajawal Parish. On the same day Fr. Thomas reached Ranchi by train safe and sound to attend the Province Days. After the Province days, Fr. Thomas went to attend Jubilee Mass and Marian procession cum Mass whereas Fr. Pius moved to his village for Marian procession cum Mass. He spent a couple of days with family members and relatives. Both of came back to Manresa House on May 30, 2018 and had one day rest before leaving for Assam.

## Tezpur, Assam

On June 01, 2018, Fr. Pius and Fr. Thomas started their journey back to Assam by train and reached Tezpur on June 03, 2018 around 2.00 P.M. In the evening, all the three Jesuit communities in Tezpur diocese gathered in the St. Xavier's community for a moderate celebration for the good result of St. Xavier's Junior College, Sonabheel. We congratulated Fr. Ranjeet, Fr. Ashok and all other Fathers for their hard labour and wished them every success for future. Balipara community, taking inspiration from Sonabheel community gave a party to the Jesuit communities for the SHLC good result on June 9, 2018. Celebration was moderate but with a difference. On the following day, Fr. Anup went to Guwahati with two trolley of books to give exam for Bar Association. It was an open book exam which was a mind boggling exercise for him. It kept him busy in flipping through the pages of the books which were heaped up on the desk and under the desk for reference purpose. On the same day, Fr. Pius, Thomas and Fr. Rajesh went to Sonajuli in Salonah Parish to offer 'Gami Mass' for Mrs Susana Ekka. Villagers welcomed them at the entrance of the village chapel and it was

followed by confession. Soon after the confession, Holy Mass was started by Fr. Thomas as the main celebrant. Since Mass started around 11.00 A.M., we all had to face the heat of the summer. All of us were thoroughly soaked due to continuous sweating. by the time the Mass was over and took shelter under the jackfruit tree for cooling ourselves down. After a period of relaxation, we went to the house where 'Gami' was to take place and prayed once again for the repose of the soul of Mrs Susana Ekka and for the consolation of the bereaved family members. On our way back we visited Salonah parish but we were quite unfortunate not to meet any of the priests. We also went to the house of Scholastic James Ekka to see his ailing father. He is now much better but not able to speak distinctly. Healing process is quite slow and therefore what he needs is patience and courage. Pray to God that he regains health and there is joy in the family.

It was a big shock for Fr. Thomas Barla and his family members who lost their two beloved members one after another. Fr. Thomas' nephew named Sandeep Tigga died in Gujrat and his elder brother named Francis died of brain haemorrhage on June 11, 2018 in a hospital at Rourkela. Mortal remains of his nephew was laid to rest on June 10, 2018 at Rengarh and his elder brother's on June 12, 2018. Our deep condolences to Fr. Thomas and all the bereaved family members. May the good Lord grant them eternal rest and consolation to the bereaved family! Fr. Thomas went home for the last rite of his elder brother at Rengarh.

On June 14, 2018. Fr. Anup went to Guwahati airport to receive Fr. Anand Kerketta and Fr. Cyril Guria who made their journey to Assam Mission. They reached Jesuit Bhavan at 8.15 P.M. and were welcomed with mixed culture of the Adivasis and the Assamese. At the entrance our kitchen girls washed their hands, in an expression of warm welcome and Fr. Pius Xalxo welcomed them with Assamese gamosa. On the following day, Fr. Pius took them for Tezpur 'darshan' starting with Bishop house. At 9.00 A.M. they met Bishop Michael Akadius Toppo who gave them a warm welcome. After the formal introduction, we spent some time with him and left for Ursuline Provincialate, Ghotlong. It was a surprise visit but we were very well welcomed and refreshment was offered to us. From there we went to see Brahmaputra river and had a joyful ride on the long bridge constructed over the river. In the afternoon we participated in the burial Mass of Sr. Rosalia Tirkey, MSMHC at Jyoti Bhavan, Tezpur. In the

evening, we dropped Fr. Anand Kerketta at St. Xavier's College, Sonabheel which will be his new community and the place of work. We wished him all the best.

On June, 17, 2018, Fr. Pius, Fr. Anup and Fr. Cyril started their tour to lower Assam to visit three Jesuit communities. They first went to Manas Bansbari where they were welcomed by Fr. Laurentus and other community members. Fr. Anup and Scholastic Lazarus got down to business of clearing the accounts of the place. Next morning after breakfast, they went to Tipkai to see the school and to interact with teachers and students. They found the students quite smart and energetic. Soon after that they went to St. Joseph school, Jacobpur and met Sr. Seeba Paul, the Headmistress of the school. From there they went to a village named Rongsopur to inspect the construction work of the village chapel. They met Mr. Balak, the catechist and Mr. Thadeus his assistant who led us to the construction site. They got the report from them about construction work and found satisfactory and asked them to get it completed under their supervision. After having the inspection of the construction of the village chapel they left for Kathalguri. Fr. Pradeep led them to the construction site of the residence building. After having a close look at the construction some suggestions were made to make it more symmetrical and with facilities. Soon after this they paid a visit to a convent where they were offered coffee and maze. Next morning, all of us went to the construction site of the residence building and collectively tried to assess the building structure. Suggestions of the previous day were made known to the community members and community members were asked to bring it to the notice of the contractor and the masons. After lunch they left for Mushalpur where they were welcomed by Fr. Elvius and Fr. Rozario. Fr. Anup furnished the account of this centre and next day they left for Tezpur and reached in the evening. Second phase of our tour began on June 22, 2018 for upper Assam. Frs. Pius, Anup and Cyril Guria left Tezpur for Pengaree at 6.00 A.M. and reached there around 5.30 P.M. They were welcomed by Frs. Patrick Xalxo and Roshan Bage. Next morning around 8.15 A.M. they were invited for the school Assembly and there Fr. Roshan welcomed them in the name of the school. All three of them were welcomed and honoured with Assamese gamosa and invited to address the students. All of them spoke about the duty of the students and asked them to work hard to make their future bright. Since they are writing half yearly exam they wished them every success in their

exam. Soon after this they visited two more feeder schools which are located in Kathalguri and Konapathar. Since students were writing exam they failed to interact with them and just inspected the place and left for Arunachal to meet Carmelite Sisters of Charity. We were offered lunch by them and through interaction we came to know about their apostolate and charism. In the afternoon we came back to Pengaree and after a short rest went to inspect the hall which is getting furnished. We made some suggestions for the proper furnishing of the hall and went to St. Anne's Convent where we were welcomed with Assamese Gamosa and tea. We had a short conversation with them. They came to Tezpur on June 24, 2018 evening

Fr. Pius Xalxo, SJ

## Prothrapur

As the month of May is dedicated to Mother Mary, it has been a good tradition here that the faithful gather for the Rosary prayer right from the very first day of the month and then meaningfully participate in the Eucharist. In fact the practice of praying Rosary every day before celebration of the Holy Mass is very common.

Following the last year's evaluation, two day seminar was organized on 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> May for Mahila Sangh at Prothrapur. First day started with the celebration of the Eucharist by parish priest Fr. David Bara. The lighting of the lamp followed soon after. Miss Sanjana Meshack, a youth who has completed her B.SC. nursing in Bangalore, also the university topper was the first resource person and she spoke about the *health matters*. Talk was very impressive and creative. Mr. Arulananad Swamy was another resource person and his topic was "*Government Schemes*" who briefed about various kinds of Govt. Schemes for women, children, widow, paralyzed, sick etc. On Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> May after the Eucharistic celebration Mr. Sebastian Tirkey gave a talk on *employment opportunities and SHGs*. Enough inputs were given and now it is women's turn to implement them. They were quite enthusiastic about it and vowed to live a better life.

On the same day three pre-novices reached to Port Blair and stayed for a day at Prothrapur thereafter Fr. David reached them to their destination. To provide accommodation was little difficult due to some guests. Frs. Bernard and Nirmal the Jesuit friends from Madhya Pradesh Province visited Prothrapur for a short while. Thanks dear fathers for making a point to visit us.

On 2<sup>nd</sup> May preparation of First Holy Communion began and pastoral sisters availed themselves for the same. After well and due preparation 51 children received the Body and Blood of Christ during the meaningful Eucharistic celebration on 20<sup>th</sup> May. For this not only children prepared themselves but also their parents prepared spiritually through the sacrament of reconciliation previous day. Thanks to choir for creating such an atmosphere to pray devotionally with their melodious hymns and rhythm. Thanks also to sisters who prepared the children thoroughly.

Fr. Bipin Tirkey S.J. and his guests from mainland arrived at airport of Port Blair on 12<sup>th</sup> May. Fr. David was there to receive them. Next day they departed for Little Andaman to visit some of his relatives and well wishers. He was able to visit some of his relatives and near and dear ones in and around Port Blair before going back to Ranchi with sweet memory of islands.

Fr. Ajit Xess S.J. the Principal of St. Xavier's Dornada landed at Port Blair airport to preach retreat to Daughters of St. Anne of Ranchi from 13<sup>th</sup> May to 19<sup>th</sup> May 2018. Just after the conclusion he made a point to visit Jesuit Community at Prothrapur and spend some time with them and also to be with his staff members. They left for Ranchi via Kolkotta on 21<sup>st</sup> May.

Knowledge is power. To be empowered with knowledge you ought to work hard. God has given talents of different kinds. Discover what your best talents are. To know oneself, to empower, to gain self confidence and thinking of holistic development of the parish children, Fr. David, Fr. Edward and sisters arranged a seminar for a week for the children in Prothrapur parish from 28<sup>th</sup> May to 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2018, followed by an educational tour to science city on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2018.

28<sup>th</sup> May was the very first day of the seminar but due to heavy rain it was decided not to invite the resource persons but it would be the day of preparation for the children. 2<sup>nd</sup> day on 29<sup>th</sup> May at 9.00 A.M. with a short prayer and *Deep Prajwalan* seminar was inaugurated. 80 children were present there. Sister Subhashini, the diocesan in-charge for Crusveer and Balsangh was the resource person who stressed on the sign of the Cross that we begin our day and work in the name of the Father and the Son and on the Holy Spirit therefore we need to be associated always with this Trinitarian God. She gave several examples to the children for better understanding. A youth

named Arnold was another resource person for the day and he spoke on the weapons on the Crusveer. They are PRAYER, HOLY COMMUNION, SACRIFICE and CHARITY. Children were again divided into 4 groups and various responsibilities were given to them.

3<sup>rd</sup> day on 30<sup>th</sup> May at 8.30 A.M. day was started with praying Holy Rosary followed by short prayer and the talk by Mr. Ashish Lawrence and company on the topic "*Goal of life*" who inspired the children and drew their attention with their action and creative speech. Practically every day children had choir practice for Sunday Liturgy.

4<sup>th</sup> day on 31<sup>st</sup> at 8.30 A.M. one of the groups led the Holy Rosary and after the opening prayer followed by talk by Sr. Nirmala on "introduction to Old Testament and New Testament". She briefed the whole Scripture and made the children understand. After short break again she revised the matter. During next session Fr. David gave some practical inputs for good reading. He also offered some basic thing which the children should know. 5<sup>th</sup> day on 1<sup>st</sup> June was allotted for quiz and drawing competition followed by group activities and choir practice and other practices for Sunday Liturgy. On the 6<sup>th</sup> day after the Holy Rosary and opening prayer, children were prepared for confession followed by individual confession. Fr. Edward availed himself to hear the confession. Children also prepared for Sunday Liturgy by practicing all the major parts.

Finally on Sunday children participated in the Eucharist actively and led the Liturgy after due preparation. Later after refreshment they moved to Science Center and saw the things minutely. After spending enough time in Science Center they also spent some time in Carbynscove beach and finally back to Prothrapur Church for sumptuous lunch. After having enough and full they left the campus satisfactorily. God Bless all these children that they grow into the fullness of God.

Fr. David Bara, SJ.

### Prothrapur (Andamans)

A Six-day seminar for the children in the parish was concluded on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2018. This beautiful day began with the celebration of Sunday Eucharist prepared and led by the Crusveer children. Things got over in time but the heavy shower disrupted our plan totally.



It was a picnic day of picnic something special for the children. Usually the destination of the picnic is a beautiful and nice beaches but due to danger of crocodiles, people are strictly forbidden to enter into water and that does matter a lot for the children because without water children can't imagine a picnic. Consequently they were taken to science centre as an educational tour so that they could learn for their lives. That was not so bad one could feel and see the happiness in their smiling faces. Still rain has the angry mood. Later children visited Carbynscove beach on the way but sea was quite rough. Finally they came back to the parish for sumptuous meal around 2 pm. All enjoyed the day thoroughly even in rain.

Our Jesuit friends Fr. Robert Pradeep Kujur and Scho. Sandeep Kujur made their trip to Andamans for a short time and reached Port Blair on 6<sup>th</sup> June. consequently very next day they left for Diglipur and Ramnagar thinking that they would have enough time to visit these parishes but their trip was delayed for three hours due to a road-block caused by a fallen tree. They could visit Diglipur just for few minutes. Fr Suman Baxla was there to welcome them. Later they left for Ramnagar for night halt and following day (8<sup>th</sup> June) they departed for Prothrapur.

On 9<sup>th</sup> June Fr. Peter Mahendra Tigga, S.J. celebrated the thanksgiving Eucharist for Mr. Abraham Toppo, aged 90 and the wife Teresa Toppo, Both are the grandfather and grandmother of Fr Mahendra. All the sons, daughters, daughter in law, grandsons and granddaughters were present to extend their gratitude towards Almighty Lord for long and beautiful lives He has given. Fr. Pradeep and David also had the chance to participate and thank God for what He had been in their lives journey.

Fr. David went to Chidiyatapu one of the sub stations of Prothrapur parish for the celebration of Mass. The occasion was the feast of St. Anthony of Padua who is the patron saint of Chidiyatapu village chapel. They had novena as a spiritual preparation and everything was organized well. Fr. David challenged the faithful to grow in faith and have the kind of devotion towards Holy Eucharist as St. Anthony of Padua. Good number of faithful from Kodyaghat and Burmanala too participated. Liturgy was well prepared followed by cultural programme and meal for everyone. Thanks to all the faithful for their hard work and zeal.

Shashi Sameer Dhanwar and Hemant Soreng left for mainland by morning flight on 14<sup>th</sup> June. Fr. David reached them to airport. Shashi Samir will join the Novitiate at Namkum whereas Hemant will be joining Pre-Novitiate in the same place. Wish you all the best Sameer and Hemant.

David.

## International Mission

### IRELAND

Fr. Ignacio Bone, SJ (Spain) imparted his knowledge and expertise to us to integrate our psychological growth in our Jesuit formation with our understanding, behavior and attitude. Our Tertian Companions; Andrew Downing, Michel Lessard and Gabriel Khairallah enriched and challenged us with their sharing- the present situation of Jesuits in USA, Canada and Middle East respectively. Jean Claude, Pavol Trgo, Sanjeeva Fernando and myself visited St. Patrick's Seminary in Maynooth, the only seminary existing in Ireland. From 4- 8 May, we cherished our Jesuit Companionship in small groups as we went out to the different parts of Ireland and UK. The first group- Elias Surin, Niccolo Steiner, Peter Paul Musekiwa and Sanjeeva Fernando went to Cashel-the Cathedral on the rock, Cobh- the largest natural harbor in Europe, Cork – the second biggest city in Ireland, Kellarny, Ring of Kerry- the beautiful landscapes and Limerick-the castle city, in the southern coast of Ireland. The second group – Andrew Downing, Jean Claude, Pavol Trgo and Zong Jiangu went to Galway- the Conemara National Park and the Cliffs of Moher, in the Atlantic Ocean in the western coast of Ireland. The third group- Gabriel Khairallah and Michel Lessard went to Hollyhead in Wales, United Kingdom by Ferry. Oleksii Bredeliev decided to remain here in Dublin and visit many important museums. Fr. Jan Van De Poll, went to Antwerp in Belgium.

Our six days Spiritual Exercises, guided by our Instructors – Fr. Jan Van De Poll, SJ and Fr. Paul Pace, SJ provided us the occasion to integrate our nine months of tertianship programme. On 18<sup>th</sup> May, we concluded our Tertianship Programme with the solemn Holy Eucharist, presided over by Fr. Frank Janin, SJ the President of the European Provincials with our visiting professors, Jesuit friends and benefactors.

On 31<sup>st</sup> May, Fr. Sanjeeva Fernando, SJ (SRI) left Dublin for Sri Lanka via Abudhabi. Prior to his departure from Dublin, he made best use of his time to have a maiden pilgrimage to Fatima, visited his friends and benefactors in Paris, Vienna, Oslo and Amsterdam. On 1<sup>st</sup> June, I, Fr. Elias Surin, SJ left Dublin for the Holy Land, Israel to participate in Jerusalem on- going formation programme for Jesuits for 20 days. Fr. Jan Van de Poll, Fr. Thomas McGuinness and Fr. Paul Pace saw me off with their best wishes.

-Fr. Elias Surin, SJ

## Jerusalem, Israel

The on-going formation programme for a group of Jesuits was held at Pontifical Biblical Institute, Jerusalem for twenty days from 1<sup>st</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> June, 2018. Ten of us - Fr. Ante, S.J. (Croatia), Fr. Edwin Dang, S.J. (Ranchi), Fr. Elias Surin, S.J. (Ranchi), Fr. Emilio S.J. (Italy), Fr. Heribert Muller, S.J. (Germany), Maurice Manamba, S.J. (Chad), Fr. Roger Shuxing S.J. (China), Fr. RoshanKiro, S.J. (Darjeeling), Fr. Thomas Cwick, S.J. (USA) and Fr. ZongJiangu, S.J. (China), actively participated in it and was deeply enriching experience for us. On 6<sup>th</sup> June, we started our 8 days Spiritual Exercises in the footsteps of Jesus in the Holy Land under the able guidance of Fr. Roberto Lopez Facundo, SJ, the Director and Fr. Josè Maria Abrego, S.J., the superior. The first day, the points were proposed on the Jaffa Gate on the theme 'God's unconditional love for us. As pilgrims we walked just outside walls of the Old

City of Jerusalem passing Zion Gate and Dung Gate in the South, Golden Gate (Closed) and Lions' Gate in the East, Herod's Gate, Damascus Gate in the North, New Gate in the North and Jaffa Gate in the West reflecting on the Physical Jerusalem and the Celestial Jerusalem (Rev 21). The second day, the points were proposed at the Zion Gate, on the theme 'Following Jesus more closely'. We walked inside the Old City Walls, visited Wailing Wall, the Dome of the Rock, Al-Aqsa Mosque and the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. On the third day, the points were proposed on the Mount of Zion, the theme was the Kingdom Meditation, following the Eternal King. We spent our time in prayer in Coenaculum- the Last Supper Room. On the fourth day, the points were proposed on Pater Noster on the Mount of Olives – Lord, teach us how to pray – Our Father... On the fifth day, we spent whole day in prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane. On the sixth day, the points were proposed in the Church of Saint Peter in Gallicantu where Peter denied Jesus three times. On the Seventh day, the points were proposed on the Chapel of St. Damian and St. Cosmos on the theme Via Dolorosa – the way of sorrow. The final day, we concluded our 8 days retreat in the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. After the conclusion of our retreat we visited Caesarea Phillipi, The Sea of Galilee, Tiberias, Capernaum, Tabgha, Magdala, Zipporis, Cana, Nazareth, Mount Tabor, BeitShean, The Dead Sea, Jericho, Bethabarah – the Baptismal site in River Jordan, EinKarem, Bethlehem, Ein Gedi and Qumran.

-Fr. Elias Surin, SJ

### Pray for the departed Souls

1. **Fr. Leopold Soares (BOM)** passed away at Andheri, Mumbai. He was 67 years of age and had been in the Society for 50 years.
2. **Mr. Pius Rajan (59)**, elder brother of Fr. Pradeep Kujur, died of kidney (transplant) infection, at the Fortis Hospital, Mohali (Punjab), on 1.5.2018.
3. **Mrs. Erina Kujur (70)**, mother of Fr. John J. Kujur, died of Cancer at Hi-Tech. Medical College and Hospital (Rourkela), on 22/6/2018
4. **Father Raymond Jaecques, SJ (RAN)** died on 28/6/2018 in a hospital in Leuven, Belgium. He was 95 years old, 76 years a Religious and 65 years a Priest.
5. **Fr. Sylvanus Tirkey SJ, (MAP)**, 77/56, passed away at 9.30 am on 03 July 2018 at Asha Niketan Hospital, Bhopal. He had been operated for a brain tumor and he was in a coma for a week.
6. **Fr Claude D'Souza, 87/67**, passed away this morning at 5.30 am in Mallya Hospital, Bangalore.
7. **Fr Lawrence Castelino (KAR)**, 79/59, passed away on 6 July 2018 at Fatima Retreat House, Mangalore.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

### JULY

01 Ekka Sanjay Dilip  
 Turkey Anup  
 04 Dungdung Joachim  
 Lakra Mark Mukul  
 Tigga Mathew  
 05 Barla Arvind  
 07 Turkey Basil  
 Turkey Ajay Anil  
 08 Toppo Pratap S.  
 Ekka Sebastian  
 Hassapurty Rajat  
 Kandulna Anil  
 Kujur Vinay  
 19 Ekka Alexius  
 Kullu Alphonse  
 20 D'Souza Gilbert  
 21 Kerketta Sunil  
 22 Sandil Ashok Roshan  
 24 Kullu Rohit  
 Baxla Alfred  
 25 Xalxo Isaac  
 26 Purti Zacharias  
 Horo Ranjit Kr.  
 Minj Vijay Kr.  
 Kujur Ignatius  
 Minj Nirmal  
 Minj Vijay Kr.  
 Kujur Ignatius  
 Minj Nirmal

27 Bilung Vinod  
 Dadul Ritesh  
 28 Francken Louis  
 29 De Brouwer Marc  
 30 Lakra Benjamin  
 31 Ba'a Theodore Ignatius

### 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 Turkey 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

## Obituary of late Fr. Placidius Lakra S.J. [1928 - 2018]

"Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much; enter into the joy of your master." (Mt. 25:21). Fr. Placidius Lakra, S.J. was indeed the most simple and faithful servant in the vineyard of the Lord. However, in the final moment of our lives we will see God's love and everlasting light. During Eucharistic celebration we prayed for him that perpetual light may shine upon him. His simplicity, honesty and zeal for soul have shown that all of us are the same before God. No matter how much we own or possess, when it comes to the end we are all the same. I have heard from the missionaries that in one part of Africa the dead are buried naked that is to symbolise the fact that we are really the same before God and as we say, we take nothing with us when we die. We leave everything behind. We say we are only passing through, so as we have buried Fr. Placidius Lakra, we have buried one of ourselves. Fr. Placidius' death reminds us that the purpose of life is to know, love and serve God, and Fr. Placidius has served the people faithfully in different capacities and has achieved the final abode, as St Paul says- "Our homeland is in heaven".

Fr. Placidius was the son of Leo and Mariam, born on, 18th April, 1928 at Konmerla in Gumla District of Jharkhand State. The parents had the special prayer and dream that their son Placidius would study well and fulfil their wish, so they sent him for his primary education to R.C. Middle School Tongo, where he studied from 1941 - 1944. In the year 1945 he was sent to St. John's High School Ranchi, for his studies and completed the same in the year 1949. He entered the Novitiate in the Society of Jesus on 1st of February, 1951 at St. Stanislaus' College Sitagarha, Hazaribag and successfully completed his Novitiate in 1953, and further continued his Juniorate studies from 1954-1955 in the same place. Usually the scholastics are sent for their Philosophical Studies after their College studies or regency but in his case, soon after his Juniorate Fr. Placidius was sent for his Philosophy at De Nobili College Pune, where he studied from 1955-1958. After the completion of his Philosophy only he joined at St. Xavier's College Ranchi for his college studies and completed it in 1958-1960. He was found fit for theology, so he was sent to St. Mary's

Kurseong in the year 1960 and was ordained a Priest on 25th March, 1963.

Fr. Placidius pronounced his Final Vows on 2nd of February, 1968 and was appointed for active ministries in two special areas of pastoral care and education in different capacities at different Mission Stations and Schools. He served as a Parish Priest at Gangutoli from 1969 to 1973. In 1974 he was transferred to Majhatoli and served as an Assistant Parish Priest from 1974 to 1977. God has his own plan and that is manifested in the need of the people and then he was invited to join the school community at Jalpaiguri and served the students there from 1978 till 1988; long years of dedication, hard work with simplicity, honesty and sincerity. These outstanding human and divine qualities were the visible blessings of God which was very much appreciated and cherished by the school community by both students and staff and the parents as well.

After a decade in education field he shifted his areas of service in the pastoral care in different parishes for the rest of his life. He was appointed as a Parish Priest at Kanke in the year 1988 till 1989. From 1989 to 1992 he served as a Parish Priest at Lohardaga, then again continued rendering his pastoral care at Noadih from 1992 to 1995, at Soso from 1995 to 1997. Once more at the end of his active ministries, he was appointed as an Assistant Parish Priest at Rengarih one of the biggest parishes in Biru region and served the church for a long period of time from 1998 up to 2007.

As time was passing by and Fr. Placidius marched ahead with full of zeal; with time, his physical energy deteriorated and he grew weaker, he was kept for rest cum help at Bardih Parish from 2007 till 2012. Finally he was brought to Manresa House Infirmary and kept praying for the Society and the Church. He was under treatment and medical care with the house doctor from 2013 up to 2018. He died on 7th May, 2018 leaving his nieces Sr. Nirmala, OSU, Sr. M. Evelyn, OSU and the rest of the family members. May God grant him eternal peace saying- "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much; enter into the joy of your master." (Mt. 25:21)

Fr. John Berchmans Dungdung sj.