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R.P. Provincial's Programme

June – July 2016

03	Burial of Fr Paul Vijay Minj SJ	22	Province Commissions' Coordinators Meeting XISS GB Meeting (6.30 pm)
07-18	Commission on Governance Meeting, Rome	24	Province Consult
21	First Vows of the Novices, Ashirvad-Jharna	25	GB Meeting, St. Xavier's Doranda
22	Meeting with Porticus delegates	27	GB Meeting, RJS
	Central Zone Education Bureau Meeting	30-4	July: North Zone Delegates Meeting at Patna

Feel Good : Novitiate Batch-1990

What a wonderful and mutually enriching time we had when we spent a full day, sharing our life and work on the theme 'feel good'. The group was novitiate batch 1990. The group cherished the friendship and each one took a turn to share one's experiences. After each sharing there was appreciation and suggestion from the group. In order to give us direction Fr. Nabor Lakra, SJ was present as a moderator. There was deep and frank sharing from each individual. We were amazed to listen to one another. We felt that spirit was at work because each one was bold enough to share very personal matters. Some of us shared the struggles and difficulties with great confidence believing that we can be of great help to one another. Since the sharing was very intensive and extensive we had some light moments in between to refresh ourselves. This was the fourth time we came together. This time it was special for two reasons, first, we completed 25 years in the society; second, without exception all of us were present. Fr. Manoj Ekka, SJ, missionary to Cambodia, was kind enough to bring stall and crucifix for all. We ended our sharing session with Holy Mass presided over by Manoj. We took group photographs and had grand fellowship meal sponsored by Satya Bharati.

Fr. Pradeep

HOUSES & INSTITUTIONS

St. Ignatius' Gumla

1st of May, came with double feasting, St. Joseph the worker and the Workers' Day. And we were lucky to get two invitations for party i.e. one in the St. Joseph's Hospital Urmi and the other for a marriage reception in the town.

We had the freedom of choice once in a while! Since the Workers Day fell on a Sunday we celebrated our workers' day on 2nd May. Campus workers other than our own regular ones also joined the party and enjoyed thoroughly. 3rd May is a memorable day being the Birth Day of Fr. Erentius Minj. We started with the Community Mass at

which he was the main celebrant right up to the cutting of cake in the refectory and you can imagine what followed! We had two other birth days this month: Manohar Khoya on 12th May and Director Praful Ekka on 20th instant. Members were so happy to get ice cream on those occasions as the days were so hot.

Three Loreto Sisters, our proposed collaborators for the English Medium School, came here to hold a seminar with the parents/guardians on 6th May. Almost all the parents were present with their children for the seminar and were happy to hear from the sisters and other staff. It was partly to motivate parents for sending more children to our school. Earlier there was a meeting with Mr. Rithesh, supplier of teaching aids/materials for KG classes. He was accompanied by late Fr. Paul Vijay from St. John's Ranchi.

On 7th May Fr. Ravi and Fr. Rector went to Loreto School Doranda to see the class room arrangements and teaching aids materials demonstrations done by the KG and Class One teachers over there. It was a very fruitful visit and came back with lots of ideas and enthusiasm.

The pond near the Hostel is deepened this summer with 1 poclain and 3 tractors working round the clock even in the intense heat. They finished it within 13 days time. Hence no water crisis in the campus anymore!

14th May was a Jharkhand *bandh* in protest against the current domicile policy of the Government. Our school also suspended all classes for the day. AROUSE was open. The Gumla town was totally shut down. 15th was the Pentecost Day, and Bishop Paul had to give slaps to 400 candidates (among them 54 apostolic boys and 35 hostellers) on confirmation day in St Patrick's Cathedral, Gumla. But nobody cried, instead smile!

18th May was the Gumla district 34th Foundation Day Celebrations. Our students took part in marathon "Run for Water" event in the morning and cultural programme in the town hall in the evening. In the Quiz competition our students stood in 1st, 2nd and 3rd positions. On 19th May the regents and some scholastics went to Ranchi for Scholastics' Get together at Vijaygiri. But Sch. David Minj was busy getting his passport and visa for which he had to

go to Kolkata twice. He is bound for his theological studies to Paris.

20th May was a very important day for the school and Inter College – JAC Board Exams results were published for class 10th and 12th. In Gumla District, 8 students were serially from St. Ignatius among the top ten in 12th Science Stream. Passing rate was about 69%. In Commerce, 3 were from our Inter College among the top ten and the passing rate was about 80%. In matric 100% passed.

Very sad news was broken to us on 23rd May at 11.45 am that Fr. Ranjit Pascal Toppo SJ had passed away at Seva Nilayam, Ara Gate. We were very much saddened by the news. The next day we all went to Ranchi for his funeral service at 3.00 pm. The next day all attended the shorter version of the Province Days and returned to Gumla the same day, Anselm proceeding to Jamshedpur for his SAP retreat and Manohar staying back for novitiate-batch get together at Ranchi.

On 25th the Ranchi Status brought a big overhauling to our community – three transfers, Anselm Ekka, Florence Guria and Solomon Barwa, and the 4 priests new comers; add to it both the regents are being replaced by new ones – Libin and Saban. Fr. De Brouwer remarked, "Now we must check who is not changed in our community", pat came the reply from Solomon, "Fr. De Brouwer!" We got 4 scholastics from Manresa House to help the Apostolic boys for spoken English. The annual retreat was preached to the Apostolic boys by Fr. Chonhas Lakra in the last week of May. The month of May ended with lots of Maria Processions and other celebrations.

Fr Christopher Lakra

St Mary's Samtoli

Mr. Rethish C., the Northern Manager of Education Foundation in the USA, visited St. Mary's English Medium School, Samtoli. Frs. Amar, Bruno, staff and students warmly welcomed him during a short programme. Thereafter a short meeting took place with the teaching staff.

The interviews were conducted for three vacant posts in St. Mary's High School on three different days: on 7th

May, for the post of head clerk, on 9th May for Hindi and on 10th May for English. All these three days were hectic time for the Principal and the Vice Principal.

On 7th May 3 old buses from St. Xavier's school, Doranda arrived Samtoli for the transportation of the college students of St. Xavier's College, Simdega. On the same day in the evening there was a Marian Procession in Apostolic School. After rosary they had meal followed by entertainment programme which lasted till midnight. On 8th May the students of classes 7 and 8 went home for summer holidays.

On 9th May the AROUSE office was shifted to the old office from where it started. The workers of AROUSE, Simdega and a few from Gumla came with Fr. Anuranjan to shift the things from the office. All the tables and chairs, almira's were carried by mini truck and dumped in three rooms. The workers looked very sad while shifting.

After two times postponement of the dates for Inspection of the proposed St. Xavier's College, Simdega finally the 4 members of Inspection Team arrived at 12.00 on 11th May. Fr. Provincial, Fr. Nicholas Tete, Fr. Linus Dungdung, Fr. Pradeep Kujur, Fr. Ajay Soreng and Fr. Ajay Anil Tirkey and Mr. Benjamin Lakra were present to welcome them. They were first received at the Circuit House. Fr. Provincial welcomed them by offering them bouquet. After some refreshment, we took them to Konmenjara to show them the site of permanent College. After spending 20 minutes at Konmenjara they were straight brought to Apostolic School campus where the

temporary college building is coming up. As they arrived at Apostolic gate there was washing of hands by the Inter College girls and bouquets were offered by Fr. Rector, Fr. Emmanuel Barla, Fr. Gilbert D'Souza and Fr. Bruno Toppo. They were led by tribal dance by the girls. Before reaching the building the band party led them till the building. Fr. John played an important role in preparing the troupe of boys and girls. After seeing the building little snacks were served and then they were brought to the community for the last part of the welcome offered to the Inspection by the community. The meal was served at 1.30 p.m. After the meal the Inspection Team left for Ranchi. Later Fr. Provincial and his team also left. The Inspection Team was satisfied.

Fr. John went to Sitagarha for the SAP. Fr. Linus, Fr. Emmanuel Barla and Fr. Gilbert went to Ranchi for some works. Fr. Gilbert stayed back whereas Fr. Rector and Emmanuel Barla came back. While coming back they had trouble with the vehicle. In three places the vehicle had to be pushed but finally we reached Samtoli.

There was a heavy storm and rain on 27th May in Simdega. The trees and electric posts lay flat on the ground. The roofs of houses and boundary were destroyed. After the rain the weather cooled down. People were busy repairing their houses and boundary walls.

After 15 days of summer vacation for classes 10 and 12th classes re-opened from 30th May. Lower classes had more days to be at home.

Fr. Linus

ASSAM & ANDAMAN

Manas Bansbari

The month was fruitful for us. Schools are running with full swing. We could see the seriousness in the students of class X in their studies. Fr. Billianus Minj visited the mission on 12th -19th May. He was very much curious to meet people working in Tea Estate as well as Bodo community in the parish. He also visited Mushalpur and Kathalguri. School had speech competition on 16th – 20th May. Students of class III & IV, V & VI, VII & VIII and IX &

X competed among themselves. Fr. Laurentus went to Ranchi on 21st May for the Province Day. He returned on 27th of May. On 29th May Fr. Laurentus went to Bongaigoan for the meeting of the Governing Body of Bongaigaon Gana Seva Samaj, Bongaigaon Diocese. On 31st May SEBA declared the matriculation result in which 26 of our students had appeared: 4 of them got 1st division and 8 of them 2nd division. Among them 1 Muslim, 1 Assamese, 4 Bodos and 6 Adivasis and the rest failed. Among the failure 12 are catholics and 11 are Adivasis,

and 3 Bodos. It was the first batch. The construction of multipurpose hall and presbytery is going on.

Sch. Bimal Minj

Balipara

Balipara received good rain due to which weather was pleasant in the month of May. St John's School had the second unit test on 17th to 20th May. The last day of the exam, the school and the Hostel bid farewell to Regent Marius. Fr. Ranjit had gone to Ranchi to attend the Ranchi Province Days. He came back with the new Regent. Sch. Gabriel Tigga.

The month continued to bring spiritual blessings through the intercession of Mother Mary. The parish priest, Fr Benjamin was busy in Marian Procession followed by the Holy Mass in the evening throughout the month in different villages. At the end of the month the result of H S L C came out. With regard to overall performance, St John's School secured 76 percent.

Fr. Ranjit Kujur,

Prothrapur (Andaman)

"Abba Diwas" [Fathers' Day] was celebrated in a grand manner in Prothrapur parish on 1st May. At 7.30 am the solemn Holy Eucharist began with an entrance procession

with all the fathers (*Abbas*) of the parish along with Frs. Polycarp Xalxo, a Jesuit from Madhya Pradesh Province, David Bara and Edward Kerketta. Liturgy was well planned. Fr. Polycarp Xalxo in his homily presented St Joseph as the model for all fathers. All the mothers, youth and children together sang meaningful felicitation songs. During cultural programme different units presented their items (e.g. songs, dances etc.) The day ended with a spirit of joy and gratitude for the fathers.

The Day of First Holy Communion was on 15th May. 24 Children were well prepared for the day. Fr David organized a seminar (24th -29th May) for the parish children. 85 children took part in it. Fr Suman Baxla SJ was the chief guest. Children had fruitful days of learning together. They presented some skits on biblical themes (Prodigal Son, Good Samaritan etc.). Some speakers were kind enough to encourage the children for their all-round development. The climax of the seminar was the Sunday Eucharist celebration by Fr. David and Fr. Edward. Children themselves led the choir, prepared prayer of the faithful, and led the Bible procession, proclaimed the Word of God etc. The seminar ended with a picnic at Chidyatapu.

Fr. David

DIASPORA

Rome

27 May was the last day of the regular classes for the current academic year of Gregorian University. The exam fever had already gripped the students even before the last day of the classes as some exams were anticipated by a few Professors. Edwin Dang made himself almost invisible to meet the academic demands of the Psychology Institute. Edwin Ritesh, Ravi Hemant and Kulwant too dedicated their full time and energy to the preparations for the exams. Before the end of the academic year, the students and the teaching and non-teaching staff gathered together in St. Ignatius Church on 23 May for the Thanksgiving Holy Mass for the all the blessings received during the year. His Eminence Cardinal Giuseppe Versaldi, Prefect of the Congregation for Catholic Education presided over the Eucharistic celebration. While Kulwant and his companions

of Collegio Gesù did a splendid liturgical service, the Seminarists of Mexican College created a solemn and joyous ambiance of prayer with their melodious singing. As usual, Prem played a pivotal role as the University Chaplain to coordinate the liturgical preparations. After the Holy Mass, the outstanding students and the outgoing staff members were honored with medals.

Amidst the exam fevers, Ranchi Jesuits accorded a cordial welcome to H. Exc. Michael Akasius Toppo, Bishop of Tezpur and Fr. Xavier Lakra, who arrived in Rome on 1 May from Spain for a four day intensive mission of looking for various ways and means to strengthen the Assam Mission financially. In the evening, both Bishop Toppo and Xavier shared their experiences and narrated proudly the marvelous works being realized in Assam by Ranchi Jesuits. Despite their busy schedule, Kulwant, Biju Sebastian, Edwin Ritesh, Ravi and Edwin prepared a

delicious meal in their honor. Two Ursuline Tertiaries - Mridula Tirkey from Assam and Victoria Baa from Ranchi - too joined the group to listen to them. During their stay, Bishop Toppo and Xavier visited all the funding Agencies actively involved in the growth of Assam Mission. Because of the busy days, Ranchi men accompanied them to some of the places wherever and whenever it was possible. Both were deeply impressed by the hospitality and cordiality of Gregorian Community. On 5 May, both of them left early in the morning for Brussels to continue their mission.

On the Feast of the Pentecost, Ranchi Jesuits gathered together in the Room of St. Ignatius to offer a Holy Mass for all the sick and suffering brethren of Ranchi Province. Biju Sebastian joined the group to express his closeness and spirit of solidarity with all those who are suffering from various ailments. Fr. Ranjit Pascal Toppo and Fr. Britius Ekka were remembered in a very special way during the Eucharistic celebration. With a deep sense of affection and gratitude to Late Fr. Ranjit, all shared their experiences of continuously being supported, encouraged and trusted on various occasions during and after his tenure as the Provincial.

On the non-academic front, another important event was the Diaconate Ordination of Tobias Raimon Toppo from Dighia, a future priest for Ranchi Archdiocese. The Ranchi Jesuits could not be present for the Ordination ceremony because of their community activities. Coincidentally International College of Gesù, Collegio Bellarmino and Gregorian community had their pilgrimage and outing on the same day. However, after the Ordination, Edwin Ritesh, Ravi Hemant, Kulwant, Edwin and Sanjay Dilip actively assisted the Seminarians in entertaining the guests during the reception in the courtyard of St. Peter Canisio Residence. Linus had gone to Palermo to attend the Final Profession of one of the Adivasi Sisters from Ranchi. The presence of Rev. Mother Linda Mary Vaughan added multiple colour to the festive celebration as she came straight from the Airport to greet Tobias Raimon. Adivasi community in Rome was glad that two Rome-returned young men will be ordained Priests in the near future – Kulwant and Tobias – one for Ranchi Jesuit province and the other for Ranchi Archdiocese! All the

best to our Kulwant and Tobias for their preparations to priesthood!!

Cairo (Egypt)

This year our Coptic Easter celebration was on 01 May. The very next day Egypt celebrated the welcoming of Spring Season which is a national holiday. Majority of the Egyptian people go out with their families to celebrate the day with special dish of salty fish, boiled eggs, leafy green onion and salad. The community of College de la Sainte Famille was generous in inviting the novitiate community to celebrate the day outside together. On 06, Indian community in Cairo, celebrated the promotion of Mgr. Mathew Kurian (Secretary to the Nuncio in Egypt for the last four yrs.) to the post of Nuncio in Papua New Guinea. It was a double celebration for him as he celebrated the silver jubilee of his priestly ordination. A good number of priests, religious and faithful were present. The date of his Episcopal ordination is yet to be finalized.

On 12th May, Fr. Christiaan van Nispen, SJ passed away in Holland. His sudden loss of memory and ill health had forced him to be there for better care and service. He was one of the known figures among Muslims in Egypt and gave his service to the Diocesan Coptic Seminary for many years. The present Patriarch was one of his students.

On 22, a Requiem holy mass was offered in his honour. The Patriarch was the main celebrant with four bishops of different rites, a good number of diocesan and religious priests/nuns and faithful attended the ceremony. To note here, he had written a will that after his death his body will not be buried instead, it be used for the purpose of the medical studies and it was done accordingly. On 14, our novices came back from Lebanon with their Director to continue their formation in Egypt. Two of them went to Homs – Syria, at our Jesuit place for their month long pastoral experience and the two to Upper Egypt in a diocesan parish. From 23 – 30 May Fr. Dany Yones, the Provincial of Near East & Maghreb was in Cairo for the canonical visit of the novitiate community. On 26, Fr. Bimal left for France with forty students of class VI and seven teachers to assist them.

Fr. Bimal Kerketta

Guyana

We, the Jesuits in Guyana, were blessed with the short visit of Fr. George Pattery, SJ who was with us from 15 to 25 May, covering almost all the mission areas in Coastland and Hinterland. Fr. Anil Kishore accompanied him to visit St. John De Britto Hall Jesuit Community Port Mourant Berbice, where Fr. Joachim De Mello, Fr. Ramesh Vanan and Fr. Mark Mukul Lakra work. He visited Our Lady of Lourdes, Hosororo in North-West Region, where Fr. Anugrah Amar Bage, Fr. Marlon Innis and Missionaries of Charity Sisters accorded him warm welcome. He went to St. Ignatius Mission Lethem in Central Rupununi and St. Robert Bellarmine Aishalton in South Rupununi to visit Fr. Ronald Fernandes, Fr. James Conway, Fr. Paulose Thomas Vellakada, Fr. Varghese Puthusseri and Fr. Edwin Anthony. He went to St. Teresa of the Child Jesus Karasabai, accompanied by Fr. Paul Martin, the Regional Superior to visit the Ursuline Sisters of Tildonk- Sr. Anima

Soreng, Sr. Bernardine Kiro, Sr. Divya Gulab and Sr. Seraphina Kerketta.

On 29 May, the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, we had Mothers' Day in St. Joseph's Kurukabaru which doubled our joy. It was wonderful to see the husband and wife entering into the church in solemn procession. The solemn Holy Eucharist was presided over by Fr. Elias Surin, SJ, the Parish Priest of North Pakaraimas. The melodious and devotional hymns mesmerized the entire liturgy led by Mr. Paul Samuels, Mr. Timothy Peters and Sr. Dorothy. On 30 May, the Youth Training Programme in Community Centre Kurukabru was started by Mr. Ronald Thomas and Mr. Vincent Francisco. There are twenty youths, selected by the Toshao (Head of the village) and the council. The training programme will last for six months. They will be well equipped with English Language, Vocational Skills, Eco Tourism, Agriculture, Entrepreneur and Leadership Skills.

Fr. Elias Surin

On 21 June 2016, 12 second year novices at the completion of their two years of novitiate, pronounced their first vows. Fr Joseph Marianus Kujur, SJ, Provincial, received their vows. They have been sent to 3 different places for their juniorate formation: 3 are sent to Patna, 4 are sent to Vidyaniketan SICJ Trivandrum, and 5 went to St Stanislaus' College Sitagarha, Hazaribag.

SN	Name	Place of Juniorate	Parish
01	Dadul Ritesh	Patna	Salangapos
02	Dhawar Fulti	Vidyaniketan Trivandrum	Bariatu
03	Dungdung Rohit D.	SSC Sitagarha	Katukona
04	Ekka Nitesh	SSC Sitagarha	Kurdeg
05	Kerketta Sunil	SSC Sitagarha	Dokapath
06	Kullu Rohit	Vidyaniketan Trivandrum	Khanjaloya
07	Minj Anand	Patna	Chanho
08	Minj Kanchan	Vidyaniketan Trivandrum	Majhatoli
09	Minj Robin	SSC Sitagarha	Majhatoli
10	Soreng Alok	Patna	Tamra
11	Soreng Joseph Kennedy	SSC Sitagarha	Jampani
12	Soreng Vicky Roshan	Vidyaniketan Trivandrum	Nanesera

Following Candidates have joined the Ashirvad Novitiate, Namkum on 21 June 2016

SN	Name	Parish	Place of Novitiate
01	Alfred Baxla	Banabira	Ashirvad, Namkum
02	Amit Kujur	Bardih	Ashirvad, Namkum
03	Amol Tirkey	Salangapos	Ashirvad, Namkum
04	Akshay Minj	Katkahi	Ashirvad, Namkum
05	Anand Dungdung	Dalmadih	Ashirvad, Namkum
06	Anil Xaxa	Priaponch	Ashirvad, Namkum
07	Ishak Ekka	Dumarpath	Ashirvad, Namkum
08	Johnson Kacchap	Ulhatu	Ashirvad, Namkum
09	Kuldeep Dungdung	Salangapos	Ashirvad, Namkum
10	Ranjit Kullu	Muria	Ashirvad, Namkum
11	Matthew Tigga	Batasipur (Assam)	Ashirvad, Namkum
12	Sebernius Tete	Lakhimpur (Assam)	Ashirvad, Namkum
13	Felix Hassa Purty	Sarwada	Ashirvad, Namkum
14	Stanislaus Tirkey	Mamarla	Ashirvad, Namkum
15	Sumit K. Tirkey	Wimberlygunj (Andaman)	Ashirvad, Namkum

LET US REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Fr Paul Vijay Minj SJ (30/50) passed away on 2 June 2016

INFORMATION :

NS Lalit Vinay Xess left the Ashirvad Novitiate, Namkum on 05 June 2016.

BIRTH DAY BABIES : JULY

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

Conversations with Father General

There are over 16,000 Jesuits working in different parts of the world today. This multicultural reality presents both a richness and challenges. In this short conversation, Father Patrick Mulemi asks Father General Adolfo Nicolás what this multicultural reality means in terms of governance in the Society.

Governance - Multicultural reality and New Models

Have you found that Jesuit governance differs from Province to Province? Can you give us some examples of how it might differ?

R. Yes, governance differs from Province to Province. Sometimes the difference is cultural and it reflects the general thinking and doing of people in Authority and leaders. Other times it is a question of personality; there are superiors that have more self-confidence and are always ready to listen to different opinions before deciding. There are also superiors that live in some kind of “cloud of un-clarity” and the Jesuits suffer because of it. Unfortunately, now and then, we come across the typical person that cannot listen and his decisions are always final. They suffer much and make others suffer as well.

Are there new models of governance coming to the fore?

R. Yes, without doubt. The systems that accompany the new Provinces of Spain and Brazil do not follow traditional paths and are being monitored to see whether they serve the Society’s way of life and the mission. What is important is not that they are new or different, but that they help the Society in this time of change, and that they help us better in our service of souls and the Church.

Are there any plans to allow Jesuit provincials in larger provinces who feel burdened by the Manifestation of Conscience to pass those duties onto assistants or “vice provincials”?

R. This is not a light question, in the least. We have been reflecting on this point with my Counsellors and in no way do we want to make any change in the vision of Saint Ignatius. For him the Account of Conscience was always linked to the mission, so that no Jesuit would be put in situations or tasks that would threaten his spiritual well-being or would imply a negative consequence for those we try to accompany or serve. If this principle is respected, the concrete form that things, times and ways are organized is left to the individual Provincial to decide. (*Courtesy: www.sjweb.info*)

Prayer for GC 36

God our Father, almighty and merciful,
You sent Your Son Jesus, Your living Word,
to save the human race by His life, death, and resurrection,
and You send Your Holy Spirit to inspire and accompany
Your pilgrim Church on earth.

With confidence, we pray for the Society that bears the name of Jesus:
Grant the 36th General Congregation openness to hear your Spirit
so that we may live for the greater glory of your name,
faithful to our history and the example of the saints
who have gone before us.

Give us the spirit to serve beneath the banner of the Cross on behalf of Your Church,
a profound love for the world You have created and entrusted to Your people,
the grace to see with Your eyes
the beauty and suffering of our sisters and brothers,
hearts that beat in union with Your heart,
loving You and serving You in all things.

We ask all this through Jesus, the Savior who sets us free.

AMEN