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## Ranchi Province Days 2017: A follow-up

Dear brothers,

Ranchi Province Days-2017 (RPD-17) is over! Province Days come and go but the spirit of the Society continues. Times change, contexts change and change the frames of reference. The charisms, values and spirituality of the Society, however, continue to be as relevant as ever.

I thank the coordinator and team of the RPD-17 for so very proficiently organizing the programme. The presence of around 320 Ranchi Jesuits (some of them unregistered) manifested the spirit of belonging, ownership and solidarity with one another. I thank each and every Jesuit for his presence and active participation during RPD-17. Everybody took time out despite his busy schedule. I appreciate it very much. Some of our brethren could not make it due to certain exigencies and we understand them. They were with us in spirit. Those of ours abroad, in Rome, Cambodia, Guyana and the USA, sent their best wishes for the success of the RPD-17. We thank them immensely for their thoughtfulness and prayerful support.

We are now back in our communities. The theme of the Province Days “*Mission of Reconciliation and Justice Today: Our Collective Response*” has invited us to seriously and honestly engage in **discernment**, **collaboration** and **networking** at all levels of **governance** and in the **life & mission** of every Jesuit.

We are participating in God’s universal mission and we are not alone – God is labouring with us. The Ignatian vision is the guiding principle for us to move forward.

As pointed out in the state of the province, we have so many strengths – financial, spiritual, social, human, Ignatian heritage (interior freedom, Magis, 3G—Greater Glory of God, Humility and Generosity), just to name a few. We also have some viruses, such as divisiveness, financial misbehaviour, sexual misbehaviour, dishonesty, pride, greed, arrogance, jealousy (responsible for the destruction of the earth, according to the genesis myths of some tribes). We are learning from the good practices of each other and also taking lessons from our setbacks. However, first and foremost we are Friends in the Lord! Praise the Lord!

### Call of GC36 for Ranchi Province

**[1] A strong spiritual foundation:** In order to move forward **GO BACK TO THE IGNATIAN ROOTS**. Ignatian spirituality is the foundation of all commissions, apostolates and priorities. Spirituality is not a priority which can be shifted from top to bottom in order of preference from time to time depending upon the context. Spirituality is a constant foundation, on which depends the entire edifice of governance, life and mission in the least Society of Jesus. A strong Ignatian spirituality means that we build up on our strength and work on our viruses to be Jesuits of integrity. Our rootedness and groundedness means that we are honest in our financial behaviour and relationships, that we are available for any mission anywhere in conformity with the spirit of the Society.

**[2] Pillars of the province:** While spirituality is the base of the entire edifice of the Society, there are 3 constant pillars on which rest various priorities of the province. These pillars are—vocations & formation, financial security

and intellectual depth. We need to take care of each of these pillars so that the house of life & mission and governance is built on a strong foundation with three supporting pillars.

### **[3] Discernment, collaboration and networking at all**

**levels:** At the level of the diocese, religious women and men, clergy, laity, ecumenism, Sarna-Christian, people of good will, civil society groups! Let us learn to be good collaborators. It is a call not to seek a commanding position always but be ready to work under non-Jesuits as well. The call also is to treat our partners with maturity as equals and respect their charism. Zonal collaboration in Mission and governance needs to be further explored. We need to think beyond our own apostolate and province boundaries and need to build a new vision – out of box. Universality is a process, not occupying spaces. Collaboration without discernment is not possible. Personal and common discernment is an art. We need to develop the spirituality of collaboration.

**[4] Promote Brothers' vocations:** Brothers' vocation is the real charism of the Society. The call is to proactively promote their vocations in the Society. I wish that every member of the province – Priest and Brother – makes a concerted effort to promote vocation to Brotherhood. Brothers, according to the present-day context, will have equal access to education and training for various ministries, so as to make them well-equipped to face the world today. The Commission for Brothers needs to make a roadmap for vocation promotion, by visiting various Jesuit and non-Jesuit schools, hostels and parishes and by conducting separate vocation camps for the purpose. To start the venture, the above Commission could propose a budget and take the matter forward earnestly.

**[5] Taking REGAE (Reorienting for Greater Apostolic Effectiveness) forward:** The process has started in phase-1 with spiritual animation process (SAP). We are in phase-2 now. We need to discern, pray, reflect, deliberate upon and decide what God wants of us. We need to continue supporting Father General's vision and concrete plans. Ranchi Province cannot exist in isolation.

### **Phase-1: The Way Forward after the Phesama JCSA in 2014**

The JCSA meeting in Phesama in 2014 discerned to take the Ignatius' dream of 'A Universal Body for a Universal Mission' forward. To this end, a Commission was set up under the Chairmanship of Julian Fernandes, to study the

restructuring process in the South Asian Assistancy. Based on its interim report of November 2015, 3 sub-commissions were constituted, namely (1) the Spiritual Animation Process (SAP), (2) Formation, and (3) Governance.

The SAP, which was built on the deliberation of the First Fathers, facilitated Ignatian framework for the 2 other Commissions. More than 3500 Jesuits across South Asian Assistancy participated in the same. The main purpose of SAP was to prepare the Jesuits of the Assistancy "for eventual discernment on **reorienting** our ministries, formation and governance **for greater apostolic effectiveness**" (REGAE) (POSA Circular 2017/05; 3 May 2017).

The Joint Report of the Commission was presented during the JCSA in Jabalpur in the presence of Most Reverend Father Arturo Sosa, Superior General of the Society of Jesus, who endorsed the process.

### **Phase-2: Challenges and Opportunities for South Asia in Post JCSA in Jabalpur 2017**

JCSA in Jabalpur in February 2017 discerned to take REGAE forward for which a Core Team was appointed with Fernando Franco as Coordinator ad R.C. Chacko, Jossie D'Mello, Jeyaraj Veluswamy and Francis Minj as members.

**The focus** in the second phase will be on the 3 streams: (a) REGAE stream, (2) GC 36 stream, and (3) Apostolic Planning & Apostolic Priorities stream.

**The methodology** of the 'head & heart' of the participants will be followed.

The main task of the Core Team is to prepare a module for the next phase of REGAE to be implemented at Zonal level. Its task also is to prepare Zonal teams to organize training sessions at the Zonal level.

### **[6] Most important apostolic priorities**

The province has voted for education as the most important priority followed by social apostolate. Pastoral apostolate is in the third place. It does not, however, mean that those in the lower part of the ladder are less important than the ones on the top. All are important. The process of prioritizing, however, means that a larger part of the resources of the province – financial, infrastructural and human – when compared to other lesser priorities, is set aside even at the cost of the others. In this regard the insights of Adolfo Nicolas help us to understand better the

situation. Irrespective of what apostolate we are engaged in, this is only part of God's Mission. Activities, institutions and ministries are not Mission. We are not mission. We are trying to take God's Mission forward. If we are not attached to our 'own' ministries, we will be able to focus on our priorities rather than on our own little 'world' of ministries.

**[6.1] Quality education at all levels** – primary, middle, higher secondary, intermediate, degree & above! The future is going to be tough for children from tribal and minority communities. A high level of competitiveness will be required. Children from rural background like others need a strong foundation. Hence, we need to prepare children from primary onwards through high school and higher secondary school to higher and/or professional education. Unless the less privileged children have a strong base, they will not find place in institutions of higher learning. Without a high level of education employability will be a concern. We have a responsibility for the priority groups not only to educate them but also to ensure that our education facilitates decent jobs or self-employment so that they can live a life of dignity and self-esteem.

If that be the case for others, their mentor Jesuits need to be better qualified and equipped with modern education with soft skills and new tools and techniques. Everybody should have a minimum of Master's degree. Some could have TTC and B. Ed. Still others, depending upon their aptitude, could go for further studies and specializations.

**[6.2] Social apostolate** – While in Jabalpur JCSA I shared with Father General about our social apostolate and spoke to him about social action, he asked me whether we also talk of 'social thinking'. He emphasized on the need for social analysis and critical thinking along with social action. Social apostolate is one of the main apostolates of the province. However, the province is not able to do justice to this apostolate due to shortage of personnel and finance.

This is the apostolate with a wide spectrum of issues under its umbrella, such as economic empowerment, dialogue, human rights, environment, entitlements, migration, displacement, trafficking, and so on. Here too, we need to prioritize and focus on the most important issues pertaining to our society so that we are not scattered in our approach.

**[6.3] Pastoral apostolate** – Pastoral apostolate though third on the list, is as important as the first two priorities. Pastoral apostolate as of now has become very sophisticated and challenging due to social, cultural, economic, educational, technological and scientific changes. Ranchi archdiocese has just finalized its pastoral plan and all religious are part of that. We need to network and collaborate with the diocese we are working in. In the province, we need to take inter-sectoral approach in all our ministries rather than being compartmentalized. Socio-pastoral approach is the need of the hour with so many complexities in the life and mission against the background of shrinking space of democracy. It is important for the pastors to be close to the people, taking up their issues and problems, organizing them and making their respective parishes 'a well-knit and disciplined community'. It is in this context that adequate qualifications are expected of a pastor to handle all situations in the field with analysis and critical thinking. We need to prepare our men in pastoral management, counseling and other relevant areas.

**[7] Looking forward:** We, the Ranchi Jesuits, during the Province Days 2017, in the presence of more than 300 of us, have taken a pledge to seriously and honestly engage in the 'Mission of Reconciliation & Justice Today' as a follow up of GC36. That is 'our collective response'!

With best wishes & God's blessings,

*Fr. Joseph Marianus Kujur, SJ*  
Provincial Superior

## PROVINCE DAYS 2017

The Province Days 2017 was organized from 22 May evening to 25 May noon. It got started with an inaugural evening Holy Mass at 6.00 pm at Manresa House Basketball Court with Fr. Provincial Joseph Marianus Kujur, SJ, celebrating and Fr. John Lee Hua, SJ, Provincial of China, Rectors and Superiors concelebrated with him. Nearly 150 province men were present. It set the tone of the Province Days.

The next day, 23 May was devoted to the State of the province when Fr. Provincial presented comprehensively the actual status of the entire Ranchi Province followed by the inputs of three eminent speakers: 1) Mr. Vinod Kispotta, RTD, IAS, who spoke on the "Chotanagpur Tenancy Acts and Santhal Pargana Tenancy Acts Amendment." 2) Mr. Bandhu Turkey, Former Educ. Minister who spoke on the



“Emerging Political Trends in the State.” 3) Mr. Sanjay Basu Mullick, Social Activist, who spoke on “What Next: Alliance the Solution?” In the afternoon session the Province listened to Fr. POSA, Fr. George Pattery, SJ, on “A follow up of GC 36 on Life, Mission & Governance in South Asia”

There was a basketball match after tea between the Collegians VS Rest of the Province. St. Xavier’s College hosted the evening dinner preceded by the Holy Eucharist.

The second day on 24 June Fr. John Lee Hua, SJ, briefed us with the Jesuit works in China followed by “The follow up of GC 36 for Ranchi Province” & “Apostolic Priorities

& Planning of the Province.” The afternoon session was devoted to group discussions on the two questions for “Vision 2027.” The day was concluded by the Holy Eucharist offered by the 4 newly ordained priests of the Province at St. John’s English Medium School.

The third day 25 June was for gathering of fruits and the way forward. A discussion and clarifications ensued upon a consolidated report prepared from the group discussions by Fr. Ajit Kr Xess and Fr. Francis Minj and was well monitored by Fr. Provincial. The Province Days was concluded by the Holy Eucharist presided over by Fr. Xavier Lakra, Delegate of Fr. Provincial of Assam Mission.

*Fr. Ajay Soreng, SJ*

### Fr. Provincial’s Canonical Visitation Programme

#### June 2017

- June 3-5 : Visitation – Manresa House
- June 6-7 : Visitation – St. John’s High School, Ranchi
- June 7 : Holy Mass - St. Anne’s Superiors at 6.00 am - Mother House, Ranchi
- June 9 : Visitation – XISS, Ranchi
- June 10 : Lievens Documentary
- June 11 : Holy Mass & Input on Present Day Situation at Anne’s Convention of Nurses, Ranchi
- June 12 : Visitation – Mango Novitiate
- June 21 : First vows – Novitiate, Ashirvad-Jharna, Namkum
- June 23 : Visitation – II year Juniors at Jharna-Ashirvad, Namkum

June 30-July 1 : Visitation – St. Stanislaus’ High School, Lohardaga

#### July 2017

- July 3-5 : Visitation – St. Xavier’s College, Ranchi
- July 6-7 : Visitation – St. Ignatius’ High School, Gumla
- July 9-10 : Visitation – St. Mary’s High School, Samtoli
- July 13 : Key Note HRDC - “Rethinking Adivasi/ Tribal Awakening”
- July 17 : Visitation – Manresa I & II year Juniors
- July 18 : Visitation – Manresa House – Memoriale – Holy Mass

#### September 2017

September 8-9 : Visitation - RTC, Tarunoday, Kanke

**Announcements**

All the Rectors, Superiors, In-charge, and Parish Priests are kindly requested to send all the relevant information of the members of their respective communities for the Ranchi Province Catalogue 2018.

The Principals/headmasters are requested to send accurate information on the number of students, teaching & non-teaching staff, Jesuits and other religious working in the school according to the format in the Ranchi Province Catalogue 2017 [pp.74-79]

The Parish Priests are requested to send the latest number of Catholics in their respective parishes and village schools with accurate data of students and staff.

The Directors/In-charge of Social works are requested to send number of categories of works, No. of centres/villages, members/beneficiaries, workers/animators/staff members (lay & Religious)

All these information kindly be sent to Fr. Socius' office latest by 15 July 2017.

*Fr. Socius*

**INSTITUTIONS****St. Ignatius' Gumla**

The first day of May being the Workers' Day we celebrated it with our campus workers with a solemn party. In the evening the community was invited to St. Joseph's Hospital Community, Urmi. On the same late evening Fr. Marc De Brouwer informed us that his ailing sister had passed away in Paris. May her soul rest in Peace! The deep Bore well truck arrived in our campus garden to dig one deep bore well to tide over the water crisis. The work was done in a few hours time boring 725 feet deep with a bumper water source. On 3 May we celebrated the Birth Day of Fr. Erentius Minj with a Holy Mass in the evening followed by a dinner. Earlier in the day, some of the community members went to the burial Mass of Mr. Ignace Toppo, one of our retired teachers and the father of late Fr. Ranjit P Toppo, SJ, at his home, Rashminagar. Another sad news came to us from Soso Carmel Ashram where Sr. Celine, one of the foundresses of Cloistered Carmel there, had expired on 4 May. Some of us had gone for the funeral at the Ashram. The Orientation Seminar for Cl. XII was organized on 5-6 May given by Fr. Ashok Kujur, SDB. Fr. Erentius Minj, SJ, went to Samtoli on 7 May to take part in the Silver Jubilee celebration of the ordination of Fr. Vinod Bilung. On that late afternoon we had a very heavy and stormy rain – the best of the season, indeed! The Apostolics had organized a singing and dance competition among themselves on 8 May evening. We were invited and hosted with a sumptuous dinner in the end. The Padmashri Mukund Nayak organized a seminar in our school on Water harvesting on 9 May. The community had a consult meeting in the evening. Fr. Manohar was suffering from pain in his thumb and was taken to the Hospital on 10 May for a checkup. According to the doctor it was timely diagnosed or else would have been serious.

On 11 May both the regents left for Assam for their Scholastics get-together. We had to manage the hostel with Fr. Manohar at the head. Fr. Florence Guria was called to Ranchi for the Board paper correction, since it was not over at the Ranchi Centre. On the same day Sr. Shakuntala, IBVM, left for Ranchi to go to Shimla and Sr. Priyanka, IBVM, came to St. Ignatius' to replace her. Summer holidays for the English Medium School started on 13 May. We have plenty of lichi this time. We distributed it to the hostellers, English Medium school children and workers. On 13 May we celebrated the Birth Day of Manohar Khoya with a Holy Mass in the evening and on 20 May Fr. Praful Ekka also celebrated his Birth Day as well as the anniversary of his ordination. On 14 May I went to Ranchi to meet Fr. Provincial with Ravi and Ranjit Kujur (Assam) who joined me as well. Fr. Sylvanus and I went to Ranchi on 19 May for the CRI Regional Meeting at St Albert's College, Ranchi. The summer vacation started for the High School and Inter College on 20 May. All of us went to Ranchi for the Province Days on 23 May morning and returned only on 25 May evening. We also brought the New Status of Ranchi Jesuits with Fr. Manohar Khoya as the new Headmaster from 1 Oct. 2017 while Fr. Erentius Minj will be moving to Samtoli as Principal of the English Medium School there from 1 October 2017. We got a new full-time Minister of the House in the person of Br. Jay Prakash Kullu, SJ. Fr. Erentius lost one of his relatives in Hesag and was buried on 29 May.

30 May was the results day for the Matric and Inter College, Science and Commerce:

One of our teachers, Ms. Premlata Xalxo, from our English Medium School got married on 31 May. Three of us attended the wedding Mass at 7.00 am at St. Patrick's Cathedral.

*Christopher Lakra*

## St. Mary's, Samtoli

The workers' Day on 1 May was observed by the community. Fr. Rector thanked the workers for the help they render in different ways and felicitated them by presenting a towel to each one of them. For lunch they were served with rice beer and a delicious meal.

The family members of Fr. Vinod Bilung, SJ, celebrated the silver jubilee of his Priestly Ordination. The Holy Eucharist was in the chapel of the Apostolic School. Many Jesuit priests and Brothers were present from Ranchi and other communities. The meal was prepared at the Jesuit community for all. The Fathers, Religious and the distinguished guests were served meal in the community, whereas, the guests and relatives of Fr. Vinod were served at his house. Mr. Ravi, a caterer from Ranchi was asked to prepare the meal.

Fr. John Tirkey, the Headmaster of the school went to Doranda, Ranchi, for a special meeting of all the

Headmasters and Headmistresses of the minority schools.

The month of May had been a busy one for Fr. Rector. He went to give a retreat to 11 second year SCJM novices at Asha Deep Novitiate, Hulhundu, from 8 to 16 May in preparation for their first vows. Thereafter he conducted a seminar from 25 to 28 May for 40 Junior Sisters at Nirmala College, Hinoo, on self-esteem and motivation.

All our regents left for Ranchi and then on to Assam for the Scholastics' get-together. It was a good occasion to see the Assam mission. They went round to all our mission stations in Assam.

All the community members went to Ranchi to participate in the Province Days. After the Province Days Fr. Gilbert, Fr. Sikander and Fr. Rector stayed back for some important works. Fr. John Tirkey was busy going to different villages to offer Holy Mass towards the end of May, the Marian month. It was a good occasion for him to meet his students and parents.

Fr. Linus Dzungung, SJ

## DIASPORA

### Rome

31 May was the last day of the regular classes for the current academic year in Gregorian University. A thanksgiving Holy Mass was celebrated in St. Ignatius' Church on 29 May to thank the Lord for all the blessings and benefits received during the academic year. The Eucharistic celebration was presided over by H.E. Cardinal Beniamino Stella, Prefect of the Congregation for Clergy. Although the exams were scheduled to begin from the first week of June, the rush to complete and submit the written assignments compelled the students to stick to their books and desks. Despite the rising exam fever, Edwin Ritesh, Ravi Hemant, Edwin Dang and Kulwant Minj participated actively in various community activities. From 11 to 13 May, R.P. Delegate for Roman Houses was in the Gesù Community for the visitation of the would-be Deacons. On 12 May, Fr. Thomas McClain, General Treasurer of the Society delivered a talk to the Scholastics on solidarity in the Society of Jesus. Emphasizing on the aspects of poverty and sharing, he underlined the need of submitting to the community all the gifts received from others, so that they could be used for the Jesuits in formation, infirmary and in new missions. On 19 May, R.P. General visited the Scholastics. He presided over the Community Holy Mass and after the dinner shared with the community his experiences of visiting different countries and works being done by the Society. He also presented his understanding of the vision-mission of the Society for the contemporary

world. On 26 May the outgoing Scholastics were given a fitting farewell by wishing them "Buonafortuna" in their future mission.

For Edwin Dang, the month of May was the climax of academic sessions, as he had to prepare himself for the comprehensive exams, which were scheduled from 15 to 20 May. The successful completion of the comprehensive exams was an indication that the required coursework was over, and the final thesis had to be submitted by 5 September. The next academic year awaits him with more counseling practices and supervisions in terms of accompanying clients in vocational growth sessions and supervising junior students of the Institute of Psychology in personality assessments. During the exams, he had suffered from an acute lower back pain. However, he successfully completed all the academic requirements with great patience and perseverance. Occasionally, he had to rush to a psychotherapist for immediate relief. He has been advised to have a general checkup and ultrasound scan of his body. He hopes to complete the general checkup in June.

With the objective of extending their helping hands during the Roman Phase of the cause of the Servant of God Constant Lievens and Herman Rasschaert, Kulwant Minj, Linus Kujur and Prem Xalxo attended *Studium*, the course organized by the Congregation of the Causes of Saints. Mary Pushpa Tirkey, one of the DSA General Counselors, too attended the second part of the course to be able to help the cause of the Servant of God

Mother Mary Bernadette Kispotta. The final session of *Studium* was held on 10 May. Both Kulwant and Mary Pushpa appeared for the final exams on 15 May. Linus and Prem had opted for the last date of the exams. Immediately after the exams, Kulwant left for Ranchi on 17 May. It has to be kept in mind that the Diocesan Phase of enquiry into the life, virtues and the reputation of sanctity of Constant Lievens has already been documented according to the norms and submitted to the Congregation for the Causes of Saints on 3 November 2015 by Rev. Bart Geryl. Now, the Decree of Validity is being awaited to proceed further.

Fr. Anselm Ekka is gradually gaining confidence and skill in carrying out his mission as one of the Assistant General Treasurers. On May 25 he gladly joined the Curia community outing, which was organized to achieve three objectives. First, they visited the Palestrina Castle which was built between 1st and 2nd centuries. Both Hellenistic and Greek architectures and paintings are beautifully preserved and maintained. In the second phase of the outing, the community members moved to Mentorella, one of the famous sanctuaries of Mother Mary, where they spent their time in prayer. The Parish Priest explained the significance of the Sanctuary. In the final phase, they went to a picnic spot for relaxation, mutual sharing and interaction.

From 1 to 5 May, a workshop was organized for the new Treasurers of various Provinces. The focus of the Workshop was on the Statutes on Poverty and Instructions on Administration of goods. Later, another training programme was held for the Socius followed by a Seminar for the representatives of Jesuit Refugee Services working in different parts of the world.

On 7 May, a book entitled *Encounter between the Christian and the Urâon Rites of Passage* authored by Linus was released in Gregorian University. Fr. Milan •ust, Dean of the Faculty of Missiology and Fr. Laurent Basanese, Director of the Gregorian Centre for Interreligious Studies took great interest in presenting the research done on inculturation to the general audience. The book was presented by Prem and Prof. Maria Angela De Giorgi, Professor of Missiology. Both of them discussed in details the context and content of the book and offered some suggestions to continue the research further. Apart from the regular classes and seminars, Linus is taking a good care of the Accounts of the Gregorian Centre for Interreligious Studies and that of the University Chaplaincy.

Ajay Prakash Minj and Xavier Lakra were here in Rome during the month of May. Ajay had already reached Rome on 26 April for the Treasurers' Workshop on

Temporal Administration which was held in the Jesuit Curia from 1 to 5 May. Immediately after the conclusion of the Workshop, he left for Paris on 6 May. On the same day, Xavier Lakra arrived in Rome from Madrid. He stayed in the Gregorian Community until 10 May and dedicated his full time in finalizing and presenting various Projects to the concerned Agencies. Both his youthful zest and untiring spirit continue to inspire others who observe him working with precision and firmness. Sanjay Dilip invited both Ajay and Xavier to share their mission and experiences to the general audience through the Vatican Radio. Best wishes to both Ajay and Xavier for their mission!

Fr. Prem Xalxo, SJ

## Madrid, Spain

The month of April kept us busy with our assignments. In this second semester comparatively we had much more assignments. Most of the time surrounded with thick books in the library and breaking our heads with new concepts, we realize that even though we, being literature students, our situation was never like this before.

The Holy Week and Easter celebration gave us some relaxing moment. Anuj went to Salamanca to render his service during the Holy Week, whereas James went to Javier, the birth place of St. Francis Xavier. After the Easter celebration we came back to our respective communities. Fr. Provincial Joseph Marianus Kujur landed here in Madrid on 29 April. His journey was long, yet he seemed to be energetic. We accommodated him in Anuj's community. The following day James invited them to share the fellowship meal in his community. Fr. Provincial took his personal time to thank both the Superiors for taking care of us in all our endeavours.

On 4 May our joy was doubled as we received Fr. Xavier Lakra amongst us. He stayed with us a couple of days in Madrid. He gave his personal time sharing with us the Mission-Vision of Assam mission. During the holy Mass we all four of us shared our personal convictions and God's intervention in our works and studies.

May 18 was very special for the Spanish Province as Fr. Antonio José España Sánchez, SJ. was elected new Provincial. He originally hails from Madrid and before being elected Provincial, he was the Superior of one of the Jesuit communities in Madrid.

On 5 May we began our final exams which ended on 24 May. The following day we all theologians went for our summer holidays to Calpe, a Jesuit House situated in the Mediterranean shore. We will be back to our respective communities on 6 June.

Sch. James

## Guyana

The Jesuits in Guyana were in the process of forming a new Jesuit Caribbean Province, comprising of Guyana, Barbados and Jamaica, which are the English Speaking countries in Caribbean Islands. Fr. Christopher, SJ, Superior of the Jamaica Mission arranged a week-long workshop on Ignatian Spiritual Exercises and Constitutions for the Pre-Tertians of Guyana in Kingston. Eight young Jesuits - Fr. Britto Arockiam, Fr. Edwin Anthony, Fr. Elias Surin, Fr. Godfrey Verrasammy, Fr. Jerri Melwin Dias, Fr. Marlon Innis, Fr. Ramesh Vanan, and Br. Medino Abraham were warmly received by him, at Norman Manley International Airport Kingston, Jamaica, West Indies, on 8 May. We had the golden opportunity to have a better knowledge and deeper understanding of the Spiritual Exercises and Constitutions. It also enabled us to be more familiar with the Jesuits and their Mission in Jamaica. We extended our gratitude and hearty thanks to Fr. Christopher, Fr. Peter, Fr. Rohan and the entire Jesuit Community in Kingston for their unmatched hospitality and love.

A large number of Guyanese Catholics including His Lordship Bishop Francis Alleyne, OSB, and the members of the clergy and religious took the message of Our Lady of Fatima to the streets on Saturday, 13 May. They set out from the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Brickdam to the Church dedicated to Her on the North Road Bourda in Queenstown and wound their way with the statue of Our Lady of Fatima reciting the rosary. This procession was in honour of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first apparition of the Blessed Virgin Mary on 13 May 1917 to three small shepherd children in Fatima, Portugal: Lucia, Jacinta and Francisco. She asked them to pray the rosary in devotion to her Immaculate Heart, in reparation for sin, for the world peace and salvation of souls. On arrival at Our Lady of Fatima Church, the novena to Our Lady of Fatima was prayed. The novena was followed by the crowning of the statue of Our Lady of Fatima. The Mothers' Day celebration on 14 May was another significant event of the month. It was the occasion to appreciate them for their dedication and commitment to their children. As a token of their love and gratitude all the mothers present were given gifts by the youth.

With immense joy and gratitude, Fr. Anil Kishor Tirkey celebrated his 30<sup>th</sup> Priestly Ordination Anniversary on 22 May at St. John the Baptist Church, Plaisance, East Coast Demerara, Georgetown. Fr. Elias Surin joined the celebration in the evening. Fr. Amar Bage accompanied his youth group to Santa Rosa Mission as pilgrimage during

the Easter Season for a week. It was adventurous, but at the same time thrilling to travel by an engine boat in the River. Fr. Mark Mukul along with Fr. Joseph Raj and two Missionaries of Charity Sisters from New Amsterdam, went to visit a Catholic Community Siparuta on the Surinam border sailing across the mighty Corintyne River. In the South Pakaraimas, Sr. Divya, Sr. Seraphina, Sr. Nishi and Sr. Crecencia, the Ursulines, along with their Parish Lay Assistants visited all the families in Karasabai for Easter house blessing.

On 26 May the Republic of Guyana celebrated the 51<sup>st</sup> Independence Day in the Jubilee Park, Georgetown. His Excellency, the President, Mr. David Granger was encouraging every citizen of the country to be inspired to work together for a just and humane society where all can have the abundance of life.

*Fr. Elias Surin, SJ*

## Cairo, Egypt

The first of May was the graduation day for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year Secondary students. They narrated in Arabic, French and English about their lives of 16 long years as students in the Holy Family Jesuit Higher secondary school, Cairo. For their intention a Eucharistic celebration was offered in French Language through the Latin rite. Fr. Nader Michel, SJ, the Principal, was the main celebrant. According to the school tradition for more than 135 years, this is the only occasion when the parents, grand-parents and the relatives of the outgoing students, whether a Christian or a Muslim participate in the Holy Mass. This year 91 students graduated from the school. The first two weeks of May were packed with final exams of Middle and High Schools. The annual results were distributed at the end of the month followed by the summer school activity.

26 May morning was again a very sorrowful day for the Christians in Egypt. A group of Coptic Orthodox Christians were on a pilgrimage to St. Samuel desert Monastery in Minia Governorate. On the final leg of the trip their vehicles were suddenly stopped by Islamist terrorists. One by one 28 persons were killed, among them were 10 children and 25 were injured. It was very painful to me as I knew well some of the villages of the victims. This tragic incident took place just before the holy month of Ramadan.

*Fr. Bimal Kerhetta*

## Munich, Germany

The month of May began with a Visitation of Fr. Provincial Marianus Kujur, SJ. He reached Munich on 6 May. Both

of us were very glad to receive him at the Munich International Airport. He visited Sch. Ajay Paulus' Community "Gonzaga" on the same evening. The next day, he visited my Community, Hurtado. The Jesuit Fathers and Brothers from both the Communities were very happy to have him. Sch. Ajay and I prepared "Chilli Chicken" and had a great evening in my Community. It was a great moment for Fr. Provincial to interact with Novices and Jesuits from different countries. Though the "Chilli chicken" was very spicy, everybody liked it. Nothing extra was left. Fr. Provincial updated us with the happenings in our Province. He motivated us and filled us with new energy to move on. We thank Fr. Provincial for his encouragement. He left for India on 8 May. Unfortunately, we could not show him the city for lack of time and also the bad weather.

After a couple of days, we were happy to have Fr. Ajay Prakash Minj, our Province Treasurer. He reached Munich on 12 May. We received him at Central Railway Station. Since he came during the weekend, we could take him around the City. On 14 May we visited "Mission Procur" in Nürnberg. We enjoyed his Companionship. One day we went for a meal to an Indian Restaurant, "Sarovar". On 16 May he left for Switzerland.

On 24 May Sch. Ajay went to Lisbon, Portugal along with his Community members. That was the yearly community holidays. He had a wonderful time in Lisbon, the Capital of Portugal enjoying at the seashore. It helped him to know his community members better. Hereafter, we shall be preparing ourselves for B.2.2 German Exam which will be held on 27 June.

*Sch. Sameer Ekka*

## PARISHES

### Prothrapur

Abba Diwas was celebrated in a grand way at Prothrapur parish on 7 May. At 7.30 am the Holy Eucharist got started with an entrance procession with all the fathers (Abbas) of the parish along with Fr. David Bara, the Parish Priest. The Bible procession was taken up by three elderly fathers, which was prayerful and an example for the children. The mothers, youth and children together sang devotional and melodious hymns. After the Holy Eucharist the different villages like Pathargudda, Kamrajnagar, Barud Godam and Daudnagar put up cultural programmes. The congregation felicitated the Abbas with flowers and gifts. We praised and thanked God for the beautiful day which was memorable and successful.

On 1 May, preparation for the First Holy Communion began and the pastoral Sisters availed their services. After a well and due preparation 19 children received the Body and Blood of Christ during a meaningful Eucharistic celebration on 14 May. For this not only the children, but the parents as well prepared themselves spiritually through the sacrament of reconciliation the previous day. Thanks to the parish choir and the Sisters who prepared the children well.

To know oneself, empower, increase self confidence and thinking of the holistic growth of the parish children, Fr. David and the Sisters arranged a three day seminar for the children from 15 to 17 May 2017 followed by a picnic to the Chidiyatapu on 21 May.

On 15 May on the first day at 8.30 am with a short prayer and Dweep Prajwalan the seminar was inaugurated.

83 children participated. Mr. S. Alexander guided them and offered them tips to study well in life. It is possible only by repeated practice to achieve perfection.

On the second day Mr. Arulanduswamy, one of the resource persons, took charge of the day. He inspired the children and drew all their attention with his energetic talks on the "Goal of life". He told them to start working hard from the primary level. It is true some subjects are hard to grasp easily, but if one takes a firm decision to learn them, he will be able to master them with proper time management, prayers and hard works. At the end of the day each group was given a topic to enact as follows: 1) Samaritan woman, 2) Resurrection scene, 3) If you are the Governor of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands what good will you be doing and 4) If you see a person met with an accident how will you help him?

On the third day Mrs. Mini George spoke on "The importance of Education". After the Holy Eucharist Parish Priest blessed them and wished them well, and advised them to remember, recall, reflect and implement in their lives all that they learnt in three days. The last was an enjoyable dip in the Bay of Bengal in Chidiyatapu. Games and prizes were distributed. They relaxed, enjoyed and their spirit was renewed.

Two days seminar was organized for the Mahila Sangh members on 22-23 May to impart awareness and knowledge on various issues and topics. The first day began with a prayer and lighting of the lamp by the parish priest, Mr. T. Sebastian, Rtd. Dety S. P., Sr. Rosa, Mahila Sangh in-charge, Sr. Nirmala, Mrs. Binita, Catholic Mahila Sangh President of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Mrs. Vishali.

Mrs. Elizabeth spoke on Legal matters, mother-child relationship, role of the mother in the society, Government schemes and SHGs respectively. On the last day the mothers came to some concrete steps to be followed: First, the family prayer in each family, secondly, to bring unity and harmony among the villagers through house visits by the faithful, and thirdly, to form SHGs in order to improve economic condition of the people.

Frs. Albert Dungdung, SJ and Anthony Doongdoong, SJ, arrived at the Port Blair airport on 29 May. They experienced some inconvenience due to the bad weather and poor telephonic communication. Actually, they were supposed to reach Port Blair the day before on 28 May, but due to either by good luck or bad, their flight could not land due to the heavy downpour. Anyway, they enjoyed their trip and were happy to meet Jesuits in these islands however their stay was short of by a day. According to plan they visited Diglipur and Ramnagar parishes and some other parishes too on the way. They had also a glimpse of the Cellular Jail, Anthropological Museum, Velankani Shrine, Stella Maris Cathedral, Bishop's House and of course, a warm meeting with His Lordship Alex Dias, SFX, Bishop of Port Blair Diocese. Very short but memorable experience they treasured as they went back to Ranchi.

The last two weeks of May were fully engaged with Marian Procession in various bastes and units who had prepared themselves well throughout the month by praying the Holy Rosary. The month of May was concluded in the parish with a Marian procession and Holy Eucharist on the 31<sup>st</sup>.

*Fr. David Bara, SJ.*

## Bardih

Bardih is a place where the News papers reach only in the evenings. The internet contact does not last even for a fortnight because of the unpredictability of the power supply and its regularity is illusive all the time. Mobile towers have the same sad story to relate when one has to go about

looking for a tower connection for conveying some very urgent message/news to anyone. So the poor common man of Bardih area has to grind his teeth or submit to resignation for his better luck or fate the next time. Yet the spirit of Bardih does not get cowed down by any sort of hazards, but rather goes on organizing functions and programmes for the welfare of the faithful.

The usual custom in Gumla diocese and elsewhere too is that the first Holy Communion is held on the White Sunday after Easter. But hoping for a 'forward March' from Bardih to some other frontiers elsewhere we had postponed the preparation for the first Holy Communion to some other conducive time. The breaking of the news that we are to stay on for another six months or so in Bardih brought joy on the faces of all. But the happiest ones were those staying in the Diaspora namely, in cities like Mumbai, Delhi, Kolkata and others, for they would like to have the First Holy Communion of their children in their own dear Parish Bardih to feel their roots. Quickly, we decided for the day on Pentecost Sunday. The news was sent hurriedly to the villages and catechists to send their children for the instructions. A total of 80 grown-ups and children responded for the 'Dharam School'.

Five catechists were identified for the instructions, but only two turned up. So the Parish Priest had to jump in to fill the gap. The village catechists collected rice and dal (pulse) for the children and brought them to the bungalow. We had a problem looking for cooks. We managed to solve this problem as well. The summer heat was in its peak. One of the volunteer teachers fell ill and had to discontinue. The children also started falling sick. Unseen problems were mounting in conducting a smooth catechism class. So we introduced a new approach namely, that of sing-song approach, singing with instrumentals from the scriptural stories, events and parables, sacraments and lives of saints. The children enjoyed the most, learnt a lot and forgot about the midday heat. It was a new discovery of a method, a charismatic way of faith formation and was thought of continuing the next year.

*Fr. James Toppe, SJ*

Intermediate Results 2017 (Arts)								
Sl. No.	Name of school	Appeared	1st Div.	2nd Div.	3rd Div.	Failed	%	Absent
1	St. Ignatius' Gumla	147	17	100	11	19	87.07	
2	Loyola Khunti	127	14	105	8	0	100.00	
3	St. John's Ranchi	230	88	124	10	8	96.52	
4	St. Mary's Samtoli	419	24	298	10	87	79.24	
5	St. Xavier's Bundu	81	8	62	8	3	96.29	
6	St. Xavier's Ranchi	349	182	139	0	18	91.97	
7	St. Xavier's Sonabheel, Assam	122	8	32	47	35	71.31	
<b>Total &amp; Percentage</b>		<b>1475</b>	<b>23.11</b>	<b>86.12</b>	<b>6.37</b>	<b>11.52</b>	<b>42.19</b>	

### Class X Matric Board Results 2017 of Jesuit Schools

Sl. No.	Name of school	Appeared	I Div.	2 Div.	3 Div.	Fail	Incomplete	%
1	Loyola Khunti	178	143	29	0	6	0	96.62
2	St. Ignatius Gumla	169	121	44	0	4	0	97.63
	<b>St. Ignatius Apostolic</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>100.00</b>
	St. Ignatius Hostel	21	13	7	0	1	0	95.23
3	St. Mary's Bardih	107	11	40	6	50	0	53.02
4	St. Xavier's Bundu	188	150	25	5	8	0	95.74
5	St. John's Ranchi	251	213	37	0	1	0	99.60
6	<b>St. Xavier's Doranda</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>100.00</b>
7	St. Xavier's Sarwada	40	6	14	1	19	0	52.50
8	St. Peter's Tongo	107	26	46	0	35	0	67.92
9	Janata Noadih	124	56	39	3	26	0	79.03
10	Cardon Sogra	32	9	16	2	5	0	84.37
11	St. Mary's Samtoli	247	133	94	8	12	0	95.14
12	Ango Ipil Rumtukel	23	10	7	3	3	0	86.95
13	<b>Vijaygiri</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>100.00</b>
14	St. John's Doreya	60	35	23	0	2	0	96.66
15	Prabhat Tara Dhurwa	228	106	91	15	16	0	92.98
16	St. Stanislaus Lohardaga	115	41	51	10	13	0	88.69
17	St. Robert's Keondtanr	44	2	17	6	19	0	56.81
18	Inigo Saparom	156	108	38	1	9	0	94.23
19	<b>Kishor Nagar Namkum</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>100.00</b>
20	ATC Namkum	49	9	18	2	17	3	59.18
21	St. John's Balipara	107	27	35	1	44	0	59.81
22	St. Xavier's Mushalpur	17	11	5		1	0	94.11
23	St. Xavier's Pengree	34	13	16	1	4	0	88.23
24	St. Xavier M. Bansbari	34	15	15	0	3	1	88.23
25	Loyola Kathalguri	52	15	11	0	26	0	50.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>2673</b>	<b>1499</b>	<b>777</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>324</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>87.72</b>
		<b>(100.00)</b>	<b>(56.07)</b>	<b>(29.06)</b>	<b>(2.58)</b>	<b>(12.12)</b>	<b>(0.14)</b>	
<b>Congratulations for 2017 &amp; Best wishes for 2018!</b>								

### Intermediate Results 2017 (Science)

Sl. No.	Name of school	Appeared	I Div.	2 Div.	3 Div.	Failed	%	Absent
1	Loyola Khunti	120	4	57	3	54	53.33	
2	St. Ignatius' Gumla	140	23	21	1	95	32.14	
3	St. John's Ranchi	269	125	62	0	82	69.51	
4	St. Xavier's Doranda	107	103	4	0	0	100.00	
5	St. Mary's Samtoli	187	24	75	2	84	54.01	2
6	St. Xavier's Bundu	163	20	53	1	88	45.39	
7	St. Xavier's Ranchi	827	357	203	2	258	68.03	7
<b>Total &amp; Percentage</b>		<b>1813</b>	<b>36.18</b>	<b>26.19</b>	<b>0.49</b>	<b>36.45</b>	<b>19.45</b>	<b>0.49</b>

**Intermediate Results 2017 (Commerce)**

Sl. No.	Name of school	Appeared	I Div.	2 Div.	3 Div.	Failed	%	Absent
1	Loyola Khunti	121	9	71	27	14	88.42	
2	St. Ignatius' Gumla	80	13	54	3	10	87.50	
3	St. John's, Ranchi	209	53	92	2	62	70.33	
4	St. Xavier's Doranda	52	37	15	0	0	100.00	
5	St. Mary's Samtoli	172	43	114	1	11	91.86	1
6	St. Xavier's Bundu	25	0	3	0	22	12.00	
7	St. Xavier's Sonabheel, Assam	69	6	24	32	7	89.85	
8	St. Xavier's Ranchi	552	218	99	2	230	57.78	3
<b>Total &amp; Percentage</b>		<b>1280</b>	<b>29.6</b>	<b>36.87</b>	<b>5.23</b>	<b>27.81</b>	<b>46.69</b>	<b>0.31</b>

**A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY!****JUNE**

01 Kerketta Stephen  
 02 Dungdung James V.  
 Jojo Joachim  
 03 Kerketta Ajit  
 06 Kerketta Sylvanus  
 12 Tete Patrick  
 16 Minj Elias  
 17 Ekka Peter Paul  
 Dungdung Jerome  
 Xalxo Medard  
 19 Tirkey Sushil  
 20 Ekka Isidore  
 Minj Ignatius  
 Ekka Nitish  
 21 Lakra John  
 Beck Alois  
 Toppo Manohar  
 22 Burh George  
 Barla Gilbert  
 23 Kujur Sandeep  
 29 Basumatary Lazarus  
 30 Dungdung John  
 Kullu Henry

**JULY**

01 Ekka Sanjay Dilip  
 Tirkey Anup  
 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  
 Kujur Vinay  
 19 Ekka Alexius  
 Kullu Alphonse  
 20 D'Souza Gilbert  
 21 Kerketta Sunil  
 22 Sandil Ashok Roshan  
 24 Kullu Rohit  
 25 Xalxo Isaac  
 26 Perti Zacharias  
 Horo Ranjit Kr.  
 Minj Vijay Kr.  
 Kujur Ignatius  
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