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## Fr. Provincial's Programme: March, April 2017

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| <b>March - April</b>  | 20      | : South Korea  |
|   | 25      | : Back to Ranchi   |
| 11 : <b>Budget Session 2017-18: Gumla Zone</b><br>at St. Ignatius Gumla (1.30 pm) onwards       | 29      | : <b>Budget Session 2017-18: Khunti Zone</b> at<br>St. Michael's Khunti (10.00 am onwards) |
| 13 : <b>Budget Session 2017-18: Simdega Zone</b><br>at St. Mary's Samtoli (10.00 am<br>onwards) | 30      | : <b>Budget session 2017-18: Ranchi Zone</b><br>at Manresa House (9.00 am onwards)         |
| 15 : Cambodia   | 5 April | : <b>Budget Session 2017-18: Assam Mission</b><br>at Tezpur (9.00 am onwards)              |

### Announcements:

**Ranchi Scholastics Get Together:** Sunday, 14 May to Saturday, 20 May 2017 in Sonabheel, Assam  
**Ranchi Province Days-2017:** Monday, 22 May [evening] to Thursday, 25 May 2017 [noon]

## HOUSES & INSTITUTIONS

### St. Xavier's College, Ranchi

The first few days of February were rather taxing for the Fathers in the College. We had the 7th and 8th Graduation Ceremonies on Feb. 6 and 7 respectively. On the first day, Shri S.P. Singh, I.R.S. (Retd.), Senior Director of Deloitte (India) was the chief guest, and Dr. Ramesh Kr. Pandey, the VC of Ranchi University was the guest of honour. Fr. J. M. Kujur, our Provincial, also graced the dais. All the three dignitaries addressed the gathering after Fr. Principal's words of welcome. The second day's ceremony had Padamshree Narendra Kohli (eminent Hindi novelist and author) as the chief guest, and Dr. R.K. Pandey the distinguished guest of honour, and Fr. J.M. Kujur as special guest. In all, 2600 students of the 2014 and 2015 graduates received their certificates, including some medals.

The *XAVIERUTSAV*, a 3-day exceptionally colourful and vibrant cultural extravaganza began on Feb.8. For the Inaugural Day, we had Mr. Sanjay Seth, Chairman of the *Khadi Gramodyog*. The students were in their superlative outfits all three days and most of them were busy taking selfies: nothing surprising today! Fr. Pradeep, with the help of some staff and volunteer-students, walked around with the walkie-talkie managed the security and discipline very well. We congratulate to the management and the organizers for a superb planning and successful ending.

The gala performances being over, the week was capped by the College Annual Day on Feb. 11, which began at 4.00 p.m. Our chief guest was no other than Prof. Dr. Kamini Kumar, the Pro-Vice Chancellor of the Ranchi University; she remained with us till the end of the programs

at 7.40 p.m. Fr. Nicholas Tete, the Principal, presented his Annual Report very succinctly. Thereafter, Fr. J.M. Kujur, the Guest of Honour, addressed the audience. Academic prizes were given away to the achievers and there followed by some well selected cultural displays. And, after a vote of thanks by Fr. Nabor, the Vice Principal, and the national anthem, the curtain was down on the week-long programs.

On the personal side, Br. Santosh was admitted in the Seva Nilaya Health Centre for low HB. Many sincere thanks to our two generous novices from Ashirwad who gave two units of blood. And, after three days, Br. Santosh was back in the community! Fr. P. Kennedy had gone home for the “*kamaan*” of his deceased father. On Feb.17, Fr. Henry went to Sitagarha for the funeral of Fr. Bernard Donnelly, and was very late for the sharing session by the Delegates on GC 36 Decrees, at Manresa House where all the members of our community were present. H.L. Bishop Charles had been to Bhopal and later went for Fr. Bernie’s funeral. On Feb. 13, he flew to Meerut with the Gumla Ursulines. He also participated in a 2-day deliberation on the CNT/SPT Acts with the Jharkhaandi Bishops at the SDC. Fr. Nicholas went to Mangalore with the NAAC Team for the evaluation of a college and was back on March 2.

The Department of Commerce held a 2-day All India Seminar on “FDI in India: Opportunities and Challenges.” From the approximately 160 presentations, one can deduce the response was quite good.

To crown the month of February, on 24<sup>th</sup>, *Maha Shivratri*, a College holiday, we went to Rumtukel, far inside the forest, for a community picnic, to be without two Jesuit brothers. Frs. Nicholas, Nabor and Pradeep joined a little later as they attended the inaugural session of the Seminar on FDI. The time was spent in relaxing, playing domino, cooking, and also walking about the ups and downs of Rumtukel’s landscape.

Fr. Henry

### St. Ignatius’ School, Gumla

The Noadih Jesuit Community invited our Gumla Community on Feb.1 for a farewell Eucharist and felicitations to Fr. Isaac Xalxo who retired as Principal of the School. It was very thoughtful of them. We had three sessions to discuss the Annual Budgets 2017- 18. Final drafts were given to Vijay to complete and send it to the Province curia by due date. A team of Games and Sports Dept. came to our school on Feb.14 to inspect the sports residence and its maintenance. Mr. Nirmal, Fr. Manohar Tirkey and Mr. Rizwan (coach) took care of them. The School and Inter-College staff had their annual picnic at Datli Dam where they had a great fun and frolic.

The Board Exams for X and XII started from Feb.20. The Matric Exams got over on March 3 while CI XII went on till March 7.

The museum gets some visitors from time to time. This time a group of 20 Mexican sisters from Hardag visited the place. They were happy to see it. Our CHILDLINE team went to Kasturba Gandhi Balika Uchh Vidyalaya, Dumri on Feb.19 to campaign against child sex abuse. A week later the team visited also to UC High School, Tongo. The response was very good. The *Sadbhavna Manch*, Gumla, went to Raidih Block on Feb.28 for the contact and expansion work with the local peoples’ representatives. The response was enormous. Two groups of XISS students (Finance Management and Marketing Management) Ranchi came to camp at AROUSE for field exposure. We had a chance to give them orientation during our interaction with them.

Individual community members were in and out for their own short programs. Fr. Anuranjan visited the Principal of K.O. College at RIMS Bariatu, recuperating after an accident. Fr. Sylvanus and I went to Thethaitangar for a death anniversary. Fr. Sylvanus had been to Prabhat Tara for the group sharing with his co-novices. I was invited to XISS for the Diamond Jubilee Celebration on Feb. 18. I was present for the felicitation of the retired teachers and former Directors. Fr. Pradeep Tirkey had been to Jokari on Feb. 22. Later with his team, he went to Lohardaga Teachers’ Training College for 5 - day seminar for the students.

Fr. Christopher Lakra

### St Mary’s School, Santoli

St Mary’s Hindi Medium School conducted entrance test (5 Feb) for classes VI and VII. 214 candidates for class VI and 84 candidates for VII turned up for the test. They appeared to be quite happy and satisfied to get admission at St Mary’s School.

The Jesuit community had picnic with the co-workers at Ghumri. All celebrated life together. Those who conducted the entrance test also joined us for the lunch. Thereafter, we had common dance which all enjoyed. Inspired by us, the two Departments of St. Xavier’s College, Simdega went to two different places for picnic. One group went to the confluence of Sankh and Palamara rivers while the other group went to Madhuban. Some Professors too joined the groups. They enjoyed the picnic by celebrating life together.

The hostellers and Apostolics organized a farewell program for Class X on Feb. 11 and 12 respectively. Later all the boys and girls of all the hostels had farewell Mass for the Classes X and XII at Ursuline Convent. Fr. Ireneus was the main celebrant while Frs. Isaac and Fr. Binod Toppo

were concelebrants. Fr. Binod, the Director of Minor Seminary, came here to meet the students of Class X of the Apostolic School. In one day he met them all and went back to Ranchi.

Fr. Bruno and Fr. Anup had been to Ranchi for the work of the College in the Project Bhavan. Fr. Bruno attended the meeting of the Building Commission too. The next day he also met the auditor. Fr. John Tirkey and Fr. John Crus went to their native village Akasi for a function. Fr. John Crus stayed back for marriage blessing at Katkahi. Fr. Sikander Kerketta went to Khunti for the jubilee of his Religious sister. Fr. Gilbert was admitted at Seva Nilaya Ara Gate for a night. Fr. Rector had been to Ranchi to see Fr. Provincial and Fr. Nicholas Tete to brief them about the new plot of land at Konmenjra. Fr. John Crus, Schs Sujit and Nirmal attended a meeting on CNT and SPT Act at Pastoral Centre, Purnapani. Mr Salkhan Murmu was the main speaker; Mr Paulus Surin, the MLA of Khunti, also was present.

*Fr Linus Durgdung*

## Manresa House

The month of February was full of activities for the Manresa family. We, the scholastics, were busy in the programs for the convocation days and college fest at S.X.C. Ranchi from Feb. 6 to 10. We led the prayer song, welcome song and college anthem on the occasion. Among many competitions, we did extremely well in the “folk dance” category and grabbed the first prize! Some Scholastics assisted in leading the choir at the Inaugural Holy Mass on Feb. 14 on the occasion of the Diamond Jubilee of XISS.

On Feb.17, there was a dissemination of General Congregation 36 in the Manresa conference hall in the evening. Fr. Provincial and Fr. Ajit Kr. Xess shared their experiences of their participation in the GC. The Manresa community hosted a workshop on project cycle management (PCM) for 26 Jesuits of the Province. The resource person was Mr. Charles Camara from Sweden. The solemn farewell for the outgoing students – third years, B. Ed. and M.A – and the evening cultural program brought all the members of the community, including the participants of the PCM workshop. The first and second year Ranchians bid farewell to the third years on Feb.26.

*Sch. Ruben and Priyatam*

## Tarunoday

February was a joyful month for Taruns. Common Picnic of all the four religious communities [Parish, Montfort Niwas, St Anne’s Convent, and Tarunoday] to Rarha River on Feb. 5 kindled a lot of goodwill, unity and fellow-feeling among us. Spirit of sharing, sense of collaboration, mood of

joy and enthusiasm was evident in cooking, drumming, singing and dancing, and in sharing fellowship meal. It did bring a lot of smile, laughter and cheer! Hope this experience may lead to apostolic fruitfulness.

Indeed we were glad to welcome Fr. Raj Irudaya, ADF, at Tarunoday on Feb.6. He met and interacted with each member of the community. At the end of his visitation, during his sharing and interaction with the staff and the students, he highlighted the state and the orientation of the formation in the Assistancy. His maiden visit as ADF to Tarunoday was encouraging and praiseworthy.

The troupe of four, namely- Frs. John, Francis, Michael and Sch. Sandeep, set out for Delhi on Feb.10 to attend the Plenary Academic Council [PAC] Meeting at Vidya Jyoti. The meeting began on Feb.13 with the formal welcome by the Principal. First two days were assigned for practical matters and the last two days were meant for workshop on Pedagogy for Effective Teaching and Learning. The presentation and sharing of the annual reports by NTC and 3 RTC units were quite positive, inspiring, insightful and enlightening. The workshop on Effective Teaching – Learning in the Higher Education, only for faculty members, was conducted by Fr. Frazer Mascharenhas, SJ (BOM) and Dr. Ms. Vivien Amonkar. The workshop challenged the faculty members to be more creative and innovative in their profession. The PAC- group of RTC stayed two more days to witness the visit of Fr. General and diaconate ordination on Feb.18. After the elating experience of PAC, the visit of Fr. General and the diaconate ordination, the group came back to Tarunoday safely on Feb.20.

Here at home, Fr. Amrit and Br. Isidore looked after the community with care and dedication. Fr. Tony Herbert shared his experiences and knowledge while offering a course on *Dalit Theology* for the second years. Fr. Tony Herbert [HAZ] and Fr. Lawrence Tirkey [HAZ] were great support to Fr. Amrit in the absence of Frs. John, Francis and Michael. Br. Isidore, Sch. Anupam, Frs. Tony and Lawrence attended the funeral of Fr. Bernard Donnelly SJ [HAZ] on Feb.17. Except Fr. Tony, the rest came back to Tarunoday by the evening.

Theological Reflection Session on the findings of the survey- *The Place of Mother Mary in our Christian Life* was held on Feb. 22 in the evening. As part of the course on Mariology, second years had conducted this survey. Sch. Roshan Ba’a [RAN] presented the findings while Fr. Lawrence Tirkey guided the session. We are grateful to Fr. Lawrence for his service and availability in guiding our students. After the theological session, Sch. Sandeep shared briefly his experiences of PAC.

The month of February ended in a joyful note. Fr. Ajit Soreng, PCF of Hazaribag, came to see Sch. Anupam.

Once again the community had cycle picnic [25 Feb] at a river-bank close to Sangrampur. Fr. Michael took part in a workshop on Project Cycle Management [PCM] held at Manresa House. Fr. John Mundu went to Chaibasa for preparing Budget of the Ho Centre and to Jamshedpur for Medical Check-up. On the eve of Ash Wednesday, Fr. Amrit, Superior of the house, exhorted the community members to observe the spirit of Lent for personal spiritual renewal. Thereafter on March 1 we began our Lenten journey...

Fr. Michael

## Vidyajyoti, Delhi

The ascent of events began with *Ad Auds* exam on Feb.6 and peaked with Fr. General's maiden visit to India and diaconate ordination of 23 scholastics on Feb.18. The Superior General Fr. Arturo Sosa, SJ with three Assistants landed on the Indian soil on Feb.18, early in the morning. Probably after a little sleep he was fresh and ready to address the staff and students of Vidyajyoti at 10 am. In his address Fr. General highlighted the need for intellectual depth and networking among Jesuit Higher Institutes of Learning. In the era of selfie culture, Fathers, sisters and brothers did not want to miss the opportunity to pause with Fr. General for a selfie. This gave the impression of joyful moment of having him amongst us. Capturing a moment with him continued till post lunch. He fulfilled everyone's wish giving away pause and smile without interruption. He was happy to offer this service but had to forgo his siesta!

Later in the same afternoon 23 scholastics were ordained deacons. With this ceremony of Holy Order 5 of the Ranchians are now deacons this year. Hearty congratulations and God's choicest blessings to the deacons: Bipin, Deonis, John Jyoti, Pradeep and Rajesh. "Rowing into the deep, to reconcile and heal" the theme portrayed symbolized the ceremony rightly. The diaconate ceremony was conferred by His Grace Anil J.T. Couto, the Archbishop of Delhi. The presence of Superior General, the Assistants and the POSA enhanced the joy of everyone. Among our guests, Frs. Francis, Michael, John Mundu (JAM) and Sch. Sandeep Tigga (MAP) from RTC, Ranchi, were present on the occasion to double the joy of the deacons. In fact they were here to attend the Plenary Academic Council meeting in Vidyajyoti prior to the diaconate event. Fr. Medard put his whole effort and worked meticulously to prepare the scholastics to be ordained deacons. Big thanks to all companions in the Lord, friends and benefactors for your love and prayerful support to the deacons.

Deacon Bipin

## Raia, Goa

After having a meaningful Hospital Experiment, I, with my tertian companions, had the opportunity to pay homage to our five Jesuit martyrs – Bl. Rudolf Aquaviva & friends – at Cuncoim, Goa. We felt inspired to live our vocation as they did. Thereafter, we deepened our knowledge, charism and spirit of the Society through the in-depth study of and reflection on the Constitutions of the Society. Really it was insightful and inspiring to know the fountain-spring of the Society's life. We concluded the tertianship program with the integrated retreat cum renewal of vows. All of us started going back to our respected provinces from Feb.28 onward with renewed spirit and vigour to work with generosity and dedication wherever we are placed. We are grateful to all of you for your prayers and best wishes.

Fr. Samir

## Satya Nilayam, Chennai

The month of February has been hectic academic wise. The second years had the first and second expositions of their dissertations before the final submission on March 4. Meanwhile, the first years were also busy writing self-study paper, a sample of research work. On Feb.3, we had monthly recollection in our living groups. One of the living group members gave points for reflection and initiated the process of faith sharing. The living groups and the zonal groups had a series of sharing and reflection based on the questionnaire prepared by Fr. ADF, Raj Irudaya, SJ. On Feb.4, the whole community made a pilgrimage to Marina Beach to pay homage to two Jesuit stalwarts and apostles of South India namely John De Britto and Constantine Beschi. In fact, Fr. Constantine Beschi is revered across Tamil Nadu for his contribution to Tamil literature and dictionary. The government of Tamil Nadu has his statue installed at Marina Beach in his honour. After paying tribute to these great Jesuits we had a very meaningful Eucharist at San Thome Cathedral.

We were blessed by the visitation of Fr. George Pattery, the POSA, accompanied by the ADF from Feb.9-13. Both of them held several meetings with the staff, students and co-workers, evaluating the life and work of Satya Nilayam and planning for a better future. We also watch the inspirational movie *Ignatius of Loyola* based on the life and works St Ignatius and his companions.

On March 17, all the first years participated in the Annual Day celebration of Loyola College. The second years meanwhile went to TTK hospital for a day's exposure program on Substance Abuse. They also visited the De-addiction Centre where they interacted with those recovered from the addiction.

Sch. Sudbir Lakra

## ASSAM & ANDAMAN

### Jesuit Bhavan, Tezpur

Cordial and friendly nature of Mr. Valdek, a polish guest who stayed till Feb.7, kept our community happy and cheerful. He was very much interested to see and know the tribal and non-tribal people of the North East. Fr. Anup Kiran Minj and I took him to see the Karbi tribe, Dimassa tribe and Adivasi people to Karbialong, Maibung and Diphu. We visited different villages of Karbis, Dimassas and the Adivasis.

Fr. Xavier gave recollection to the sisters of Rangapara on Feb.17. The next day he also visited Jesuit community of Mornai Kathalguri. I availed myself for the recollection of the seminarians of Tezpur dioceses on Feb.18.

Frs. Xavier, Anup and I left for Ranchi on Feb. 21 to take part in the Project Cycle Management (PCM) held at Manresa House Ranchi from Feb.23-27. Out of 26 trainees, eight of us from Assam Mission participated in it. As soon as the workshop got over on Feb.27, all 8 of us began our return journey and safely reached to our respective destinations.

### Gana Chetana Samaj, Tezpur

GCS aspires to make some difference in the life of the Adivasis. It makes available its facilities for meetings and training programs. Recently, All Adivasi Women Association in Assam (AAWAA) conducted its training program from Feb.3-5. The members of the Small Christian Community of North East States made use of the facilities available for their Regional Convention from Feb.23-26.

This year GCS has focused its activities on Tiniguria village, where people have completely lost their houses and agricultural land. This tragedy occurred because river Jiya Bhoroli carried away everything by changing its direction. GCS is building Piggery sheds for all the families as a sustainable source of income to educate their children. Similar project is also initiated in Pengaree parish. I had meeting with the people of Mohong from Feb.13-15, where GCS plans to support individual families by creating Tea Gardens for sustainable source of income primarily for children's education.

Under the guidance of GCS, 8 Christian Brothers had their immersion program for a month in five villages, namely- Tiniguria, Phoolbari, New Sessa Line, Laljuli and Tarabari. They had enriching experiences in these places which kindled in them a lot of appreciation for GCS and its works

*Thomas Barla*

### Manas Bansbari

We were glad to welcome Fr. Provincial on Jan.11 and the next day Fr. PCF. Their visitation brought cheer in the community. Fr. Provincial, in his address, encouraged the students and the staff.

Fr. Laurentus and Theodore had been to Tezpur for the meeting. They attended the priestly ordination of Deacon Rozario Mosahari at Udalguri parish on Jan.15. Fr. Theodore stayed back for Rozario's Thanksgiving first mass at his house.

For the first time the Republic Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm in our school. Students exhibited their spirit of patriotism by saluting the national flag during the parade. Many parents present on this occasion appreciated our effort. School organized marathon race on Feb.2 as preparation for the Annual Sports Day, which was held on Feb.7. Mr. Ramiz Raza, Assistant Commandant of S.S.B 54 Battalion Bahbari, a former student of St. Xavier's College Ranchi, was the chief guest. He encouraged the students to dream big and to cultivate the spirit of healthy competition. Fr. Laurence and Sch. Bimal along with the staff worked hard for the success of the Sports Day.

The blessing of the multipurpose hall and presbytery on Feb.12 was a memorable day. The Eucharist was presided over by Rt. Rev. Thomas Pullopillil, Bishop of Bongaigaon. Frs. Xavier, Thomas, Patrick, Roshan, Pradeep, Elvius, Rosario and fathers and sisters working in the diocese of Bongaigaon were present. The Bishop, Fathers and Sisters were welcomed by the parishioners from a long distance. The support of the Sabha was remarkable to make the day memorable. Fr. Laurentus went to Ranchi on Feb.23 to attend workshop on Project Cycle Management (PCM). After his return on Feb.28, he reported that it was very practical and insightful.

*Sch. Bimal Minj*

### Prothrapur (Andaman)

The Holy Childhood Day was observed on Feb.12. During the Holy Mass, I highlighted the role of parents for the holistic growth of their children. The liturgy was led by the *Crusveer* children. Thereafter children presented a colourful cultural program. After having delicious meal, children went back home cheerfully.

The movement of Small Christian Community [SSC] has been very active and alive in Port Blair Diocese. To make the local communities more effective, the

diocesan SSC team extends regular guidance and support. To maintain this mutual support, the diocesan team of four Sisters made a visit to Prothrapur parish from Feb.13-19. Srs. Marita, Rugarani, Rajini and Amala visited families during day and called people together in the evening for instruction, guidance and evaluation followed by the Holy Eucharist. The parish Pastoral Sisters and some committed faithful accompanied the team very faithfully. We acknowledge and appreciate their committed service for the well-being of the faithful of Prothrapur parish.

Pathargudda Unit, a substation of the parish, had 12-Hours Adoration [6.00 am – 6.00 pm] on Feb.19. It was a joint venture of the members of Maria Sena (Legion of Mary) and the charismatic team. Many resource persons - priests and lay-faithful- spoke on various themes to enlighten the faithful.

The Annual Youth Day with its theme *Let Your Light Shine* was celebrated in the parish on Feb.26. In the introduction, one of the youths highlighted the character, life and works of St. Don Bosco, patron of the youth. Fr. Mahipal, the diocesan Youth Coordinator, presided over the Eucharist. In his homily he challenged the youth to be shining lights for family, society, parish and country. After the Mass, Mr. Sebastian Tirkey, speaking on the issue of *Unemployment*, stimulated the young minds by his thought-provoking words. At the end I summarized all the good and inspiring points highlighted by the speakers.

Fr. David

## Diglipur

Fr. Suman Baxla, Srs. Swarnmala, MC and Cordula, DSA accompanied about two hundred Mahila Sangh members of Diglipur who attended the Silver Jubilee of Mahamahila Sangh, celebrated at the diocese level in Mayabunder parish on Jan. 8. Three-Day Youth Seminar [27-29 Jan] was held at the diocesan centre, Port Blair. Sr. Deepika and I went along with the 8 youth from our parish. 200+ youth from the whole of diocese attended the seminar.

To make liturgy more participative, meaningful and effective, a training program for the Proclaimators was at the parish on Jan.29. 51 Sunday readers benefitted from the program. A separate mass followed by catechism class for the children on Fourth Sunday of every month has begun since January. The liturgy is taken care of the children themselves. The response of the children is overwhelming. Similar program has started for the youth on every Third Sunday of the month since February. The response was not satisfactory. The marriage preparation program [6-19 Feb] was conducted in which 17 participants took part.

Crusveer children had one-day Animation Program on Feb.11. After the Mass, Parish Priest, Srs. Angelina, MC, Silvia, DSA, and Cordula, DSA animated the 75 participants by their inspiring talks. Thereafter a movie *Life of Jesus for Children* was shown to them followed by competitive games after lunch. The following day, the children had a picnic at the Ramnagar beach where they had Holy Mass followed by entertaining games and competitions. Altogether 105 children had a joyful day together.

Fr. Anil Kandulna

## DIASPORA

### Rome

During the first half of February, the students and the Professors of Gregorian University were busy with the First Semester exams. Although Kulwant Minj arrived in Collegio Bellarmino on Jan. 15 but we organized a formal welcome to both Kulwant and Anselm on Feb.12. All the friends residing close to Collegio Bellarmino were invited to share the joy of having two new arrivals amidst them. Biju Sebastian, Ravi, Edwin and Kulwant himself went to the market to buy all necessary items to prepare a delicious meal for the gathering. In the evening, Kulwant presided over the Eucharistic celebration and delivered an inspiring homily. A short *Swagat* was followed by fellowship meal which we enjoyed in a friendly atmosphere.

Anselm and Sanjay continued their assigned works in the Curia and Vatican Radio. Kulwant, Edwin Dang, Biju Sebastian, Linus and Prem also stayed at home to continue with their study and research apart from some rest and relaxation. The scholastics of Gesù Community went to

different places of historical, cultural and religious importance. Ravi Hemant and his group went to Naples, while Edwin Ritesh preferred to go to Catania in Sicily. Apart from visiting Naples and the volcanic Vesuvius Mountain, Ravi and his companions dedicated more time in sharing and building friendship amongst themselves. The group of Edwin Ritesh stayed in an apartment in Catania, often cooked at home, and visited the ancient Greco-Roman Theater at Taormina. They also visited Syracuse, the birth place of Archimedes, which also reminded Edwin of the famous story of *Eureka, Eureka!* Back in Rome, Ranchi men came together again to celebrate the birthday of Ravi and also to celebrate the successful conclusion of the First Semester. Two Scholastics from Jamshepur Province – Mahesh Nayak and Basil Sanga – too joined to share the joy of being together. The group missed the lively presence of Biju Sebastian who could not come because of his prior appointment. From Feb. 20, Gregorian University reopened for the regular classes of the Second Semester. This year,

there was enough time to relax and to rejuvenate oneself before the start of the new Semester, and hence, all seemed to be full of enthusiasm and invigorated with new hope and energy to do their best in their mission of study and research, which requires hard work, sincere efforts, dedication and never-say-no spirit.

Edwin Dang started the Second Semester with a new endeavor, that is, the opportunity of conducting Group Dynamic Sessions for a group of 8 students. The scope of these sessions is to equip the participants with the potentialities to confront new situations and to help them to make meaningful interpersonal relationships. In view of the preparation for comprehensive exams, scheduled from the third week of May, he feels fortunate to be exempted from the task of personality assessment and seminars. The exemption would help him to concentrate himself more on comprehensive exams, despite the required accompaniment of some students in vocational growth sessions.

Kulwant started the course *Studium*, organized by the Congregation for the Causes of Saints in Pontifical Urbaniana University. Although, the course seems to be tough, he is confident of doing well in acquiring and assimilating the fundamental ecclesial proceedings and canonical norms pertaining to the process of canonization and beatification. The presence of Edwin Dang and Biju Sebastian as his seniors, consoles, inspires and encourages him a lot to work hard. In general, the study atmosphere of Collegio Bellarmino seems to be very conducive and whenever he sees his friends walking with books, he is encouraged and inspired to dedicate more time and energy to his studies and to prepare himself fully to make some concrete contributions towards the beatification process of Fr. Constant Lievens as well as that of Fr. Herman Rasschaert.

Anselm is very happy and content with his new mission in Rome; and so are his colleagues. His work as the Assistant General Treasurer of the Society of Jesus has already become part of his life experience, enhancing gradually his knowledge and skills. In a short time span of two months, he has come across with many insightful, practical and inspirational events, which spontaneously reminded him of the true spirit of the Society of Jesus in the financial matters. In the Financial Department, every week each one has to furnish and complete the one week work without keeping any assignment pending for the next week. At the end of the month, the entire income and expense of all the apostolates and departments are analyzed to ascertain that the Budget is being followed by the person concerned or by a particular Department. Indeed, the financial discipline in Roman Curia is followed very strictly, which, he believes, is the true spirit of the Society of Jesus and the fundamental way of Jesuit life.

Fr. Prem

## Jerusalem

The three months' course ended on Feb. 6 in the Hebrew University. However, four students stayed back to enjoy their stay in the Holy Land. They visited Galilee and returned with joy after walking on the footprints of Jesus in Galilee. Two students, Fr Eric and Iosif have started their lessons of the second Semester.

Our community hosted two retreatants. Fr Daniel, a Spanish priest who is actually staying in Jerusalem, had his Retreat under the guidance of Fr Stefano SJ. Sr Camelia, a Carmelite nun from Nazareth spent her eight days in prayerful silence accompanied by Fr. Doan SJ. Doan went to Hamburg in Germany for his routine health check-up and his doctor found him in good health. Thereafter, he proceeded to France to give Retreat and talks to a few religious communities. Jerusalem weather has been still quite cold and sunny, quite unusual at this time. Recently, we were blessed with some rains.

Fr. Camil Kerkeetha

## Munich (Germany)

As winter started fading away we got relieved from biting cold. However, both of us (Ajay Paulus & Sameer) were fully pre-occupied preparing ourselves for the forthcoming B1 exam in order to join the higher level in the Language Course. This exam, held on 24 February, was quite tough and difficult. The way exam was conducted was completely a new experience for both of us. Our result for B1 was out on 1 March. Both of us passed the exam. Now we have moved to the next level. Classes have begun on 6 March. We hope to do well in this level too.

I had the opportunity to visit Koln city with my classmates to celebrate Carnival Fest. It is a traditional festival for Germans. It is celebrated before Lenten Season which goes on for a week. In this festival, people dress up in different costumes and dance on streets. It was a wonderful experience for me to see people drinking, dancing, singing and celebrating life to its fullest.

Another important event in this month was to see Sch. Ajay Paulus giving sermon in German in Berkman's College Chapel. It was his first sermon. He could express himself in German. It was amazing to see him preaching and expressing himself. "Super Paulus" said everyone after the Mass.

Sch. Sameer

## Cairo (Egypt)

Egypt lost a veteran Jesuit Fr. Mounir Khouzam (84) on Feb. 21. He was born and brought up in Cairo in a well off family but from the beginning of his religious life, he opted

to work for the poor and less privileged of Upper Egypt. He had the gift and skill to attract Christian youth of various denominations. He opened an Orphanage and a Social Centre – *The Key to Life*. He was instrumental in approaching Ranchi Province for collaboration with the Near East. After initial dialogues, Frs. Bimal Kerketta and George Kerketta were sent. Now after his death, the region sees an uphill task to find a successor in his place.

The delegates from Lebanon, Syria and Algeria came for a Consult. After listening to them Fr. Provincial has convened a meeting of Jesuits working in the Near East [Turkey, Lebanon, Syria, Egypt, Algeria, and Morocco] to be held at Beirut from July 16-22. The focus will be on the emerging issues, i.e. Refugees, due to war in Syria and the Middle East countries.

Fr. Bimal

### BABIES OF THE MONTH : MARCH, APRIL, MAY

#### MARCH

- 05 Kujur Frederick  
Xess Ravi Bhushan  
06 Lakra Ranjit Walter  
Beng Albert  
07 Kindo Alexius  
10 Kujur Habil  
11 Kullu Anil  
14 K.C. Philip  
16 Dungdung Christopher  
Tirkey John  
17 Barla Henry  
19 Horo Sibil Joseph  
Soreng Jaywant  
21 Lakra Benedict  
Beck Anand Amar  
23 Bilung Brice  
25 Soreng George  
27 Tete Nicholas  
29 Kiro Benedict

#### APRIL

- 02 Lakra Polycarp  
Ekka Britius  
04 Dungdung Anthres  
06 Barla James  
07 Doongdoong Anthony  
Ekka Vital  
Ekka Anthony  
Kerketta Anand  
08 Tete Felix Prakash  
Orea Sudhir  
09 Guria Cyril  
Bara Pradeep  
11 Toppo Alexius  
12 Xess Angelus  
Topno Nicholas

- 13 Tete James Pascal  
14 Kiro Sylvanus  
Xalxo Pius  
Tirkey Justin  
Toppo Binod  
16 Mathias Joseph B.  
18 Lakra Placidius  
20 Kerketta Sikander  
24 Bara Pramod  
Kandulna Wilson  
25 Kullu Santosh Vinay  
26 Minj Francis  
Toppo Amrit  
29 Surin Zacharias  
30 Baxla Emmanuel

#### MAY

- 01 Soreng Xavier  
02 Minj Ajay Prakash  
03 Minj Erentius  
04 Toppo Erenius  
Dungdung Samir  
Lakra Shailesh  
05 To'ppo Ireneus  
07 Minj Gyan Prakash  
08 Xalxo Jerome Stephen  
09 Xess Gabriel  
11 Minj Anand  
12 Khoya Manohar  
14 Soreng Alok  
15 Kerketta Xavier  
16 Kerketta Benjamin  
19 Dungdung Alexius  
Ba'a Kuldeep  
20 Ekka Praful  
24 Ba'a Ephrem  
29 Tigga Lalit John  
30 Kullu Francis David