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St. Mary's Samtoli

The new academic year of St Mary's High School began on 1st April. Students and parents flocked for the admission. Principal was very busy in taking interviews of the new students for admission. Fr. Rector went home for the "GAMI" of his aunt and to find a co-worker.

St. Mary's English Medium School started the new session from 4th April. One can imagine the presence of the Prep. children, looking for their parents etc. It was hard time for the teachers to keep them quiet and make them feel at home.

It was a happy moment for us all to welcome Fr. Johan Verchueren SJ, the Provincial of Flanders / Netherlands on 8th April who was accompanied by Fr. Aurel Brys. After some rest we took him round to the hostel, Apostolic School, AROUSE and English Medium School. At 6.30 pm Jesuits of Simdega zone came together for sharing of experiences and challenges. After the sharing we had fellowship dinner with him. On the following day Johan and Brys left for Khunti.

Fr. Renato, accompanied by Fr. George Kerketta, visited Samtoli. Fr. George took him to some of the centres of AROUSE. It seemed he enjoyed being with the people in the villages. Frs. Sanjay Ekka (Vatican Radio) and Manoj Ekka from Cambodiawere also our special guests.

Fr. Amar Beck came to Simdega on 14th April. Fr. Ajit Xess, Fr. Britius Ekka and Sch. Naveen Tigga

accompanied him. From 16th April Amar took over the reign from Bruno. There was a short welcome programme in honour of Amar. Children tell their parents that the new Principal puts on the cloth of Jesus.

Fr. Rector went to St. John's English Medium School, Pharsabera for the inauguration of the new academic year. He celebrated the Mass followed by a talk on Christianity. Fr. Socius and Fr. Gilbert came from Ranchi to see the progress of the temporary-college building. On the same day Fr. John Crus Tigga arrived in the evening from Bardih. The heat of Simdega was rather strong for John Crus who suffered sun stroke.

The first G.B. Meeting of St. Xavier's College Simdega was held at St. Mary's High School, Samtoli. From Ranchi Frs. Provincial, George, Nicholas Tete, Nabor Lakra, Emmanuel Barla, Vinod Bilung, Robert Pradeep Kujur and Xavier Soreng came to participate. Besides these Mr. Benjamin Lakra, Fr. Ajay Tirkey, Ajay Minj too were present in the meeting. The G.B. members approved the appointment of Fr. Emmanuel Barla as Principal, Fr. Gilbert D'Souza as Administrator and Fr. Bruno Toppo as Bursar of the college. In the meeting it was decided to highlight the decision of GB. meeting of opening St. Xavier's College Simdega in the newspapers.

The community received the shocking news about the death of the elder brother of Br. Elias on 24th April night and on 25th April sister-in-law of Fr. John Tirkey. Fr. Bruno and Br. Elias left for Noadih on 25th April for the burial. On 25th April at about 5.15 pm Fr. John received

the phone call that his sister-in-law was very serious. He left for Ranchi immediately and when he was reaching Khunti he received the news that his sister-in-law expired. On the next day her body was taken to his native village Akasi Pakritoli and at 3.30 pm she was buried. Fr. John Crus along with Ursuline Sisters went for the burial. Fr. Bruno and Br. Elias also came from Noadih and attended the burial Mass. After the burial Fr. Bruno and Br. Elias went back to Noadih. Next day both were back to Samtoli. Fr. John stayed with the family and came back on 28th April. On 29th April we had community Mass for the repose of the souls of Mr. Polycarp Minj and Mrs. Margaret Toppo.

Fr. Provincial came to Samtoli on 29th April to meet Bp. Vincent to brief about the opening of the new college and the blessing of the college. According to the order of the government the classes till 8th were closed because of the heat-wave.

Fr. Linus

St. Ignatius' Gumla

From the 1st of April 2016, the evaluations of the Inter Board Exam Papers started in the School offsetting the normal routine of classes. They were forced to go to the morning class routine till it lasted. On the 2nd there was a community meeting in which the sharing of Spiritual Animation Process took place by those who had attended it. There were six of them from the community to do so. Spiritual growth enrichment was the common factor all shared about. 4th of April was the day when the new session for the H/S started for 2016. Many new faces in the campus both of the students as well as of the parents! There was a big group of Belgian students (35) from St. Joseph College, Aalts, visiting AROUSE and Gram Utthan in the first week of April. They were very eager to play football match with our boys. Of course, their team was mixed of boys and girls whereas ours was purely unisex. Our boys were happy to play against the mixed foreign team defeating them by 6-3.

The Provincial of Flanders / Netherlands, Fr. Johan paid a visit to our community on 6th April when he met our men as well as the Jesuits from Soso and Keondtanr. He spoke to us about the Universal Society and its restructuring. We had free and frank discussion. He also addressed the whole Province on 10th April at Manresa House Ranchi where two of our members – Ravi Bhushan and Fr. Christopher – represented the community. Frs. Anselm and Manohar did a big act of charity on 8th of

April. They took the dead body of Sch. Bipin's uncle from St. Joseph Hospital by night to his house on request by Bipin. They came back only around 11.00 o'clock night. Great charity indeed!

Fr. Renato SJ visited Arouse on 12th April. Fr. Anuranjan Purty was in high spirit to welcome him. Fr. Renato went to other two centres in Simdega and Lohardaga, too. Let us hope all come true! Fr. Anselm discovered on 16th of April the big damage that was done to our Hockey Astro turf by some miscreants. The nasty fellows have cut out the turf in several places totally spoiling the one-side goal area. They remain unidentified. Amidst all this the Sisters of Notre Dame invited the whole community for dinner on 17th April. It was a kind gesture on their part to show their gratitude for the spiritual service they receive from our community.

On 25th April St. Mark the Evangelist's feast! We expected Belgian chocolates from Mark but he passed on the buck to the Rector for ice-cream to the community. There you were! Our school was running classes for all the categories from 6.30 am to 10.30 am despite the letter from the education department for closure from 28th April. A courageous stand taken by the Headmaster! Congrats!

Fr. Christopher Lakra

St. Xavier's College, Ranchi

Bishop Charles had left for the Holy Land on 26th March and returned early on 3rd April full of packed, happy and elevating spiritual memories. Now he has been gradually unpacking them layer by layer, relishing personally and sharing with others.

A contingent of students with banner stood at the CPR chowk, under the leadership of Frs. Nabor and Swarn, to welcome the Padam Shree Simon Oraon. All along Fr. Nabor was our representative. While our Padam Shree turns the barren lands into fertile ones, on 4th April, our B.Ed. students conducted a long programme *From Ripples to Waves*, aimed at personal transformation and of the world.

We had two thanksgiving dinners. The first was on 4th April, for 13 SAC Seminarians who helped us in the Holy Week liturgy with their melodious singing under the guidance of Fr. Bimal Lakra. Their Rev. Fr. Rector Deepak and the Liturgy in-charge Rev. Fr. Deonis were also present for dinner. The second was at April-end for our four Ranchi scholastics (Bipin Lugun, Deonis Ekka, Pradeep Soreng and Rajesh Sandil), who worked hard for a fortnight

rearranging our House Library as much as they could, again under Fr. Bimal's direction. Our very sincere gratitude goes to both the groups. We also celebrated the birthdays of Fr. Anand Kerketta and Br. Vinay Santosh, on 7th April and 25th respectively.

Our pond very badly needed to be cleaned. In the centre the mud was waist-deep! Basically we got the mud removed by human labour, and now are patiently waiting for rains. Our well is having its last gasps, and a lone frog behind my room has been sporadically croaking feebly. From 7th April, the examinations had begun which lasted till 20th May.

Fr. Henry Barla

St. Michael's Residence, Khunti

The month of April being the last month of the Academic Session 2015-16 of Jivan-Deep, it kept all of us busy in so many different activities. In the first week of the month Pre-novices had their graced filled spiritual journey with the risen Lord under the guidance of Fr. Sylverius. On 9th April, we were blessed by the visitation of Fr. Johan SJ, the Belgium Provincial. He was given a warm welcome with traditional welcome dance by pre-novices, washing of the feet and the presentation of the tribal shawl. Jesuits of Khunti zone had a fruitful informative interaction with him before lunch. It was the moment of joy and gratitude to share our life with the head of our mother province.

From 11 to 15 April, pre-novices had their third and final semester examination. Once the examination got over they were introduced to different tribal languages, which was something new and unexpected stuff for them. Two weeks of this programme not only gave them a taste to learn but also to appreciate tribal languages other than one's own. The team of Fr. Joseph Marianus Kujur, SJ, the Provincial, Fr. Michael, SJ, the PCF, Fr. Raymond, SJ, the Novice Master, Fr. Pius, SJ, the Rector of Manresa House, was here on 21-22 April for the Four Sheet Interview of pre-novices. No sooner did the Four Sheet Exam finished, the pre-novices kept themselves busy in thorough and rigorous practice for the final show of their talents on 29th April. They had fantabulous stage performance of two One Act Plays: 'A Rhyme in Time Saves Nine,' and 'Dharma of Jesus'; a mime on 'The Second Coming of Christ'; and two dances on the songs 'I'll follow Jesus,' and 'Called to love and serve'. The two hours of scintillating short and sweet cultural evening programme left Rt. Rev. Bishop BinayKandulna, DD, Khunti Diocese, the chief guest and

all the audience 'WOW' stuck. Hats-off to you dear pre-novices! The following evening on 30th April, the pre-novitate session 2015-16 was closed with solemn thanksgiving Holy Mass followed by parting last supper. The next day all the aspirants went home.

Sch. J. P. Barla

Tarunoday

Life was abuzz with academic activities in April and the SOS from the PCF for the early closure of the academic year forced both staff and students to expedite their works. Accordingly, despite the First Communion celebrations in different units of the Parish on 10th April, the Taruns remained indoors in order to ready themselves for the Integration Examinations that began on Monday, 11th April. Again, the assembly elections in the hill country of Darjeeling necessitated the cancellation of the ceremonial closure of the academic year.

The Integration Exams were over on 13th April and the first year students left for Kurseong on 14th April 2016 in order to have a hassle free journey for their Arrupe Month (POP) before the election. The second year students also left Tarunoday but good sense dawned on our Ranchians and they stayed on to help the already downsized staff in arranging and tidying up the library. My special thanks to Rajesh Sandil, John Jyoti Kujur, Bipin Lugun, Deonis Ekka and Pradeep Soreng. They left the library quite tidy and Pradeep left greenery in the vegetable garden. The super eight (3 staff and 5 fourth year students) enjoy the fruits of his labour!

Even while the second year students stayed on for a few days, the fourth year students came to Tarunoday on 17 April in preparation for the Comprehensive Examinations. After tasking them with serious preparation, Fr. Francis Minj and Fr. John Mundu (JAM) travelled to Bengaluru on 19th April to participate in the first South Asian Jesuit Theologians' Forum Seminar at Ashirvad. Twenty seven Jesuit Theologians participated in this seminar on Christology (23-25 April). I presented a paper entitled "An *Adivasi* Search for Jesus Christ." Engaging discussions and insightful suggestions followed my presentation.

After the seminar both of us visited St. Peter's Seminary. Our Province-man Fr. Joe Mathias was away in Karmelaram, another part of the city, to animate a group of formators. Anyway, we enjoyed the hospitality and continued our warm journey back home with books purchased from TPI. Back home, Fr. Amrit held the fort

often celebrating two Masses daily – in and outside community. Unfortunately, the downsized staff and our prior commitments elsewhere during this summer seem to have deprived our neighbouring religious communities of the daily Eucharist. Everyday Fr. Amrit makes extra effort for an extra evening Eucharist, perhaps emulating our ever energetic nonagenarian Fr. Patrick Tete, who manages the Kanke Parish during the fifty days’ “hidden life” of its pastor Fr. James V. Dungdung in Shembaganur! He participated in the “Roots and Wings” programme. Meanwhile, 25 Ranchi Scholastics had literally filled the void through their quiet presence with the Lord under the guidance of Fr. Sylverius Chermako, SJ. Fortunately, sporadic rain elsewhere had brought some respite to the retreatants.

Fr. Francis Minj

St. Stanislaus Lohardaga

As the Jesuit Residence is on the process of face-lift with rewiring cup LED replacement for the sufficient light effect and repair cum white-washing for the hospitable look, workers and the supervisors of the work have not left any stone unturned.

Jesuits in the school tasted the improved performance of the students and also the bitterness of rather undisciplined behaviour of the students that invited a

series of reorientation programme for the students and staff as well.

New academic year started on 2nd April 2016 with the admission process for the new students, increasing number of students and with a vision of imparting quality education. Hence, the teachers and students went through orientation programme so as to make a cohesive effort for better performance. School Managing Committee also had its meetings and deliberation on 20th April 2016 and emphasized on quality education, number of students, pay scale and better performance of the students and teachers as well.

No sooner the AROUSE team concentrated on compiling the reports of the old farmer clubs and the inauguration of the new ones, than Fr. Sushil left for Delhi with a team comprising of Fr. Xavier Soreng SJ, Audhesh Kumar and Balmuni Oraon to attain the Lok Manch National Workshop held at Indian Social Institute Delhi.

People of two villages, namely, Kandra and Burhu Baratpur cherished the visit of Fr. Renato and Fr. George Kerketta. Both of them showed their concern for the tribal youth of the area. At the same time the youth of four villages, with the collaboration of AROUSE Extension, Lohardaga, conducted sports for the young and old.

Fr. Sushil Tineky

Assam & Andaman

Gana Chetana Samaj

The month of April was quite appropriate for conducting training programmes, seminars and meetings. Women Self Help Groups’ training on Accounting, Book Keeping, Report writing, etc. was organized from 7th – 9th April and the refresher training programme for the instructors of the 50 study centres on 11th April. The experienced staff of Gana Chetana Samaj gave training to the SHGs’ members. Whereas the Director of Don Bosco Institute Fr. Clitus and his team members gave training to the instructors of study centres in creative teaching method with practices. It was very interesting for the participants.

After a long gap of four months, Poultry in the Demonstration farm was restarted from 13th April in a scientific method. A residential computer training programme for a month got started from 18th April. The Adivasis from faraway places also are benefitting from our computer training centre. A one day seminar on Adivasi Cultural Values and practices was organized for all the Sahitya Sabhas of Assam like, Kuruk, Oraon, Kharia,

Munda, etc. and organizations like AASAA, AAWAA, AATSA and other NGOs’ on 23rd April in the District Library. It was very much appreciated by all because it was the first time that all the Adivasi groups were brought together. Now they are planning to form a committee to coordinate the Adivasis of all over Assam. With regard to meetings, practically every day village meetings are going on to monitor and evaluate projects and make plan for future.

Though the Provincial of Belgium Fr. Johan had come primarily to see the project works in Kohima Region yet he visited the Assam Mission and met all the members in the conference hall of Gana Chetana Samaj on 14th April. Fr. Aurel Brys was his too flexible guide. Three Christian Brothers visited Gana Chetana Samaj to make a kind of survey about the situation of Assam on 25th April.

Thomas Barla,

Balipara

Bihu, being the well known feast of Assam, colour the lives of the people with festive mood, dances and

celebrations. To mark this occasion, St. John's School had Bihu Dance Competition which enhanced the spirit of Bihu. Fr. Florence Purty was the chief guest and judge for the competition.

The month continued to bring spiritual blessings for the young parishers. 95 children received the first holy communion on White Sunday. On 14 April, 262 boys and girls received the Sacrament of Confirmation in Puluguri, one of the units of Balipara parish. The same day, the village celebrated Golden Jubilee with the meaningful thanks giving Mass followed by Cultural program and delicious lunch. Rt. Rev. Bishop Micheal Akasius Toppo, graced this occasion by his presence. Indeed, the hard works of Holy Cross novices under the able guidance of Fr Benjamin and Sr. Stephy reached fruitful culmination with these celebrations. Fr. Johan, provincial of Belgium, accompanied by Fr. Aurel Brys and Fr. Arul, Regional Superior of Kohima paid us flying visit on 23rd April. It was our joy to welcome them with a short cultural program.

Fr. Ranjit Kujur.

Kathalguri

In the first week of April all the students of our three schools were very busy in writing their first unit test and teachers were busy in correcting the answer papers. To create a better ambience, parents-teachers meet was held after the exams. Most of the parents were very eager to see their children's performance.

On 14th April Fr. Pradeep Kullu had gone to Jesuit Bhawan Tezpur to attend the sharing session with Fr. Provincial of Belgium Province and Fr. Brys Aurel. He was very happy to see our Assam Jesuits working in Assam. He visited some of our mission centres and saw the works we are doing here in Assam. Frs. Thomas Barla and Pradeep Kullu had taken Fr. Provincial and Fr. Aurel to Kaziranga National Park.

After Easter, Fr. Dominic Topno was very busy in house blessing. Every day he used to go different villages with the head catechist. Last week of the month Fr. Pradeep also joined with Fr. Dominic in house blessing in the tea garden. Fr. Jerome Dungdung, the Parish Priest, had got wound in his right leg due to which he rested at home.

Fr. Pradeep Kullu

Manas Bansbari

Fr. Theodore had been to Balipara to settle the land issue on 14th March. Fr. Laurentus and Sch. Bimal went to Tezpur to attend the Budget Session on 18th March.

Two Jesuit novices and two St Anne's novices prepared the parishioners spiritually for a meaningful Easter celebration. On the Easter day Mr. Hilarius Barla, Assist. Commandant of CRPF of 64th battalion, invited us to celebrate Easter in his camp.

The school remained closed from 11th to 17th April due to Assembly election and Bohag Bihu. It reopened on 18th April and after a day, units tests began.

Fr. Laurentus went to Tezpur to meet the provincial of Belgium on 13th April. Frs. Anup, Thomas and Ranjit Horo visited Manas Bansbari on 23rd March. After Easter Fathers went to different units for house blessing. The construction of multipurpose hall and new presbytery is in progress.

Sch. Bimal Minj

Prothrapur (Andaman)

12th March was a memorable day for the people of Prothrapur parish. The charismatic retreat was conducted by charismatic team of the parish. The resource persons were Fr. Santosh from Adajig parish and Mr. Tony, the coordinator of Couple for Christ. It was really a suitable time for the spiritual preparation for the parish day.

Parish Day was celebrated with pomp and gaiety on 13th March. Prior to the parish day novena and a day of recollection helped the faithful to prepare themselves spiritually. Fr. Evans Soares, Director of ACANI (Association of Catholic Andaman and Nicobar Island) presided over the Eucharist. Frs. David and Edward were concelebrants. After the mass, there was cultural programme followed by prize distribution. At the end meal was served to all.

Frs. Suman and Alexander from Diglipur, Frs. Benedict and Anil from Ramnagar, came to Prothrapur to attend the Chrism Mass, held at Stella Maris Cathedral on 17th March. Thereafter Bishop Alex Dias offered a grand supper at Bishop House for all the priests. Next morning Frs. Suman, Alexander, Benedict and Anil left for their respective places.

Fr. David left for home visit to mainland on 29th March. During his absence Fr. Edward Kerketta carried out the pastoral works well. Fr. David was back on 29th April refreshed after visiting his family members and relatives. Fr. Alexander Tirkey dropped in at Prothrapur before setting out for the mainland for his home visit.

Fr. David

DIASPORA

Rome

After his Diaconate ordination, Kulwant Minj had invited some of his close friends for a festive dinner on Saturday 2 April to thank them for their prayers and support. He had set apart 9 April for the Ranchi Jesuits and Seminarians in Rome for an outing. However, Edwin Dang, Linus and Biju Sebastian could not join the group because of their assignments. Two Ursuline Sisters from Ranchi – Mridula Turkey and Victoria Baa gladly accepted the last minute invitation to be part of the group. And so, a group of Kulwant's close friends went for an outing in a mini bus to some places known for their religious and cultural importance. The first stop was Orvieto, where the Eucharistic miracle took place in 1263; the visit to the Church of Sepulcher in Acquapendente was the second spot; which was followed by a relaxing stroll by the natural Lake of Bolseno. The outing concluded in Viterbo, the city where the longest papal election in the history of the Church took place from 1268-1271. Although Biju Sebastian could not join the group because of his German classes, he readily prepared a delicious meal for the group with the help of Edwin Ritesh and Ravi Hemant. A perfect example of fraternal care and concern!

Both the communities of Collegio Bellarmino and International College of Gesù had very enriching and enlightening experiences from living together under the same roof. Although both the communities have their own community activities, coming together has created a conducive atmosphere for mutuality and collaboration. On 15 April, both the communities extended a very cordial welcome to R.P. General amidst them who came for the annual visit. After the Eucharistic celebration, he spent enough time to answer to the queries of the young Jesuits in formation and encouraged them to dedicate their full time and energy to the mission entrusted to them in Rome by their Superiors. All our four students are doing well in their studies. While Edwin Ritesh and Ravi Hemant have grown in confidence and wisdom during their first year of theological studies; Kulwant is ready to conclude his theological studies with a sense of satisfaction, "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith" (2Tim 4:7). Edwin Dang had to forego almost all the extracurricular activities to keep his pace with the academic requirements. Biju Sebastian, as the Doctoral student, keeps guiding them and encouraging them in various ways.

Amidst his busy schedule of preparing news items on time every day, Sanjay Dilip did not even realize how the one year of his Roman sojourn had passed. He decided to make use of the month of April to go back to the Province for his annual holidays. The marriage of his elder sister Manila gave him the perfect opportunity to meet his dear and near ones. He left for Ranchi on 3 April. Apart from blessing the marriage of his sister, he participated wholeheartedly in the entire marriage celebration. Abiding by the instructions of his Superiors, he stayed at "home" for two weeks to rest and relax. Later, he took time to visit the Jesuit communities Samtoli, Gumla, Tongo and Naodhi. The hard work and dedication of the Jesuits in different communities deeply inspired him. After having a good time with his fellow Jesuits in Ranchi, he came back to Rome on 4 May to begin his mission at Radio Vatican with new vigor.

Apart from the regular courses in the Faculty of Missiology, Linus has kept himself busy in overseeing the smooth running of the cycle of Conferences on various themes pertaining to faith and religion organized by the Centre for Interreligious Studies. On 11 April, he presented a Paper on Religion without Books and Temples. *Laudato Si'*, the Encyclical of Pope Francis on care for Our Common Home has created tremendous amount of interest and challenged all to take personal as well as collectives responsibilities to care for the Mother Earth. Reflections and discussions continue to create awareness through Conferences and Seminars. Gregorian University is having an interdisciplinary course properly on *Laudato Si'*. Keeping up the spirit of *Laudato Si'*, US Embassy to the Holy See organized a Panel Discussion on Integral Ecology on 11 April. Prem was invited to participated in the Panel Discussion. H.E. Ken Hackett, US Ambassador to the Holy See, had appropriately chosen the Library of the Secretary of State (Apostolic Palace) for the event. The panelists were His Eminence Cardinal Turkson, President of the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace, and Lonnie Ellis, Associate Director of Catholic Climate Convent, Washington DC. Invitees were experts and Professors from different countries. Interesting to see was one of the Ministers from Tunisia, who beautifully combined his ecological reflections with faith. During the Coffee Break, US Ambassador was very kind to engage Prem to gauge his views on ecological challenges seen from the Indian perspective. After the Panel Discussion, he was fortunate

to exchange some of the salient ecological points of tribal/Indian spirituality with H.E. Cardinal Turkson as they walked down the stairs of the Apostolic Palace. He was deeply impressed and enriched not only by listening to the reflections of Cardinal Turkson, but also from his simplicity, courteousness and warmth of heart. A great day indeed!

Fr. Prem

Jerusalem

The annual visit of the Delegate was scheduled from 1-7 April for all the Jesuits working in the Holy Land. This year the visitation focused not merely on the personal manifestation but also on sharing of opinions regarding the Jesuit presence in the Holy Land. Two main trends were evident after the sharing was over. First, the Biblical Institute should function as the main platform on the basis of which varieties of mission-works be operated. Second, two separate communities must be created: PBI Community and the Apostolic Community. Both should function independently. The former as it has been always, must be under the Delegate and the latter under the Near East Provincial and both superiors will be responsible for finance and personnel. The PBI must primarily cater to the formation of the Jesuits of all stages while the Apostolic community involves itself in pastoral mission.

Ten Jesuits came for the SJ Program in April. Three from the United States, four Indian Jesuits working in the General Curia and from Canada, Spain and Ireland one Jesuit each. The eight day Spiritual Exercises and four days visit to Galilee gave them a deep sense of walking with the Lord. It was a grace-filled moment for all of them. Some of them said that from now on they will read the Gospels in different perspective.

The last week of April brought great joy and blessings to all the worshippers in Jerusalem specially to the Jews and the Orthodox Catholics. For the Jews it was the week of the Passover feast and for the Orthodox Catholics, the Holy Week and Easter. The Old City and specially in and around the Holy Sepulcher, the flood of Orthodox pilgrims was exceptional because many pilgrims flocked to Jerusalem coming from many different countries of the world. Every street was just crammed with people. The "Holy Fire" or the Easter Fire ceremony was the most important and exciting moment of the Easter celebration. This ceremony was done on Holy Saturday at noon. The ceremony took place at the Holy Sepulchre. The Fire was blessed and the Holy Fire was distributed among various dioceses not only in Israel but also to countries like Egypt, and Russia, France and the United States. They carry the

flame to different countries where the Orthodox communities are present. Thus Christ, the Light is sent from Jerusalem to various corners of the Orthodox world. It is beautiful and amazing.

Fr. Camil Kerketta

Paris, France

The 16th and 17th April were the festive days for our community. This year, Rt. Rev. Cláudio Pastro, the Bishop of Brazil ordained six scholastics as deacon: 2 from Madurai Province, one each from Andhra Pradesh, Italy, Portugal and France. The ordination ceremony was held at St. Ignatius Church, Centre Sèvres, Paris. One of the deacons was from our community. On this 16th evening we felicitated the deacon with his invited acquaintances followed by fellowship meal. The following morning, we had Eucharistic celebration in Tamil, preached by the deacon and then felicitation programme and fellowship meal.

I spent my last holiday in Lourdes and Munich. I accompanied the students of our school, St. Louis de Gonzague, Franklin with other 11 animators to Lourdes to participate in the programme called *Frat*. The number of our students was 87. But the total number of students in the *Frat* was 10,000 consisted from five different dioceses of France. It was very well organised by the director of *Frat* and associates. It was delighting to perceive the commitment of the volunteers. The most touching moment for me was to listen to the young people in confession. A question resound within me: "What made them to confess after a long gap of 10-12 years after?"

The visit to Munich was very profitable as I could witness by my own The Dachau Concentration Camp Memorial Site. This camp served as a model for all later concentration camps and as a "school of violence" the SS (The *Schutzstaffel*, German- a major paramilitary organization under Adolf Hitler and the National Socialist German Workers' Party) men under whose command it stood. However, the present site was established in 1965 on the initiative of and in accordance with the plans of the surviving prisoners who had joined together to form the *Comité International de Dachau*. Being over there and observing the exhibition, one can very easily notice the dehumanising acts perpetrated in the name of 'doing good'. The objective of the site now is to give the world awareness and a message not to repeat such barbaric act any more. For this purpose I think that the students from all over the world are being brought there.

Fr. Samir

Salamanca, Spain

The month of April kept us busy with last level of our Spanish course. The classes were more of interactive to bring fluency in our conversation. We have students from different nationality in our class. This gives us ample opportunities to interact with others to know about their culture, way of life and as a whole to know about their countries. On 4th April all the scholastics of the community came together to share experiences of the holy week among ourselves as all of us were in different places for the holy week. Both of us took this opportunity to share our experiences as well as to practice our Spanish.

On the 19th Fr. Inigo (MDU), who is doing his Ignatian Spirituality in Comillas University, came to Salamanca to relax after his exam. He gave us time to talk to us about his experiences in Spain. His friendly chatting encouraged us to do better in our studies. On the 26th Fr. José Magadia, the General Counselor for Formation paid a visit to Juniorate community in Salamanca. He shared his experiences about the formation houses and also put his concerns about the declining number of vocation in the Society of Jesus. But still he emphasized on quality rather than quantity. On the 28th Fr. Xavier Lakra, SJ and the bishop of Tezpur, Rev Michael Akasius Toppo came to Salamanca community as both were in their Europe tour. Being weekend we had enough time to go around in the city with them. On 29th April, four of us had mass and nice sharing of our experiences. The following day they left for Rome via Bilbao.

Sch. Anuj Minj

Guyana

In the North Pakaraimas, the Annual Parish Lay Assistants Training Seminar was held at St. Joseph's Catholic Church Kurukabaru from 3-10 April, where 50 of them from fourteen communities participated. They renewed their commitment during the Holy Eucharist on Sunday presided over by Fr. Elias Surin, SJ. Prior to the renewal of their commitment as extra-ordinary Eucharistic Ministers, Catechists, Musicians, Church helpers all of them made their annual retreat for a week. It is very encouraging to see the young people coming forward to take up leadership in the church. On 10 April there was one-day children's programme where 152 of them actively participated. All them with their parents participated in the Holy Eucharist, Prayer Session, and Games and followed by sumptuous meal. The church team and the youth of Kurukabaru parish took the leading role to make the day memorable.

The highest-ranking Vatican official Cardinal Claudio Hummes from Brazil visited Guyana. The main purpose of his visit was to present the vision of REPAM, which is the Amazonian Church Network. This includes discussing Pope Francis' recent encyclical *Laudato Si'* in relation to conserving the Amazon and helping the poor.

Fr. Anil Kishore, the Parish Priest along with Fr. Anthony D'Souza, SJ making his best effort to bring everyone together, helping the faithful grow in their faith, building and taking ownership of the church. 23 young and energetic faithful received the sacrament of confirmation in St. John the Baptist and BV church in East Coast Demerara, Georgetown on 24 April, by Bishop Francis Alleyne, OSB.

In the North-West Region of Guyana, Fr. Amar Bage is focusing on community building and church structures. His boat house is complete where easily he could keep three out boat engines. Most of the villages are situated on the banks of the rivers. Some generous souls are coming forward to help him to rebuild the church buildings. Two church buildings in White Water and in Matthew's Ridge are under construction. On 27 -29 April, I paid a short visit to his mission area in Venezuela boarder. Fr. Mark Mukul is recuperating in Britto Hall Jesuit Community Berbice after his surgery for appendix. Now he is allowed to have his normal food.

Fr. Elias Surin

Cairo (Egypt)

On 15th April College de la Sainte Famille, Cairo had organized annual Kermesse CSF 2016. It was a big success. The school family of Jesuits, teachers, students, parents and well-wishers participated with full vigour. Through this fair, a good sum of fund was raised for various charity purposes. Soon after that, the very next day I had taken thirty students of class V to Minia – Upper Egypt. It was their first four days' exposure programme 280 kms away from their families and city. Four teachers had accompanied them. They were able to see farmers working in the field and cattle being looked after. They got down in the fields to weed out wild grass. They visited Jesuit Arabic medium school, sat with their class V students and shared the classes of Arabic language and social studies. They visited the evening study centre for the less privileged and spent time with them. For all of them, it was an eye opening and real life experience of the other world.

Mgr Mathew Kurian is the Secretary to the Nuncio in Egypt for the last four years. On 26th April, he was very generous in inviting three of us Indian priests residing in

Cairo for a fellowship meal. 1 May was the Coptic Easter according to Eastern rite in Egypt. All the churches go together to show unanimity with the major orthodox church. 28th April was the Maundy Thursday. I preferred to go for the Chrism Mass in the morning with the Latin rite

Bishop of Egypt. He was surprised to see that more than sixty-five priests were present to attend the ceremony in Arabic and French language. Easter vigil mass was celebrated in a lengthy Coptic rite.

Fr. Bimal Kerketta

STATUS 2016 OF RANCHI JESUIT PROVINCE

Name	Status	Institution	Residence
<u>Tertianship</u>			
P Barla Rajenius	Tertianship	St. Stanislaus	Sitagarha
P Dungdung Samir	Tertianship	Pedro Arrupe Inst.	Raia
P Kandulna Anil	Tertianship	Sacred Heart	Shembaganur
P Kujur Ignatius	Tertianship	St. Stanislaus	Sitagarha
P Kullu Elias	Tertianship	Sacred Heart	Shembaganur
<u>Deaconate Ministry</u>			
S Kandulna Justin	Deacon	Parish/MS	Dolda
S Kerketta Mukul	Deacon	Parish	Diglipur
S Mosahari Rosario	Deacon	Acting Principal/AP	Mushalpur
S Tirkey Bipin	Deacon	Parish/MS	Bingaon
<u>Higher Studies</u>			
P Minj Ajay Arun	Ph. D. [Maths]	Loyola	Chennai
<u>Studies Abroad</u>			
S Baxla Jyoti Paul	Theology	Centre Sèvres	Paris
S Ekka Sameer	Philosophy	S. Berchmans Kollege	Munich
S Minj Ajay Paulus	Philosophy	S. Berchmans Kollege	Munich
S Minj David	Theology	Centre Sèvres	Paris
<u>Theology</u>			
S Kerketta Arvind	Theology	RTC, Tarunoday	Boreya
S Kujur Rohit	Theology	RTC, Tarunoday	Boreya
S Lakra Amit	Theology	RTC, Tarunoday	Boreya
<u>Regency</u>			
S Bhawnra Samir	Asst. Prefect-I & Teaching in	St. Mary's HS St. Xavier's College	Samtoli Simdega
S Ekka Alok	Asst. Director	Pre Novitiate	Khunti
S Kerketta Ajit	Asst. Hostel Pref.	Loyola HS	Khunti
S Kerketta Libin	Asst. Hostel Pref.	St. Ignatius' HS	Gumla
S Kujur Jonhy	Asst. Director	St. Aloysius' Min.Sem.	Ranchi
S Kujur Sandeep	Refugee Service	Jesuit Service	Cambodia
S Minj Nirmal	Asst. Pref. II & Asst. Teacher	St. Mary's HS	Samtoli
S Tigga Gabriel	Asst. Hostel Pref. & Asst. Teacher	St. John's HS	Balipara
S Xalxo Saban Binod	Asst. Director	Ap. School	Gumla

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<u>Works</u>			
P Brys Aurel	Cause of Fr. Rasschaert [Additional charge]	Belgium	
P Ekka Anselm	Province Treasurer	Sadhavna	Ranchi
P Kerketta Sylvanus	Jt. Director	Gram Uthan (Diocese)	Gumla
P Minj Ignatius	Coord. Human Rts & Assistant Pastor	Catholic Church	Kanke
S Minj Kulwant	Course on Beatification & Cause of Fr Rasschaert	Rome	
P Tigga Mahendra P.	Director	Hoffman Law Assoc.	Man. Hse Ranchi
P Tirkey Pradeep	Director	Jeevan Pravesh	Gumla
<u>Houses & Institutions</u>			
F Barla James	Administrator/ Minister, Treasurer, Kitchen & Garden	Jharna	Namkum
P Ba'a Ephrem	Dean of College	Manresa House	Ranchi
P Barwa Solomon	Superior	ATC	Namkum
P Chermako Sylverius	Director	Pre Novitiate	Khunti
P Frederick Kujur	Minister	Manresa House	Ranchi
P Kerketta Benjamin	Acting Superior	St. Xavier's	Bundu
P Kerketta Pradeep	Asst. Director & Prepares Ph. D.	XISS	Ranchi
P Kujur Sudhir Kumar	Acting Superior	St. Xavier's School	Doranda
F Kullu Jai Prakash	Farm & Kitchen	Catholic Church	Patrachauli
P Kullu Ferdinand	Socius to NM	Ashirvad Novitiate	Namkum
P Kullu Rajesh Kuldeep	Treasurer	St. Xavier's	Sonabheel
F Minj Elias	Treasurer	St. Michael's	Khunti
P Soreng Xavier	Acting Superior [Remains Director]	XISS Bagaicha	Ranchi Namkum
P Tirkey Sushil	Acting Superior	St. Stanislaus' HS	Lohardaga
P Tirkey Vijay M.	Treasurer	St. Ignatius' HS	Gumla
P Toppo Binod	Spir. Director & Asst. Teacher	College Juniors St. John's	Manresa House Ranchi
P Xalxo Ignatius	Treasurer	St. Stanislaus'	Lohardaga
<u>Schools/Colleges</u>			
P Bage Roshan	Teacher	St. Xavier's School	Pengree
P Barla Emmanuel	Principal	St. Xavier's College	Simdega
P Barla Gilbert	Acting HM Asst. PP	R.C. Middle School	Soso
P Beck Anand Amar	Principal	St. Mary's Eng. Med.	Samtoli
P Ekka Anup Arvind	Professor & Office	St. Xavier's College	Simdega
P Guria Florence	Hostel Prefect	St. Mary's HS	Samtoli
P Horo Ranjit	Principal	Loyola Inter College	Khunti
P Kandulna Ashok	Principal	English Medium S.	Khunti
P Kerketta Sanjay	Hostel Pref. & Asst. Treas. [Additional charges] Acting Principal	Prabhat Tara	Dhurwa
P Lakra Ignatius	Vice Principal	St. Xavier's School	Doranda
P Lakra Peter Claver	Teacher & In-charge	PM/MS	Dorea

Name	Status	Institution	Residence
P Ranjit W. Lakra	Asst. Sc. Teacher & Acting HM	St. Xavier's HS St. Xavier's HS	Sarwada Sarwada
P Minj Abraham	Teacher/HM	PS/MS	Maranghada
<u>Schools/Colleges</u> Contd...			
P Minj C Damian	Headmaster & Asst. PP	MS Jharain	Jharain
P Minj Gyan Prakash	Acting HM	Stoc. Mem. MS	Kochang
P Minj Paul Vijay	Principal	St. John's Eng. Med.	Ranchi
P Minj Vijay Kumar	HM, Hostel & Hse Treasurer [additional charge]	High School	Vijaygiri
P Minj Walter Xavier	Hostel & Asst. Treasurer	St. Stanislaus' HS	Lohardaga
S Sinduria Valentine	Acting HM	St. Mary's HS	Bardih
P Soreng Jaywant	Headmaster (Additional charge)	St. John's MS [Hindi]	Ranchi
P Tirkey Alexander	Acting HM & HS	Middle School	Keondtanr
F Tigga Blacius	Kitchen	Manresa House	Ranchi
F Tirkey Modestus	Kitchen & Farm	St. Xavier's HS	Bundu
P Tigga Swarn	Principal	St. Xavier's Inter	Sonabheel
P Tirkey Ajay Anil	In-charge of Intermediate Section	St. Xavier's College	Ranchi
P To:ppo Erenius	Hostel Prefect	St. Ignatius' HS	Gumla
P Toppo Bruno	Treasurer [continues as Hse Treas.]	St. Xavier's College	Simdega
P Xess Ravi Bhushan	Principal	St. Ignatius' Eng. Med.	Gumla
<u>Parishes</u>			
P Ekka Vital	Parish Priest	Catholic Church	Soso
P Kullu Clement	Asst. Parish Priest	Cahtolic Church	Tongo
P Toppo Pratap	Parish Priest	Catholic Ashram	Bundu
<u>Special</u>			
P Tigga John Crus	At the disposal of Fr. Provincial	St. Mary's	Samtoli
<u>Change of Residence</u>			
P Kujur Ajit Kalyan	[B. Ed.]	Manresa House	Ranchi

Sadbhāvnā, Ranchi
30/5/2016

Signed
Fr. Joseph Marianus Kujur, S.J.
Provincial Superior

- Note:** 1) Unless otherwise indicated, all transfers should take place latest by 15 June 2016.
2) Kindly make sure that a list of inventories is given at the time of handing over and any project, work or matter that needs to be followed up, is properly indicated and signed by two witnesses.
3) Kindly make sure that all the Accounts & Records are up-to-date at the time of handing over.

Information

Novice Ritesh Ashok Kerketta , Second year novice, left the Novitiate on 28 April 2016.

Novice Amit Soreng, Second year novice, left the Novitiate on 5 May 2016.

Gone Before Us: Let us Remember in our Prayers

Mr. Polycarp Minj (81), brother of Elias Minj expired at home on 24 April, 2016

Mrs. Margaret Toppo, sister-in-law expired in Ranchi on 25 April, 2016.

Mrs. Leoni Bhengra (85), sister-in-law of Fr. Emmanuel Horo, died on 30 April 2016.

Fr. Ranjit Pascal Toppo SJ (35/55) passed away on 23 May 2016.

BIRTH DAY BABIES : June & July**June**

- 01 Kerketta Stephen
 02 Dungdung James V.
 Jojo Joachim
 Kerketta Sylvanus
 12 Tete Patrick
 16 Minj Elias
 17 Ekka Peter Paul
 Dungdung Jerome
 Xalxo Medard
 19 Tirkey Sushil
 Minj Kulwant
 20 Ekka Isidore
 Minj Ignatius
 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
 04 Dungdung Joachim
 Lakra Mark Mukul

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