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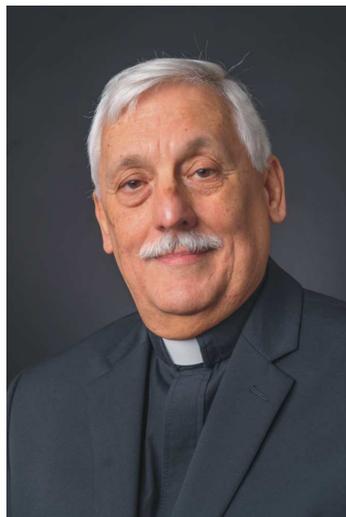
## Message from Fr Provincial

**Dear Fathers & Brothers,**

Peace, Love and Joy of Christ on behalf of all the Ranchi Jesuits in Rome!

The new Father General of the Society of Jesus, called 'Black Pope', was finally elected on 14 October, by 36<sup>th</sup> General Congregation that commenced with the Holy Eucharist presided over by Fr Bruno Cadoré, OP, on 2 October 2016.

The new Father Superior General is none other than



**Fr Arturo Marcelino Sosa Abascal (68)** from Venezuela. He is the first Latin-American Superior General of the Society since its foundation in 1540. He was Venezuelan provincial between 1996 and 2004, when there were tensions within his province over the dictatorship of Hugo Chávez. Prior to his appointment as provincial, he was in charge of the social apostolate of the

Jesuits in Venezuela, which includes the massive poor-school Jesuit network, Fe y Alegría. He was also head of the Centro Gumilla, the Jesuit-run social and action research center. Fr Arturo Sosa, the 31<sup>st</sup> superior general of the Jesuits, was born in Caracas, Venezuela, on 12 November 1948. He has a doctorate in Political Sciences from the Universidad Central de Venezuela, and speaks Spanish, Italian, and English and understands French.

He has served as member of the founding board of the Andrés Bello Catholic University in Caracas and Rector of the Catholic University of Táchira. He has taught and researched political science in many different institutes and colleges, and in 2004 was a visiting professor at the Latin-American Studies Centre of Georgetown University. He has been serving since 2014 as the Delegate of the General for the International Houses and Works of the Society of Jesus in Rome, meaning he has had responsibility for Jesuit formation and other houses, including the Jesuit headquarters, or General Curia and the Gregorian University. GC36 is in its second week now. Next week onward the Congregation will discuss business matters pertaining to life, mission and governance in the Society. In the ensuing paragraphs I am summarising the news reports posted by the Media Team of GC36 on [www.sjweeb.info](http://www.sjweeb.info). The Ranchi Bulletin brief on GC36 will be helpful for the far-flung areas of our ministries where internet facilities are not accessible.

### ***What is a General Congregation? (23 Sept. 2016)***

In the 476 years since its founding, the Society of Jesus had convened only 35 general congregations. The 36<sup>th</sup> General Congregation was convened in Rome on 2 October 2016. A general congregation is always summoned on the death or resignation of the head of the Society - the Superior General - to choose his successor, or when the General decides action is needed on serious matters that he cannot or does not want to decide alone.

The former Superior General of the Society of Jesus, Father Adolfo Nicolás, SJ, a native of Spain, announced in December of 2014 his intention to resign. He resigned from the office on 3 October 2016, and his resignation was accepted by GC36. Father Nicolás was elected in 2008 to

succeed Father Peter-Hans Kolvenbach, SJ. Ever since the resignation of Father Nicolás, the process for electing the New Superior General started.

***The first session in the aula and Father Nicolás' resignation (03 Oct. 2016)***

The members of GC36 had the opportunity to participate, during the preceding days, in information sessions about their work and technical environment in the aula, including the use of the electronic tablets through which they are getting access to the majority of the working documents and materials.

On the feast day of Saint Francis Borgia, patron of the General Curia, Fr James E. Grummer invited the assembly to stand and invoke the Holy Spirit by singing the *Veni Creator*. Immediately after, he invited Father General to say a few words. Fr Nicolás stated that he was handing over the facilitation of the Congregation to Fr Grummer and that he had chosen him to be the Vicar General of the Society for the time before the election of a new General. Father Nicolás then opted to leave the rostrum and to sit among the other members of the Congregation. The assembly went on with the prayer. Every day, it is possible to pray along with the members of the Congregation since the prayer of the aula is available to all in the "prayer room" section of the website [gc36.org](http://gc36.org).

Father Grummer then introduced the team of copy secretaries who take notes of everything that is said during the Congregation. Then, each one of the simultaneous translators introduced himself specifying the languages he would handle. A word was said about the IT team. At that time, the assembly was ready to start its official business, the first step being to recognize that everyone was present and that the Congregation was "complete". The media team of the Congregation left the room because all the Congregation work is done in camera.

Later during the first morning, Father Nicolás submitted his resignation to the General Congregation. After deliberations, the Congregation voted to accept Father Adolfo Nicolás resignation as Superior General of the Society of Jesus. From that moment on, Fr James Grummer took the responsibility of the Society of Jesus as Vicar General.

***Fr Bruno Cadoré, OP: The faith of audacity – the faith of the humble servant (03 Oct. 2016).***

The 215 members of the Jesuit General Congregation 36 celebrated Mass at the Church of the Gesù on 2 October, to launch the Congregation. The main presider was Father Bruno Cadoré, the Master of the Order of Preachers (also known as the Dominican Order). The relationship between the Dominicans and Jesuits goes back to the conversion of

Saint Ignatius, who would ask himself, "If Saint Dominic did such and such, why can I not?" Additionally, there is a tradition that when the General of the Jesuits dies, the Master of the Dominican Order is invited to celebrate the Eucharist. In this case, Father Cadoré was invited to preside at the Mass to launch the Congregation, which would accept Father Adolfo Nicolás' resignation as Superior General of the Society of Jesus (Jesuits). Father Nicolás along with the General Counselors and all the other electors were present. Also present was a large number of Jesuits who live and work in Rome.

***Next Step: Election of the Secretary of the Congregation***

During the first days of the plenary, a "temporary team" took the responsibilities of ensuring the flow of the proceedings. First of all, of course, before Father Adolfo Nicolás resigned, he appointed a Vicar General, Fr James Grummer. Fr Grummer is leading the Congregation and the Society until a new General is elected. A temporary Secretary of the Congregation was chosen, Fr Agnelo Mascarenhas.

However, to prepare for the next and central parts, the Congregation had the opportunity to elect a Secretary and two assistants (sub-secretaries).

What is the main responsibility of the Secretary and his assistants? It is to prepare every day the Acts of the Congregation. They do it with the help of those who are appointed to take the verbatim of the proceedings. In accordance with the Coordination Committee, the Secretary also has the responsibility of presenting the daily report to the Congregation to get its approval.

The election is held by secret ballot. As soon as the Secretary is elected, he sits to the right of the moderator of the assembly. Then a first and a second assistant are elected. Once elected, the first assistant sits to the left of the moderator. Then, the Vicar General, the Secretary and the first assistant, who will be the main officers for the election of the General, stand in front of the Congregation and pronounce their oath with these words:

*"I call God, to whose eyes all things are exposed and open, to witness that I will faithfully receive and make public the votes; and I will assiduously perform the duties of my office and keep secret what happens in the election, even when it is completed. I declare also in the sight of the Divine Majesty and of the entire Society, which we here represent, that I will not admit anyone who should not be admitted or to exclude anyone who is not to be excluded."*

On 7 October, the electors voted for three major officials of the General Congregation. Father Luis Orlando

Torres, a Jesuit from Puerto Rico and a member of the Central and Southern US Province (UCS) was elected Secretary of the Congregation. At present he is the Rector of the Jesuit Community of Collegio Internazionale del Gesù in Rome. The first Assistant Secretary is Father Agnelo Macarenhas from Goa Province. He is also the Under Secretary of the Society at the General Curia in Rome. The second Assistant Secretary is Father Francisco Javier (Patxi) Alvarez from the Spanish Province. He works in the General Curia as Secretary for Social Justice and Ecology. Their principal task was to prepare, throughout the Congregation, the Acts of the Congregation, and all the official documents that would be used by members in the Aula.

### ***How did the Congregation elect the New Superior General?***

The Congregation began with a prayer to the Holy Spirit, said by all the delegates. Then, there was some brief business that involved electing officers and those who would serve as secretaries for the sake of efficient business. After the Congregation determined that everyone was there who should be there, the Congregation declared itself in session.

### ***Murmurationes***

The first order of business was the election of the new Superior General. The election itself was preceded by four days of “information gathering,” called “murmuratio.” Each member of the Congregation was allowed to ask any other member of the congregation about any particular member of the Society who might be an apt Superior General. There may be no lobbying, in any way whatsoever. No Jesuit may seek the position for himself or for anyone else. All a delegate might do was seek information about this or that

Jesuit. For example, a delegate may ask a Jesuit from a certain region about a particular Jesuit in that region. What has he done? What are his gifts? How many languages does he speak? Might he have the gifts of diplomacy and discretion necessary?

### ***The day of election***

At the end of the four days of ‘conversation’ among the members of the Congregation, after the Eucharist, everybody went to the aula and a Jesuit was chosen to speak to the members of the Congregation about their duty to elect a new Superior General.

Then a secret ballot in writing was taken, collected and counted. The electronic voting equipment that would be used for the rest of the meeting was not used for this election. Paper ballots were used for as many rounds of voting as necessary until someone received an absolute majority vote and was elected the new Superior General.

### ***After the election***

The electors had no permission to go out of the aula until the Holy Father was informed about the election of the new Superior General of the Society. Thereafter, the new Father General met every elector of GC36. At the end, he also met in the aula all the members of the General Curia community followed by prayer in Saint Borgia chapel on the ground floor of the curia.

Tomorrow, 15 October, the day after the election, Rev Fr Arturo Sosa Abascal, our new Superior General will preside over the Thanksgiving Eucharist in the Church of Gesù for the members of GC 36 and others.

Fr J. Marianus Kujur, SJ  
[Rome, 14 October 2016]

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## HOUSES & INSTITUTIONS

### **St Xavier’s College, Ranchi**

For the auspicious inauguration of St Xavier’s College, Simdega, on 9<sup>th</sup> Sept. – when it was officially declared open by Dr Ramesh Pandey, the Vice-Chancellor (VC) of the Ranchi University and chief guest of the occasion – Frs Nicholas, Nabor, Pradeep, Anand, John and Henry were present. Several other Jesuits witnessed the historic event. Fr Joseph M. Kujur (Provincial) was there with his Sadbhavna contingent. During the cultural extravaganza the students presented very many inspiring and captivating programmes. Congratulations to Fr Linus (the Rector), Fr Emmanuel (the Principal) and his Jesuit and lay colleagues. And, of course, thank you for the sumptuous meal after such a memorable new episode in the history of the Ranchi Jesuit Society.

The students were practising the *Karamotsav* dances for days and the Manresa Juniors reportedly over two months for the cultural competition here, on 13<sup>th</sup> Sept. Fr Kennedy and Jacob Lakra Sir, with some student leaders, had taken the initiative to organize the performance. Mr Hemant Soren, though he arrived late, was the chief guest. Ms Mahua Maji of the State Women’s Cell was present throughout. The whole event was a grand success. The Manresa House juniors beat all groups only to bag a bundle of sarees! Kudos! So did the students of the Kharia Association. The organizers deserve more than a pat on the back for having managed a hassle-free and spectacular event in which artistes from the nearby hostels were also invited. Some of us, due to a GB Meeting of SXC on its autonomy, missed out almost half the cultural fiesta.

His Lordship Bishop Charles (Emeritus) and Fr Henry represented the community in Thanksgiving Masses at the nearby MC convents for Mother Teresa's elevation to the altar. His Lordship also gave a two-day conference to the Sisters of the Sacred Heart at Roshanpur on "The Word of God in the Life and Mission of the Church."

On 17<sup>th</sup> Sept., 22 tertians with their two Instructors from SSC Sitagarha were our guests at lunch. We could not show them around for their lack of time. But we were very happy to have had them with us for a short while. They had come out tracing some of the early ground-breaking hotspots of the Chotanagpur Mission, like Jamgain, Bendora, Torpa, etc. – In the evening, our community had a thought-provoking recollection conference by Fr Francis Minj on "Intellectual Depth and Jesuit Identity."

The Department of Geography had organized a flawless, UGC-sponsored two-day national seminar (23-24 Sept.), on "Integrating Development, Environment Concerns and Social Change." The Vice-Chancellor of the RU was the chief guest. The theme had about 150 presentations. Our students also gave an excellent cultural show *Dharohar* (Legacy) which dovetailed with the concerns highlighted by the speakers. The next day, at the "Valedictory Session," Padam Shri Simon Uraon, being the chief guest, stole the limelight. As his custom is, he spoke in plain Sadri, easy for all to understand.

To wind up the month, Fr P. Kennedy Soreng had taken his students of Botany for an educational tour to Gangtok and Darjeeling. Just that week, there was a weeklong inter-class basketball tourney, boys and girls. In the finals, the MCom boys and graduate girls (Geography) lifted the trophies.

*Fr Henry Barla*

## Manresa House, Ranchi

On the first day of October the MH community had thanksgiving mass wherein we remembered God's abundant blessing upon the community. Fr Alex Toppo presided over the mass who stirred up our souls to praise and thank God. Many of us were present at the book release function, held at XISS auditorium. The book *Encounter with the Christian and the Oranon Rites of Passage* is authored by Fr Linus Kujur SJ. Two days later we witnessed at least in our TV sets the canonization ceremony of Blessed Mother Teresa, the first saint in 'sari'.

Meanwhile our Manresa scholastics were glued to their studies as they wrote their mid-semester exams in the college from 6 to 9 September. After the exams were over a series of Karam celebrations began. The community had a solemn Holy Eucharistic celebration on 12 September. Fr Francis David Kullu being the Pahan of the day narrated an untold story with a message of Karam and offered

prayers and supplications for the wellbeing of tripple 'C' – Cattle, Crops and Children. The joy of Karam celebration reached its climax when MH Scholastics won the first prize in the Karam Cultural Dance Competition in St Xavier's College organized by Tribal Society of St Xavier's College, Ranchi. Brothers were and are ever graceful in the cultural dance steps to the beats of Mandar sweetly singing. Well done brothers! We have had our valuable presence in the ....Adivasi Maha Rally held at Ranchi Morabadi Maidan on 15 September.

Life is a celebration. Life is to be celebrated. We have had birthdays of Frs Alex Tirkey, Patras Ekka and Sch Sudhir Orea in this month. The most memorable event of the month was the Cycle Picnic of Manresa Scholastics at Sanitorium dam on 18 September. Many staff members also joined them in their life celebration.

*Fr Francis David*

## St Ignatius, Gumla

As a follow up of the message of the encyclical *Laudato Si'* some 900 saplings were planted in the whole campus of St Ignatius' School under the enthusiastic leadership of Fr Manohar Khoya and Fr Vijay Manohar. Among these some are timber trees; some are fruit trees while some are for beauty. In this way, insight of protecting and preserving the rich biodiversity and greenery is well reflected in our campus. About 300 were distributed among students. It is an effort to inculcate eco-friendly attitude in our students.

Our three football teams (one of them of girls) had gone to Ranchi for the qualifying match for the Subrato Football Tournament. One boys' team and the girls' team had reached the final but both were only runner ups at the end. Better luck next year! Two teams from our school also participated in the Day and Night Football Tournament in Basia College ground. They were unlucky here, too, in the finals.

The grand Inter-Jesuit Schools' Sports and Cultural Fiesta was organized from 8 to 11 September in St Ignatius' School. 44 teams, both of boys and girls, from 21 Institutions of 5 districts in Jharkhand had assembled for the fiesta. Nearly 1200 participants including their managers and coaches were accommodated in our campus including all facilities of AROUSE, hostels and community for the Jesuits. At the end of the three day competitions in football matches and cultural programmes the following were the results:

High School Boys - Champion - St Ignatius' Gumla; High School Girls - Champion - Doreya, Tamar; Inter College Boys - Champion - St John's Ranchi (runner up - St. Ignatius') and Inter College Girls - Champion - St Ignatius' Gumla. Many individual prizes were also given to the best performers. In the Cultural Fest St John's Ranchi

cultural team became first and 3 in the second position (Samtoli, Bardih, Gumla) and all the rest were declared and awarded third prize. Fr Provincial and the organizer Fr Augustine Kujur were here on 11 September for the concluding day and two finals. In his address Fr Provincial insisted on carrying on this practice of collaboration and networking among our schools to inculcate human values through such events. The evaluation meeting of this event was held by all the Headmasters on 24 September at St Ignatius' Gumla. One of our Hockey teams qualified for the Nehru Hockey Tournament to be played in New Delhi. Congrats to Schs Libin and Saban, the team managers.

Festivities have no end. The Karam Milan was organized by AROUSE on 18 September where as many as 32 dancers' groups had registered. It was a very good and luminously colourful show, but in the middle the whole programme had to move into the school hall due to heavy rains. The three first prizes were *Manders* (the apostolic got one of them) carpets and buckets for the Second and Third respectively, and consolation prizes for all the participating teams. All of them went away very happily.

On 21 September a team from AROUSE, with the Director, went to *Bagaicha*, Namkom for three-day training programme while Fr Sylvanus Kerketta went for his at SDC (SIGN) also for three days. The Apostolic boys helped out the MC Sisters in decorations in the Cathedral Church on the occasion of thanksgiving Mass on 25 September. All religious and clergy were invited for the dinner in the evening. The same day Frs Erentius and Vijay went to Noadih for the Karam celebration. Fr Erentius was the chief guest on this occasion.

Fr Vinod Bilung and four other AICUFers from St Xavier's College Ranchi, visited our campus to inspect the facilities here; they plan to bring 150 AICUFers for a three-day camp. We hope they were satisfied! The Geography Dept. went for a study tour to Nainital on 30 September for ten days; Fr Headmaster accompanied them. Finally, if you visit St Ignatius after a month or so, you will not recognize the road in front of the school, because now the colourful tiles have been laid up on the whole road. It is a donation from the local MLA Mr Shiv Shankar Oraon from his MLA Fund. We thank him profusely for this favour.

*Fr Christopher Lakra*

## St Mary's, Samtoli

Teachers' Day was observed in both the schools. In the English Medium School, it was celebrated on 3 September. Fr Amar Beck (Principal) offered the thanksgiving Eucharist. Bishop Vincent Barwa was the chief guest who released the school magazine. In his address he insisted on quality education that prepares good citizens of the country. Frs Rector and Bruno were present on this occasion. In

the High School, it was observed on 5 September with many colourful items during cultural programme. The teachers of Inter College were absent as they went to Ranchi for the demonstration in front of the Residence of the Chief Minister. Once again, on 26 September a combined Teachers' Day in honour of all the teachers of the High School and Inter College was organized. The hostel boys and girls, and Apostolic boys played leading role in felicitating their teachers.

Prayer Centre at Pharsabera was formally inaugurated on 29 August by Bishop Vincent Barwa. This centre is handed over to the OCD Fathers. It is to be noted that it was run formerly by the Navrangi family. The novena began on 29 August and concluded on 7 September. The following day the Solemnity of the Nativity of our Lady was celebrated with the Solemn Mass presided over by the local Ordinary. 20 priests were concelebrants while many religious attended the ceremony at the centre. Fr Rector and Fr John Crus represented the Jesuit community.

The official inauguration of SXC, Simdega took place on 9 September in the graceful presence of the dignitaries. Dr Ramesh Kr Pandey, the Vice Chancellor of Ranchi was the chief guest. The Honorable guests present were – Mr Rajiv Ranjan [S.P. of Simdega], Mrs Bimla Pradhan [MLA of Simdega], Dr Satish Chandra [Head of Students' Welfare, Ranchi University], Bp Vincent Barwa [Bishop of Simdega Diocese], Fr Marianus Kujur, SJ [Provincial of Ranchi Jesuit Province], Mr Benjamin Lakra, [Rtd chief A.G.], Fr Nicholas Tete, SJ [Principal of SXC, Ranchi], Mr. Praveen Kr Singh [C.O. & Registrar of Simdega], and many Fathers, Sisters and guests. As the programme started at 10.30 a.m, the chief guest and all the honourable guests were welcomed by the dancing troupe of the college girls. Fr Rector welcomed the guests; thereafter Fr Emmanuel Barla, Principal of the College, presented the report stressing on providing better facilities and commitment to better education. Fr Provincial highlighted 4 Cs – character formation, clarity of mind, command on language and cultural adaptation. Bishop Vincent Barwa expressed his joy that SXC Simdega is started in his diocese to cater the educational need of the poor. Mrs Bimla Pradhan highlighted the need of women education especially women of marginalized groups. Rajiv Ranjan insisted on conducting vocational courses. Mr Benjamin Lakra spoke about 4 pillars of tribal values – preparedness, plan, programme and people oriented. He challenged the students to dream higher and aspire for jobs of higher ranks/positions. Fr Nicholas Tete spoke about the opening of SXC Simdega as a historic moment. The chief guest, Dr Ramesh Pandey underlined the need of higher education and recommended that there should be NSS, Quality Assessment Cell to assess the teachers and students. Fr Gilbert D'Souza proposed the

vote of thanks. Fr Rector invited the guests for lunch in the Jesuit Residence.

The *Shaheed Divas* [Martyr's Day] to commemorate the assassination of Rev Fr Ignatius Bara was observed on 12 September at the diocese level. He suffered death 12 years ago on this day. He was the Assistant PP and Headmaster of Banabira High School. He was assassinated in Kulukera village during Panchayat Election. In his honour every year *Shaheed Divas* is observed. This year Bishop Vincent Barwa, Bishop Anand Jojo [Bishop of Hazaribag] and Bishop Kishor Kr Kujur [Bishop of Rourkela] were present to grace the occasion. Bishop Anand Jojo was the chief guest and Bp Kishor Kumar Kujur was the guest of honour. The programme began at 9.00 a.m with prayer service, rosary and tribute to the martyr. The Holy Eucharist began at 10.00 a.m. During the mass, heavy rain for half an hour could not deter the faithful. After the Mass meal was served for everybody. The whole programme was very peaceful and prayerful. Since it was holiday many school children from other parishes came in buses and small four wheelers. Thus a big gathering attended to observe the *Shaheed Divas*. From St Mary's Fr Rector, Fr Bruno, Fr Sikander, Fr John Crus and Schs Nirmal and Sujit participated the programme. The students of Class X from Apostolic too attended.

**Pilgrimage to Krus Tongri**–Karamukha (Khanjaloya) was another occasion on the diocese level to observe Christian fellowship. The faithful of Karamukha had erected a small grotto on the top of the hillock where they used to offer prayers on special occasions. Now small grotto is replaced by a bigger and beautiful one and is declared a pilgrimage centre in the diocese. On 15 September special prayer service was arranged for which 20 Krusveer children from each school turned up. Many faithful too from the diocese gathered there for the prayer and Mass. During the Mass there was shower but people remained still and took it as God's blessing. Thereafter the Krusveer children presented a small cultural programme. Frs Rector, John Tirkey, John Crus Tigga and Isaac went from the community. There were more than 5,000 devotees. At the end, meal was served to every pilgrim.

The state-level Nehru Hockey qualifying tournament was held in Simdega for the under-15 and under-17 players. The team under-15 of St Mary's hockey team played against St Ignatius' Gumla. The latter proved stronger than the former scoring 7 – 2 goals. In the afternoon there was another match for under-17 against the team of Rengarih where St Mary's team won the match. In the final match of under-17, played against St Xavier's Bundu, St Mary's won the match by 4-3 goals. Fr John Tirkey and Sch Sujit worked hard in preparing the teams.

After months of trial for the registration of 2.80 acres

of land at Pandripani Panchayat is finally registered in the name of Ranchi Jesuits on 29 September 2016. It was a challenging task to go from pillar to post to get it registered.

*Fr Linus*

## Tarunoday

Tarunoday was glad to welcome Fr Pius Xalxo, the new parish priest of Kanke, on 1 September in the evening. Fr Ignatius Minj, the Asst. PP, came along with him to double our joy. 'What a smiling face! The Parish Priest should be like this man!' a voice came from among the scholastics. The community felt very happy and encouraged to dine with them. On the same evening, Fr Francis Minj left for Gorakhpur to see his sick sister who was under medication in a hospital. He returned on 6 September after boosting her for speedy recovery.

The voice of the three tribal martyrs at Karondabeda called the Tarun brothers to celebrate the 22nd martyrdom anniversary. Fr Michael Kertetta drove the vehicle and all the students participated in the Eucharist at the parish. St Ignatius Jesuit community served us the heavy breakfast in the morning and Apostolic School provided us with the appetizing lunch. Kudos to the hospitality of our loving brothers of St Ignatius Gumla!

On the one hand, it was homecoming experience for Fr Tom and experience of breathing fresh air for Fr Joseph Puthen on their arrival at RTC on 3 September. On the other hand, it was rejuvenating experience for the community to welcome these two professors from Vidya Jyoti. Fr Joseph was fascinated by the beauty and freshness of the place. They imparted their knowledge and experiences with the first and second year students for two weeks and returned to Delhi on 17 September. The RTC community remains grateful to them for their joyful service. Tarun brothers actively assisted Jivan Jyoti Youth of Kanke Parish in conducting *Pratibha Khoj* on 4 September. It gave a beautiful platform to apply their managerial skills.

Tarunoday felt very privileged to listen to Fr Prem Xalxo on 8 September on the Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation *Amoris Laetitia* (The Joy of Love) on Love in the Family. He explained it very meaningfully relating to his own experiences. As a token of love the community presented him two Sandalwood saplings arranged by Sch Shailesh. We appreciate and thank Fr Prem for his thought-provoking and lively sharing.

Two days later on 10 September, we listened to the several speakers in XISS Auditorium on the Papal encyclical *Laudato Si*. It was very enriching to listen to them from their perspectives on the theme and message of the encyclical. The most liked among them was Mr Simon Oraon (Minj), the Padmsree awardee, who spoke in plain

Sadri (local dialect) which was simple, appealing and intelligible for all.

Schs Shailesh, Roshan, Rakesh, Fuldeo, Anupam, Shishir, Sameer and Sandeep went to St Kuldeep High School, Harmu to conduct Bible Quiz for the CLC students on 11 September. We received lots of appreciation from the organizers for our conscientious labour of day and night. Congrats to all!

On the occasion of the feast Karam we went to Sarna populated villages and witnessed the Karam Pooja at night on 12 September. Fr Joseph Puthen seemed to be very excited to go. Fr Francis as usual took him along with him and went around covering all the possible 'Pooja Sthals'. On the feast day proper there was no class at Tarunoday. We celebrated Eucharist in the evening to mark the day special. It was very meaningfully spent.

The community meeting and the community recreation were held on 15 September. Br Isidore, Fr Francis, Fr Michael and Sch Fuldeo enjoyed blocking one another in Domino, whereas Fr Amrit, Schs Arvind, Amit and the rest filled the refectory with laughter at UNO.

Sch Rohit Kujur lost his sister on 15 September. He received this sad news around 9.30 a.m and left for home. We pray for the repose of his sister's soul and the consolation of the bereaved family. On the same day Sch Amit Larka said good-bye to Tarunoday community, and to the Society of Jesus. We wish him all the best for other way of his vocation.

After the first semester exams (17-23 Sept), the second years had their Mission Immersion Programme (MIP, 24-29 Sept.) in Madhya Pradesh Province. It was very meaningful and eye-opening exposure. The first years set out for Lohardaga for their Contextual Immersion Programme (CIP, 24 Sept – 8 Oct.). Fr Francis accompanied them. Under the care of Fr Sushil Tirkey, they were placed in different Sarna families for 15 days.

Fr Francis Minj and Fr Ajit Xess, delegates of Ranchi Jesuit Province, flew to Rome on 28 September to participate in GC 36. Both of them safely arrived their destination, though their flight from Delhi was re-scheduled. The community spirit was felt when Br Isidore, Schs Rohit and Rakesh were vigilant for the gifts of nature. They picked up plenty of mushrooms taking either a bucket or a winnowing pan early in the morning just after the Eucharist. All are grateful and happy for their initiative to collect mushrooms for the community.

*Sch Fuldeo Soreng*

## Clive House, Tiruchy

Though away from our native place, we celebrated Karam joyfully in our community on 18 September. Sch Anup Tirkey narrated the Karam story. On this occasion we had the

opportunity to show tribal seasonal dance. Most of the non-tribal scholastics also took active part in open Adivasi dance. We had supper with northern dishes. All enjoyed the feast. The community celebrated the golden jubilee of Frs Rex and Susaimanikam SJ (MDU). We had very meaningful Eucharist celebrated by them. Thereafter we had a short felicitation programme and fellowship dinner.

Tribals from Jharkhand, Chhatisgarh, Odisha etc. working in Trichy celebrated Karam on 25 September. It was held at Unmalaipatti, organized by the tribal association. Though we were from different states, religion and castes, tribal fellow-feeling was obviously seen.

*Sch Patras Topno*

## Catholic Church, Bingaon

In the month of August, we were happy to welcome Fr James Pascal Tete, the new parish priest of Bingaon. After his arrival the tress, plant and farms receive extra care. They look beautiful and soon we are going to enjoy the fresh vegetables from the parish garden.

Mothers' Day celebration in September was joyous and memorable one. Fr Justin Tirkey inspired the mothers by his lively and thought-provoking inputs. All of them appreciated him for his sharing. Fr Provincial's short visit was a joyful experience of brotherly care. He was glad to see the full community present here.

With the faithful we had the feast of triumph of the Holy Cross. We had the solemn mass with the parishioners. They had brought many crosses for blessing which were later placed in the paddy fields with the faith that God would protect their crop from all kinds of harm and evil.

Deacon Bipin accompanied the Krusveer children to Prabhat Tara School on 16 September. Children of Prabhat Tara Middle School and St Anne's Middle School Bingaon had a day of recollection under the guidance of Fr Raphael Soy and Sr Grace Paulina. A good number of children were present. Deacon Bipin encouraged and inspired these children to follow Jesus as his loyal soldiers.

We had been to Namkum for the jubilee celebration of Br Felix P. Tete on 24 September in ATC Namkum. The same evening the community members of St Xavier's School Doranda visited us. Indeed we were glad to welcome them. The following day, the MH scholastics under the guidance of Br Blacius came here to collect medicinal herb – *Chankor* – which they did collect 5 sacks within no time with the help of the hostel kids.

Fr Amrit Lakra, superior of St Michael's Residence as well as ours, invited us for the birthday celebration of the Society of Jesus (Anniversary of the Approval of the Society of Jesus by Pope Paul III-1540) in Khunti. We responded it gladly and enjoyed our Jesuit companionship.

*Sch Bipin Tirkey*

## De Nobili College, Pune

We had Living Group Basket Ball Tournament on 8 September. It strengthened our bond of companionship. The next day we had Karam celebration in the community. The whole community extended its goodwill and support which promoted the feeling of 'fellowship and unity in diversity' among us all. Later on 25 September Tribal Association of Pune had organized Karam celebration in St Felix High School. Many Adivasis working in Pune turned up at the

venue. It was a good occasion wherein they could experience tribal-fellowship.

The visit of the Provincial of Paraguay Fr Albertu was another opportunity to know about some glimpses of the universal Society. In his sharing he highlighted the legacy of the early Jesuit missionaries who were so loyal to the mother Society. He also offered us an open invitation to work in Paraguay.

*Sch. L. Basumatary*

## ASSAM & ANDAMAN

### Jesuit Bhavan, Tezpur

The Gauhati University has given permission to open Bachelor of Arts (B.A) in St Xavier's College Sonabheel. 1 September 2016 was a historic day as Fr Xavier Lakra formally inaugurated the opening of the academic session for the first batch of B.A. On 3 September, two Jesuit candidates – Mathew Kawa and Nirmal Minj – left for Khunti to join Pre-Novitiate. On the same day Fr Xavier Lakra reached a guest from Spain to Loyola School, Kathalguri Mornai.

Auditors from Ranchi audited the accounts of the Assam Mission from 5 to 16 September. Fr Anupchand looked after arranging all the necessary documents for the audit. All the treasurers, principals and superiors of different communities had come to the Curia with all the relevant financial documents for auditing. Fr Anselm Ekka, province treasurer, from Ranchi also came to supervise the work of auditing. After the task was over, he visited all the communities to understand the local situation.

Fr Xavier attended the Annual Regional CRI and Pastoral Conference in Guwahati from 10 to 15 September. Holy Cross Sisters who are our collaborators in St John's School, Balipara, celebrated their Congregation feast on 18 September with the parishioners. Fr Anup Chand Kiran Minj had semester examination from 19 – 24 September. On 24<sup>th</sup> itself after the exam he left for Loyola School Kathalguri to plan for the renovation and development of the boys' hostel building.

*Fr Thomas Barla*

### Gana Chetana Samaj, Tezpur

Preparation for the Karam feast began in the first week of September. The staff of Gana Chetana Samaj together with Director and Mobile Dance Team started teaching Karam dances and other seasonal dances in several villages. It was wonderful to see Adivasi brothers and sisters learning their cultural songs and dances with great interest which they have forgotten for many years. The organization helped financially to organize Karam Feast on 11 September in

Tetenbari Parish for about 12 parishes of the area. Gana Chetana Samaj had animated four villages to organize Karam Puja and Dance Competition in Chepaguri village on 18 September. These four villages had collected rice and some fixed amount of money from each family. In this way they were able to organize the program by themselves in which some 22 villages participated with their dance team in the Karam celebration. It was a good platform to see and encourage one another to promote and preserve the Adivasi culture. The mobile dance team was active in teaching and training in those areas where the Karam celebration will be organized in October.

Fr Thomas accompanied Fr Anselm Ekka to Pengree to see the mission station and its activities. He also took him to different villages to see the field reality of the livelihood project and the Adivasi Youth development Project from 19-20 September. Again Fr Thomas took him to Mushalpur. On 27<sup>th</sup> Fr Thomas with Fr Hippolytus Toppo [a diocesan priest], Fr Francis Hemrom SDB and Mr Barnabas Kindo facilitated the diocese level consultation workshop on Socio-Pastoral care of Adivasis in Assam at Dibrugarh. From all the parishes and institutions some priests, religious and a few selected lay leaders participated. A district level 'Inter Agency Group' meeting was held in Gana Chetana Samaj on 29 September to form a network of NGOs to help and support one another for effective service to people. Thirteen NGOs participated in the meeting.

*Fr Thomas Barla*

### Manas Bansbari

The school reopened on the first day of August after the summer vacation. Fr Xavier Lakra came on 5 August to see the progress of the construction work. He also met the students and teachers. Same day Fr Laurentus went to SDO office for the preparatory meeting with regard to the celebration of 69<sup>th</sup> Independence Day. On 15 August our students went to Salbari for the parade. They led the entire parade contingent which was much appreciated. The school football team participated in a football tournament. On

22 August, St Joseph's School Barpeta Road came to play a friendly football match which was won by St Xavier's School Manas Bansbari. The Sent-up Test for class X started on 27 August. Monica Day was celebrated in the parish on 28 August. Mothers were felicitated by their children during a short cultural programme.

Our school football team reached upto the quarterfinal of the football tournament organized by the people of Golagaon in which 32 teams had participated. The teachers' day on 5 September gave an opportunity for the students to show their respect to the teachers. The Girl Child Day on 11 September was celebrated in the parish. Fr Anselm Ekka visited us on 23 September; thereafter Fr Elvius Kerketta and Sch Bimal accompanied him to Kathalguri on 24 September. The construction of the multipurpose hall and presbytery is in progress which we hope to be completed by December.

*Sch Bimal Minj*

### Loyola School, Kathalguri

Fr Xavier Lakra reached a guest – Mr Mariano from Spain to Loyola School Kathalguri on 3 September. He is a student of a Jesuit college in Spain. He had come as a volunteer to stay for a month. He volunteered to teach in the upper classes. Both staff and students enjoyed his company. Loyola school expresses sincere thanks and appreciation to Mr Mariano for his selfless service.

Teachers Day (5 September) was celebrated with lot of cheer and joy. Students of all three schools organized a colourful programme to show their respect and appreciation to their teachers. Students had their second unit test (21-29 September).

Fr Pradeep Kullu attended one day seminar (24 Sept) on the New Education Policy of the government. The North East CRI had organized it. Fr Sunny Jacob SJ, the Secretary of Jesuit Education of South Asian Assistency, was the resource person who highlighted the purpose of the forthcoming New Education policy. This policy is not favourable to the minority schools. The purpose was to make educators aware of the new policy which will affect minority schools adversely. Same day, Fr Anselm Ekka had come to our community to see and update our accounts.

He visited all our three centers to have direct knowledge of the mission field.

Staff and students bade farewell to Mariano during the assembly on 29 September. He expressed his sincere thanks to the management, teachers and students. He also assured that next year again he will suggest someone to come to Loyola Kathalguri. Fr Pradeep Kullu and Fr Dominic Topno had reached him up to Siliguri.

*Fr Pradeep*

### Prothrapur [Andaman]

Fr George Beck, SJ (DUM) guided the recollection of the youth at Prothrapur before Karam feast as spiritual preparation on 10 September. About 60 boys and girls benefitted spiritually with talk, adoration and individual confession. Fr. Edward helped him for the confession. We are grateful to Fr George for his service to the youth.

Karam was celebrated on 11 September with enthusiasm. It began with the solemn mass celebrated by Fr David who explained the meaning and relevance of Karam for the tribals of Chotanagpur. On this occasion Karam dance competition was held wherein Barud Godam, Daudnagar and Pathargudda won the first, second and third prize respectively. The President of Ranchi Association Mr Nolasco Tirkey encouraged the Adivasis to preserve their culture and identity. At the end men, women, young and old joined the common tribal dance with simple rhythm. Mr Sanjay Meshack [President Catholic Association], Mr Nirmal Ekka [Vice President Catholic Association], Dr Ashirvadam [President Tamil Community], Mr. I. Arul Swamy [Catechist Tamil Community], Arockia Swamy and A. Ouseph were dignitaries present for the event. Everyone was served lunch at the end.

Birthday of Fr David (15 September) was a good opportunity for the Jesuits to come together for sharing of their life-experiences. Priests' Senate Meeting was held for two days (13-14 September) and concluded on 15 September with the joint meetings of priests and religious. Finally priests had their retreat (22-30 September) under the guidance of Rt Rev Bishop Vincent Concesao (emeritus), Archbishop of Delhi.

*Fr David*

## DIASPORA

### Rome

September was one of the hectic months for most of the Jesuit International Houses in Rome as the rooms were being repaired, renovated and prepared to accommodate the participants of the 36<sup>th</sup> General Congregation. Gregorian Jesuit community was fully ready to receive the GC

Delegates by the first week of September under the careful eyes of the House Minister. And hence, when our R.P. Provincial arrived in Rome on 16 September, he had to be accommodated overnight in the guest room meant for non-Jesuits. The very next day, he left for Madrid to visit our two Scholastics James P. Balmuchu and Anuj Minj. Later, he went to Belgium to meet the friends and benefactors of

Ranchi Jesuits. He came back to Rome on 28 September to accord a cordial welcome to Ajit Kumar Xess and Francis Minj, our two Ranchi GC Delegates. Since he is the member of the Commission on Governance, he has been accommodated in the Jesuit Curia. Ajit Xess is staying in Gregorian Community; whereas Edwin Dang and Biju Sebastian are taking care of Francis Minj in Collegio Bellarmino. After one day of rest and relaxation, they participated in the Orientation Programs. They seem to have adapted themselves quickly and easily to the Roman weather, life style and food habits. On Sunday 2 October, General Congregation was formally inaugurated with a solemn Eucharistic celebration in the Church of Gesù presided over by R.P. Bruno Cadoré, Master of the Dominican Order. The following day, all the 215 electors gathered in the Aula of the Congregation to begin the first plenary session of 36<sup>th</sup> General Congregation during which R.P. Adolfo Nicolás presented his resignation. After deliberations, the Congregation voted to accept his resignation as the Superior General of the Society of Jesus. GC36 news is being updated regularly on our Ranchi Province Website ([www.ranjesu.org](http://www.ranjesu.org)).

For those in Rome, September also indicated the end of summer vacation. After collaborating with JRS in Africa for one month, Edwin Ritesh and Ravi Hemant had the opportunity to visit the birthplace of Fr Constant Lievens in Belgium from 20 to 26 August. They are grateful to Rev Bart Geryl for his generosity, who gave his valuable time to introduce them to the land and people of Lievens's birthplace. Immediately after their Belgium trip, they left for Spain on 27 August for the Arrupe Month (Pre-Ordination Program). The POP was held in different parts of Spain, especially in Manresa, Barcelona, Montserrat, Loyola and Javier. They had rich experiences from pilgrimage to Loyola and Lourdes. The POP was aptly concluded with 8 days Retreat in Javier. They came back to Rome on 25 September. Their community has already moved from Collegio Bellarmino to Collegio Gesù after spending one year there together with the Priest students. For the current academic year, there are 58 Jesuits in Gesù from 26 countries. The entire Gesù community went to *Rocca di Papa* for a three-day Community Orientation Program from 28 to 30 September. Sanjay Dilip, meanwhile, could hardly meet them because of his workload in Vatican Radio. The World Youth Day event held in Krakow from 25 to 31 July and the imminent canonization of Mother Teresa on 4 September kept him busy at his desk.

Edwin Dang came back to Rome from Ranchi on 6 September. He had a very fruitful time with his family members as well as with the Jesuit friends in and around Ranchi. He dedicated his holiday time in sharing the fruits of his psychological studies with Pre-Novices in Khunti,

Novices in Ashirvad, Theologian in Tarunoday and with the Apostolic Boys in Gumla. While moving around to give talks, he had to keep pace also with some of the assignments given by the Institute of Psychology, which he did diligently. Linus came back to Rome on 8 September. As usual, he utilized his holidays in teaching in St Albert's College. He worked hard on his doctoral thesis to publish it in the book form. The end result titled *Encounter between the Christian and the Uraon Rites of Passage* was released by Most Rev Mother Linda Mary Vaughan on 3 September in XISS auditorium. Immediately after the book release, he went home for the Gammi of his mother. Prem spent most of his time in New Delhi to take care of his younger brother Binod, who underwent the Liver Transplant in Apollo Hospital. Binod's daughter Sneha graciously donated part of her liver to his Dad. Prem is profusely grateful to Vidya Jyoti Scholastics, who turned up in good number under the guidance of Medard Xalxo to complete the 24 Units of blood required for the surgery. A million Thanks to Ranchi Jesuits and Jor Bagh community, who offered tremendous support and encouragement during those difficult days. Despite the tight schedule, he managed to squeeze time for one lecture each in Rural Development of XISS and Economics Department of St Xavier's College, Ranchi on Sustainable Development and one talk to Tarunoday Theologians on *Amoris Laetitia*, the latest Apostolic Exhortation of Pope Francis on family.

Under the inspiration of R.P. Provincial and the leadership of Alex Ekka, Ranchi Jesuit Society took a giant step forward to respond to ecological challenges by deciding to organize a Follow-up Round Table Conference on 10 September in XISS Auditorium. On 13 August 2015, a Round Table Conference was organized in XISS by Ranchi Jesuit Society to propagate the call of Pope Francis to care for creation by promulgating his revolutionary Encyclical *Laudato Si'*. Gauging the interest of people in and around Ranchi, R.P. Provincial rightly proposed to organize a follow-up program. Alex Ekka mobilized intellectuals, experts and activists from different fields to come forward to share their experiences of putting into practice the teachings of Pope Francis on care for *Our Common Home*. The response was spontaneous and overwhelming. In his opening message, His Eminence Telesphore P. Cardinal Toppo highlighted the relevance and value of the call of Pope Francis to care for the Mother Earth in today's context. R.P. Provincial underlined in the Inaugural Address the initiatives taken by Jesuits and non-Jesuits to implement the teachings of Pope Francis in their day-to-day life. Fr Prem delivered the keynote address wherein he presented a panoramic view of *Laudato Si'* and its impact on worldwide scenario. In the Second Part of the Conference, a group of 5 intellectuals and activists including Padam Shri

Simon Oraon recounted their experiences of working in their respective fields for the care of the Mother Earth. As a whole, the Follow-up Conference provided a much-needed platform to create awareness amongst people and to encourage them to take personal as well as communitarian initiatives to make our Mother Earth a better place for all to live, survive and prosper. Enthused by the positive responses and reactions both from the speakers and the audience, His Eminence and R.P. Provincial have already proposed to the Organizing Committee to look for the possibilities of organizing the follow-up conferences and seminars in the future.

*Fr Prem*

## Jerusalem

August and September were quite busy months as two different groups came to participate in the Jesuit programs. The group in August consisted of four professors from the Gregorian University, Rome. The September group consisted purely of the students from the Biblical Institute, Rome. They were thirty five altogether. Nineteen of them stayed in our community while other sixteen lived in two different communities in the city. Six hailed from African countries of Cameroon, Benin, Ghana, Ivory Coast, and South Africa. There were six students from Italy, four from India, two from Venezuela, two from Indonesia, two from South Korea, three from Spain and from Pakistan, Brazil, and Poland one each.

This year the Diocese of Jerusalem received a new Archbishop called Pierbattista Pizzaballa, OFM. He had been serving the Church of Jerusalem as Custos (Custodian) since 2004. He takes the place of H.B. Fouad Twal, the Patriarch emeritus of Jerusalem for Latin Catholics. On the occasion of the Year of Mercy, Pope Francis rightly chose Mother Teresa of Calcutta to be canonized in September. The echo of her sainthood was felt here in Jerusalem too. The Thanksgiving Mass was celebrated on 18 September, at the Church of St Saviour presided over by the newly ordained Archbishop Pierbattista Pizzaballa.

*Fr Camil Kerketta*

## Guyana

Month of September was celebrated as Amerindian Heritage Month, which intends to promote and preserve the rich cultural heritage of Guyana's indigenous people. It is being promoted through sports, cultural programmes, liturgical celebration in indigenous languages, community fishing and hunting, folk dances [viz., 'Parisara, Tuku:i, Chimiding and Marimari] etc.

On 6 September, the team of interior mission in Pakaraimas and Rupununi, comprising of seven Jesuits and four Ursuline Sisters of Tildonk had sharing session of our missionary life and work in St Ignatius Lethem. Next day

was a day of picnic at International Iwokrama Rain Forest. It was an occasion to show our gratitude to Srs Anima Soreng and Bernardine Kiro for their wonderful contributions in building up the Guyana Mission, particularly Aishalton and Karasabai. After serving three years as missionary to Guyana, both of them left for India on 15 September with joy and satisfaction.

His Lordship Bishop Francis Alleyne, OSB, the Bishop of Georgetown Diocese, conferred the Sacrament of Confirmation by laying on of his hands on 99 young people in four different communities- St Anthony of Padua Kato, St Mary's Chiung Mouth, St Peter's Tuseneng and St Bernard Monkey Mountain from 18 to 21 September. Fr Elias Surin along with Br Sylvester Sebastian and Br Wenceslaus Pio, his two Parish Lay Assistants, accompanied him to these communities. It was a wonderful trip by ATV (All-Terrain Vehicle) making through the rainforest; up in the mountains and down in the valleys.

Two young and energetic Ursuline nuns from Ranchi - Sr Crecencia Kujur and Sr Nishi Susana Toppo were accorded with warm welcome by Fr Paul Martin, SJ, the Regional Superior of Guyana Jesuits and Sr Divya Gulab, OSU, the Superior of Ursuline Sisters of Tildonk in Guyana on 22 September in Chhedi Jagan International Airport Timehri, Georgetown.

Fr Anil Kishore gave instructions to his Extra-Ordinary Ministers of the Holy Eucharist in St Anthony of Padua Buxton and St. Michael Clonbrook in East Coast Demerara, Georgetown. Fr Amar Bage along with Mr Michael Abraham conducted the Music Seminar in Our Lady of Lourdes Hosororo, North West. St Francis Xavier Port Mourant Berbice has a well-organized youth group. Fr Mark Mukul, through his regular visit, is able to accompany them.

*Fr Elias Surin*

## Madrid, Spain

Having completed our language course, Anuj and I have taken admission to theology. we had community orientation programme for two days (2-3 Sept) with the purpose of knowing oneself and the community better for better Jesuit life in the community. The formal inauguration of the new Academic Session (2016-17) in the university took place on 7 September. Anuj and I received a small welcome treat by some Indian Jesuit Priests in an Indian restaurant (Delhi Darbaar).

We were delighted to welcome Fr Joseph M. Kujur (Provincial) and Fr George Kerketta here in Madrid on 17 September. Both of them were very happy to see us. The following day we had fruitful time sharing our lives with the Provincial and Fr George as well. It was also an occasion to hear some news about the province.

Anuj arranged a fellowship meal in his community honoring Fr Provincial and Fr George. The superior of the house showed great interest talking to them with his little English.

We also had some occasions to go around the city. Being in different communities, we always needed to come together traveling by Metro. For anyone new here in Madrid the Metro system is highly complicated but within a couple of days Fr Provincial had a good control over this complexity. He also picked up some Spanish colloquial words within no time. The overall stay of Fr Provincial and Fr George here in Madrid was very fruitful. They managed to get their works accomplished. They went back to their respective destinations on 23 September. Right now the classes are going on full swing. Apart from our studies we are also engaged in some ministries and some responsibilities in our respective communities.

*Sch James*

**Paris, France**

Bonjour à tous! Greetings from David and Jyoti! Ever since we came to Paris, France, we are working hard to learn French well. To learn a new language is always a challenge and very demanding. First two months of July and August we were in two different Jesuit communities in the process of learning French. Finally we joined our assigned community ‘*Communauté jésuite Pedro ARRUPE*,

*Vanves, Paris* on 3 September. This is the joint community of 23 old and sick and 33 active Jesuits forming the biggest Jesuit house in the province. We had community orientation for three days (10-12 Sept) with a purpose to make us familiar with one another as well as our way of life in the community. Our community is truly an international intercultural community, a fine blend of diverse origin, culture, language etc, hailing from 17 different countries. We have already taken admission in the faculty of theology where the medium of instruction is French only. Our theological jourey began on 19 September with the inauguration of the Academic Session 2016-17 of the university Centre Sèvres – Paris, Facultés jésuites.

There was a conference of three hours all highlighting the expectations from the students followed by Holy Mass and lunch for all the staff and students. After having a week session on ‘*HOSPITALITÉ*,’ we started our normal classes on 6 October.

30 September was a great day for all 19 Indian Jesuits when we came together for the first time at Montmartre. We are 8 new comers this year making the highest number of foreign students in French Jesuit province. We had a very meaningful and touching prayer session in the small chapel of Montmartre. After that we had sharing of our life and then enjoyed Indian dish at Pondicherry Restaurant.

*Sch Jyoti Paul*

**LET US REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:**

Mrs Filisia Kerketta (65), elder sister of **Fr Raymond Kerketta SJ**, died on 13/09/2016.

Mrs Susanna (86), mother of **Fr Milianus Beck SJ**, died on 04/10/2016.

Mr Daud Minj, father of **Sch Ajay Paulus Minj SJ**, passed away on 9/10/2016.

**Birth Day Babies: November**

**NOVEMBER**

- 04 Jaecques Raymond
- 05 Kerketta Camil  
Minj Damian C.
- 06 Lakra Peter C.
- 07 Lakra Amit
- 09 Kerketta Ranjan M.  
Minj Sudhir Kr.
- 10 Kujur Augustine  
Soreng Ajay R.  
Toppo Alok  
Lakra Sunil
- 12 Soreng Vinod S.

- 12 Tirkey Alexander
- 13 Bage Roshan
- 14 Soreng Joseph Kennedy
- 15 Kujur Marianus J.  
Soreng Fuldeo
- 16 Minj Walter Xavier  
Barla Thomas
- 17 Brys Aurel
- 21 Tigga Swarn
- 23 Ekka Clement
- 24 Topno Patras
- 27 Soreng Gabriel
- 28 Kandulna Justin