

RANCHI BULLETIN



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Fr. Provincial's Programme and Canonical Visitation

September 2014

15-18 : Ranchi
 16 : GB-St. Xavier's Doranda
 19 : Commissions Co-ordinators Meeting
 20-21 : Ranchi
 22 : Vijaygiri – arrival at 9.00 a.m.
 23 : Dorea – arrival at 2.00 p.m.
 24 : Bundu – arrival at 5.00 p.m.
 26 : Maranghada – arrival at 3.00 p.m.
 28 : Ranchi

29 : Bingaon – arrival at 8.00 a.m.
 30 : Kochang – arrival at 9.00 a.m.

October - November 2014

01 : Dolda – arrival at 8.00 a.m.
 02 : Sarwada – arrival at 8.00 a.m.
 03 : Rumtukel – arrival at 3.00 p.m.
 04 : St. Michael's Khunti
 07 : Arrival in Ranchi, 12.00 p.m.
 24-25 : XISS (Seminar on e-governance)
 Oct.27-Nov. 02 : Phesama – JCSA Meeting

INFORMATION

- All Commissions Co-ordinators Meeting will be held on Friday 19th September at 9.00 a.m. in Manresa House, Ranchi.
- New Contact numbers of Fr. Alexander Turkey: BSNL - 9474243757; Airtel – 7063927757.

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Jharna-Ashirvad Namkum

We sincerely thank you for your prayerful support as we mourn for the big loss of Fr. Giorgio Mennini SJ. The big number of people gathered to bid him final farewell on 19 August was very consoling for us. We do miss him in our community.

August was a gracious month for us. We say so for two reasons. Firstly, Bishop elect Teleshpore Bilung DD, Auxiliary Bishop of Ranchi, was here to make his retreat before his Episcopal Ordination. Secondly, the Parish Priests of Ranchi Province made their annual retreat here under the guidance of Fr. Fabian Bhuinyan SJ (JAM).

During the retreat Fr. Cyril Guria and Br. Juel Ekka fell sick and were admitted to Seva Nilaya Health Centre. Fr. Fredrick Kujur was at Jharna to prepare himself spiritually before his Final Vows.

Fr. Sylvanus Kiro guided a Long Retreat to the Ursuline Novices of Guma Province. After his task accomplished, he came back on 2 September. Fr. Vincent Toppo gave a course on "Human Development" to our first year Novices. Fr. Raymond Kerketta was out in Darjeeling for the Assistency annual meeting of the Novice Masters. Fr. KC Philip went to Kerala and Br. Modestus Turkey to Delhi to make their annual retreats.

Fr Deepak Tappa

St. Xavier' School Doranda

Like other schools and institutions, St. Xavier's School, Doranda also celebrated the Independence Day in a grand way. Being a Christian Minority school, the day had a dual celebration: the Assumption of Mother Mary and the Independence Day. Fr. Ajit Xess, the main celebrant of the mass, with great clarity drew the attention of the congregation to the beautiful image of a 'Mother'. He highlighted on Mother Mary, Mother India and Mother Earth. He presented mother Mary as the Mother of all the faithful. Then, he widened the same features of a mother to the image of Mother India and Mother Earth. Mother India and Mother Earth are our mothers as they sustain us and give us life. Further he underlined the 'spirit of Indian' which brings harmony and integrity, justice and peace, equality and fraternity. It is a spirit that brings unity in diversity. The next programme of flag hosting and parade was with the students of the Outreach Programme in Dibadih. The students of the XISS give their generous hand in the guidance of these underprivileged ones.

There were some sad news for the community members: Fr. Ajit Xess lost his auntie, Sch. Samir Bhawnra lost his father on 24 August due to heart attack. Samir's father had gone to another village for some work and passed away in that same village. Fr. Rajesh Kullu accompanied Sch. Samir Bhawnra to his village for the funeral.

On 24 August there was a special Holy Mass and a meeting for all the Christian students and parents of the school in the school auditorium. Fr. Ashok Kujur, SVD and Mr. Horo were the key speakers of the day while Miss Vandna Dadel, IAS was the chief guest of the occasion. The students were motivated to study and perform well in the school academically. Parents made many valuable suggestions for the growth of their children.

Most often our students are engrossed in studies. Because of this they often do not get a chance to play an organized game. This time school *munna* team played a football match organized by the YMCA at St. Paul's school ground, Ranchi. The boys came back looking bright even though they lost their match by 9-0 goals. They were happy not because they lost the match, but because they got a chance to play and learn many good things. Further, we were happy to see the St. John's School team in the school campus. There was a football match between the junior and the *munna* teams of the schools. Matches ended in a draw.

Sch Samir Bhawnra

St. Michael's Residence, Khunti

The month of August began with Jharkhand *band* due to which school and college remained closed on 01 August. On the feast day of St John Mary Vianney, Bishop Binay Kandulna presided over the Eucharist. To double the joy of our celebration, football matches between the hostels of St Angela and St. Anne, and between catholic sabha and priests were organized by the parish council. History repeats itself! Both the latter teams not only entertained the spectators but also defended their championships.

We observed the Restoration Day of the Society of Jesus on 7 August with a feeling of deep gratitude to God. The entire Jesuit family, viz. staff and students of High School, Inter College and Pre-Novitiate joined together in the banquet of the Lord. The Superior Fr. Amrit presided over the Holy Mass wherein Fr. Augustine set the fire in us with his stirring homily. Thereafter we had a short programme in the school for all the staff and students. Fr. Ferdinand, the chief speaker, painstakingly highlighted the suppression and restoration of the Society of Jesus.

Frs. Amrit, Ferdi, Pradeep and Br. Basil attended the meeting-cum-gathering for priests and religious at Bishop's House on 9 August. On the 82nd birthday of our *dadu*, Fr. Willie, Bishop Binay and priests from parish joined us for dinner on 10 August. On this occasion, Fr. Willie didn't miss the opportunity to ignite pre-novices with his life experiences. On 13 August, a day's recollection-cum-cultural programme was arranged for the CLC of Khunti unit. Sr. Sujata, DSA, was the resource person. Fr. Augustine also accompanied them.

A big number of faithful and students turned up for the twin celebration of the Assumption of Our Lady, Patron of India and Independence Day. Pre-novice Praveen Minj stimulated the hearts of patriots with his fiery speech at flag hoisting in the parish courtyard. And after hoisting the Tricolour in the school, there were two football matches: Pre-Novitiate 'A' vs. Inter College, and Pre-Novitiate 'B' vs. Loyola H.S. Hostel in which PN 'A' and Loyola H.S. Hostel emerged champions.

As per status, Fr. Sylverius Chermako, Asst. Director to the PN, joined St. Michael's Jesuit Community on 25 August. In the evening, pre-novices as well as staff members extended him a warm and hearty welcome. Young and energetic Fr. Slyverius right away plunged into his new mission from the very next day on. On 28 August, Br. Basil went to Jharna for his annual retreat. Our budding pre-novices tried to play with their tongue in poem recitation competition held on 29 August.

Fr. Augustine helped the members of Mahila Sangh of the Khunti parish in their recollection on 30 August. And on the following day the feast of St. Monica was celebrated with great solemnity. The day was devoted to all mothers. The Mass was followed by a colourful cultural programme in which children and youth wished all mothers, 'HAPPY FEAST', and in their honor dedicated some scintillating dances and melodic songs. The Pre-Novices also didn't want this golden opportunity to slip away and showed their love and affection for mothers by staging a skit under the title *l r ekudl% , d vln0Z ek* (St Monica: An Ideal Mother). Spectators were highly taken up by the beautiful presentation of Monica's life. They deserve our appreciation and congratulations. The parishioners feel the importance of pre-novices and they have begun experiencing the change the presence of pre-novices has brought within a short time. They are really grateful to the Ranchi Jesuit Society for reopening pre-novitiate in Khunti once again. Keep praying for our aspirants!

Sch. Jyoti Paul

St Stanislaus' Lohardaga

Pre-planned workshop is chased by mosquitoes to the roof of the house where it will produce something for economic gain or art for arts' sake. However, the production of tools for acupuncture will surely be handy work for treating some ailment.

Soon after coming back from Seva Nilaya, Ara Gate, Fr. Albinus resumed his extra class to the 10th Standard students to compensate the loss they had during his hospitalization. Even pain in his feet could not control him to walk in garden with a bushy branch in his hand to deter the swarming mosquitoes. Fr. Ranjit again comes up with another mission to go for jogging with Fr. Ignas Xalxo. Fr. Ignatius Lakra, on the other hand, pretended to be presentable for all the works and people, but his blessed headache and lower than normal WBC count, nearly brought him to collapsing position. He was forced to be admitted to Ursula Hospital medical care but he spent sleepless night. Now he has to swallow number of tablets every day.

Br. Nico has to get up in certain interval but he admits of having sufficient sleep and rest. His labour in the field has started bearing fruit and vegetables. At the same time he was surprised to find that a wild animal has been feasting with his chicken on a regular interval.

On Independence Day all the mission schools - St. Stanislaus' High School, R.C. Primary School, St. Anne's Girls' High and Middle Schools of Patratoli enchanted the spectators and the chief guest – a local Ward member, was so overwhelmed by grand reception by the students and the crowd that she could not speak. And the following day the school started its terminal examination.

In order to make the best use of the time after examination, St. Stanislaus High School hosted Inter Catholic School Football Tournament where the complacency caused the school team a unforeseen defeat on home ground which taught them a lesson to be more prepared and prudent for the next year.

Fr. Ranjit is still trying to know the names, villages and family background of the hostellers for better care and accompaniment. He does not want to spare the stick and spoil the children. So he sometime makes best use of the donated stick on the deserving students for their kind care. AROUSE team has taken a bold step to form Joint Liability Groups (JLGs) of the marginal farmers in the villages of Lohardaga District. The objective is to help those deserving farmers obtain Kisan Credit Cards for economic well-being. Meanwhile AROUSE team also realizes that it is an easy task but lot of harassment and secret exploitation by *dalals* (intermediaries) make it more challenging and difficult. Everyone wants a share of the booty. Hence the team has decided to go for 'thrift and credit' among the members of Farmer Clubs to build up own fund and sustain themselves. AROUSE, again, has applied to NABARD for the approval of 13 new farmers' clubs. But some of the SHGs, under our care, are dwindling and confused because of 'the pull and push' by the National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM).

Sushil Tirkey, S.J.

Tongo

To commemorate the 200th anniversary of the Restoration of the Society, Jesuits of Bardih, Gumla, Noadih and Tongo gathered in Bardih for thanksgiving prayer and sharing. Fr Linus lost his elder brother Vincent Dungdung on 12 August. After receiving the news he went to Ranchi for the burial. Frs. Xavier Soreng, Ajay Soreng from Sadbhavna, Fr Theodore Toppo, parish priest of Samlong, and cousin of Fr Edward Dungdung consoled the family by being present for the Holy Eucharist on 13 August.

The Independence Day was celebrated with patriotic spirit. Zila Parshad Mrs Beena Ekka was the chief guest. After her short message, display of skits / *Jhanki* based on patriotic songs took place. A good number of people witnessed the event.

In view of preparation for the feast of St Monica, there was a day of recollection for the mothers on 24 August. Fr Cyprian Kujur from Rajawal gave a thought-provoking talk on "vkt ch ifjok eekrvkch HMedk" (Role of Mothers in Present Context). Many mothers attended the talk and profited from it. There was confession and recollection ended with Mass.

Monica *Diwas* on 31 August was really grand. The second mass was dedicated to the mothers. Fr Tej Baxla was the main celebrant who gave an inspiring homily. The church was full. After the mass there was a short felicitation programme for all the mothers. The Jesuit community is happy to get a new vehicle 'BOLERO'. It will be useful for our apostolic efficacy.

Fr Linus Dungdung

Manresa House

Fr Prem Xalxo was our guest speaker on the theme "Integration of Prayer and Study" in which he highlighted how we could imbibe the vision and spirit of the Society at the stage of university studies. His inspirational talk stimulated in us a zeal for attaining the aim of personal integration.

On the occasion of 68th Independence Day, there was group & solo singing competition, dance competition on 14 August in St. Xavier's College auditorium. Manresa House collegians bagged the first prize in group singing. On 15 August we had flag hosting soon after the Holy Mass. Br. Johnny Savio was the commander-in-chief while Br. Ruben Xalxo delivered a message to stimulate patriotic spirit in us. In the afternoon, we had the common celebration of the feast of the Assumption of Our Lady in St Joseph's Hall. Members of CLC (college unit) had a gathering in which different groups presented some creative items like songs, dances and skits. Manresa scholastics put up a skit on the theme '*Mata Mariam Hamari Sahayika*' (Mother Mary: Our Help). It was well appreciated.

Sch. Ashok Kerketta S.J

Loyola College, Chennai

First continuous internal assessment (CIA) was held from 8 to 14 August. After CIA outreach programme to different slums of Chennai city was organized by the Department of Outreach. To conclude the outreach programme a

skit was performed by the students on the theme "The Bonded Labour". The Tamil Nadu Governor graced the occasion.

The feast of Assumption of Our Lady and Independence Day were celebrated joyously. On this day a friendly basketball match was played between Loyola hostel and Berchmans Illam scholastics. Loyola hostel won the match. Sch. Samir Ekka attended the funeral of mother of Fr Jerome, the Superior of Berchmans. Sch. Edwin Dungdung went for an academic tour to Karu (Karnataka). He returned refreshed. Loyola campus Jesuits had an opportunity to listen to a lecture on JRS and Mission in Afganistan presented by Fr. Stan S.J, (PUN). Fr Erenius suffered from dengue fever and was hospitalized for ten days in St. Thomas Hospital, Chennai.

Fr. Erenius & Sch Saban Binod

Tarunoday

August began with a mixed bag of news. Our Tarunoday staff member Fr. Biju Sebastian (DUM) rushed home to see his mother who slipped into coma after a fall. She died on 2 August. He was back to Tarunoday in time to teach a course on Hermeneutics to the First Year students before he left for Rome via home for his doctoral studies in Biblical Theology. On 6 September, Fr. Biju will land in Rome a few hours before Fr. John Mundu (JAM) who is slated to attend the meeting on Society's Commission for Dialogue.

Our Taruns and the Kanke youths organized painting competition for the children, and on 7 August we had the pleasure of listening to two couples – Teresa-Lalit and Fabiola-Venit – on marriage and family life. Their frank and reflective sharing helped us to understand the family situation and challenges today. We joined the International Indigenous Day Celebrations at St Joseph's Club on 9 August. We also staged a well rehearsed *Nukkad* prepared by Taruns and guided by Fr. Francis. At a brief gathering of our Ranchi men on 11 August we thanked Justin Kandulna and welcomed Bipin Tirkey as the new editor of RAHI, our youth magazine.

All the members of the staff, except Fr. Amrit, travelled to Dumka for the final profession of Fr. Biju that took place on 15 August. We also had the rare opportunity to co-host the Annual Symposium on The Role of the Family in Faith Formation held at St Albert's College on 21 August. Fr Davis George from Jabalpur enlightened us on the meaning, relevance, and the need for inculcating family values in the changing times. Seminarians, Jesuits, laypersons and Christians of other denominations benefited much from the symposium. Our first year brothers shared the insights and fruits of the symposium with the community on 26 August as our second year brothers had missed it. Our reflection will help us in our ministry among the Catholic and the Sarna villages. Although we started the month on a sad note but ended it with a very joyful one with a daylong Monica-Day-celebration on 31 August with Bible Quiz and varieties of entertainment programmes.

Sch. John J. Kujur

De Nobili College Pune

On 4 August, DNC joined Papal Seminary for the celebration of the feast of St. John Mary Vianney. The Independence Day and the feast of the Assumption of our Lady were celebrated with great joy. Sch. Jeevan delivered an inspiring speech during the flag hoisting ceremony. He challenged the youth to come forward to lead the nation and fight for justice. To mark this day, there was a friendly basketball match between DNC and the Gromi Club Pune which was won by DNC by 70 to 56. The Chhotanagpur Cultural Association organized a one-day 'Khassi' Hockey tournament for the people of Chhotanagpur on the same day in which 28 teams participated from different parts of Pune and Mumbai. The main purpose of this tournament was to come together and celebrate our uniqueness. The DNC hockey team was the Runner-up. They lost the final in penalty shoot-out.

There was an on-the-spot essay competition on 28 August organized by the Literary Wing of JDV. There was community meeting and ministry group meeting on the same day. Maharashtra celebrated its state festival Ganesh Chaturthi on 29 August. The environment of Pune echoed with *dholtasha*. On 29 August, all DNC scholastics went for rain Picnic to Lonavla to refresh themselves by being soaked in the rain.

Sch Bimal Minj

Sanjeevan Niwas, Patna

The academic session of Juniorate began on 20 June with the Mass of the Holy Spirit celebrated by the P.C.F. of Patna. We the juniors from the Provinces of Ranchi (4), Patna (5), M.P. (2), Dumka (2) and Delhi (1) with great enthusiasm plunged ourselves into the Juniorate programme. We are very grateful to Fr. Tony Matta S.J. who conducted group building sessions from 28 June to 6 July. It has helped us a lot to know and understand ourselves and our companions. The short visit of Madurai Theologians gladdened us. We were also privileged to take part in the final vows ceremony of Frs. Jesu, Anto, Premlal and Saji. Our parish ministry consists in distributing Holy Communion to the sick and the elderly in Kurji Parish on Saturdays.

Fr. K.C. Philip returned on 16 July after his annual retreat. Fr. Donald S.J. gave us recollection with great fervour on the Suppression and Restoration of the Society of Jesus. On 31 July after the grand Eucharistic celebration in the morning we went for a short cultural programme at St. Xavier's College followed by a friendly basket ball match with the college team. Our team won the match easily. We had a cultural programme for the community in the evening.

Fr. Tony left for Hazaribagh on 3rd and returned on 14 August. Fr. Paul Maria Doss S.J. took computer classes for us for 3 days. We benefited much from him. On 15 August after the Solemn Mass we had flag hoisting. One of us delivered a beautiful speech on that occasion.

Sch. John F. Ekka

ASSAM & ANDAMAN

Kathalguri

After a long summer vacation, Loyola school re-opened on 01 August. The attendance of the staff and students was good on the re-opening day. Different co-curricular activities were conducted by the school. Drawing competition was held on the occasion of the Independence Day. Debate competition on the theme 'The Importance of Science' was held on 30 August for the first time. It was a learning experience for the participants. Winners were given prizes to encourage them.

Parishioners celebrated Mothers' Day on 24 August. Fr. Jerome Dungdung presided over the Holy Eucharist. After Mass there was a felicitation programme for all the mothers. Different units of the parish presented some items in honor of them. Sr. Lila SCJM was the chief guest for the day. She highlighted the importance of a mother in the family life. Fr. Pradeep Kullu also spoke on the role and responsibility of a catholic mother in the family and in the church.

Fr Pradeep

Prothrapur (Andaman)

The feast of St. John Mary Vianney was celebrated in a simple way. The devotees of Our Lady of Velankanni had a pilgrimage to Panighat Shrine on 6 August. It was a preparation for the feast of the Assumption. Despite heavy rain, the faithful walked together praying the Rosary, singing hymns in honour of Mary, and from time to time raising slogans in praise of the Lady of Velankani. At Panighat Shrine Rev. Fr. Viswasam Selvaraj (Rector of the shrine) accorded a warm welcome to all the pilgrims. Thereafter a meaningful Eucharist for the pilgrims was

presided over by Rev. Fr. Gabriel Maria Benzinger along with the Rector and the Assistant Rector.

Novena to our Lady of Velankanni began on 6 August also in Prothrapur parish. Responsibilities were shared by various villages and communities in order to run the novena smoothly. All groups conducted it well. Good number of the faithful benefited from this spiritual exercise.

As preparation of the Monica Day, members of Mahila Sangh had a recollection which was guided by Rev. Fr. Lawrence. As usual the Monica Diwas was celebrated joyfully: solemn mass followed by colourful felicitation programme for our mothers. It concluded with a fellowship dinner for all.

Fr David

Diglipur (Andaman)

The feast of St Ignatius, also as Parish Day, was celebrated on 27 July. Fr Benedict Kiro came to help the parishioners to prepare them spiritually. On the feast day, solemn Eucharist was celebrated which was followed by a felicitation programme for Frs. Edward and Alexander. At the end parishioners were served festive lunch. The Feast of the Assumption of Mary began with flag-hoisting by Mr. James Soreng. Thereafter solemn festive Eucharist was celebrated with the parishioners. Later on 24 August the Monica Diwas was celebrated in honor of all our mothers. The preparation began with singing practice and novena to St Monica on 14 August. Fr. Alexander helped the members of Mahila Sangh in their recollection. On the feast day special mass was offered for them. Sons and daughters gratefully honoured their mothers during the felicitation programme.

Fr. Alexander Turkey

DIASPORA

Rome

Immediately after his arrival, Edwin had to go to Verona for the Italian Language Course. He dedicated his full time and energy in learning the nitty-gritty of Italian language. He was well aware that learning Italian is one of the mandatory requirements to register oneself in Gregorian University and therefore, he left no stone unturned in picking up the basics of the Italian language. Having gone through the extensive and fruitful language course, he feels that he is better equipped to begin his classes and adapt himself to the culture, place and people of the country. He gratefully acknowledges the generous help of Br. Santosh Kullu who introduced him the fundamentals of Italian language. On 28 August along with some companions, he went for pilgrimage to Assisi, the land of St. Francis and St. Clare. He feels privileged to explore the lives of these two great Saints, their intimacy with nature and their dedication to the healing of nature and the earth. From the first of September, he began attending another language course in Gregorian University itself. He was surprised to find two / three faces from Jharkhand among those coming for the classes. One notable face because of her white Indiansari was Mary Kusum Turkey, a St. Anne's Nun who

is preparing herself to pursue licentiate in Moral Theology from the same University. Edwin was very pleased to have their company, because the company of the people from his own land could be a source of encouragement and mutual support. The course will go on until 3 September; but the Institute of Psychology begins the regular course already from 30 September.

Kulwant's pilgrimage to some of the important places related to Fr. Constant Lievens in Belgium seems to have re-energized his spirit and enhanced his missionary zeal. With the same spirit, he went to Malta to extend his helping hands to Jesuit Refugee Service. His work consisted of talking to the people who have taken refuge in Refugee Centers after fleeing from Africa, Iran, Iraq and other gulf countries because of war or atrocities committed against them. They are now almost in no man's land. They are seeking asylum in Malta. While talking to them, he could see fear, despair and hopelessness which they have faced in their countries. By meeting them continuously and talking to them with great patience and sympathy, he tried to give them some hope. His work also included preparing their Curriculum Vitae (CV) and thereby, finding some petty jobs for them. He had also the opportunity to accompany

the JRS Staff for visiting some of the refugee families in order to know them better and from near. Practically all of them have stories full of pain and suffering which can easily be noticed in their day-to-day life. His rich and profound experiences of working with JRS Malta aptly prepared him to go for the Arrupe Month in Loyola, which will be a kind of one month's Pre-Ordination Program for the Theology students of the International College of Gesù. He will come back to Rome on 26 September just on time to participate in the liturgical celebration to commemorate the Restoration of the Society of Jesus.

On 10 August, Justin left for Seoul along with other Vatican Radio personnel to cover the Apostolic Visit of the Holy Father Pope Francis to the Republic of Korea (13-18 August). He made it a point to send faithfully every detail regarding the activities of the Holy Father from the day one. His own reflections coupled with attractive images made every bit of his sharing very interesting and thought provoking. He was extremely happy to meet Pope Francis in person while the Holy Father was paying a cordial visit to the South Korean Jesuits. Happy, content and full of enthusiasm, Justin came back to Rome on 20 August. He had already planned to go for his home visit on 28 August and immediately after his return, he dedicated extra time and energy to complete his Radio program. He will come back to his desk on 20 September.

Linus and myself had our own share of holidays and work in Ranchi. Linus went for a short home visit after completing his classes and then he conducted exams for the course taught by him at St. Albert's Seminary. He was actively involved in the Episcopal Ordination of the two Auxiliary Bishops. I shared my reflections with different groups on two themes – first, Religious Life and second, Use and Misuse of Mass Media. I had to leave Ranchi on 17 September; but on that too, I was invited by Sr. Jacinta Kujur, St. Anne's Gumla Provincial, to address the gathering of Gumla Province. I am grateful to all those who help in every way possible my short stay in Ranchi a memorable one with their kind words of encouragement, support and companionship. The fraternal care and concern Alex Ekka, Ranjit Toppo and John B. Dungdung in XISS community make me feel at home as soon as I find myself in their company.

Fr. Prem

Guyana

The Jesuits of Guyana Region celebrated the Golden Jubilee of Fr. Anthony D'Souza on 4 August. In the evening he presided over the solemn Holy Eucharist in Arrupe House Chapel where all the Religious Congregations in and around Georgetown gathered together for the occasion. On 5 August, Frs. Anil Kishore Turkey and Elias Surin went to Barbados, West Indies, for their annual retreat under the guidance of Fr. Michael Barrow, SJ. They had a meaningful and fruitful retreat and holidays. Indeed, both of them were surrounded with intelligent and amusing people. They were fortunate to have Brother Omaris, a seminarian of Bridgetown Diocese from St. Dominica with them who made his three days' retreat. After his Spiritual Journey he was kind enough to be their tourist guide to visit all the

eleven parishes (States) of the country. On the last Sunday of the month, the Bishop of Bridgetown diocese Charles Jason Gordon presided over the Holy Eucharist in St. Francis of Assisi Church. Br. Peter Stoddart, a seminarian from England came to St. Ignatius Mission Lethem for his pastoral experience for a month. He was a great help in the pastoral work with his talents and skills especially for the youth.

Fr. Amar Bage, after completing his two months of Portuguese Language course in Salvador, is quite fluent in it to begin a new mission in the North West region of Guyana among the Amerindian people.

Fr. Elias Surin

Minia (Egypt)

The month of August was very hectic for me. This year again, I had to interview no less than fifty candidates to find twelve new teachers for our Arabic medium co-ed school. The Government has doubled the facilities for its teachers and is enrolling many new ones. This has become a cause of concern for Arabic medium Christian schools as they are unaided and school fee is the only source for everything.

In the first week of August, I received in Minia two men; one from Madhya Pradesh and the other from Kolkata who are well settled in Egypt with their families. It was a joy to take them around the pilgrimage places of "Holy family" in their plight to Upper Egypt. Then, I received a tribal lady from Delhi employed in the Indian embassy, Cairo.

On 10 August I accompanied from Minia – Cairo, a university youth group of forty members called – Future Generation. In the Indian Cultural centre, we had the glimpses of India through documentary films. The youth listened to the ambassador of India in Egypt and had direct interaction with him. They were very interested to know about "Incredible India".

14 August was the first anniversary day of the barbaric attacks by the Islamists on Churches, Christians and their establishments all over Egypt. It included church-owned properties – community centres, schools, clinics, homes, shops, private businesses, trucks, private cars and motorcycles, etc. In our Jesuit church, an evening holy mass was celebrated. It was a very moving day for me. I had witnessed with my three fellow Jesuits how the Islamists were burning, looting and damaging our Jesuits' social development centre. It was providential that because of our physical presence, 127 years old Jesuit school, residence and physically handicapped centre were spared though with some damage.

The annual Jesuits' regional meeting in Alexandria was held from 25 to 27 August. It said, "The anniversary of the restoration of the Jesuit Order should be an occasion of a new birth with a new beginning in the Near East Jesuit Province". On this occasion the five points proposed to the whole society by Rev Fr. General Adolfo were discussed and shared in groups. It was very enlightening and refreshing to hear the old and young about their lived experiences as Jesuits.

Fr. Bimal Kerketta

Cambodia

July and August are regarded as months of tourists in Cambodia because of the influx of many foreigners due to long holidays in Europe and many Asian countries. It is the same for the Church and religious institutions too. They receive many visitors and well-wishers during these 2 months. Fr. Rajat received 13 University students and 2 animators from Sun Yat-Sen University, China and Fu Jen Catholic University, Taiwan for 3 weeks for the Cross-Cultural Understanding and Partner Based Learning programme from 2 to 24 August. They taught English in 2 local Government primary schools with the help 13 Cambodian University students. It was a good exposure programme for them to be with the poor and underprivileged children. They had a nice opportunity to witness the works of the Church as well as the Jesuit Services to the needy.

Fr. Rajat also successfully supervised 4 Social Work students from FU Jen Catholic University Taiwan who came for 6 weeks for field work. He was happy to welcome 6 French and 6 Cambodian University students under the

leadership of one French Jesuit priest for Magis programme from 9 to 19 August. He also helped 6 Missionaries of Charity sisters spiritually from 19 to 22 August in preparation for their feast. He took 7 hostel boys and girls who are interested in religious life for annual retreat organized at national level for all those who feel being called by the Lord.

Fr. Manoj took a sigh of relief after successfully finishing family and house blessing of all the parishioners before the Feast of Assumption. The feast of Assumption was celebrated with a meaningful and solemn liturgy followed by fellowship meal with all the parishioners. Towards the end of August, he accompanied 33 primary, high school and the University students supported by him to Siem Reap for education tour. Sch. Rakesh made use of the summer holidays to teach some extra English, Mathematics, Khmer and catechism to the parish youth and children. He is trying his best for some boys and girls to get admission in different schools and institutions.

Fr Rajat

Fr. John Dhanwar, S.J.

(28 May 1942 – 25 June 2014)

After a long illness and struggle Fr. John Dhanwar breathed his last at the Orchid Research Centre, Ranchi, at 4.10 A.M., on 25 June 2014 and was buried after a Holy Eucharist at the Agriculture Training Centre, Namkum. He was 71 years of age, 50 years a religious and 28 years a priest. He had just completed his golden jubilee year as a religious on 01 February, 2014.

Fr. John Dhanwar was born on 28 May 1942 to the late Mr. Marcus Dhanwar and Mrs. Josephine in the village Banjari Tukutoli then in Konbir Noatoli Parish but now in Kemtatoli under Basia Police Station. After finishing his Primary School in 1954 he went for his High School studies at St. Joseph's, Noatoli. He passed his matric examinations in 1963. He joined the Novitiate the very next year in 1964 at St. Stanislaus' College, Sitagarha as a Coadjutor Brother. After the Novitiate he did his one year of Juniorate at St. Stanislaus' College Sitagarha and then joined the Teachers' Training Institute at Sitagarha itself from 1967 to 1969. After that he had long years of teaching ministry at first at St. John's School, Ranchi and then at St. Mary's School, Samtoli from 1969 to 1981. Thirteen years of teaching gave him enough experience in the educational field. The superiors saw in him the ability, aptitude and intelligence for better service in the Society, so they promoted him to priesthood, the only one from among the Coadjutor Brothers. He accepted it courageously and started a new chapter in his life. Like St. Ignatius at an advanced age of 38 he went to Satya Nilayam, Chennai for the study of Philosophy in 1981. Immediately after it he did his Theology from the Regional Theologate, Kanke, Ranchi and Vidya Jyoti, Delhi from 1983 to 1986. During these periods of religious studies he was fondly called the *CHACHA* (Uncle) by his companions because of his seniority. His great day of Ordination was on 29 April 1986.

After his ordination he went back to his teaching ministry first to St. John's School, Ranchi and then to St. Xavier's, Bundu from 1987 to 1991, and thereafter he went to Dindigul for his tertianship in 1991. After the tertianship he served the Vidya jyoti Community as Minister from 1992 to 1994. He came back to the Province and was given the charge as the Parish Priest of Tongo, Kanke, Keondtanr and Muri from 1994 to 2011. During this period he took his Final Vows on 31 July 1996 at Catholic Church, Tongo and was Rector of St. Ignatius' High School, Gumla from 1998 to 2003.

Since 2011 he became sick. He had developed the urinary tract infection which would not go. He suffered much from this to the extent that his bladder could not hold any more. He made Manresa House his abode and consulted Dr. Prem Kumar and others. He was operated upon for prostate and to the doctor's surprise, a rare case in his profession, Fr. John Dhanwar had two bladders. For four long years he struggled patiently for a cure, but all in vain. Towards the end of his life he looked exhausted to fight back, ate little food and left himself in the hand of the Lord. Not that he was physically weak or mentally fragile; he was one of the sturdiest, well built and handsome. Mentally he was tough, not afraid of any person, situation or challenge. But we have no control over our birth, life, health, age and death. Fr. John Dhanwar's strong personality proves that.

It is said that Fr. John Dhanwar showed his talent and ability in sports and games as well as in study right from his childhood. He took part in the CRUS VIR actively and that inspired him hopefully to join the religious life. He displayed sincerity and hard work in his undertakings. He had the inclination for teaching. So he was sent for the Teachers' Training after his Juniorate. During his teaching

ministry he was known for his discipline, sense of duty and determination. He had the ability to present things to the students so well that they flocked to him for more. He liked, loved and encouraged his students either in the course of teaching or on the play ground.

As a Parish Priest he had a large heart and became all things to all. He was open for anybody irrespective of ethnicity or language. He was friendly and amiable and would laugh his lungs out in the company of anybody. Sometimes though he had some difficulties concerning tribal languages, but he would overcome them owing to his sense of understanding, experience and self control and that he spoke the language of love. Because of his foresightedness for the need of the local church in Tongo he motivated the people to collect funds for the building of a new church which stands today in a grand style. He held the office of Rector at St. Ignatius' High School, Gumla and as a Superior he displayed humane, understanding and fatherly approach towards the members of the community, especially the younger ones. He would motivate and encourage the community members.

Fr. John Dhanwar was well acquainted with the tribal culture and tradition, especially of the Kharia Tribe. He had written on it a booklet and had given to Fr. Provincial

for perusal and requested him to give it to the Regional Theologate, Arsande, Borea if it was pertinent. One among his writings was a Liturgical Ceremonial Procedure for the *KAMAAN* Mass ritual (Mass for the dead) in Kharia language. He had a desire to do something for the tribal culture and language and reach out to his fellow tribals. Some Fathers tried it out and did find it to be useful, meaningful and devotional.

He was an artist too. He painted quite many pictures and portraits and displayed them in front of his room and about the place. He did not display them for broader public and so they remained hidden from many. This aspect of his quality did not blossom and that it may be because of his different responsibilities given to him in the Society. He was seen spending time in flower gardens removing grass, trimming plants or loosening mud of course with a cigar or cigarette in the mouth. While in the parish he taught the people about cultivation, tree plantation and fishery. He had the interest and ability for all these. But above all these he was a true and faithful religious and a priest who was close to his fellow Jesuits encouraging and inspiring them. He suffered much and long towards the end of his life. He patiently bore them all and offered all like Christ to the Father Almighty. May his soul rest in peace!

Let us Remember in our Prayers :

Mrs Cecilia Toppo (94), mother of Fr Erentius Minj SJ, passed away on 20 August 2014.

Mr Augustine Bhawnra (59) father of Sch Samir Bhawnra, died on 24 August 2014.

Mr Anand Prakash Beck, brother of Fr Alois Beck, passed away on 18 August 2014.

Mr Leo Horo (75), father of Fr Ranjit Horo SJ, passed away on 3 September 2014.

Mr Vincent Dungdung (79), eldest brother of Fr Linus Dungdung SJ, died on 12 August 2014.

BABIES OF THE MONTH: SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER

SEPTEMBER		OCTOBER	
02	Delporte Antoon	04	Tirkey Anil Kishore
04	Kerketta Patrick	08	Lakra Ignatius
	Xess Isayas	09	Beck Walter
07	Ekka Severius	11	Toppo James Ignatius
08	Kadookunnel Anthony		Minj Anthres
	Saras Ajit		Beck Suman
	Kullu Elias	12	Surin Victor
12	Kerketta Elvius		Minj Billianus
13	Kindo Beatus		Kerketta Pradeep
14	Tigga John Crus	14	Tete Callixtus
15	Bara David	15	Baxla Suman J.
16	Ekka Patras	16	Dungdung Albert
	Tirkey Alexius		Lakra Xavier
21	Toppo Christopher Raju	20	Bilung Francis Xavier
	Bage Tej Mati		Minj Abraham
	Dang Edwin	21	Barwa Solomon
23	Kujur Linus	22	Ekka Anselm
	Kujur Pingal	26	Soy Raphael
24	Tirkey Ignatius		Kujur Florence
	Kullu Pradeep	27	Guria Florence
25	Baxla Tej Kumar		Tigga Mahendra Peter