

# RANCHI BULLETIN



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## Fr. Provincial's Programmes – September & October 2018

### September 2018

- Sept. 15 : Final vows – Ursuline Provincialate, Kanke Road
- Sept. 21 : XIPT – GB Meeting
- Sept. 22 : Prabhat Tara – Head Masters' Meet of Primary & Middle Schools
- Sept. 26 : XISS – GB Meeting
- Sept. 29 : Province Consult

### October 2018

- Oct. 2 : Off to Delhi
- Oct. 3-4 : Belgium
- Oct. 4-9 : Meeting in Germany
- Oct. 10-11 : Rome
- Oct. 12 : Off to India
- Oct. 13 : Back to Ranchi
- Oct. 16 : Off to Tejpur
- Oct. 17 : Tejpur – Golden Jubilee of Fr. Xavier Lakra, SJ
- Oct. 18 : Off to Kathalguri for visitation
- Oct. 19 : Off to Darjeeling for JCSA Meeting
- Oct. 21-26 : Darjeeling – JCSA Meeting
- Oct. 27-28 : POSA Consult
- Oct. 29 : Back to Kolkata
- Oct. 31 : Off to Hyderabad for Brothers Meeting
- Nov. 01 : Back to Ranchi

## Manresa House Ranchi

All the scholastics rejuvenated themselves spiritually in the Spirituality Center, Jharna. During their summer vacation they went to various parishes and schools. Sch. Sudhir Orea and Sch. Zacharias had gone to Balipara (Assam) for ministry. All of us returned to Manresa House with rich experiences on the 1<sup>st</sup> July.

On the same day the Manresa Community welcomed Fr. Erentius Minj as a new member. On the 3<sup>rd</sup> July, all Juniors resumed their regular classes after a long summer holidays. This year Manresa Community welcomed 15 new scholastics (13 from Ranchi Province and 2 from Madhya Pradesh Province). They began their new academic session from the 19<sup>th</sup> July. Someone has aptly said, "Trees give life." The Juniors on the feast day of 'Rath', planted 150 plants of different varieties all around the campus under the guidance of Fr. John B. Dungdung and Bro. Blacius. On the 19<sup>th</sup> July, the Community at Mass felicitated all birthday 'babies' who were born in the month.

The month of July was a period to revisit Ignatian legacy and heritage. It was a time to go back to our foundational experience. It was an opportunity to be filled with the spirit of St Ignatius. It was a month to revitalize ourselves and renew our motto of Magis and AMDG.

In order to obtain all these we had Novena to St. Ignatius from July 20 to 28. and our scholastics played very vital role in this process by conducting Novena prayer with appropriate themes. The Juniors conducted a well prepared prayer on various themes every evening. We also had recollection so as to prepare ourselves for Inigo day. On the last day of our novena, Fr. Justin Tirkey, SJ, delivered a talk to the Community followed by the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The Community members of St. John's, SXC and XISS also joined for this exercise. Our thanks goes to Fr. Fabian and all the scholastics who meaningfully prepared and creatively conducted the novena.

On 31<sup>st</sup> July we concluded the month with a grand and solemn Eucharistic celebration presided over by His Eminence, Telesphore P. Cardinal Toppo in the Cathedral, while Fr. Elias Surin gave an inspiring homily. The focus of the feast day of our founder father St. Ignatius of Loyola, evidently was thanking and praising God for all the blessings. A very special thanks go to Fr. Ashok, the scholastics, Jesuit candidates of the Apostolic School, the

Ursuline and St. Anne's Sisters, the students of St. John's and SXC for their melodious singing and dance at the Liturgy. The feast day was marked by a high voltage football match between the Fathers and Scholastics. All spectators were on the edge of their seats. The match ended with 2-2. The Fathers' team was declared winner for scoring the first goal, while the scholastics were rewarded with a wooden spoon as runners up.

The guests were welcomed at the afternoon festive Tea and in the evening many religious from the neighbouring communities and distinguished guests graced the festive meal. A very special thanks to all for making the Inigo day a meaningful one.

The month of August began with the birthday of Sch. Robin Minj. There was evening Mass for the scholastics in which prayers were offered for Robin. At Supper, the community members wished him '**Many Happy Returns of the Day**'. On August 2, after a fruitful stay in Manresa House for two and half months, Fr. Justin Tirkey left for USA to resume his studies. He rendered his service to our community in his own way. Our heartfelt thanks to him for his generous service. Very special thanks to him for preparing us spiritually for Inigo Day. May God bless him and guide him in his doctoral studies. On the feast day of Saint John Mary Vianney, the patron saint of priests, many of us participated in the Holy Mass in St. Mary's Cathedral. It was very nice to be with all the diocesan priests. It was also the birthday of Fr. John Ekka. Special thanksgiving prayers and petitions were offered for Fr. John during community evening prayer.

On August 5, Sch. John Osga lost his beloved father. The very next day on 6<sup>th</sup> August, he rushed to Assam to do the last rite and to bid a mournful farewell to his dear father, Mr. Jerome Osga, aged 70. Unfortunately he could not reach for the burial because flight was not available in the early hour of August 6 for Kolkata and Dimapur. May the good Lord give him eternal rest and consolation to the bereaving family. On 7<sup>th</sup> August, Fr. Albert Dungdung passed away in Gurunanak Hospital. According to the wish of Fr. Albert his mortal body was taken to St. Mary's Samtoli. Fr. Camil Kerketta presided over the burial Mass. He was buried beside Bro. Juel. Nine members from our community went to bid final farewell to Fr. Albert Dungdung.

On 10<sup>th</sup> August, Fr. Cyprian Ekka celebrated his birthday and Fr. Mathias Dungdung celebrated 58<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his priestly ordination. Fr. Cyprian presided

over the Holy Eucharistic Celebration. Fr. Mathias Ddungdung and Fr. Severius Ekka were the concelebrants. At Supper they were wished and congratulated by the community.

On 13<sup>th</sup> August, there was a meeting for Superiors, Rectors, Treasurers, Directors of works and Secretaries of Registered Societies our conference hall. Others were also welcome for the meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to update ours on current happenings and development in our state. Main speakers were Mr. Binod Kumar Banka (Chartered Accountant), Fr. Xavier Soreng (lawyer), Fr. Sebastian Tirkey (VG) and Mr. Binod Kispotta (retired IAS).

On 15<sup>th</sup> August, the Independence Day and the Feast of Assumption of Our Lady was celebrated with great pomp and show. The community had Holy Mass in the House Chapel at 5.45 am presided over by Fr. Camil Kerketta. After Holy Mass Fr. Camil Kerketta, the chief guest for the occasion hoisted the tricolor and Sch. Ravindra Ekka delivered a very inspiring speech and filled the hearts and minds of the audience with the sentiments of patriotic feeling.

Fr. Aurel Brys had left for Mumbai on 20<sup>th</sup> July and came back to Manresa House on 17<sup>th</sup> August. During this period of almost one month he visited many places like Mumbai, Pune, Goa, Ernakulam, kottayam, Kanjirapally, Bangalore and Kolkata. He conducted awareness program for University students at Mumbai, Pune and Goa and Enneagram Training cum Retreat for Loreto Superiors at Kolkata. He also made a point to meet his friends in some of the places. After coming back to Ranchi he busied himself with LNN program.

On 22<sup>nd</sup> August, the feast day of the Queenship of Mother Mary, all the scholastics went to Ulhatu Church for a pilgrimage under the guidance of Fr. Fabian Bhuinya. Fr. Anthony Doongdoong and Fr. Camil Kerketta accompanied them as guardian angels. The pilgrimage was concluded by noon with a solemn Eucharistic celebration presided over by Fr Camil. Heartfelt thanks to St. Anne's Sisters of Ulhatu for nourishing them with delicious food that followed soon after the Holy Mass. On the same day Bros. Blacius Tigga, Polycarp Lakra and Florence Hassa Purty left for Bhubaneshwar to attend seminar for brothers. They came back with new vigor and rich experience on 28<sup>th</sup> August.

On August 30, 2018, Fr. John Ekka went home for the burial of his cousin, Victoria Ekka, who passed away

previous day at St. Barnabas Hospital, Ranchi. Same day we had our Community Mass and common Birthday celebration. The Holy Mass was presided over by Fr Alexius Toppo. Special prayers were offered for the birthday babies of the month. At supper there was a cake cutting ceremony by the birthday babies and community wished them '**Many Happy Returns of the Day**'.

On the Independence Day, a singing competition of patriotic songs was held at SXC Ranchi. The Scholastics were ranked Second. Congratulations to each of them! Sch. Robin and Sch. Bhushan were admitted at Seva Nelaya Hospital, Aragate. While Robin suffered from typhoid, Bhushan was diagnosed to have been hit by Jaundice.

On 23<sup>rd</sup> August, a special evening prayer was conducted for Bro. Telesphore Horo, Fr. Anupchand Kiran Minj and Fr. Leo (HAZ) as they were to proceed to Sri Lanka the following day for their Tertianship. They left for Kandy, Sri Lanka, after breakfast on August 24, 2018.



Sch. Sagar Xalxo & Sch. Robin Minj

## St Mary's Samtoli

The final exams of B.A. Part II started from August 01. SXC Simdega was also one of the exam centres where the students of Simdega College wrote their exams. The students of SXC instead, went to Simdega College for their exams..

**Scrutiny of the a/c :** This month Fr. Bruno had to go several times to Ranchi to answer the income tax scrutineers. On August 30 he had to spend from 10.00 am to 2.00 p.m. in the income tax office. Finally he satisfied the scrutineers. Now he is little relaxed after four hours of mental torture.

**Demise of Fr. Albert Dumdung :** We received the news that Fr. Albert Dumdung expired on August 7, 2018 at 7.35 p.m. in Guru Nanak hospital. The cause of his death was kidney failure. The desire of Fr. Albert was to be buried at St. Samtoli and his wish was fulfilled. On the following day Fr. Raymond Kerketta, the Socius brought the body to St. Mary's High School, Samtoli. The burial Mass was at the hostel chapel. His nephew Fr. Camil Kerketta officiated the Holy Mass and Fr. Ireneus To:ppo gave homily. There were many priests (Jesuits and Diocesans) and Sisters who attended the burial besides his family members. Finally his body was laid to rest in the garden where he wished to be buried. Fr. Rector performed the last rite. Soon after the burial, meal was served at 3.30 p.m. for those who came from far.

**Arrival of Fr. Damian Minj :** Fr. Damian was the last one to join the community on August 12. Some 14 teachers, students and Fathers accompanied him.

On August 13, Frs Rector, Ephrem, Bruno, Sikander, Ajit and Alexander attended the special meeting at Manresa House from 4.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m. After the meeting they came back to Samtoli.

**Death of late Bp Joseph Minj, D.D. :** On August 16 we received the news about the death of late Bishop Joseph Minj, D.D., the Bishop of Simdega. He died at 7.30 a.m. at Shanti Bhawan Hospital, Biru. On the following day the funeral of late Bishop Joseph Minj, D.D. took place in the cathedral. Archbishop Felix Toppo was the main celebrant and five more bishops with many priests concelebrated. Many faithful and school children were present for the burial.

**Monica Diwas :** For Monica Diwas Fr. Alexander went to Sogra to give recollection talk to the mothers of Sogra parish and Fr. Sikander went to Tamra for the confession. Fr. Ireneus went to the Cathedral for the confession.

To commemorate the birthday of Dhyan Chand, the famous India hockey player, tournament is organized by Adivasi Mahasangh. Many teams from villages are taking part in this tournament. The matches are taking place in the grounds of St. Mary's High School.

Linus

## ASHIRVAD – JHARNA (NAMKOM)

During his home visit from the missionary land of Guyana (South America), Fr. Elias Surin, SJ paid us a visit. He

offered the Eucharist for us and thereafter we had an interactive session with him on the joys and challenges of an Adivasi missionary among the people of different cultures and traditions. Since he travelled via Israel, he also screened for us a video on the Holy Land. The same day, on his heels arrived Fr. Joe Mark, SJ (France) accompanied by Fr. Samir Dumdung and Deacon Jacob Hembrom (DUM). They also addressed us and gave us news from France and Tongo.

On the eve of our Nation's Independence Day, we staged an hour-long hilarious entertainment for the community. The two skits based on the present situation of Jharkhand were much appreciated. The Independence Day was celebrated with usual mirth and gaiety. The day was marked with a customary football match between the Kishors and the pre-novices in the former's ground. Despite rain members from the neighbouring communities were in attendance to cheer the players. The Kishors on the sidelines kept the beats non-stop with their *dholaks* and *nagaras*. A group added some extra flavor to the event during the half-time by shaking their legs in chorus. There was no match-fixing; but like on July 31, this time also victory slipped out of the Kishors' boots. We thank them for the tea they offered us after the match. In the evening, an almost three-hour long movie on Mahatma Gandhi was screened.

Fr. Ferdinand returned after staying a few days at home with the bereaved members of the family after the death of his niece. We had a special H. Mass for the repose of the departed person, and solace for the affected dear ones. – On August 9 and 11, we celebrated the Birthdays of Brs. Fabian Dhanwar and Ashwin Ekka respectively. During the Eucharist special prayers were offered for them. Wishes with a bouquet and a brief felicitation at supper time made their day. – Fr. Deepak was away giving retreat to the Sisters of the Apparition in Hinoo. On August 7, he left for Bangalore to participate in a meeting of REGAE. Br. James Barla was away in Bhubaneswar (August 24 – 28) for a meeting of the Brothers of our Assistency on St. Alphonsus Rodriguez's life and the proposed celebrations of his four hundredth death anniversary in the Society of Jesus.

On August 26, twelve Jesuit Novice Masters (minus one from Kerala) arrived here for their annual meeting. All novices, clad in dhoti welcomed them with English and *sadri* songs accompanied by the traditional musical instruments. We had fusion for

the dinner. On their first day, we participated in the Mass with them and led the choir. Rev. Fr. Provincial Joseph Marianus Kujur presided over the Mass. Fr. R. C. Chacko (HAZ) their resource person and Fr. Raymond Kerketta were co-celebrants. Fr. I. Raj (MDU) the ADF arrived to meet the Novice Directors three days before the end. He also addressed us on our vocation in the Society of Jesus.

NS Blacius Soreng

## St. Ignatius' Gumla

After the 31<sup>st</sup> July comes the 4<sup>th</sup> of August, the feast St. John Marrie Vianney. It was solemnized with the parishioners on the 5<sup>th</sup> (Sunday) of August in the Cathedral. A massive congregation gathered for the Eucharistic celebrations followed by never ending *swagat* (*felicitations*) by the people. Sad news was broken to us about the death of Fr. Albert Dungdung. Some of us from the community went for the burial ceremony on 8<sup>th</sup> Aug. in Samtoli where he spent his last years. A really a missionary stallion, indeed, of Ranchi Province passed away from the scene!

Crisis in the Cowshed ! One day our cowshed in charge fell sick and did not come on duty. Other replace was on leave, too, for *ropa*. In the meantime due to not milking it started oozing out from the cow's udder and the cowshed was turned into "land flowing with milk and honey". We immediately called out the replace to milk the cow and save its health!

In the CHILDLINE Dept. Madam Abhishikta, CHILDLINE INDIA FOUNDATION (CIF) from Kolkata head office was here for 4 days inspecting. She was highly satisfied with the work of the AROUSE Collab. Office and praised all the team members. On 13<sup>th</sup> all the Superiors, DoWs went to Ranchi for an urgent meeting with our documents regarding accounts and land.

Fr. Sibil Horo was the Chief Guest at the Flag Hoisting ceremony in the H. School ground on 15<sup>th</sup> August. He delivered a wonderful speech full of patriotism. Congrats Fr. Sibil! But no Video recording was done! The same day in the afternoon there was football Final match in Simdega and our School was to play. Many of us from the community went there to witness the grand Finale and were back satisfied only with the runners up Trophy. Better Luck next time boys!

On 18<sup>th</sup> the first term exams. for the school and Int. College was started after all these celebrations, fun and frolic. Fr. Sibil had never been to Lupung Path and now got the chance to go on 20<sup>th</sup>, and next day to village Sibil, his own name sake! He liked the exposure particularly for the scenic beauty of country side at this time of the year. On 22<sup>nd</sup> the Jubilee Year of Gumla Diocese was inaugurated with grand and solemn ceremony. The church was ceremonially opened by the Bishop and all entered commemorating the event 25 years ago. Fr. Ravi is now th B.Ed. decorated from on 24<sup>th</sup> when he went to his Alma Mater university at Ormanjhi to collect the Degree. Congratulations Fr. Ravi!

Casualties : Health of Fr. Ajay again fell so he was taken to Urmi hospital on 28<sup>th</sup> and returned after 3 days. On 30<sup>th</sup> Br. Prakash's Birth Day was celebrated, inter alia, with ice cream even in the drenching rains and cold! (*Ad multos Annos*) Brother, many more years to come!

Christopher Lakra S.J

## News from Calcutta Juniorate

Each and every member of Dhyan Ashram Community was jubilant and excited about the solemn celebration of the feast of St. Ignatius on 31<sup>st</sup> of July. The day was packed with various programs. Soon after the solemn Eucharistic celebration we had friendly Volleyball and Basketball matches between the Novices and the Juniors. A good number of religious – priests, nuns and formees – from our neighbouring communities added joy to the celebration as they joined the inspiring prayer service and festive lunch. On 11<sup>th</sup> August, we the Juniors, made a pilgrimage to the tomb of St. Teresa of Calcutta. We had a meaningful Holy Eucharist at Mother's tomb which attracts a numerous devotees across the world irrespective of religions. During the Eucharist we sought the saint's blessings to cultivate love, care, concern and sympathy for the poor and the destitute. We also had an opportunity to visit and interact with the orphan children at Sishubhawan – one of the biggest orphanages – founded by Mother Teresa.

From there we moved on to visit Chitrabani – the Media Centre – run by Calcutta Jesuits. It is apparently one of the biggest media centres of such kind. On 15<sup>th</sup> August we had two meaningful celebrations: Independence Day and the Feast of the Assumption of our Lady. Soon after the Holy Eucharist we had Flag Hoisting ceremony which included creative march past, inspiring and fiery

speeches in Hindi and English by two of the Juniors. Sch. Ranjit Kullu of our province was the MC for the day. After the Flag Hoisting ceremony we had fun games and friendly matches with the Novices residing in the same campus.

On 22<sup>nd</sup> August we were privileged to attend the Final Vows ceremony of five of the Calcutta Jesuits at St. Xavier's College. During the festive meal we had an opportunity to meet and interact with a huge number of Calcutta Jesuits and other distinguished guests.

Schs. Ranjit Kullu, Anand Dungkung, Mathew Tigga

### **Jesuit Curia & Gana Chetana Samaj, Tezpur:**

There were some very important events in the months of August when the community members were involved actively -

**Handing over the ministries:** On August 03, 2018, two important ministries were handed over to the new office holders, namely, the Treasurer and the Hostel in charge of St. Xavier's College, Sonabheel. The farewell dinner also was arranged in honor of Fr. Rajesh Kullu, the outgoing treasurer. The handing over ceremony was done in the presence of Fr Pius Xalxo, the Delegate of the Provincial. Fr. Pius thanked and expressed words of appreciation to Fr. Rajesh Kullu for taking care of the finance and hostel of St. Xavier's College and invited him to hand over money, Pass Books, necessary documents and other things pertaining to the work to Fr. Theodore Ba'a, the new Treasurer and similarly the things of the hostel were passed on to Fr. Anand Kerketta, the new hostel in-charge. Soon after that, we were served farewell dinner which was arranged in honour of Fr. Rajesh Kullu, the outgoing treasurer and hostel in-charge of St. Xavier's College.

**Health Development:** Fr. Cyril Guria had been visiting Dr. M.A Sultan for a couple of weeks to get treatment for the lumps on his body. Hope he will have a positive result after this treatment.

**Conference of Religious Institutions:** On August, 10, 2018, Fr. Pius along with Sr. Usha Bage, OSU went to Don Bosco Parish, Guwahati to attend a meeting convened by Regional NECRI for the office bearers of CRI Units of 15 Dioceses of North East Region. It was one day programme which got over only after 5.00 P.M.

**Scrutiny of Accounts:** On 10<sup>th</sup> of August, Fr. Anup, the former Assam Mission Treasurer landed at Guwahati and Tezpur in order to help us out in getting the accounts of Xavier's Trust ready for the scrutiny by Income Tax department which has served a letter for scrutiny. Hope the presence of Fr. Anup will take us out of the trouble. We reached Jesuit Bhavan, Tezpur only after 9.00 pm and had our supper with the community members who were patiently waiting for us. On Aug. 14, 2018, Fr. Anup and Fr. Cyril Guria went to Income Tax Office to submit the financial report for the scrutiny. They managed to submit the report to the office and came back in the evening to Tezpur.

On Aug. 17, 2018, Fr. Anup and Fr. Cyril once again went to Income Tax office to submit some more financial reports there for scrutiny but the office remained closed as a mark of respect to the departed former Prime Minister of India, Mr. Atal Bihari Bajpai. From there Fr. Anup proceeded to Ranchi as he has been named for Tertianship. We are very thankful to Fr. Anup for helping us to furnish financial report for the scrutiny by Income Tax department and wish him all the best for his Tertianship. On Aug. 18, 20218, Fr. Thomas along with other Jesuits went to Manas Bansbari to reach Fr. Rajesh Kullu who will assume office as Parish Priest and Treasurer of the place.

**Celebration of Assumption of Mother Mary cum Independence day:** On 15<sup>th</sup> of August Fr. Pius, Fr. Thomas and Fr. Cyril went to Tarabari village to celebrate the feast of Assumption of Mother Mary cum Independence day. Soon after the Confessions the Holy Mass started. Fr. Pius was the main celebrant while Fr. Thomas, a preacher. After the Mass, Bible Quiz competition was conducted in the chapel which was open to all followed by some more competitions comprising of spoon race, hitting the tin blindfolded and running events. Villagers enthusiastically took part in the competitions and prizes were given away to the winners. Villagers were very thankful to Fr. Thomas who sponsored the prizes for the competitions that were conducted by them.

**Career Guidance and Study Tour:** At different dates and days, Fr. Thomas and his team are conducting 'Career Guidance' sessions with the help of experienced persons in the service for the college students. They are being helped to fill up the forms and to prepare for the

competitive exams that are scheduled at different dates. Hope this effort of Fr. Thomas and his team will help our Adivasis to get government jobs and better their lives in all respects. On Aug.22, 2018, under the leadership and guidance of Fr. Thomas, GCS arranged one day city tour programme for the students of study centres which are being run by them. 70 students turned up for this tour and visited Tezpur University, Brahmaputra river, Maha Bhairav temple, Bishop House and garden and came to CGS for their meal and left for their homes. On Aug. 26<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup>, 2018, GCS accommodated 21 Para Legal participants including staff being run by Jagriti, KHM. It got over after lunch on Aug.29, 2018.

**Project Proposal Writing Workshop:** On Aug. 24, 2018, Fr. Thomas Barla along with three more Jesuit friends Fr. Ranjit Kujur, Fr. Laurentius Kiro and Fr. Pradeep Kullu, from Assam Mission left for Delhi to attend a workshop on project writing. This will surely help them to develop their knowledge and skill of writing projects for Assam Mission as it is going through the process of establishment and expansion. We wish them all the best for project writing. On 29<sup>th</sup> Fr. Thomas Barla and other friends came back from Delhi after attending the workshop.

Fr. Pius Xalxo, S. J.

## Vatican Radio

The month of August brought us lots of good tidings as many of our own province men passed by San Pietro Canisio community. The very first day of the month Fr. Linus Kujur join the community as Gregorian began its summer holidays. Fr. Linus dedicate whole of his holidays in desk work for the canonization of Fr. Constant Leivens. He remained imprisoned in the room and reached the target that he had set. We hope that his untiring labour quickens the canonization of the servant of Christ, Fr. Constant Leivens, the apostle of Chotangpur. As far as his health is concerned Fr. Linus looks very fresh and normal. He is careful in taking care of himself. Whenever some ups and downs occur he consults the doctor immediately. A well disciplined life makes him fit, hale and hearty.

Scholastic Paulus Minj from Munich came to Rome along with 23 other European Scholastics as a representative of German province. He had a rich

experience of mingling with the entire European group of his own age. The whole of Canisio community seemed alive and young with the presence of budding future Jesuits. As part of their programme Paulus had a golden opportunity to meet with the black pope, Fr. General as well as the Pope in person. He was very lucky to participate in the Holy Mass of the Holy Father at Santa Marta in the Vatican.

Scholastics Jonny and Nirmal dropped in to meet us as they came from Geneva to give their figure prints for their sojourn (stay permit) in Italy. The very next day they had to run and join the group to sharpen their tongue in Italian.

Having done his research for his Ph.D. requirements in Ranchi province, Fr. Justin Tirkey gave us a flying visit on his way back to USA. His smiling face and friendliness as ever lit the community with joy. The community members fondly remember him as his format has not been changed ever since he left Rome four years ago.

On 1 August along with the Indian assistancy group members Fr. Anslem Ekka went for his annual retreat to Spain, Manresa. Physically being present in the places where once Ignatius himself was, filled him with new energy and insight mainly to have a broader vision for the mission in every area. This spiritual inspiration is very much seen in his meticulous, well planned and a systematic work which is very much appreciated by the General Curia and his finance team.

Fr. Sanjay along with Sr. Usha Manorama Tirkey and Sr. Anugrah Minj makes a good team and so despite someone's absence the tedious daily radio transmission moves smoothly. In the month of August as Sr. Anugrah went for her retreat so Fr. Sanjay and Sr. Usha along with Juliet Christopher had to take care of all the important discourses of the Holy Father which he imparted in his apostolic tour to Ireland.

Fr Sanjay Dilip Ekka

## Gyanoday Juniorate Patna

Gyanoday Juniorate witnessed a number of activities and programmes in August 2018. On 3 August we visited Sanjay Gandhi Zoo. On 4<sup>th</sup> of August we had evaluation of the past one month. We commemorated the feast of the Assumption of BVM and Independence Day with great enthusiasm on 15<sup>th</sup> of August. The solemnity of the day saw the unfurling of the tri-color by the chief

guest Fr. Josey Mathias S.J. sch. Anil Xaxa, delivered a motivational speech with great patriotic fervour. Neighboring children added joy to the occasion by their presence. On Sunday, 26 August, we celebrated St. Monica's feast as mother's day in a grand scale in Danapur Parish. Fr. Joseph Dungdung S.J the parish priest presided over the Eucharistic. Melodious

singing by the Juniorate choir made the celebration memorable. The boys and girls of the parish put up a colorful programme on the occasion. Our classes are going on in full swing. We keep ourselves intellectually and physically fit through regular classes, assignments and karate exercise.

Sch. Kuldeep Dungdung s.j

### Pray for those who have gone before us

1. **Father Albert Huart** died during the night, on the 5 September 2018. In the evening he had a fatal fall in his room of the La Colombière residence, Calcutta. Fr. Huart was 93 years old and had spent 75 years in the Society.
2. **Br. Maurice Toppo SJ**, (MAP), 82/56, Passed away this morning (11 September 2018) at 8.30 a.m. in Holy Cross Hospital, Ambikapur due breathing problem.

### BIRTHDAYS

#### SEPTEMBER

02 Delporte Antoon  
 04 Kerketta Patrick  
 07 Ekka Severius  
 08 Kadookunnel Anthony  
     Saras Ajit  
     Kullu Elias  
 10 Ekka Prakash  
 12 Kerketta Elvius  
 13 Kindo Beatus  
 14 Tigga John Crus  
 15 Bara David  
 16 Tirkey Alexius  
     Dhanwar Fulit  
 17 Minj Claber  
 20 Tirkey Stanislaus  
 21 Toppo Christopher Raju  
     Bage Tej Mati  
     Dang Edwin  
     Kandir Stephen  
 23 Kujur Linus  
     Kujur Pingal  
 24 Tirkey Ignatius  
 25 Baxla Tej Kumar

#### OCTOBER

04 Tirkey Anil Kishore  
 06 Kerketta Sukesh  
 08 Lakra Ignatius  
     Ekka John Fabianus  
 09 Beck Walter  
 11 Toppo James Ignatius  
     Minj Anthres  
     Beck Suman  
     Minj Erentius  
 12 Minj Billianus  
     Kerketta Pradeep  
 14 Tete Callixtus  
     Soreng Jyoti Bhushan  
 15 Baxla Suman J.  
 16 Lakra Xavier  
 19 Ekka James  
 20 Minj Abraham  
 21 Barwa Solomon  
 22 Ekka Anselm  
 24 Tirkey Francis  
 26 Soy Raphael  
     Kujur Florence  
 27 Guria Florence  
     Tigga Mahendra Peter  
 28 Kujur Sudhir  
     Soreng Kennedy Prabhat  
 30 Aind Alphonse  
     Kindo Ravi Sushil