

**FROM RANCHI PROVINCE WITH LOVE (917) By Prem on 07-June-2013**



**ROME 7 JUNE 2013:** Right from the first moment of his Pontificate, Pope Francis has demonstrated that he is the Pope of the people, especially of the poor. Apart from mixing with the people during the public audiences, showing extra care and affection for the children and the physically challenged persons has become his trademark. The collaborators of the different sectors of the Vatican City State were privileged to participate in small groups in the Eucharistic celebrations presided over by the Holy Father in the Chapel of Casa Santa Marta. On 16 May, Justin Tirkey, along with some other Collaborators of Vatican Radio, had the unforgettable experience of concelebrating the Holy Mass with the Holy Father. During the personal meeting with the Holy Father, which takes place normally immediately after the Holy Mass, Justin was quick to introduce himself as a Jesuit from Ranchi Province. He offered warm greetings and the assurance of prayers to the Holy Father on behalf of the Ranchi Province. As usual, the Holy Father asked Justin to pray for him and assured him of his prayers for the Jesuits of Ranchi Province. Indeed, Justin proved himself to be a good communicator with quick and innovative ideas!

**Fr Peter Claver in RPOC, Ranchi (918) By davidsj on 09-June-2013**

**Ranchi:** : Fr Peter Claver Lakra is undergoing Manresa experience in Ram Pyari Ortho Center, Karamtoli, Ranchi after having broken his right leg. On June 5, 2013 he met with an accident in Maranghada. Following the transfer status and with good spirit he had given his bike for servicing just to hand over the bike to his successor in good condition. In emergency school work he had to borrow somebody's scooty. While returning home in hurry he went blank, mishandled the scooty and fell down breaking his right leg. He was first taken to Aradhana Hospital Khunti and late night brought to Ranchi and got admitted to RPOC, Ranchi.

Fr Peter will have to be operated upon. His broken leg has some swelling. He has a sugar problem too. Hence, the operation is not yet carried out. Novices from Ashirvad are attending him. We wish Fr Peter to have patience and courage. It is a painful process, but there is no other way out. Like Holy Father St. Ignatius, he will have to be bedridden, maybe for months.

Meanwhile Fr Albert Kullu is admitted to Orchid. A few days back he was admitted to Mandar Hospital for nursing care, but again, due to some complication, he is brought back to Orchid, Ranchi. Your prayerful wishes are highly recommended for these brothers of ours.

**Boarding Dhanbad Alleppy Express: In search of knowledge (919) By alokekka**  
on 10-June-2013

**Ranchi:** Today is the last night for fourteen of Scholastics before setting for Chennai. Eight of Jesuit scholastics will leave tomorrow for Satya Nilayam, Chennai for the study of Philosophy. While five of us are heading to Loyola College, Chennai, a prestigious Jesuit college, for Under Graduate studies.

The four new goers are pretty excited to go to Chennai for studies. For some it will be first ever long train journey in the famous train called Dhanbad Alleppy Express. However there is a mission before us all as we start our journey tomorrow at 3.00 pm. We carry the best wishes of the Ranchi Jesuit Province as proceed in search of knowledge. Hopefully our Dhanbad Alleppy Express of search for truth and knowledge get to our destiny.

**RB JUNE 2013 is uploaded. (920) By Michaelsj** on 14-June-2013

**Ranchi, June 14:** Dear Readers,

Kindly find the RB June 2013 uploaded. Sorry for delay.

**News From Chennai (921) By alokekka** on 19-June-2013

**Berchmans Illam, Chennai, 19/06/2013:** We are in an international community of Scholastics consisting of Brothers from 13 different provinces of the Society of Jesus. We had our orientation on 15, 16 and 17 at Dhyan Ashram, Chennai. Fr. Victor Roch (MDU) was the person to guide us through this. We benefited a lot from this. At the present the first years are busy o their admission work whereas the 2nd and the 3rd years are about to begin their classes tomorrow. Our brother Nirmal has been very generous and Kind in leading and guiding the Scholastics from the Central Zone Provinces. We the first years are beginning our classes on the 27th of June.

**WE ARE NOW SIX IN ROME .. (922) By Prem** on 25-June-2013



**ROME 25 JUNE 2013:** On 24 June, Kulwant Minj arrived in Rome after a long journey via Finland. He was accorded a warm welcome at the airport by R.P. Rector of International College of Ges and Sylverius Chirmako, who had gone to receive him well ahead of time. His joy and enthusiasm of arriving in Rome without any hassle seemed to shadow the fatigue of a long and arduous journey of 12 hours. When he reached College of Ges, his new home in Rome, he was warmly received by P. Cecil Azzopardi, the Spiritual Director of the College. Like an efficient guardian angel, he introduced each and every angle of the house and taught him immediately how to open and close the doors using the keys which seem to be the keys of St. Peter. Later, Linus, Suman and myself went to Collegio Ges to greet him. Our informal gathering made him feel at home within on time. On the first day itself, Suman and Sylverius took him around the downtown Rome to introduce to him the historical, cultural and religious significance of being in Rome. In the evening, he was also shown the University campus of Gregorian, where he is going to begin his theological studies from the month of October. With the arrival of Kulwant, the number of Ranchi Jesuits in Rome has gone up half a dozen now! We wish Kulwant a very happy and fruitful stay in Rome for his studies.

**Loyola College Chennai (923) By alokekka on 26-June-2013**

**Chennai, 26/06/2013:** Tomorrow we begin our classes in Loyola College Chennai. Within these few days we have been busy preparing ourselves for our classes. Amidst all our activities we had a small prayer organized in our campus by the IDCR director for the victims of the natural calamity in Uttarakhand. It was very moving as yesterday also during litany we prayed for the same cause.

Berchmans Illam is a real international community. We are altogether 50 of us from 10+ different provinces. It is a real opportunity to grow in the spirit of Universality. Fr. Henry, our Superior is very challenging and inspiring to us. This academic year we are 17 of us from Ranchi Jesuit province. We keep meeting one another and encourage one another to study well. Our Brothers from Satya Nilayam came to visit us as part of their Chennai Darshan. We feel one with one another as we go ahead with our mission. Thanks.

**Bishop Charles Soreng - new member of St. Xaviers College community.**

(924) By **Michaelsj** on 05-July-2013



**Ranchi, 4 July** : July 5, 2013 Bishop Charles Soreng SJ was welcomed as a new member of St. Xaviers College Ranchi. His successor Bishop Anand Jojo came along with him. He was also accompanied by the priests, religious and the faithful of Hazaribag diocese. On this occasion thanksgiving Eucharist was celebrated at St. Xaviers College Chapel which was presided over by the Bishop Emeritus of Hazaribag. In the beginning Fr. Vinod Bilung, Rector of the Jesuit community welcomed all for the Holy Eucharist. In his homily Bishop Charles spoke of Gods immense love, and encouraged the faithful to be witnesses of that wonderful love. He also stressed on forgiveness and reconciliation. At the end of the Mass Bishop Anand Jojo thanked God, thanked Bishop Charles and St. Xaviers Jesuit community for accepting Bishop Charles as the new member. After the Mass fellowship dinner was served for all.

**LEARNING FROM GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY, WASHINGTON DC** (925) By **Prem** on 09-July-2013



**WASHINGTON DC 8 JULY** : We are lucky to be together here in Georgetown University. These were the words of Alex Ekka when he met me in Washington DC. Along with Mr. Pinachi Ghosh, one of the Professors of XISS, Alex was here at Georgetown University to explore the possibilities of some exchange programs. Both Alex and Pinachi were lodged in the Jesuit community of the University. I had already descended to Georgetown University from New York on 5 July with my friend Carlos Medina, an army medical doctor. We were astonished to visit the impressive campus and elegant buildings of the University situated by the banks of Potomac river in more than 100 acres of land. Established in 1790, Georgetown University is the oldest Jesuit university in United States. According to the Jesuits working in the University, it has around 7,000 undergraduate and over 8,000 post-graduate students from all over the world from a wide variety of religious, ethnic, and geographic backgrounds. Apart from Masters

and Doctoral programs in arts and science, the other major programs of studies are Nursing and Public Health, Medicine, Business, Foreign Service and Civil Law.

Alex will indeed be very glad if his efforts of initiating some exchange programs get going in collaboration with a University, which has such variety of programs of studies. Personally, I was deeply impressed by our short visit to Woodstock Theological Centre.

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