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APRIL 2019

FR PROVINCIAL'S PROGRAM

APRIL 2019

- April 01 : To Delhi
- April 02 : Delhi to Munich
- April 04 : Munich to Paris
- April 05 : Meeting on formation in Paris
- April 06 : Diaconate Ordination of Schs. Jyoti Paul Baxla & David Minj in Paris
- April 07 : Paris to Madrid
- April 09 : Madrid to Delhi
- April 10 : Delhi to Ranchi
- : Convocation at XISS
- April 13 : Pre-Novices' Interview
- April 18 : Maundy Thursday ceremony – Holy Week – Lalpur Church
- April 14-21: Visit of Japanese Socius, Fr. Sanji Yamaoka, SJ
- April 25 : To Pune for Assistancy Get-together
- April 29 : Pune to Tejpur via Kolkata
- April 30 : Final Vows of Fr. Thomas Barla, SJ, at Tejpur

MAY 2019

- May 02 : Tejpur to Ranchi
- May 19 : Golden Jubilee of the Church of Rengarh
- May 20-23: **Ranchi Province Days.**

Fr. Ajay Soreng, SJ
Secretary

INFORMATION- CUM - INVITATION

- 1) The Golden Jubilee of the Church of Rengarih Parish will be celebrated on 19 May 2019. All the Province Brothers and Fathers are cordially invited to participate in this memorable event and ceremony.
- 2) The Province Days 2019 will take place on 20 May evening to 23 May noon 2019. The inaugural Holy Mass will take place on 20 May at 6.00 P.M. at Manresa House. It's mandatory for all to participate in it. In case of a valid reason kindly inform Fr. Provincial for the absence.
- 3) Any Community which may have the old typewriters Hindi & English, kindly reach all of them to the Loyola Training Centre, Ranchi, for the use of the training of students.

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St Mary's Community, Samtoli

Community Outing : Before lent community went to Jharain for outing in the evening. We did some cooking at home and took along with us. We had meal with the Fathers of Jharain and then we came back at 8.30 P.M. Frs Alexander and Ravi were absent as they went to the house of Fr. Alexander for Mass.

Eng. Medium : Students of class IX who went to Ranchi to write their final exam came back safely. They looked tired. Three members from MAGIS visited St. Mary's Samtoli. They installed E-library in SXC and English Medium School. After lunch they also visited Konmenjara, the actual site of SXC. Fr. Sunny Jacob, the secretary of JEA visited Samtoli. Fr. Alexander requested him to give talks on motivation to the teachers. It was only for a half day input.

The teacher-parents meeting of Class IX was called on March 11. It was to inform the parents about what happened in Ranchi when the students went to write exams. It was also discussed how to keep the students in discipline. Some of the students especially the boys were out of discipline, they were not ready to listen to the teachers, instead they challenged the teachers. Those boys who created such atmosphere did not come for the meeting, neither did they send their parents.

Budget Meeting : On March 13 there was a budget meeting for Simdega zone. Fr. Provincial and Fr. Vijay M. Turkey from Sadbhavna came from Ranchi. All the communities except Sogra, were ready and presented their budget. Though Fr. Tejmati Bage did not prepare the budget yet he came to listen and learn from the meeting. After the presentation we had meal together. The newly elected MLA, Mr. Kongari together with Mr. Benjamin

was present for the meal. We went to see the College site at Konmenjara.

Recollection : Fr. Rector gave a recollection talk to the community on March 16 in the evening at 7.00 P.M. We ended our recollection with adoration at 12.00 noon.

Fr. Bruno went to Assam for the budget meeting held on March 17. He brought the new vehicle EECO from Ranchi and came back to Samtoli on March 22. Fr. Ravi who had gone to Ranchi to see the dentist came with Fr. Bruno.

Final hockey match : SXC had arranged hockey match for both boys and girls. They played final matches in St. Mary's ground. Among the boys' teams, the final match was played between Economics vs Geography III & I Departments. The Geography Dept won the match. Among the girls the final match was played between Hindi Dept vs Geography Dept where Hindi Dept won the match.

Death anniversary of Fr. Herman Rasschaert : The 55 death anniversary of Fr. Herman Rasschaert was observed in Kutungia on March 24. Fr. Rector, Fr. Alexander and Schs Anil and Nelson represented St. Mary's community. People from different parishes of the diocese were present. From Ranchi Fr. Provincial, Fr. Ajay, Fr. Bipin, Fr. Walter and Fr. Aurel were present for the occasion. The nephew of Fr. Herman Rasschaert too was present. During the celebration Rasschaert was announced as 'Servant of the Lord'.

On our way to Kutungia, our newly bought vehicle EECO was hit by another vehicle at one of the speed breakers near Bombalkera in Muria parish. Our driver, Fr. Alexander controlled the vehicle and stopped it from falling into the field. I think Fr. Herman Rasschaert saved

us. Our vehicle was damaged but we could proceed to Kutungia all the same.

Pilgrimage : Fr. Rector went to Ulhatu for the pilgrimage with St. Anne's Sisters of Samtoli community. We had Mass in the small chapel as the pilgrims of St. Anne's H/S Torpa were having Mass in the Basilica. While coming back we visited Kishor Nagar, ATC and Jharna. There was an accident near Longa and long queue of vehicles were lined up. We looked for other routes and came back at 9.30 p.m.

Linus

ASHIRWAD-JHARNA

March was a time of stillness and peace in our community despite many activities in and out of it. Our novices of both years left here on 7th for a month-long ministry in various Parishes: eight of them in Assam accompanied by Fr. Edwin, their Socius, up to Pengaree, and twelve of them in the Gumla and Khunti Districts. Reports reaching here from them bring us the good news of their wellbeing both physically and spiritually, and being fired with great zeal and enthusiasm. Fr. Edwin returned from Assam after visiting some centers where our Jesuits are labouring. Fr. Sylverius, the Novice Master, visited the novices now stationed in Barway. He also took time off to join our people at Tutwapani, Netarhat. Fr. Edwin made rounds visiting those in the Munda Dishum. All our novices will return to the base after Easter.

Br. James Barla had been to Pune and Goa for a meeting of Brothers of our Assistency. As he says, being in Goa and especially in the Basilica of Bom Jesus where they had a Eucharistic celebration near the relics of St. Francis Xavier was quite a moving spiritual experience. Since R.P. General was around for the JCSA Conference, the Brothers had a meeting with him in Pune. It was on the auspicious closing occasion of the 4th death centenary of St. Alphonsus Rodriguez, most dear to our Jesuit Brothers. Br. James returned spiritually strengthened after being at the feet of St. F. Xavier and in the company of R.P. General who breathed empowering spirit in them all.

On your next visit to Ashirwad-Jharna you will be welcomed at the entrance by a life-size statue of the Sacred Heart. Thanks to Fr. Deepak who got the statue and had it fixed on a marble pedestal. Now we have altogether three major statues in the campus. Unfortunately the one of Mother Mary with the Child Jesus in her arms remains

somewhat hidden for many retreatants and visitors unless they walk a little further down the southern side of the building. It is possible that the shrine is at the wrong spot if it were meant for the public veneration. The walk paved with marble tiles on the western side in the orchard is a lure and real treat. While still on the orchard, the unseasonal rains with hailstones in early March beat down stacks of beautiful mango and litchi flowers which otherwise had covered the trees.

From March 11, Fr. K.C. Philip is directing eleven Ursuline Tertiaries here in a thirty-day retreat. At the time of writing these lines, they are deep in the Third Week. Salutory effect is palpable in the air: the graph of sanctity in our campus has gone up fairly! Thanks for their prayers for all of us.

Believe it or not! A few days back Fr. Deepak had gone to Ulhatu to celebrate the Eucharist for the school children. During the Mass, H.E. the Cardinal entered the Chapel for a few minutes of personal prayer and walked out. After the liturgy, Fr. Deepak saw his shoes were missing from their place; instead, there was a pair of slippers there. After almost a thirty-minute futile search for the shoes by the nuns and Fr. Deepak, the latter decided to use the slippers and went to the presbytery for it was time for lunch. The Cardinal and the Parish Priest were already there. Fr. Deepak was surprised to see his shoes in the Cardinal's feet. What an embarrassment for Fr. Deepak! But he was also wearing the other's slippers, wasn't he? But there was a difference. Not knowing how to react, he took courage and whispered discreetly into the ears of the PP about the matter and all was honourably done. The PP passed the message politely to the Cardinal, who surprisingly said he was wondering why the shoes were pinching! True to the Latin adage, "*Res clamat ad dominum*" (the object calls for its owner), Fr. Deepak got back his footwear! He narrated the incident to us with due respect to the ageing and ailing Archbishop.

Novices and Fr Henry

Assam and Andaman's Mission

JESUIT BHAVAN AND GANA CHETNA SAMAJ, TEZPUR

Visitors: Rt. Rev. Bishop Gabriel Kujur SJ, Bishop Emeritus along with one Sister and one Priest visited our community on March 02, 2019 on his way back to Bana in Arunachal. We had a short interaction with them as they

were running short of time. On March 12, 2019, Fr. Edwin Dang S.J., Socius to the Novice Master was formally welcomed to our community with Assamese gamosa by Fr. Pius who stayed with us for a couple of days. On March 19, 2019, Fr. Joseph Marianus Kujur, Provincial, Fr. Bruno Toppo and Fr. Ashok Kandulna came to Jesuit Bhavan to attend the Budget session of Assam Mission scheduled for March 20, 2019. In the evening they were formally welcomed with Assamese gamosa. They left for Ranchi on March 21, 2019.

Laying foundation of a church building: On March 01, 2019, the **foundation** of a church building was laid at Loyola Kathalguri around 8.54 A.M. in the presence of Fathers, Sisters, students, teachers, some faithful, Mr. Prasoon Banerjee, the contractor and his team. Fr. Pius officiated the blessing ceremony and mortars were put in the foundation. Hope the church building will get completed in stipulated time for the faithful to worship the Lord.

Ordination cum Parish Annual Sabha: Fr. Cyril and Fr. Pius along with two Ursuline Sisters went to Gohpur Parish in Tezpur Diocese to take part in the ordination ceremony of Deacon Prasanta Basumatary CSC. They also participated in the Parish Annual Sabha which was held on March 03, 2019 and was presided over by Bishop Michael Akasius, Tezpur Diocese. Since it was the first ordination in the last 40 years of the existence of this Parish, it attracted a huge crowd not only of the faithful but also the people of other faiths. Ordination ceremony was followed by felicitation of Bishop, Priests, religious, newly ordained priest and his parents. Then there followed a cultural programme and the meal. It was an historic event for Gohpur Parish to offer the first priest as its first fruit to work in the vineyard of the Lord.

Agreement: On March 08, 2019, an Agreement paper pertaining to our mission in Ignatius Parish, Kathalguri was signed between Rt. Rev. Bishop Thomas Pulloppillit DD, Bishop of Bongaigaon and Fr. Pius Xalxo, S.J., Delegate of Provincial, Ranchi Province for Assam Mission. Fr. Xavier Lakra S.J. was a witness to the agreement. On account of other commitments, we rushed back to Tezpur and Fr. Xavier Lakra went to Bishop's House in the evening to meet the officials of "Church in Need" from Germany.

Recollection: On March 09, 2019, Lenten Recollection for CRI, Tezpur Unit was held in the first half of the day in Jesuit Bhavan, Tezpur. 31 members of the CRI took part in this recollection and profited from it. Fr. Cletus Sebastian

SDB, Director of DBSTI was the resource person who invited the participants to have a personal transformation in life so that they could become a true follower of Christ and be His effective ambassadors. Thanks to Fr. Thomas, Fr. Cyril, kitchen staff and GCS staff for making a very good arrangement for food, accommodation and other things much needed for the success of the programme.

On March 12, 2019, monthly recollection of Tezpur diocese was held at 6.00 P.M. in the Bishop's House.

Rt. Rev. Michael Toppo, the Bishop of Tezpur gave the recollection points. He invited us to experience the joy of forgiving others and being forgiven by God the Father. It was followed by confession and concluded with adoration of the Eucharistic Lord. After the adoration, all the participants were served supper in the Bishop's House itself.

Outing: On March 14, 2019 in honour of Fr. Edwin Dang S.J., we went for an outing to Kaziranga National Park. A hired vehicle drove us inside the park and we had an opportunity to catch sight of Rhinos, herd of wild buffaloes, variety of deers and exotic birds. At one place in the park, we had a narrow escape from the sudden attack of Rhino which chased us to certain distance. It was a terrying experience for all us as we were all caught unaware and unnoticed. Thank God! We managed to escape unharmed. From there we went to Orchid park which is just getting laden with exotic flowers. We, too, had a chance to witness three cultural dances of North East which were performed in the park. Soon after that, we went to bamboo-park and we were baffled to see as many as 54 varieties of bamboos. From there we proceeded to Tezpur and visited the Ursuline Provincial House, Gotlong and then to Bishop's House. Rt. Rev. Michael Akasius was kind enough to show us the Cathedral, burial House and the adoration chapel. He then offered us refreshments.

Short visit: On March 15, Fr. Cyril and Fr. Pius accompanied Fr. Edwin Dang in his short visit to St. Xavier's College, Sonabheel and Xavier Sadan Balipara. After spending a couple of hours with the community members of Balipara, Fr. Cyril and Fr. Pius came back to their community while Fr. Edwin stayed back at Balipara.

Career Guidance: On March 16, 2019 under the able leadership and guidance of Fr. Thomas Barla, GCS launched "Career Guidance" for the students numbering 27 at our premise. Fr. Thomas gave a keynote address

and also highlighted the job markets available today. Mr. Anand and his team from GCS dealt with different aspects of Career Guidance and helped the participants to go through the exercise of choosing the career which may suit them best. At the end, they were served refreshment from GCS.

Budget session: On March 20, 2019 budget session started with the words of welcome by Fr. Pius chaired by Fr. Provincial. Fr. Bruno and Fr. Ashok guided the session and it successfully got completed in the afternoon. We are extremely thankful to Fr. Joseph Marianus Kujur, Provincial, Fr. Bruno and Fr. Ashok for being part of the budget session and for their able guidance. Sharing of their observations, valuable suggestions, and words of appreciation were very encouraging.

Meeting: In view of the ensuing Lok Sabha election, the selected members of NGOs and AASAA had a meeting in our campus. They picked out some of the burning issues of the Adivasis which could be presented to the political parties for the inclusion in their election manifesto. Hope their efforts will bear much fruits. After the meeting, all the participants were provided meal.

On March 27, 2017, 35 instructors of study centres came to GCS for the monthly meeting. Fr. Thomas gave the keynote address and Fr. Pius gave them inputs with a view to help them become good teachers and to play an important role in the learning process of the students. Soon after that other issues related to study centres were taken up by Fr. Thomas and the GCS staff. Participants were served meal after the meeting.

On March 28, 2019, Fr. Thomas along with Fr. John B. Dungdung left for Guwahati airport to take flight for Ranchi to attend REGAE II slated for March 29 – 31 at St. Xavier, Hazaribagh, Jharkhand. Wish them a fruitful time.

Prothrapur (Andamans)

Keeping in mind the convenience of the faithful, the Holy Eucharist of Ash Wednesday was arranged at Pathargudda Church which is one of the sub centres of Prothrapur parish. Geographically this place is well suited as centre for the people from various villages going to Port Blair. In the evening Fr. Edward availed himself for the celebration of the Eucharist in the parish whereas Fr. David moved to Carbynscove church for the same. Lenten Tour started on 11th March onwards in order to complete the programme

in due time and keep ourselves free for other important activities and preparation of Easter.

Fr. Anil Kandulna came to Prothrapur on 11th March from Diglipur as he is on his transfer to mainland and very next day he left for his destination. Fr. David reached him to air port. We extend our sincere thanks for service and contribution in Andaman Mission and wish him all the best for his future ministry in Soso parish. This afternoon on 18th March Fr. Anup Kiran Minj landed at the Air port of Port Blair who came to Andamans to replace Fr. Anil but most probably he will be staying here for a short time. Happy stay over here and best wishes till you are here dear Anup.

A day of Charismatic retreat offered an opportunity to the parishioners of Prothrapur to prepare themselves spiritually for Easter and Parish day held on 21st March 2019. Parish charismatic team conducted the prayer of praise and worship. There were three main resource persons for preaching, Fr. David Bara, the parish priest, Mr. Jose, the coordinator of CFC in Andamans and Arnold, a youth. Fr. David spoke on “Faith and Repentance” while Jose on “Forgiveness and Mercy of God” and Arnold on “Our relationship with God”. Charismatic team played a vital role in creating an atmosphere of prayer and devotion by their melodious singing. People experienced personally the love, mercy and forgiveness of God through the Sacrament of reconciliation. Frs. David and Edward availed themselves for this. Tea break was followed by the Holy Eucharist presided over by Rev. Fr. Dharampal Tirkey, the treasurer of the diocese. He is also the spiritual guide of the diocesan charismatic team. He is an energetic man, well known for his creativity and forceful speaker. He attracted the people by his fiery and inspiring sermon. Around three hundred faithful profited spiritually. Thanks to one and all for their support and cooperation.

Parish Day celebration was held on March 24th 2019. It provided an occasion to thank God for the abundant gifts and blessings, graces, support and protection we experienced through St. Joseph, the patron Saint of our parish. We started our celebration by praying Holy Rosary followed by an hour of Adoration conducted by Charismatic team. The team led the gathering into a deep prayer of praise and devotion. Centre of celebration was the Holy Eucharist. It started at 9.00 A.M. and was presided over by Fr. David whereas Fr. Edward concelebrated with him.

Liturgy was well planned and responsibilities had been shared by different communities. In the introduction Mr. William Ekka highlighted the great personality of St. Joseph. The Bible procession presented by the children was remarkable and very prayerful. The main celebrant enlightened and inspired the people through his well prepared homily. Narrating the personality and character of St Joseph, he stressed that he was simple, dedicated, Man of silence, God fearing and obedient. His special vocation was to take care of Mother Mary and the Child Jesus. The celebrant also humbly urged the faithful to go to St. Joseph in every situation of their life, he will never send you back with empty hands. Mothers, Abbas and youth sang together so beautifully with their melodious hymns that all could pray with much deeper devotion.

Fr. David, the parish priest thanked all who were present, specially, the sisters and the faithful who totally involved themselves in all the activities and made the day a memorable one. On this beautiful occasion Florian Pinto and Jerom Tigga were given a token of love for their dedication and selfless service to the Church and its people. Finally the celebration came to an end with a fellowship meal. The programme and the activities done on this occasion were highly appreciated and praiseworthy.

Except from Cambellbay and Katchal islands, all the priests and sisters working in the diocese gathered at Stella Maris Cathedral, Port Blair for the Chrism Mass held on 28th March. Jesuits too from Diglipur and Ramnagar reached to Prothrapur for the same. The Archbishop Felix Toppo, S.J. presided over the Mass.

His Excellency, the Archbishop Felix Toppo S.J. from Ranchi Archdiocese gave a talk to all the fathers, sisters and brothers of Port Blair diocese. This talk was in view of the spiritual preparation for the Lenten Season and the feast of Easter. His address was based on the Gospel of St. Mt. 5:13 & 14. "You are the salt of the earth." And "Your are the light of the world." Just after talk Rev. Fr. V. Selvaraj, the diocesan administrator proposed vote of thanks and also requested the Archbishop to make arrangement for a new bishop for the Port Blair diocese at the earliest as the post of the Bishop is vacant. After the Chrism Mass, Archbishop also visited some of the parishes of the diocese like Oralkatcha, Rangat and Mayabunder. He left for Ranchi on 2nd April 2019.

Jesuit Fathers from Ramnagar and Diglipur went back by early morning bus at 4.00 A.M. on 29th March 2019.

May the risen Christ bring peace, joy and good health to you all. *Happy Easter!*

David.

Foreign Mission

News and Views from Rome

Schs Johny Kujur and Nirmal Minj were fully occupied in March in various academic as well as in extracurricular activities. Despite the sudden and frequent changes in Rome's weather, both of them have maintained good health, and acquainted themselves well with local language, culture and culinary. The regular Lectures and Seminars of the Second Semester in Pontifical Gregorian University keep them always busy. On 16 March, one day Lenten Recollection was organized for the entire community. Fr. John Dardis S.J. guided them in their prayer and reflections by giving inputs on the theme "The Universal Apostolic Preferences", promulgated recently by R.P. General. Sharing the personal reflections with the members of different Living Groups helped them to go deeper into the theme and to begin the spiritual journey of Lent with a proper disposition. On 29 March, the community had an input session on "Consequences of Sexual Abuse on Victims: 'Red Flags' in Perpetrators and Prevention in institutions". Dr. Katharina Fuchs enlightened the entire community by substantiating terms and conditions in different cases to be aware of sexual and moral abuses.

Kulwant Minj reinvigorated the Lenten spirit by participating actively in the one day Recollection organized for the entire Bellarmino community on 17 March. P. Marco Rupnik guided them in their prayer by speaking on the importance of Eucharist in the life of a Jesuit. On 20 March, all the students of the Faculty of Canon Law visited two Roman Dicasteries namely *Penitenzieria Apostolica* and *Signatura Apostolica*. During their visit, they were briefed about the mission and works of the Dicasteries and how one can benefit from them.

On 5 December 2018, on behalf of H.L. Bishop Vincent Barwa, Kulwant had submitted the *Supplex Libellus* in the Congregation of the Causes of Saints regarding Beatification or Declaration of Martyrdom of the Servant of God, Herman Rasschaert, a professed priest in the society of Jesus, who was martyred for the hatred

for his faith in Jesus Christ in 1964. In that *Supplex Libellus*, Bishop Barwa had asked the Congregation to grant *Nulla Osta* and to see from the part of the Holy See whether there exists any hindrance to the Cause. The Congregation of the Causes of Saints accepted the *Libellus* and examined the Cause and found it favorable for the Beatification or Declaration of Martyrdom of the Servant of God Herman Rasschaert, assuming that “*Norms to be observed in Inquiries made by Bishops in the Cause of Saints*” of 7 February 1983 are performed as per Norms, and granted *Nulla Osta* on 26 February 2019. Kulwant says that soon the diocesan phase for the Beatification and Canonization will begin in Jharkhand, especially in the Catholic Diocese of Simdega.

Anselm Ekka has fully inserted himself into the life and mission of the Curia. On 27 March 2019, a common meeting for both the Fathers and the Lay Staff members of the Curia was organized to reflect and deliberate upon how to make the recently promulgated “Four Universal Apostolic Preferences” more relevant and applicable in the work and mission of each area. In the beginning, R.P. General gave inputs on the theme. Based on his inputs, they had discussions in small groups. Later, each group shared its reflections to the larger group. R.P. General responded to all the queries, and clarified all the doubts.

Anselm was entrusted two more extra works by P. General Treasurer in the Finance Department, which he accepted heartily and is sure that he will become more responsible toward the financial management in the Society of Jesus. Still further, the Secretary of the Society of Jesus, offered him an opportunity to work in the Archives to prepare the Indices for the Files of 1958-1963 for the South Asian Assistancy. He accepted the offer willingly and started working immediately on the assignment. It was an excellent opportunity for him to have a careful glance on the precious history of the Missionaries of South Asian Assistancy.

Ranchi Jesuits in Rome benefitted a lot from the company of two prominent guests during the past few days – Raymond Kerketta and Vijay Manohar Tirkey, who were here in Rome for the introductory Courses for the Province Socius and Treasurers respectively. Apart from their courses, they made use of their available free time in visiting some of the important cultural and religious heritage sites of Italy. Both Raymond and Vijay enriched themselves

deeply spiritually by visiting Assisi as pilgrims. Raymond was extremely happy to lead the Ranchi Jesuits in Eucharistic celebrations in the Room of St. Ignatius of Loyola. One Get-together each was organized for both of them during which they shared the news from Home with the Ranchi Jesuits. Their presence enthused all the Ranchi Jesuits in Rome and encouraged them to carry out their mission with dedication and vigour.

GUYANA

In the beginning of March, Fr. Christopher Llanos, S.J., the Regional Superior of Guyana, Barbados and Jamaica made his maiden visit to India for a month. He attended the Jesuit Conference of South Asian Assistancy in Goa. He made his short visit to the Common Houses, particularly, De Nobili College Pune, Vidya Jyoti Delhi and Satya Nilayam Chennai. He also visited the families of the Ranchi Jesuit missionaries in Guyana. The families that the Superior visited were those of Fr. Elias Surin, Bindhaintoli Parish; Fr. Anugrah Amar Bage, Jaldega Parish; Fr. Anil Kishore Tirkey, Soso Parish and Fr. Mark Mukul Lakra Gumla Parish.

During the Lenten season all of them were engaged in spiritual preparation for the Easter celebration. Fr. Elias Surin, S.J. guided 8 days retreat to his 60 Parish Lay Assistants (Catechists) from 15 village communities in St. Joseph’s Catholic Church Kurukabaru in North Pakaraimas from 9-17 March.

Fr. Anugrah Amar Bage, S.J. completed the renovation work of Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Hosororo. After three days of intense spiritual preparation, the Parish Lay Assistants were commissioned during the Holy Eucharist offered by Fr. Anugrah Amar Bage, S.J. Fr. John Persuad, the Vicar of Clergy in the Diocese of Georgetown, went to Our Lady of Lourdes Hosororo for the youth programme.

Fr. Anil Kishore Tirkey, S.J. returned to Guyana on 30th March after spending a couple of weeks with his family members, relatives and friends as he went to Chatti, Soso for the burial of his sister in law, Sushila Tirkey. Heartfelt Condolences dear Fr. Anil Kishore. May the soul of Sushila Tirkey Rest in Peace!

Our sincere thanks and gratitude to Fr. Mark Mukul Lakra, S.J. for your three years tireless and selfless service rendered to the people of Guyana in the capacity of the Assistant Parish Priest in St. Francis Xavier’s Church Port

Mourant Berbice and St. Teresa Church Campbellville, Georgetown.

Our Ursuline Sisters- Helen Soreng, Crecencia Toppo, Nishi Susanna and Sosan Anima, in South Pakaraimas, had meticulously planned out for all their six

village communities for the Lenten Tour and spiritual preparation by preaching three days retreat in Yurongparu, Rukumuta, Tipuru, Pi Pong, Tiger Pond and Karasabai.

We wish you a very Happy Easter. May the Risen Lord fill your hearts with joy, peace and happiness!

- Fr. Elias Surin, SJ

BIRTHDAYS

APRIL

- 02 Lakra Polycarp
Ekka Britius
- 03 Minj Praveen
- 04 Dungdung Anthres
- 06 Barla James
- 07 Doongdoong Anthony
Ekka Vital
Ekka Anthony
Kerketta Anand
- 08 Tete Felix Prakash
Orea Sudhir
- 09 Guria Cyril
Bara Pradeep
- 11 Toppo Alexius
Kullu Praveen
- 12 Xess Angelus
Topno Nicholas
- 13 Tete James Pascal
- 14 Kandulna Ashok
Xalxo Pius
Tirkey Justin
Toppo Binod
Tete Seberius
- 15 Ekka Ravindra
- 16 Mathias Joseph B.
- 18 Lakra Placidus
- 20 Kerketta Sikander
- 22 Kandulna Wilson
- 24 Bara Pramod

- 26 Minj Francis
Toppo Amrit
- 29 Surin Zacharias
- 30 Baxla Emmanuel

MAY

- 01 Soreng Xavier
- 02 Minj Ajay Prakash
Kujur Hemant
- 03 Minj Erentius
- 04 Toppo Erenius
Dungdung Samir
Lakra Shailesh
- 05 To'ppo Ireneus
- 06 Ekka Ishak
- 07 Minj Gyan Prakash
- 08 Xalxo Jerome Stephen
- 09 Xess Gabriel
- 10 Dungdung Kuldeep
- 11 Minj Anand
- 12 Khoya Manohar
- 14 Soreng Alok
- 15 Kerketta Xavier
- 16 Kerketta Benjamin
- 19 Dungdung Alexius
Ba'a Kuldeep
- 20 Ekka Praful
- 24 Ba'a Ephrem
- 29 Tigga Lalit John
- 30 Kullu Francis David

HAPPY EASTER 2019