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Province Days 2020

Dear Fathers & Brothers,

Peace of Christ!

This is to inform you that the dates of the Province Days 2020 will be from 21st to 23rd May 2020.

21 May : Arrival in the afternoon

22 May : Session, the full day

23 May : Session till noon and then dispersal

With best wishes,
Yours sincerely,
Fr. Ajay Soreng, SJ

Manresa House Ranchi

The management and our workers had a meeting on Jan 31, 2020. It was an evaluation of life and work in Manresa House. Our workers expressed their expectations and grievances. The management listened to them and brought some practical points to their notice. They were requested to come on time for their work. An important resolution taken in the meeting was to gather everyday at 8.00 A.M. for prayer in front of the statue of the Sacred Heart at the entrance.

Thus a new tradition commenced in Manresa House from Feb 1, 2020. All the workers came together to invoke God's blessing before they began their work. And this prayer session has become part of their life now. Workers themselves lead the prayer and at the end Fr. Rector gives them blessing. After prayer, information is given to them and then they disperse for their work.

On Feb 2, 2020, when we celebrated the Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord, Fr. Peter Martin pronounced his final Vows in Loyola School, Jamshedpur. Frs Bipin Lugun and John Jyoti

Kujur were the witnesses and representatives from Manresa House. On the same day Fr. Rector accompanied the faithful of Hindpiri who went for a pilgrimage to Sargaon, the birth place of Servant of God, Mother Mary Bernadett Kispotta. It so happened that on this very day we received the sad news of the demise of Sr Prabha, the auntie of Fr. Alex Tirkey. She was an Ursuline nun belonging to Ranchi Province and Ursuline Community, Khunti. The following day the Funeral Mass took place in the Chapel of Ursuline Convent, Dr. Camil Bulcke Path, Ranchi.

On Feb 3, 2020, Bro Blacius Tigga, Minister of the House, and Bro Johnson Kachhap celebrated their birthday. Our Jesuit friends of the neighbouring communities were invited for dinner.

On Feb 4, 2020, Fr. Koo Chung-Mo, S.J. (Formation Delegate, Japan) and Sch. Dolwin Cutinha, S.J. paid a visit to Minor Seminary and Manresa House. They had interaction with Candidates and Scholastics in their respective places. Dr. Fr. John B. Dungdung received his fitness certificate and left for Sonabheel-Solabasti, Assam on Feb 07, 2020 to resume his ministry.

The College fest was held from Feb 7 to 9 but its side effect was seen in Manresa House too as all the staff and students parked their vehicles in Manresa campus. Because of the alertness and generous service of volunteers everything went on well. Then the students of XISS occupied the basket ball court and football ground for practice and preparation for PANACHE (Annual fest). Our campus was crowded and various activities occurred till February 18, 2020. Our senior citizens had to make lots of adjustments during those days.

The 9th of February was the red letter day in the history of Manresa House because Fr. Vernon D’Cunha, S.J., Assistants Ad Providentiam and General Counsellor, visited Manresa House. He met the officials, some individuals and scholastics. He also met the staff members and imparted some news and views from Rome and Vatican. This opportune moment was a blessing for us.

These days, picnic has become part of our life. Manresa workers accompanied by some staff members went to Dolda on the Republic Day for an outing. The collaborators of Satya Bharati went to Saat Dhara near Torpa on February 16. Frs Alex Tirkey, Bipin Lugun, John Jyoti Kujur and Bro Telesphore Horo accompanied them. On the same day Bro Blacius Tigga, Bro Polycarp Lakra and Bro Johnson Kachhap went to Singpur for Brothers’ meet. Manresa Community also found time to go for a picnic to Bingaon on 23rd February. Fr Sikander and Fr. Mukul, as ready and willing as they always are, welcomed us with open hearts. It was a good time for us to be together and to enjoy our companionship. Scholastics had prepared varieties of delicious dishes.

On 17th Feb, Fr David Bara from Andamans and Fr Pius Xalxo from Assam Mission arrived here in view of Extended Consult. Fr George Patteri, S.J., (POSA) arrived on 18th Feb for the same purpose. The Extended Consult began at 4.00 P.M. on Feb 18 and came to an end on 19th Feb in the evening.

On Feb 27, 2020, Fr Somy Mathew, S.J., PCF of Jamshedpur arrived here to see his Scholastic Ashish Digal. He was given a warm welcome with a big round of applause. He stayed with us overnight and left for Jamshedpur next day.

Fr Amrit Lakra

St Mary's Community Samtoli

Picnic : The high school and Inter College staffs went to Budhadhar on Feb 01 for the annual picnic while the community chose Ambapani, a place close to Odisha border, to have a picnic with the house employees on Feb 02. All the employees were present to enjoy the day.

Fr Rector, Fr Bruno and Fr Alexander went to Ranchi for their own purposes. Fr Rector had something to do with regard to land problem; Fr Bruno, concerning his Ph.D. program and Fr Alexander had to get some necessary papers regarding vehicles from Don Bosco, Kokar.

Birthday of Anup : The Birthday of Anup was celebrated in a very simple way. We had prayer together in his name and wished him at the dinner table.

Visit of Asst. General : The Asst. General, Fr. Vernon, S.J. visited Simdega zone from Feb 10 to Feb 12. Fr. Raymond Kerketta, the Socius, accompanied him upto Samtoli and after lunch he went back to Ranchi. Fr. Vernon started meeting the members of St. Mary's community individually on the same day. He met the individual members till supper. On the second day he left for Jharain accompanied by Frs Rector and Fredrick. There was a short felicitation by the students there on his arrival then he had personal meeting with Frs Pingal and Ignatius. After coffee we left for Rengarih at 11.00 A.M. There he met Frs Benedict Kiro, Anthres Dungdung and Gabriel Xess. After a delicious lunch at Rengarih, we came back to St. Mary's, Samtoli. In the evening we had Holy Eucharist with all the Jesuits of Simdega zone. Fr. Vernon himself was the main celebrant. After the Eucharist we had agape meal in honour of Fr. Vernon. On the third day, Fr Rector accompanied Fr Vernon to Sogra, the last mission station for

visit in this zone. After meeting Frs Christopher and Tejmati we left for Khunti at 10.30 A.M. We arrived at Khunti by 1.00 P.M. Fr Isaac Xalxo, together with other Jesuits and school children were waiting for the arrival of Fr Vernon. After a short felicitation, lunch was served. After lunch Fr. Rector left Khunti for Simdega.

Fr. Anuj Kr. Minj : The newly ordained priest came back to Sogra where he did his diaconate ministry. His parents, uncle and other relatives reached him. We had lunch with them at St. Mary's Samtoli. After lunch they proceeded to Sogra. The family members stayed for some time there, had high tea and went back home.

Fr. Rector went to Ranchi for an extended consult of the Province which was scheduled from Feb 18 to Feb 19. Fr Ephrem also went to Ranchi for some office works. Fr Rector stayed back for another day as he had an appointment with Fr Provincial and Fr Emmanuel Barla, the Principal of SXC Ranchi.

CRI Picnic : CRI picnic was organized on Feb 21 at Budhadhar. Initially it was proposed to have it at Dangadi but because of the Maha Shivratri it was all of a sudden shifted to Budhadhar. The communities were given responsibilities to prepare and bring the items for the picnic. All of them brought some items or other to the picnic spot. We had tea at the arrival of the members then there was free time to move around. We had lunch at 3.00 P.M. followed by common dance which most of us enjoyed. Practically all the members from St. Mary's community participated.

Budget Meeting : We had a marathon budget meeting from 6.00 P.M. to 9.00 P.M. All the units presented the budget.

Assam Mission JESUIT BHAVAN AND GANA CHETANA SAMAJ, TEZPUR

Accommodation for Seminar : GCS accommodated 25 participants of a NGO, named, AAWAA from January 31, 2020 to February 02, 2020 for their residential seminar in the campus. The resource persons for the seminar were lawyers who gave legal awareness and dwelt on human trafficking to the staff working in the tea estates. Just after this, another seminar for the staff members of an NGO, named, PAJHRA was held in GCS from February 03 to 04 which was concluded successfully. Another Seminar by the same NGO was conducted on “Leadership Module” from February 22 to 25, 2020. Fr Thomas also took part in the seminar and learnt some new things. Thanks to Fr Thomas and his staff for providing the participants with full board and lodging facilities for such a fruit bearing seminar. On February 29, 2020, GCS under the leadership of Fr Thomas conducted a seminar for the students who have just recently completed their Matric examination. The topic of the seminar was “ Opportunities after Class X” which was attended by 19 students. Fr Thomas gave the keynote address and Fr Pius also encouraged them with his valuable words. Staff members of GCS conducted the sessions and helped the students how to make a right choices of the subjects for college studies with a view to achieve their career goal.

Monthly Recollection : Monthly recollection of February for the Fathers and Brothers working in Tezpur Diocese was held in the Bishop’s house on February 04, 2020 at 6.00 P.M.. Rt. Rev. Bp. Michael Akasius Toppo gave a talk on this occasion. Being the feast day of St John De Britto, he gave a short life sketch of the saint and highlighted the salient features of his personality. He said that being a foreigner he inculturated

himself to the situation and life condition of the people and invested his time, energy and everything as a missionary. He invited us to imbibe the missionary spirit, zeal, courage, commitment of the martyr and bear fruit in our respective places for the spread of the kingdom of God. It was followed by individual confession and adoration of the Eucharistic Lord. After the adoration supper was served for everybody.

Dinner : St John’s community invited us to join the dinner on February 09, 2020. The dinner had been arranged in honour of Fr Elvius Kerketta who has joined the community as the Parish Priest of St John’s Church, Balipara. On the occasion of the birthdays of Fr Ranjit Kujur and Fr Robert Pradeep Kujur SXC, Sonabheel invited us for dinner on February 10 and 11 respectively. On February 16, 2020, Balipara community invited us for dinner on the occasion of the birthday of Scholastic Amit Lakra S.J. There was a prayer service in honour of Scholastic Amit followed by sumptuous dinner. Our presence doubled the joy of birthday babies. May God continue to bless them and their undertakings!

Sports Meet : Assam Jesuit Schools Sport Meet-2020 for the time was held from February 19 to 22, 2020 at St John’s School, Balipara. Three Jesuit Schools, namely, Loyola - Kathalguri, St. Xavier’s - Manas Bansbari and St. John’s - Balipara participated in the Sport Meet – 2020 and grand finale was held on February 22, 2020. Fr Thomas and Fr Pius witnessed the event and were impressed with the performance of the students in track and field events. Speech competition also found a place in this Meet and participants showcased their talents for elocution. Students and all the staff members of three schools enjoyed the Sport Meet and vowed to have it each year without fail. St John’s School, Balipara lifted the trophy of overall championship and St Xavier’s, Manas Bansbari stood second and Loyola, Kathalguri third.

Extended Consult : Fr. Pius Xalxo SJ from Assam Mission attended the extended consult for the new Provincial held from February 18 to 19, 2020 at Manresa House, Ranchi. Whole exercise was done in an atmosphere of silence, recollection and spiritual ambience. It was professionally presided over by Fr. Joseph Marianus Kujur S.J., the Provincial, in the Presence of Fr. George Pattery S.J., POSA and Fr. Vernon D’Cunha S.J. General Counsellor who attended it as an observer. All of us felt very happy, consoled and satisfied with the outcome of the exercise and cast our secret votes for new Provincial. Result will unfold in due time.

Health : Groin and back pain caused discomfort to Fr Cyril for a couple of days. After visiting the doctor and medication there is much improvement in his health and doing his work faithfully and with full commitment. We wish him a very good health.

Burial Mass : Fr Cyril and Fr Pius attended the burial Mass of Sr Phukeria Ekka MSMHC on February 24,2020 at Jyoti Bhavan, Tezpur. Bishop Michael Akasius Toppo DD presided over the Mass. A good number of persons delivered the condolence messages and then her mortal remains was laid to rest in the common graveyard in the campus. May the merciful Lord grant her eternal rest and deep condolence to all the Sisters of MSMHC!

Recollection points and confession : Fr. Pius gave recollection points to Sisters of MSMHC at Teen Mile, Tezpur on March 29,2020. Soon after the talk, he heard the confession of Sisters and hostellers as well. After having supper in the Convent, he came back to community.

Patna Juniorate, Khaspur.

February traditionally is the month when the people of Bihar wait to get blessings of our Lady

at the famous pilgrimage center called Mokama. We too were lucky to go as pilgrims for two days to this holy place on 1st of February. Hundreds and thousands of people especially of other faiths flocked to this place whole day and night. After our return from 4th to 8th of February we had seminar on “Introduction to the Pauline letters” by Fr. Peter Ignatius S.J. His guidance helped us to understand about Paul’s letters and his understanding of what Jesus Christ means for the life of ordinary Christians. The feast of St Stephen, the patron saint of our parish was celebrated on 16th of February. with solemn Mass. It was followed by tea and snacks and then were presented attractive games to all present for the celebration. Fr. E.P Mathew S.J. the provincial of Kerala made a short visit to our place on 17th of this month. On 20th we were deeply saddened by the death news of the mother of Sch Ananias Xess. He left for home that very day to bid final adieu to his beloved Mom. May her soul rest in peace. We put up our two one act plays (English and Hindi) on 23rd at St. Michael School, Kurji. Many religious turned up to watch our one act plays. On that very day we were also happy to welcome Fr. Soosai Mani S.J., the PCF of Delhi Province. Finally on 25th of February we went for two days of study tour and visited some of the famous places like Bodhgaya, Rajgir and Nalanda. With this excursion we said goodbye to this month.

Sch. Mathew Kawa sj

Foreign Mission GUYANA

Following the mission statement, ‘Be baptized and sent,’ the Parish Lay Assistants have already started visiting their neighbouring communities with great zeal and enthusiasm. They are helping the faithfuls in their spiritual preparation for the Easter Celebration by conducting the morning devotion, visits to families and the sick, Stations of the Cross and evening prayer. Along with his

six active and energetic catechists, Fr. Elias Surin S.J. visited Chenapou and Karisparu, the most inaccessible village communities and preached the Gospel for twenty days. The evaluation of our missionary trekking took place in the magnificent Kaietuer, the world's largest single-drop water fall with 226 meters high and 100 meter wide plunge amid jungle scenery.

The five Days Ignatian Spiritual Exercises for 50 Parish Lay Assistants of North Pakaraimas were guided by Fr. Anugrah Amar Bage S.J. and Brother Timothy Bishop, the second year USA Jesuit novice, in St. Joseph's Catholic Church Kurukabaru from 23-27 February, 2020.

On 23rd Feb 2020, the Republic of Guyana, celebrated its 50th anniversary with great joy and enthusiasm.

In South Pakaraimas, our Ursuline Sisters spent their full time and energy in the formation of the Parish Lay Assistants in their own respective village communities. In Karasabai, the hostel building for the secondary school students was getting ready to accommodate them in the parish campus.

Fr. Elias Surin, SJ

Nepal

This month was the month of preparation for the visit of Fr General and the Delegates to the Jhapa Mission. The staff and the supporting staff had picnic to Bhurunga on 1st February. It was a time of relaxation and a moment to be together. Many teachers volunteered to cook different menus to make the day special. Students of classes 8 and 10 had their Pre-Board Examination before going for their final examination in the month of March. Moreover, other classes too had their 6th cycle test. On 20th February, our class 10 students were given farewell and wished them good luck for their SEE Board exams. On

28th February Fr. General visited the Jesuit community and the mission here in Deonia. It was a much-awaited day for all of us. It was a moment of grace to receive Fr. General and the Delegates. After lunch and a short program by students and staff of SXD family, Fr General and the Delegates went to Moran Memorial School, Maheshpur. On the same evening, Fr General addressed the Jhapa Jesuits regarding the mission and the vision of the Society, which has to be implemented in the context of Nepal. On 29th Fr General concelebrated the Holy Mass for the faithful and gave the message. He acknowledged and appreciated the Religious Sisters who are actively collaborating with us. Fr General also expressed his deep solidarity with the faithful about the happenings in the tea garden especially the people who are deprived of their citizenship. He encouraged the faithful to educate their children and to make their future better. He asked them to benefit from mobile clinics, which are directly sponsored by the Society for their well-being with the collaboration of FC Sisters.

Sch. Wilson Kandulna, SJ
St. Xavier's School, Deonia, Nepal.

Munich, Germany

Towards the end of 27th January, Sch. Paulus wrote an exam. on history of philosophy. He passed the exams successfully. Congratulations! Then came oral exams. Schs Sameer and Paulus had their oral exams respectively on 6th and 7th February. On 8th February Sameer's Community had organized an "Abrissparty" meaning- a party to tear down things. But the party did not take its literal meaning. This was the last gathering for fellow students from friend circle, before the Hurtado Community (Sch. Sameer's community) was to get closed down. We had a wonderful evening.

On 9th February we the Scholastics left for Zurich,

Switzerland for a three-days-course on 'Spiritual Exercises' and 'Spiritual guide'. The course was conducted by a Swiss Jesuit Bruno Brantschen S.J. This course gave us the basic knowledge of giving retreats and being a spiritual guide. We have profited a lot from this course and so we are very grateful to have followed this program. It will surely be of great help to our future ministries.

After the course we got back to Munich. The Hurtado Community started packing and wrapping up the household things, in order to move them to their future Gonzaga Community (Sch. Paulus' community). There are two communities for Jesuits in Formation. One of them was Hurtado Community, which existed as a Jesuit Community since 2007. We are at present 8 Scholastics in Munich. In the next Summer there will be only four Scholastics studying in Munich. The province foresaw the decreasing number of Scholastics in Munich in future and decided to close down one of its two Communities. The decision to close down the community was made a year ago. The pause after the winter semester seemed the opportune time to implement this decision. It took almost a week to move the things to the new community and to clean the old community. Thanks to scholastics from Gonzaga Community who rendered their helping hands in cleaning and wrapping up things. With their help we could leave the community neat and tidy. On 19th February we moved to Gonzaga Community. Both Ranchians are now in the same community for the last semester. Good news is that both of us are now in charges of the kitchen for this semester. Our job is to keep the Kitchen tidy and clean. Now we cook more often than before and as a result the house has most of the time an Indian aroma.

Sch. Paulus had Richard Hembrom as his guest from 27th February till 02nd March. Both of them were together in the Juniorate. Richard

discontinued as Jesuit and is now doing his doctorate in Budapest, Hungary. It was a wonderful and amazing experience to meet a fellow companion from Juniorate in Munich. How many of us think of meeting our Indian friends in Europe? Almost an impossible thing! But everything is possible in life. They had a wonderful time together. Richard also was very happy to meet Sch Paulus and other Jesuits. Richard left for Budapest on 02 March. At present we are busy writing our papers. Sch Sameer is busy with bachelor papers and Sch Ajay Paulus is busy with his assignment papers. We have to submit our papers before the start of the summer semester. Please keep us in our prayers!

LEFT THE SOCIETY ON MARCH 05, 2020

1. NS BA'A, SAMEER PRABHAT
2. NS LAKRA, ANUJ PREM

Thanks.
Raymond S.J.

Let us pray for the dear departed

1. **FR. PETRUS KERKETTA S.J. (71/51)** died on 09 March 2020 at 07:30 p.m. in Holy Cross Hospital, Ambikapur.
2. **Fr. Jacob Arakal (AND, 96/75)** died on March 12, 2020 at 10.43 A.M. Burial ceremony will be held at 3.00 PM on 13.03.2020 at Loyola Academy, Alwal, Secunderabad.
3. **Br. Joseph C. Kochukunnumpuram, SJ , (81/58 PAT)** expired this evening (07.02.2020) at 5.30 at Kurji Holy Family Hospital, Patna.
4. **Fr. Edwin Rasquinha SJ (BOM), 91/60** passed away this morning at Andheri, Mumbai. The funeral is at 4:30 pm at Holy Family Church, Andheri.

BIRTHDAYS**MARCH**

05	Kujur Frederick	03	Ekka Britius
	Xess Ravi Bhushan	04	Minj Ajay Arun
06	Lakra Ranjit Walter	05	Minj Praveen
	Lakra Pryatam	06	Dungdung Anthres
	Beng Albert	06	Kerketta Sameer
07	Kindo Alexius	06	Bage Anugrah Amar
	Minj Celestine		Barla James
09	Lakra Sudhir	07	Doongdoong Anthony
10	Kujur Habil		Ekka Vital
11	Kullu Anil		Ekka Anthony
12	Lakra Suman	08	Kerketta Anand
14	K.C. Philip		Tete Felix Prakash
16	Dungdung Christopher	09	Orea Sudhir
	Tirkey John		Guria Cyril
17	Barla Henry		Bara Suman
19	Horo Sibil Joseph		Bara Pradeep
	Soreng Jaywant		Kujur Emmanuel
20	Nag Bimal	11	(Zambia)
	Soreng Wilson		Toppo Alexius
21	Lakra Benedict		Kullu Praveen
	Beck Anand Amar	12	Topno Nicholas
23	Bilung Brice	13	Tete James Pascal
24	Kullu Ranjit	14	Kandulna Ashok
25	Soreng George		Xalxo Pius
27	Tete Nicholas		Tirkey Justin
29	Kiro Benedict		Toppo Binod
	Bhanwra, Samir	15	Tete Seberius
30	Bilung Tej Kumar	16	Ekka Ravindra
		16	Mathias Joseph B.
			Kerketta Ashok
		20	Ba'a Ashwin
			Kerketta Sikander
		23	Bara Sandeep
		24	Bara Pramod

APRIL

01	Minj Ajit
02	Lakra Polycarp

25	Kandulna Wilson
26	Xalxo Saban Bibnod
26	Kullu Santosh Vinay
	Minj Francis
	Toppo Amrit
28	Kawa Mathew
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
20	Ekka Praful
24	Ba'a Ephrem
29	Tigga Lalit John
30	Kullu Francis David



Happy Easter !

