

# Hazaribag Jesuits



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## Pope's Intention For World Youth Day

*We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.*



Appointment by Fr General

Fr. James Arjen Tete, S.J.  
Fr. John Wilfred Lobo, S.J.

Provincial CCU  
Asst. General Treasurer

## Provincial's Itinerary

### August 2023

- 01 - 04 Visitation CZ Common Houses
- 12 - 13 Consult, AN
- 15 Final Vows of **Fr. Rajendra Tete, SJ**, at 06.00 PM AN
- 16 - 17 Visitation Vivek Sadan
- 18 - 19 Visitation Sahodaya
- 20 Meeting with all Community Ministers & School/College Accountants at AN (9.00 AM)
- 22 - 23 Visitation Satya Nilayam, Chennai
- 24 - 25 Visitation L C, Chennai
- 26 - 27 Ordination of Dn. Sasi Kumar at Trichy

### September 2023

- 01 - 12 Australia (Sydney Indian Bazaar)
- 16 - 17 Consult, AN
- 18 - 19 Visitation Patki
- 20 - 21 Visitation SXS Bokaro
- 23 - 24 Superiors and DoWs Workshop by **Fr. R. C.** at AN  
(**Programme starts at 9.00 AM on 23<sup>rd</sup> September - Saturday & ends by noon on the next day 24<sup>th</sup> Sept**)
- 25 - 26 Visitation Chiropath
- 27 Visitation Tundtoli
- 28 - 29 Visitation SJS, Mahuadanr



**Fr. Rajendra Tete, S.J.**

## **Final Vows**

on 15 August 2023

At Arrupe Niwas 6.00 P.M.

All are welcome to join for

### **The Holy Eucharist**

*Followed by dinner. All those who are coming for the  
final vows please inform  
the Superior/Minister*



**"SUBMIT YOURSELVES TO GOD" - Jas 4:7**



## **PRIESTLY ORDINATION**

**26TH AUGUST 2023, SATURDAY AT 4.30 P.M.**

**AT ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE,  
TRICHY**

**THANKSGIVING EUCHARIST**

**27TH AUGUST 2023, SUNDAY AT 05.30 P.M.  
AT OUR LADY OF SNOW SHRINE, ROYAPPANPATTI.**



**Dn. Arockia Sasi SJ  
Hazaribag Province**

### Bokaro, St Xavier's

The school had many occasions to cheer and celebrate this month. The students participated in various events such as debate, cricket, volleyball, football, drawing, and quiz competitions organized by CISCE Dhanbad – Bokaro Zone. They won many medals and brought glory and honor to the school. This year, our U-19 boys' basketball team remained unbeaten as well. The



school also organized the national debate competition.

The 58<sup>th</sup> school birthday was celebrated in every unit by having special assemblies on July 18<sup>th</sup>. **The Interact Club** organized the Blood Donation Camp for parents and former students, and on the same day, BOXANs organized a small get-together to celebrate the day with the Jesuits. To mark the day, the students in Plus two planted trees on the campus.

In preparation for the feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola, every unit had a **Nine Days Novena** assembly and concluded it on July 28<sup>th</sup> with a cultural program. To bring the festivity, we started with the sacrament of reconciliation for Christian students and teachers. However, on July 31<sup>st</sup>, we had the Holy Eucharist for Christian students and teachers followed by breakfast for all. **Fr. Nirmal, Sch. Raymond, and Sr. Ushas FCC** prepared the Christian children for the English language-based Eucharistic prayers. The community invited all the local religious communities for the festive meal.

The community had its monthly meeting on July 6<sup>th</sup> at Patki. The new members were welcomed by the Superior, and then each of us shared our life and mission. **Fr. Lourdu Xavier** (Dumka) shared with the Jesuits of Bokaro Zone on July 17<sup>th</sup> about the CP71 procurator's meeting held in Spain. **Fr. Arun** attended the School Leadership Training Program for Principals at the CISCE zonal head office in Kolkata.

### Masi Marsal Patki

On the occasion of Carmel Diwas, our Sister companions of the CMC Carmel Dinda entertained us with a sumptuous meal in the morning and evening. Loyola Diwas was celebrated with the Samarohi Misa, followed by a cultural program to delight the participants and onlookers. The festive feeling brought to feed the multitudes and conclude the day joyfully with cultural dances. **Fr. Bob Billing** is seen touring around the villages with his new E-bicycle. Due to the outbreak of 'jai bangla' (eye infection), many children are absent from the hostel. The members joined the community at Bokaro St. Xavier's for the fellowship meal on July 31<sup>st</sup>.

### Masi Mander, Kajarkilo

The month of July has been very worrisome for the farmers, as they wait for rain. We continued praying for rain every day. Despite all this, we were busy with our activities of teaching and



pastoral work, visiting the villages, and saying masses. The PP and Asst. **PP Fr Primus** and **Fr Tintus** went to Mahuadanr for a scheduled meeting on July 11-12, with all the socio-pastoral priests, along with Fr Provincial. It was an eye-opener for all when the Mahuadanr Catholic Sabha, Mahila Sangh, and Youth Presidents shared their views on the priests' "Does and Don'ts" and responsibilities as priests in the present age scenario, representing all the other faithful of the two dioceses.

The faithful of Kajarkilo gathered in large numbers on July 30<sup>th</sup> for the Feast of St Ignatius, and it was really great, with a solemn mass and a short Swagat. It was a time to share our lives and our work as Jesuits with them. The school family celebrated the Feast of our Founder on July 31<sup>st</sup> with pomp and gaiety, and a sumptuous meal for the staff and guests. Another important and courageous step in the history of Kajarkilo has been taken by our headmaster, **Fr Pius**, by starting +2 classes here. Though the number of students is small, only 21, it is encouraging that students feel lucky enough to be here and continue their studies.

### Bhurkunda

In the beginning of July, newcomers **Srs. Sunita Minj HC**, **Anupam Jojo HC**, **Sch. Paulus Soren** and **Fr. Timothy OSM** were welcomed by the parishioners. On the 4<sup>th</sup>, **Frs. Xavier** and **Timothy** went to Ranchi for some work. **Fr. Rajesh Kispotta** came to Bhurkunda for a pastoral meeting in Mahuadanr. On July 11<sup>th</sup>, **Frs. Barnabas, Xavier, Timothy**, and **Rajesh Kispotta** went to Mahuadanr for a pastoral meeting and returned on the 12<sup>th</sup> after the meeting. **Fr. Sebren Lakra** went to Lurunga for mass and then to Isko. **Fr. Barnabas** introduced Fr. Timothy to a few villages. All the community members went to Arrupe Niwas to listen to the talk of **Fr. Lourdu Xavier** (Dum) and share their experiences of the 71<sup>st</sup> Procurators Congregation. **Fr. Sebren Lakra** went to Arrupe Niwas for the final auditing of the Mid-day Meal program. **Fr. Ranjeet Marandi** PCE came to Bhurkunda and went to Patratu School with **Fr. Barnabas** to select a computer teacher. On the 22<sup>nd</sup>, **Sch. Paulus** went for a recollection to St. Xavier's Hazaribag. **Fr. Barnabas** gave a recollection to St. Anne's Sisters in Kaitha to prepare for the feast day. **Fr. Xavier** also prepared the sisters in Bijulia for their feast day. On the 26<sup>th</sup>, **Frs. Barnabas** and **Timothy OSM** went to Kaitha for St. Anne's feast day mass and **Fr. Xavier** was in Bijulia for the evening celebration.

The parish celebrated the Feast Day of St. Ignatius on Sunday, July 30<sup>th</sup>. All the parish units came for the Eucharistic celebration. **Fr. Barnabas** was the main celebrant and **Fr. Xavier** highlighted the life of St. Ignatius in his homily. After the mass, there was a cultural program followed by breakfast for all. On July 31<sup>st</sup>, there was a morning mass in the church with the Holy Cross Sisters and a couple of faithful. **Fr. Thomas Rodrigues** celebrated the mass. Throughout the day, Franciscan Sisters from Kankebar, Ramgarh, and St. Anne's Sisters from Bijulia came

to wish us. In the evening, the Holy Cross Sisters joined us for supper. The Jesuit brethren cut the cake together in a festive mood.

The school staff and students were busy preparing for Loyola Day, which is celebrated as a school Day. On the 27<sup>th</sup>, classes 1 to 4 had their celebration, and on the 28<sup>th</sup>, Classes 5 to 10 had theirs. On the 27<sup>th</sup>, **Fr. Xavier** encouraged the students with his words of encouragement. On July 28<sup>th</sup>, the main celebration of the school Day took place in honor of St. Ignatius of Loyola. There was a mass for Catholic students and staff, with **Fr. Sebren Lakra** as the main celebrant. The students put up colorful cultural items during the occasion, and **Fr. Barnabas** highlighted the importance of education in the life of St. Ignatius. At the end, all the staff enjoyed a delicious meal together. The programs were well-planned by **Frs. Thomas and Sebren**.

In addition to the School Day celebration, a Subrato Football tournament was organized in different places. The Catholic Ashram School team became a district-level champion for the Subrato Football tournament under 17. The junior team was a champion at the block level under 14 and hosted the tournament. They lost in the semifinals at the district level. The new main gate is slowly taking shape under the supervision of **Fr. Thomas Rodrigues**.

A pastoral commission meeting was organized in Mahuadanr on July 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. Twenty pastors from the province participated in the meeting, and **Fr. Vincent Hansdak**, SJ, the Provincial Superior, was also present. At the beginning of the meeting, the boys and girls from St. Joseph's hostel welcomed all the pastors with a welcome song, guided by **Fr. Moris Ekka**, the hostel superintendent, making them feel at home. The presidents of Catholic Sabha and Mahila Sangh, along with the youth from Mahuadanr, came to share their expectations from the Parish priests. There was a sharing session where pastoral experiences, opportunities, and challenges were discussed. At the end, **Fr. Vincent Hansdak** sj., the Provincial Superior, highlighted what it means to be a Jesuit Parish and a Jesuit Pastor.

Fr. Barnabas.

### Charhi

Members of the community were engaged in their ministries throughout the month. Regent **Jeevan Baxla** joined the community on June 28<sup>th</sup>. We extend our gratitude to **Frs Alex, Maria Louis, and Sushil Osga** for their generous support in providing weekday and Sunday holy Eucharist services in Kuju and Ghatto respectively. The Sisters of Charity, Hazaribag, under the leadership of their provincial superior, visited Kajri village to install the Sacred Heart of Jesus in each family and offer prayers. They will continue to visit on a weekly basis. On July 7<sup>th</sup>, a special mass was held by **Marianus Tigga** for the Krusveer children, and a few became new members. **Deacon Sasi Kumar** has started his Sunday preaching duties in Charhi parish. **Nicholas** and **Marianus** attended a pastoral meeting in Mahuadanr from July 11<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup>. We bid farewell to **Sr. Tarsicia** from Charhi and **Sr. Pravin** from Kuju. The Holy Family Sisters conducted a one-day seminar for the faithful of Charhi, and the Charhi youth welcomed them with songs and flowers. The community also had a novena in honor of St. Ignatius. We still have a few students coming for admission. An incident occurred where a hostel boy escaped, causing tension on campus. The Subrato Cup football selection match for boys and girls of the Churchu block was held on July 22<sup>nd</sup> in our playground. Regent **Jeevan** went to Mahuadanr on July 18<sup>th</sup> for his exam and will rejoin the community next month. We send him our best wishes!

### Arrupe Niwas

The month of July was filled with events. After participating in a workshop on Compliance, Safeguarding, Project Management and Finance Management in Cebu, Philippines, **Frs. Prakash Baskey, Francis Marian, and Rajendra Tete** returned to Hazaribag on 3<sup>rd</sup> July. On 6<sup>th</sup> July, **Sushil Osga** left for Bangalore for the Socii Meeting.

On 7<sup>th</sup> July, Fr. Inigo, the Treasurer of Chennai Province, came to meet with **Fr. Francis Marian** to plan the upcoming 53<sup>rd</sup> COJET meeting, which will be held at Arrupe Niwas. **Fr. Prakash Baskey** quickly visited Tenuahi to familiarize himself with the activities and projects so that he could send a report to Jesuit Mission Australia.



The Hazaribag Jesuit Parivar is grateful to **Fr. Lourdu Xavier**, SJ (DUM), who was in the province from 17<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> July and shared first-hand experiences and all the happenings of CP71.

**Fr. R.C. Chacko** was busy giving classes to the tertians at SSC and conducting various programs for different groups of sisters. In addition to these tasks, he started teaching spoken English to Sona Muni, our kitchen girl. **Fr. Bob** is teaching literacy to our cooking girl and doing very well. He is occupied with reading, writing, and contacting people for various projects. He updates the community members on the events of the world, especially about cricket. This year, the Ignatian Novena prayer included participation from different religious communities in Hazaribag, followed by agape.

The community celebrated the feast of St. Ignatius with the co-workers on 31<sup>st</sup> July. We had a holy mass presided over by the Provincial – **Fr. Vincent** – and the co-workers cut the feast day cake, followed by agape.

It was very kind of **Fr. Vincent**, the Provincial, to give a recollection to the regents and interact with them.

### **St. Xavier's Jesuit community**

During the recent transition from an unusually hot summer to cooler conditions accompanied by much-needed rainfall, several noteworthy events and developments took place within the St. Xavier's community.

Amid the intense heat of summer, **Fr. George Thomas** took the proactive step of relocating to the guest block in pursuit of more comfortable accommodations. Guided by his fond memories of the community's pleasing climate during his ten-year tenure as Superior and Minister, Fr. George made the resolute decision to establish a permanent residence here. While St. Xavier's gained from this move, it also marked a departure for Prerana. Simultaneously, the community warmly embraced the arrival of **Fr. Binod Toppo**, who sought refuge and improved well-being within these supportive walls.

Representing PCE, **Fr. Ranjit Marandi** embarked on visits to Kajarkilo on July 16 and Bhurkunda on July 21 to oversee the selection of teachers. Taking proactive measures, the school distributed progress reports to the high-achieving students of classes 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> on July 16, graced by the presence of Mr. Manoj Kumar Gupta, the Honorable Chief Guest and

BDO of Bagodar Block. The period also witnessed the successful completion of pre-midterm exams for our diligent students. Throughout this phase, **Fr. Rosner**, our dedicated principal, wholeheartedly immersed himself in managing school activities and a diverse array of programs. **Sch. Jayant**, on his part, earnestly guided the young minds towards moral and intellectual enrichment.

Between the serene evening of July 22 and the tranquility of midday on July 23, twelve esteemed regents from Hazaribag Province converged for a recollection session held at SXS, thoughtfully guided by **Rev. Vincent Hansdak SJ**, the Provincial. This event fostered a sense of well-being and reflection within the community. Spiritual duties, such as offering recollections and listening to confessions, engaged the active participation of **Fr. Varghese**, the superior. Meanwhile, **Fr. Bill** found contentment in his robust health, contributing energetically to the community's vibrancy. The presence of **Fr. Vinod**, **Fr. George**, and **Fr. Raska** was notably prominent both on campus and within the community.

The community joyfully united on July 24 to celebrate the birthday of **Fr. Rosner**, an occasion made even more special by the heartfelt presence of his family members, who joined in to extend their warm wishes and share in his happiness.

A pivotal community gathering was held on July 25, fostering unity and discernment through prayerful reflection.

July 28<sup>th</sup> held particular significance as Loyola Day unfolded. The festivities commenced with a lively display of cultural performances within the auditorium, followed by an evening football match that kindled a sense of camaraderie among participants. The day's highlight was a special Mass, graced by the presence of staff, Christian students, and their families. A generous breakfast spread nourished all present, and as the boys and their esteemed guests relished the delightful al fresco meal of puris and curry, a refreshing downpour from the monsoon graced the event with nature's blessings.

Anticipation and devotion enveloped the community as they engaged in Novena Prayers leading up to the feast day of St. Ignatius of Loyola, the esteemed founder of the Society of Jesus. These spiritual moments enriched their inner lives through heartfelt prayers and serene meditation.

As the month drew to a close, the Christian students and their parents gathered for a Holy Mass on July 31. The meaningful service, officiated by **Fr. Rajender Tete, SJ**, left an enduring impact through his eloquent homily, inspiring both contemplation and aspiration.

A climax of unity and celebration arrived with the gracious presence of His Excellency, **Rev. Bishop Anand Jojo**, who enhanced the feast day of St. Ignatius of Loyola with his joyful and abundant participation in the evening dinner. His presence resonated deeply, amplifying the shared sense of happiness and unity that reverberated throughout the community.

Bill Dwyer and Sch. Jayan.

### Ankur, Loyola Centre

**Fr. Ajit Soreng** participated in the seminar "Integrated Human Formation" organized by CRI JHAAN at Manresa House Ranchi from 3 July to 8 July. It was a collective renewal program for the formators of all the religious congregations in Jharkhand. Fr. Joy and Fr. Edwin from Sadhna, Pune were the main resource persons. We were pleased to have **Sch. Arockia Raj** and **Sch. Prem Prakash** with us for two days before they left for their respective places of study. **Fr. Jacob** is in good health after undergoing prostate surgery last month. On 22<sup>nd</sup> July, **Sch. Samuel** went for a combined recollection at St. Xavier's Hazaribag under the guidance of Provincial Superior **Fr. Vincent**. **Sch. Samuel** and **Sch. Naveen** are busy teaching hymns to the students for the celebration of the feast of St. Ignatius. The major repairs to the Ankur building have already begun. It may take a few months to complete. All the candidates are in good health. The first-year candidates appear to be happier and more excited in their new school uniforms and are teaching in school during class hours and accompanying

the candidates in their spiritual and human development during the rest of the time.

Fr. Ajit Soreng

### St. Stanislaus College Sitagarha

SSC celebrated the second death anniversary of **Fr. Stan Swamy** by organizing an evening prayer and mass to remember his life and mission. The aim was to be inspired by him. On 9<sup>th</sup> July, there was also a birthday mass and a staff dinner to celebrate **Fr. John Xaxa's** birthday. **Fr. Albinus Xaxa** and **Fr. Kamal Kandulna** from St. Robert School community joined the dinner. **Fr. Ranjit Horo**, the Assistant Dean, celebrated his birthday on 26<sup>th</sup> July and presided over the community mass that day.

In the month of July, several visiting professors gave classes for the Tertians, Juniors, and Novices. **Fr. Somy Mathew** (JAM) taught discernment classes for the Tertians, while **Fr. Kuruvilla** (JAM) gave an IPP seminar for the Juniors. **Fr. Lawrence Eucharist** (Pat) taught classes on Buddhism first to the Tertians and then to the Novices. **Fr. Ignatius Tete** taught classes on Spiritual Diary to the Tertians, and **Fr. R. C. Chacko** prepared them for the long retreat. On 29<sup>th</sup> July, the Tertians went on a pilgrimage to Jarangdhi to receive blessings from Dhori Mata for their long retreat, which began on 1<sup>st</sup> August.

The Juniors began their Thursday weekly ministry on 20<sup>th</sup> July by visiting neighboring schools. They also participated in a human chain in Hazaribag on 30<sup>th</sup> July to protest the violence in Manipur.

**Fr. Manjit Lakra**, the novice master, gave a recollection to the Tarwa Jesuit community to prepare them for the feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola. The Novices conducted mass hymns for the Carmel Ashram sisters on their feast day on 16<sup>th</sup> July. **Fr. Rajendra Tete** made his final vows retreat under the guidance of **Fr. Medard Xalxo**, the Tertian Instructor. On 18<sup>th</sup> July, **Fr. Xavier SJ** (Dum) briefed the SSC community about the 71<sup>st</sup> Procurator's Congregation held in Spain.

The feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola was celebrated at SSC with creative planning and preparation. Novena prayers to St. Ignatius

began on 21<sup>st</sup> July, with the community members divided into nine groups. Each group prepared and led prayers with various themes, taking the community on a journey through the life of St. Ignatius and familiarizing themselves with his grace and charism.

On 30<sup>th</sup> July, SSC hosted a 'Formees Gathering' to celebrate the feast of St. Ignatius, with 200 formees from the campus joining the celebration. Each community presented a cultural program, and snacks and tea were served under the supervision of **Deacon Sasi**. Fathers, brothers, and sisters from different communities were invited for benediction and a festive meal on 31<sup>st</sup> July. There was also a friendly football match between SSC formees and a mixed team from St. Gabriel's Seminary and OCD. SSC won the match by one goal.

**Br. Michael**, though slowly losing weight, remains in steady health. **Fr. Camille**, despite his forgetfulness, frequently walks to the refectory for tea, as his mind and ears are still sharp for witty conversations. **Fr. Francis Lopez** has been experiencing back pain and has had to visit the doctors a couple of times for medication. **Fr. Medard**, the Tertian Instructor, is recovering from herpes, skin, and tooth problems. **Fr. M. I. Raj**, another Tertian Instructor, has also had a few dentist visits. **Fr. Arun Kujur** is recovering quickly after an operation and can now comfortably walk with crutches.

Fr. Anil Aind

### Teacher's Training College Sitagarha

After a long summer break, PTEC resumed its activities in the first week of July. New admissions took place on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> of July 2023. An orientation program was held for the students from the 5<sup>th</sup> to the 7<sup>th</sup> of July, where new students familiarized themselves with PTEC's traditions and values, and returning students were reminded of their commitments from the previous year. Additionally, a short orientation and planning workshop took place for the staff, dedicating an entire day to this purpose.

Normal classes began, with extra instructions provided to the first-year students for a couple of days. Towards the end of the month, **Fr. P.**



**J. James** joined as the long-awaited new College Principal for PTEC. The celebration of Loyola Day was held with great enthusiasm and splendor. The day featured a cultural program and a meal for all the guests in attendance.

Francis Indwar

### Teachers Training Practice Middle School

**Sr. Anima Tigga HC**, the headmistress, along with three other teachers, went to Khunti for school-related tasks. Four Juniors and three novices joined the school for their weekly duties. They attend school every Thursday and Saturday. Though a few students and teachers were affected by eye flu, prompt care led to their quick recovery. The second half of the month kept us occupied with preparation for the feast. The juniors and novices assisted the children in preparing for the feast. A one-act play on the life of St. Ignatius, taught by the novices to the students, received high praise. The feast of St. Ignatius was celebrated grandly on the 28<sup>th</sup> of July, with all the fathers of the PTEC community participating in the celebration followed by a fellowship meal. On the 31<sup>st</sup> of July, all the staff joined PTEC for the feast day celebration.

### St. Xavier's +2 High School, Sitagarha, Hazaribag

We welcomed 109 new admissions into the eleventh grade. Our 11<sup>th</sup>-grade classes commenced on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023. An orientation program for the new students was held from July 10<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023. A short video created by Mr. Amrit showcased the installation of Green Energy Solar Generation in the school, expressing our gratitude to JANA BANK.



The Sports Committee organized a football match between the 12<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> classes. Both teams performed exceptionally well, resulting in a 2-2 draw. We commemorated the feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola on July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023. The Culture Committee arranged a cultural program in honor of St. Ignatius of Loyola to felicitate the Jesuit fathers. The esteemed Chief Guest of the day was **Rev. Fr. Philemon Tirkey, S.J.**, who captivated the students with his enlightening words about St. Ignatius of Loyola.

### Loyola School Sitagarha

On the 1<sup>st</sup> of July, **Sr. Merline Dyanaf**, Bon Secours, joined Loyola School. Her arrival was ceremoniously welcomed and has made a positive impact on the school's functioning. The FA-II examinations began on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of July and continued until the 8<sup>th</sup> of July. On the 15<sup>th</sup>, report cards

were distributed to the students' parents. This time, the Parents-Teachers Meeting (PTM) was emphasized and received positive feedback from both parents and teachers. Classes then commenced in full swing. Shortly after, preparations for the feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola began with great enthusiasm. On the 20<sup>th</sup> of July, six juniors joined our school for their weekly duties and were introduced during the assembly. The feast of our school patron, St. Ignatius of Loyola, was celebrated in the school on the 28<sup>th</sup> of this month, while on the 31<sup>st</sup>, the school faculty joined PTEC for the celebration. On the 12<sup>th</sup> of July, CBSE sent the review option for affiliation. The completion of the ramp construction is causing a delay in the process, but there is hope for obtaining the affiliation as soon as the ramp is completed.

### Prerna Resource Centre

On 3<sup>rd</sup> July, **Fr. Rajendra** returned from Cebu after attending a protocol seminar. He was filled with joy and happiness. On 8<sup>th</sup> July, we held a seminar on protocol for all the staff of Dalit Apostolic Centres. Approximately 101 people attended the seminar. **Fr. Christopher Kujur** started the program with a prayer, followed by **Fr. Rajendra** conducting an ice breaking session and **Fr. Shyju** providing insights on safeguarding and protecting vulnerable adults and minors. All attendees signed the protocol documents, and Mrs. Bibiyani, the accounting staff, gave the vote of thanks. Additionally, an Internal Grievance Cell was formed for all the Dalit Centres. We also had a community meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> July. Starting from 22<sup>nd</sup> July, we joined the Arrupe Community in praying the Novena to St. Ignatius.

**Fr. Tony** had various meetings at Bagaicha and a seminar for the RTC Theologians on social analysis. He spent several days in the Chatra area assessing the activities there. He still prefers to ride his bike to all his destinations.

**Fr. Rajendra** took a retreat in preparation for his final vows, which will be held on 15<sup>th</sup> August. Additionally, he resumed his law classes at VBU after a long break. He was also occupied with giving recollections to the

St. Ann's sisters at Hario in preparation for their feast.

**Fr. Peter Paul** is constantly busy with his village tours. He manages to find spare time for confessions at designated convents and garden work at Prerna, along with his duties as a minister. He attended the funerals of his Chachi and a cousin who died under unnatural circumstances.

The presence of **Fr. Maria Louis** is attracting a lot of sisters to our community. They regularly visit him in connection with Mary's Meal. He has been arranging for provisions and distributing them to all the 20 schools under his supervision. He also started making surprise visits to schools, mostly using public transport. He spent a couple of days at Barwdih for training.

**Fr. Shyju** continues his legal practice. He recently directed a retreat for the Junior CMC sisters and a Triduum for the St. Ann's sisters in Hazaribag. He traveled to Pune for a Jesuits meeting where he presented a paper on A.T. Thomas. He also conducted a one-day recollection for St. Ann's sisters at Navajara. On 24<sup>th</sup> July, he went to Ranchi to attend a meeting of the Prison Ministry of India state coordinators. Fr. Tony Herbert was happy to receive one year extension on his visa.

### St. Joseph's Tarwa

Most of the students arrived at the school and hostels at the beginning of July. Some new admissions are still being taken. We have started having Mary's Meal regularly. Matric students came to collect their exam results and some students shared sweets with the staff members. We have started making weekly lesson plans. One day, we held a drawing competition for the entire school. The new students have joined the school houses. We provided new school diaries for all students. On 8<sup>th</sup> July, all staff members, collaborating Sisters, and cooks went to Hazaribag to attend a legal awareness program for child protection/safeguarding. On 21<sup>st</sup> July, we had inter-house boys' football and girls' volleyball matches. On the same day, 47 students, both boys and girls, went for a "Vriksharopan" (Tree Plantation) program

with BSF jawans near the Holy Cross Hospital. For a few days, our Headmaster **Fr. Theodore** was busy catching up on some backlog work. During that time, **Fr. Lawrence** stepped in to teach English classes for 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> standards.

This year, we participated in the Subroto Cup football tournament and reached the semi-finals. On one day from the 7<sup>th</sup> to the 10<sup>th</sup>, the students elected the Students' Cabinet (Baal Sansad). By now, all the students have memorized the Preamble of the Constitution of India in both Hindi and English, which they recite every day during the school assembly. There is an outbreak of conjunctivitis in the school and hostels, causing many children to go home. Earlier in the month, a few new and young students ran away from the school and hostels. Thankfully, our dedicated search was successful and some of them safely returned home. This year, the celebration of St. Ignatius Loyola feast day was much better, although there is still room for improvement. We sacrificed a fattened pig for the joy of everyone.

Our regent **Sch. Benison** is busy working in the school, hostel, and community. Using his own creativity and with the guidance of **Fr. Theodore**, he is planting vegetables. **Fr. Theodore** has taken the initiative to grow some crops for the hostel in certain plots of our Hutpa land. We have purchased more rice for the hostel. Our tube wells have been repaired and our hostel septic tank has been cleaned by professionals.

**Fr. Lawrence** was unwell for a few days and received better care in the Holy Cross hospital. **Benison** also fell ill, but he was strong enough to stay active. He attended the regents' recollection in Hazaribagh. **Fr. Manjeet**, the Novice Master of SSC, came to give a recollection for the whole community. We had a devotional novena prayer in honor of St. Ignatius of Loyola. One day, **Fr. Cyril** went to Ranchi to see his doctor and **Fr. Theodore** accompanied him to buy some footballs and volleyballs for the school and hostels. There were not many mangoes in our garden this year, but it was enough for us. We thank everyone who helped in planting and taking care of them.

On the last Saturday of this month, Tertians of SSC Sitagarh visited us on their way back from Dhor Mata, Jarangdih pilgrimage. We had a good interaction with them regarding our mission here.

Fr. Cyril

### Hutpa Tarwa

The month of July was filled with various activities. Many visitors came to see us, including **Frs. Sushil Osga** and **Francis Marian**. One morning, the Gajraaj (Elephant) broke the boundary wall in four places and entered the campus, devouring the Banana trees and bamboo shoots. **Fr. Sunil** was occupied with project meetings and works as the coordinator of Lok Manch. He needed to visit all the organizations for the Focused Group Discussion (FGD) on Public Distribution System (PDS) and Aanganbari centers. He went to Ranchi to attend a two-day workshop at Bagaicha. **Fr. P.M Tony** from Bagaicha came to the Hazaribag Unit to assist with the FGD on PDS. Fr. Rajesh Kispotta and Fr. Sunil Minj went to Mahuadanr to participate in the socio-pastoral meeting and returned with plenty of fruits. We had a one-day recollection guided by **Fr. Manjit Lakra**, the novice master. We celebrated the feast of St. Ignatius with our social field workers and Ankur tutors at Hutpa.

During the last week of the month, Mr. Majhar Ali came to investigate the CHAI project work and was pleased to see the ongoing progress. With the assistance of the CHAI project, we have sent six girls to the Patra Grihini Centre for tailoring. Some repairs are being carried out at the residence in Hutpa. One morning, a villager from Kanaudi came to Hutpa seeking advice for a land problem related to the Samaj Ghar. On the last Sunday of the month, we went to Hazaribag to participate in a protest rally in solidarity with the people of Manipur. We celebrated

our founders' day on July 31<sup>st</sup>, with **Fr. Sunil** as the main celebrant. The students presented a marvelous cultural program.

### Patra Mission



These days, we have been busy with our daily field visits and village tours. Starting this month, we have arranged village meetings during the day and Satsang Prayers in the evening. This month, we were able to reinstall Malik and Chadidar in the villages of Gali, Gondalpura, and Peparadhia. There was an unexpected incident that occurred at Rajhar Hostel. One evening, after planting vegetables, the boys went to clean themselves in the well. One boy was filling the bucket while others sat on the well's parapet. Suddenly, the roof and hand pump collapsed, and all six boys fell down. Thankfully, no serious injuries occurred. Everyone is doing well. We have also noticed that the roof of the well at Babupara School is very weak and poses a danger to the students. The staff in charge have frequently failed to maintain and upkeep the well's roof.

St. Alphonsa and St. Ignatius Day were celebrated at Shanti Niketan School in Babupara, where students showcased their talents for the audience. Many students performed English stories and poems. We also invited all the collaborators, including school teachers, sisters, ankur tutors, social workers, and catechists to celebrate St. Ignatius of Loyola feast. The main celebrant was **Fr. Rajender Tete**, and we sincerely thank him for his generosity. Practically all the teachers from the schools presented something in honor of the great Saint. The event was covered in the local news, and it was a wonderful time to share our joys and sorrows together. We also celebrated Loyola day at Rajhar Hostel, where students displayed their talents and abilities through songs and dances. Our tailoring program is progressing well, with many girls coming to learn. However, six girls from Tarwa Centre came and left within two days due to various problems.

### Sahodaya

On the first day of July, Sr. Sherly, the headmistress of the middle school, called for a managing committee meeting which was held at the Fr. secretary's office. The main agenda for the meeting was to improve the standard of teaching and maintain discipline among the children. On 3<sup>rd</sup> July, on the feast of St Thomas, Fr. Packiam celebrated the inaugural mass for the Pre-Novices at Vivek Sadan. In the first week of July, **Fr. Vinod SJ** went to Ranchi Manresa House to attend a seminar on education. He was pleased to attend and found the seminar useful for the school's education and administration. By the middle of July, on the 14<sup>th</sup>, **Fr. Prakash**

**Baskey** had visited Sahodaya, and on the following day, Fr. Packiam and Fr. Prakash went to Tenuahi to check on the progress of the school. Fr. Prakash also conducted interviews with the students, and the next day he left for Hazaribag. On the 15<sup>th</sup> of July, **Fr. Shyam** and **Fr. Packiam** accompanied Sr. Jency to Churadohar, with Fr. Shyam visiting for the first time. On the 19<sup>th</sup> of July, **Fr. Shyam** was taken to Ranchi, accompanied by **Sr. Amala FCC**, for his shoulder pain. On the same day in the evening, **Fr. Lourdu Xavier** arrived to give a talk on the 71<sup>st</sup> Procurators congregation held in Spain. All the members of the community attended Sahodaya. On the 20<sup>th</sup> of July, **Frs. Fredrick, Pradeep, and Sibrus Barwa** attended a tribal meeting at Sadhna Sadan in Daltonganj. On the 23<sup>rd</sup>, **Fr. Vinod** left for Jamuniatanr to attend a school managing committee meeting. On the same day, the Block educational officer of Chainpur conducted a football tournament at our playground, in which Sahodaya boys won three medals. On the 24<sup>th</sup> of July, **Fr. Vincent Hansdak**, the Provincial of Hazaribagh, visited Sahodaya on his way to Jamuniatanr. On the 31<sup>st</sup> of July, we arranged Holy Mass on the school campus, with **Fr. Santosh Minj** as the main celebrant of the day. After breakfast, there was a cultural program for the school students.

### Vivek Sadan, Shahpur

The month of July was significant at Vivek Sadan. The Pre-novices had a two-day orientation, and the academic session 2023-2024 began with an Inaugural Eucharistic celebration on the feast of St. Thomas, the Apostle. Fr. Packiam presided over the Holy Mass. The community gratefully remembered Fr. Stan on his second death anniversary and prayed for various intentions. The Novena to St. Ignatius began on the 21<sup>st</sup> of July, in preparation for the feast day. The Pre-novices went to Vianney Bhavan to witness the academic inauguration of the Seminarians. The feast of St. Ignatius was celebrated with joy and enthusiasm. **Fr. Santosh Minj** presided over the Holy Eucharist, and the Pre-novices,

under the able guidance of **Fr. Sebastian**, led the choir. The Pre-novices performed a skit titled "AAG" and also had a friendly football match with the school team. In the evening, the community invited priests and religious from neighboring communities for a short cultural program and a fellowship meal.

### Mahuadanr

The month of July was full of activities at St. Joseph's +2 School. The newcomers participated in a two-day orientation program before being officially welcomed by the school. Unfortunately, Mr. Dinmani Pandey and Mrs. Agatha Minj, two of our teachers, were involved in an accident and had to be hospitalized. Mrs. Agatha Minj suffered a broken leg, but they are now both recovering well.

A pastoral meeting took place at Mahuadanr Parish, where all the Jesuit Parish Priests (PPs) gathered alongside **Fr. Vincent Hansdak SJ**, the Provincial of Hazaribag. They had a fruitful discussion about the life and mission of the parish priests.

On July 20<sup>th</sup>, **Fr. J. Lourdu Xavier SJ** (Dum) was the main speaker at the CP71 event, highlighting its important features. Our Superior, **Fr. M K Jose SJ**, warmly welcomed him. All the Jesuits of Chechari Valley attended the event attentively. **Fr. Sushil Lakra** expressed gratitude at the end, followed by a shared meal.

To prepare for the feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola, we held a novena that prepared us mentally, physically, and spiritually to celebrate the occasion. On July 31<sup>st</sup>, we began the celebration with a solemn mass attended by the parishioners and hostellers. The Holy Cross sisters conducted the choir with great meaning. After the mass, all the Jesuits were greeted by those in attendance.

At the school, we organized cultural programs where teachers and students presented a short skit and a dance based on the life of St. Ignatius of Loyola. This was followed by a meal for all the staff members. In the evening, the religious community of Chechari Valley joined for a festive meal.

## Pakripath

We are pleased to inform you about the latest happenings at Pakripath. In the month of July, we began with a Holy Eucharistic celebration at the home of a villager, where we remembered and prayed for the departed soul of an important person who played an active role as an advisor during the protest against field firing. The next day, all three units came together for a fraternal gathering. We shared our personal experiences and enjoyed a delicious meal.

On July 7<sup>th</sup>, the **Provincial Superior** visited Pakripath for a manifestation. In the evening, there was a gathering of all three units, where the Provincial Superior engaged in a brotherly dialogue with individuals. On July 8<sup>th</sup>, the manifestation concluded with a Holy Eucharistic celebration.

As you are aware, we have been facing water scarcity. Unfortunately, from July 10<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup>, the motor was undergoing repairs. However, it has now been fixed. On July 16<sup>th</sup>, a meeting for women (Mahila meeting) was held at the parish. On July 20<sup>th</sup>, we attended a sharing session on the Congregation for the Procurators by **Fr. Lourdu Xavier SJ** (DUM) in Mahuadanr. It was an enriching and informative experience to learn about the Society's activities.

On July 23<sup>rd</sup>, we organized a meeting for the parents of the hostellers. Many parents responded positively and assured us of their collaboration in any way possible. On July 24<sup>th</sup>, we started planting potatoes with the hostellers, which lasted for two days. We eagerly await the arrival of rain. On July 26<sup>th</sup>, we visited the sisters of St. Anne's to extend our fraternal communion on their patroness feast day. Currently, we are busy preparing for the feast of our Founder, St. Ignatius of Loyola. On July 31<sup>st</sup>, we will celebrate in the parish with our school children, and in the evening, we will have a celebration for the hostel boys and girls. We anticipate a wonderful feast. We wish you all a joyous and meaningful celebration of our Founder.

## Tundtoli Parish

"Famine this year!! Famine this year!!" was the cry of despair voiced by many. However,

from the 29<sup>th</sup> of July, day and night, rapid-fire pelting rain belied all anxieties, desperation, and despondency. Farmers, duty-bound and impelled by age-old customs, either used machinery or domesticated animals to pour their body, heart, and soul into tilling the land. Now, they are jubilant, having broken the yoke within the fortnight.

In the presence of Fr. Provincial Vincent, a Socio Pastoral meeting was held on the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> of July in Mahuadanr Parish, with a hundred percent attendance of Jesuit members. The highlight was the input provided by Catholic Sabha President Mr. Habil Kujur and his wife, Mrs. Violet Ekka. Their candid, frank, and truthful exposition of the present reality posed a challenge for us to fulfill Christ's mission with love and truth. Mr. Gaurav was the youth President speaker. Fr. Sushil Lakra extended gratitude to all three speakers. Fr. Provincial was pleased with the outcome, and later, the attending members delved into relevant topics of the Province. Fr. Provincial also shared the Society's expectations from the Parish Priests.

On July 16<sup>th</sup>, the SJA sisters and we extended our wishes to the CMC sisters on their congregation feast. On the 20<sup>th</sup>, Fr. Xavier from Dumka, through pictures, videos, and sharing, brought to life the proceedings of the 71 Procurators' Congregation held at Loyola. His particular intervention regarding global missionary involvement was well-received. Meetings of various levels, including the Catholic Sabha, Mahila Sangh, Yuwak Sangh, and Parish Council, were held on Sundays to plan the celebration of St. Ignatius Loyola's feast. On the 26<sup>th</sup>, Frs. Sushil and Xavier visited and extended wishes to St. Anne's sisters at Xavier Academy school. The entire Tundtoli religious community joined in wishing the St. Anne sisters of Luzern at St. Xavier's College girls' Hostel. On the 25<sup>th</sup>, a Deanery meeting took place by the bank of the Burha river, flanked by high mountain ranges – an adjacent scenario to Chetma Parish, a beautiful place under the Lord's realm. Sacramental life and customs were thoroughly discussed, deeply contemplated, and plans were made, to the

extent that we even forgot when to eat and when to leave. The day was further enlivened by Fr. Celestine Dungdung's birthday celebration. On July 27<sup>th</sup>, a Deanery meeting was held in Mahuadanr, addressing pressing issues like the Manipur genocide, moral dilemmas, marriage challenges, and tribal identity.

St. Ignatius Loyola's feast was celebrated by the parishioners on July 30<sup>th</sup>, Sunday, through active participation in the Eucharistic celebration, a warm welcome (swagat), and a shared meal for catechists, Panchas, Parish Council members, chosen individuals, fathers, and sisters. On the 31<sup>st</sup>, the staff and children of Lieven's Middle School expressed their gratitude during the 10 A.M. mass and felicitated the Fathers. These two days were filled with grace, blessings, and happiness for all. All congregations, including us religious from Tundtoli, gathered in Mahuadanr parish to celebrate the Inigo feast, affording us the opportunity to meet some of them for the first time. Fr. Sushil conducts a special English class for a dozen new students after each mass. Xavier helped the Middle School upload data in preparation for the school's recognition process. Our hostellers relished an abundance of home-grown lychees, mangoes, chikus, pears, jackfruits, blackberries, and guavas. To learn more about subsequent events, please refer to the beginning of the Tundtoli story above.

Fr. Xavier Tigga, SJ.

### St. Xavier's College, Mahuadanr

On 14<sup>th</sup> June, **Fr M.K. Jose**, **Sr Chandrodaya** and **Fr Samir** visited Pakripath for a College Admission Campaign. Taking advantage of the large gathering (Catholic Aam Sabha) in Pakripath, **Fr M.K.** gave a presentation about St. Xavier's College, Mahuadanr through a video and provided a running commentary, highlighting the benefits of studying at the college.

From 27<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> May, the Diocese of Daltonganj organized a three-day Youth Conference on the college campus. **Archbishop Felix Toppo**, **Bishop**

**Mascarenhas**, Mandar MLA Shilpi Neha, etc. addressed the youth. The AICUF team of the college, under the guidance of **Sr Jolly FCC** and **Fr Rajeep Kumar Tirkey**, provided their services to ensure the successful execution of the program. It appears that our new auditorium was an attractive venue for the conference.

On 30<sup>th</sup> June, the college launched the first issue of **Xaverian Quintessence**, the College Research Journal. We extend our thanks to **Fr Rajeep**, who worked tirelessly on it. He conceptualized, proofread, edited the content, and corrected the language. The journal includes a selection of articles that were the result of mini research conducted by all the departments of the college, many of which cover local issues.

St. Xavier's College, Mahuadanr has installed a CCTV surveillance system on campus. The installation of the system serves two purposes: firstly, it enables the college to fulfill one of the requirements set by NAAC, and secondly, it enhances campus safety.

The construction of a canteen building has already begun, although it is still at the foundation level.

While other members of the community were occupied with college responsibilities, **Fr Gyan** and **Fr Samir** attended this year's Province get-together, as classes were being held on those days. **Sch. Jeevan** and **Sch. Bulai** were able to attend the scholastics' retreat at Sitagarha and spend time with their friends later.

From 28<sup>th</sup> June to 1st July, **Fr Samir**, along with **Fr Ranjit**, the PCE of the province, attended a meeting on New Education Policy 2020 at Xavier Institute of Management, Bhubaneswar (XIMB). Prior to this, **Fr Samir** also had a one-week home visit in June.

**Fr Rajeep** took a one-week trip to his Diocese, Shimla Chandigarh. **Sch. Jeevan** has completed his classes and has been bid farewell for his regency, although he will return for his university examinations. He was accompanied by **Sch. Bulai** to his new

community, Masi Marshal, Charhi, on 29<sup>th</sup> June. Thank you, Jeevan, for your contribution to the College Community. Some flowers already appear sad and wilted.

July was an important month for the college for various reasons, including new admissions, Loyola Day Celebration, university exams, and a key phase of documentation work for NAAC Assessment, all packed into the month of July.

**Loyola Day Celebration:** The Loyola Day Celebration began with a Holy Mass in the auditorium in the morning, presided over by **Fr M.K. Jose** and concelebrated by **Frs Rajeep** and **Samir**. The hostel girls and a few staff members participated in the Eucharistic Celebration. The most exciting part of the celebration for the students was the Cultural Program, which started at 10:30 A.M. Along with a variety of dance performances, a short skit on the life of St. Ignatius, his autobiography, and the principal's feast day message were presented. The dance performances were particularly thrilling for the students. A simple lunch was served to the staff, and candies were distributed to the students. In the evening, we joined the Jesuit Community at St. Joseph, Mahuadanr, to share a festive dinner with other religious and clergy.

### OUTSIDE THE PROVINCE

#### Premal Jyoti, Ahmedabad, Gujarat

In July, we began our regular classes and the first-year students officially started the academic year under the new educational policy. The orientation program took place from July 2<sup>nd</sup> to July 4<sup>th</sup> at Premal Jyoti, organized by the fathers from Gujrat Province. It was a wonderful session that inspired us with the mission and vision of our society. Our superior, **Fr. James**, took the time to meet with each of us individually to discuss our academic challenges and performance, as well as other aspects of our lives. Unfortunately, **Sch. Praveen Toppo** was admitted to the hospital with dengue fever, but he is now recovering. On July 22<sup>nd</sup>, we began our novena with great devotion to celebrate the feast in a meaningful way. However, **Sch. Suchit Xalxo** is also admitted

to the hospital with dengue fever and needs some time to recover. Overall, we are in good health and preparing for upcoming exams.

Sch. Ashish Francis Lakra S.J.

### Papal Seminary Pune

On July 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Malayalam academy group celebrated the St. Thomas feast (syromalabar mass). From July 8<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup>, the third-year theologians had a group dynamic program with Fr. Sataya Prakash from Patna diocese as the resource person. On the 19<sup>th</sup>, we had a spiritual conference for our seminarians on "Living our life with commitment" with **Fr. George Beck**, SJ as the resource person. The second-year theologians had their group dynamic program guided by Fr. Jojo from Thiruchur diocese. On the 22<sup>nd</sup>, we had a recollection at the campus level (for staff only) to prepare for St. Ignatius day. During this time, the first, second, and third-year philosophers, as well as the first-year theologians, had their group dynamic programs led by **Fr. Chacko** for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> year philosophers, Fr. Doni Raja for the 3<sup>rd</sup>-year philosophers, and Fr. Lijo for the 1<sup>st</sup>-year theologians. We also had a couple of staff meetings to discuss the ongoing formation of our seminarians. On the 25<sup>th</sup>, Fr. Rector addressed the entire community. We also had a triduum to celebrate the feast day of St. Ignatius Loyola. On the 31<sup>st</sup>, we celebrated St. Ignatius day with Fr. Lindsay Lobo, SJ as the main celebrant and Fr. Doni Raja, SJ delivering a meaningful sermon.

Fr. Jeyakumar SJ

### De Nobili College

The Ignatian month of July was filled with blessings and graces from God. We also had a series of activities that took place one after another. On July 5<sup>th</sup>, we had the **Fr. Stan Swamy Memorial Day** held in the Papal Seminary Hall, with **Fr. Cedric Prakash, S.J.** as the speaker. His thought-provoking ideas and personal experiences of being with Fr. Stan moved us all. At the end of the event, we held a short evening prayer in remembrance of Fr. Stan Swamy, SJ.

On the 11<sup>th</sup>, we had a DNC quiz competition within the community, covering topics such



as international affairs, national affairs, and the Church and Society of Jesus. It was an interesting and informative time for gaining knowledge.

On the 15<sup>th</sup>, we had a recollection and faith sharing session within our respective living groups. The recollection talk was given by the Rector, Fr. Francis P, SJ. The faith sharing was facilitated by the living group animators (Fathers). This sharing allowed us to know our fellow living group members in a better and deeper way. In the evening, we had a living group dinner.

Jnana Deepa (Cultural wing) organized an Inter-Class Football Tournament from July 17<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup>. There were seven teams participating, and the winners were the second-year Theologians and the runners-up were the third-year Philosophers.

Within the house, we had the North Zone Cultural Programme and a common Mass in the evening. After supper, the Scholastics from Calcutta, Patna, Delhi, and Darjeeling presented PowerPoint presentations showcasing the missions and main works of their provinces.

This year, the novena to St. Ignatius of Loyola was done in a creative way. YouTube novenas were introduced and were well received. The themes for each day's novena were chosen from Fr. General's book 'Walking with Ignatius.'

We celebrated Ignatius' feast day in a grand manner. The Holy Eucharist was celebrated by the rector, Fr. Francis P, SJ. The chapel decoration and the singing during Mass were truly remarkable.

Currently, we are all in good health and doing well. Fr. Anand Beck is keeping busy with his studies and assignments.

Sch. Praful Augustine Bage

### Satya Nilayam, Chennai

By the end of June, we had settled down and completed our academic and community orientations for both the first and second years. Philosophy classes began on June 27<sup>th</sup> and the second-year students attended classes at both Satya Nilayam and Loyola

College. On July 3<sup>rd</sup>, the community went on a pilgrimage to St. Thomas Mount in Chennai and participated in a beautiful Holy Eucharist at the shrine to celebrate St. Thomas feast. On July 5<sup>th</sup>, we held a special mass in honor of **Fr. Stan Swamy**, who had passed away one year prior, and in the evening, we took part in a candle service procession. On July 8<sup>th</sup>, the second years enjoyed a day outing to Mahabalipuram, while the first years explored Chennai. On July 10<sup>th</sup>, Satya Nilayam Institute of Research (SNIR) conducted the Ph.D. viva of Fr. Joe Balasamy. **Sch. Vivek** actively participated in a fund-raising carnival organized by Asha Niketan, a center for differently abled individuals.

As a community, we began spiritual preparations for the feast of St. Ignatius by conducting novenas and the sacrament of reconciliation. On July 23<sup>rd</sup>, Sch. James Ekka and **Sch. Vivek Ekka** celebrated the feast of St. Ignatius with migrants in Chennai at Loyola College. On the 25<sup>th</sup>, we had a guest lecture from Fr. Frank Clooney of Harvard University, who shared his life experience of "Journeying with Hinduism: An intellectual encounter". On the same day, we held the 6<sup>th</sup> edition of the Ignatian Novena and a special blood donation camp, where 40 units of blood were donated.

### Kalwa, Mumbai

On June 6<sup>th</sup>, I arrived at CSMT railway station in Mumbai, feeling a mixture of emotions. Fr. Joy Fernandes SJ, the director of REAP (Reach Education Action Programme), picked me up at our residence in Kalwa. Two days later, our superior Fr. Noel Pinto SJ, who had been on a home visit, joined the community. REAP had a good reputation in the past during Fr. Trever Miranda's time, with approximately 200 centers providing basic education for children in street, slum, and rural areas. However, due to mismanagement, it was suspended for three years. We were now faced with the dilemma of what to do next. We held multiple meetings with ourselves, our predecessors, and finally with the provincial. Consultations are still ongoing to minimize future risks. The provincial's visit on July 24<sup>th</sup> was a blessing and a source of consolation. We presented

him with several proposals for new projects, such as Eco STEM, computer classes, remedial classes, and English tuition, to address the needs of underprivileged students. Meanwhile, I familiarized myself with the local train system by visiting notable places in Mumbai. Additionally, the three of us visited slums in Kalwa and villages in Shahpur and Raigarh districts for a feasibility study.

Currently, my main task is to cater to the pastoral needs of Hindi-speaking migrants in St. Peter's Church, Bandra. I offer a monthly Mass for them. I am also exploring other socio-pastoral needs in different parts of the city. So far, I have celebrated the Eucharistic mass in St. Peter's Church, Bandra, and Good Shepherd Church, Navi-Mumbai. Br. Rajesh Parmar SJ oversees the MAIN apostolate, and he will gradually instruct me about the MAIN in the next financial year. He has arranged for his assistant to show me some of the difficulties faced by migrants and the crowded spots where they gather.

To improve my capabilities, I attended a seminar on "Workshop on Capacity Building" regarding migrants, organized by ISI Bangalore from July 26<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup>. There were 42 participants from across India, and it was an eye-opening experience that highlighted the various levels of migration. We all recognized the need for collective organizations at both the source and destination states to support distressed migrants. As individuals, we should step forward to meet the emerging challenges faced by migrants throughout India and abroad. We concluded that a migration commission/forum may be necessary at the provincial and assistancy levels.

Fr. Amit Kujur SJ

### St. Xavier's College Kolkata

This month was filled with academic evaluations and examinations. Supervisors kept us on our toes to submit the research proposal and literature reviews. After completing the coursework, the research department conducted exams. Experts were invited to evaluate our presentation on the research proposal. On my birthday, we had twin birthday celebrations; the vice-principal of the college also celebrated. I joined the school teachers for a friendly match with the parents. Although our team won by a large margin, the parents introduced a running trophy to maintain a friendly atmosphere on the school campus. Playing football is a significant part of my sportsmanship. The hectic schedule came to a halt when I fell ill. I was admitted to Paramount Hospital. There was a small trace of typhoid in my blood. After being discharged, I received the wrong medication, which caused rashes on my legs. Now my legs have healed and I am fine. The college received new admissions. However, this year the Catholic students' scores were below the cut-off, which is a big concern. On the Loyola Feast Day, I had the privilege of being the main celebrant. After a long time, the college had an English Mass. We had eight priests on the altar, and the senior priests joined us from the balcony. The school section organized various competitions for Catholic students from other schools.

### Prabhu Jisur Girja, Kolkata

The month of July brought many blessings to the PJG community. This year, we have eight scholastics from five different provinces studying at SXC Kolkata. Three Jesuit priests in our community celebrated their Diamond jubilee to mark their religious life. On this auspicious day, we had an evening Mass followed by a special dinner. After the summer break, college resumed on July 5<sup>th</sup>. On July 16<sup>th</sup>, we participated in a procession to pray for peace and for the people of Manipur. It was organized by Calcutta Diocese, and a large number of people participated in spiritual prayer for peace in Manipur. The new academic year for commerce was inaugurated on July 18<sup>th</sup>. On July 21<sup>st</sup>, we had our monthly recollection at PJG. On the feast day of St. Ignatius

of Loyola, we attended Mass at the college. **Fr. Simon Murmu SJ** (HZB) was the main celebrant.

Sch. Gulshan Toppo

### Vidyajyoti, Delhi

All the scholastics of VJ arrived in the first week of July 6<sup>th</sup>. We had three days of an orientation program, with the theme C3 "Celebrating, Challenging, and Companionship". We received inputs from various individuals, including Fr. Anil S.J. on 'Various aspects of Delhi city', James S.J. on 'Social Media', Edwin S.J. on 'Theological Formation', Raj Kumar (Principal) on 'Growing in the Spirit of Goodness', and Nirmal Raj (Rector) on 'Expectations'.

Vidyajyoti opened the new academic year on July 10. The commencement lecture, titled *Stan Swamy as a metaphor for theologizing in Asia*, was delivered by Fr. Cedric Prakash SJ. This year, we have 73 Jesuit Scholastics, 2 IMS brothers, 2 CST brothers, and 15 staff members, totaling 92 individuals in the VJ Jesuit residence. On the 16<sup>th</sup> of July, we were privileged to have Fr. Antoine Kerhuel SJ, the Secretary of the Society of Jesus, among us. He gave a talk on 'formation in SJ'.

Fr. Francis Xavier Clooney SJ, a scholar and professor at Harvard University and Boston College, visited us for a couple of days. He delivered an extension lecture on 'Comparative Theology in the Light of Jesuit Tradition'. It was an insightful and inspiring lecture that deepened our understanding of theology in our current times.

We joined our voices with those of many civil society organizations to pray and show solidarity with our persecuted brothers and sisters in Manipur. We participated in a prayer service of solidarity at the Sacred Heart Cathedral Community Hall. In addition to daily prayers and solidarity, we also observed a Novena in honor of St. Ignatius of Loyola, culminating in a festive celebration on July 31. The theme of the celebration was "Ignatius' Imagination and Call to Re-imagine Today", and Fr. Soosai Mani S.J., the Provincial of Delhi, preached for the occasion.

Sch. Sushil Kr. Bage, SJ

## OVERSEAS

### Sri Lanka

Since the novice master, Fr. Mariyathas, was away in Lahore on spiritual ministries for a month, I took care of the four first-year novices along with Fr. Jude, who was acting as superior and minister. On July 23, the Blessed Sacrament Fathers (SSS) took me to their retreat house,



located 80 km from here, where I conducted a five-day Ignatian retreat. Fr. Provincial and Bishop Emeritus Winston Fernando SSS, along with 34 others, had a fruitful five days. They have to limit their retreat to five days due to Sunday ministries in various locations across Jaffna in the North to Galle in the South of Sri Lanka. On July 31, I celebrated the feast day mass, marking the conclusion of my stay in the novitiate as Socius. This morning, on August 2, I arrived at Akkarapanha, the Provincialate, which is now my new community. On August 17 and 18, we will have the province meet in Kandy. After that, I will stay on to conduct a six-day retreat for the Claritian sisters in Kandy before returning to St. Xavier's Residence, Akkarapanaha. I keep up with the province happenings through our WhatsApp group posts and the Halchal. I feel inspired and grateful to the Lord for the great work in the province, although sometimes I am concerned about disturbing news from across the country. In contrast, Sri Lanka seems to be making a steady recovery, although there are unresolved issues in the political field. On August 4, I will be applying for an extension of my visa at the visa office in Colombo, and Fr. Roy, the socius, will assist me with the process. United in prayers!

Edward Mudavassery SJ.

### Province Delegates at MAGIS 2023 and WYD, Portugal

The Jesuits held their pre-World Youth Day program, MAGIS 2023, in Lisbon, Portugal from July 22 to July 31. MAGIS 2023 brought together about 2,000 young people from 80 countries affiliated with the Society of Jesus.

The Jesuit Conference of South Asia sent 41 participants - 15 boys, 15

girls, and 7 priests - under the leadership of our own **Fr. Arbind Beck**, who is the Coordinator for the Jesuit Youth Ministry of the Assistency. From our Province, two youths, Neetu Hansda from Charhi parish and Hemant Ekka from Mahuadanr parish, were part of the delegation that traveled to Lisbon for the two international events.

The inaugural mass of the Magis program was celebrated at St. John Britto College grounds in Lisbon, presided over by the Provincial of Portugal, Fr. Miguel Almeida, S.J. The provincial remarked, "The reality we have here is much more beautiful than on our computers. We are





showing the world that a shared life together is possible and we are creating a future filled with hope just because you are here."

During the week-long program, the participants had the opportunity to engage in various MAGIS experiences in the dioceses of Portugal and parts of Spain. Each group of 20 to 30 young adults from different countries lived simply in a local context that fostered community creation, focusing on one of five dimensions: ecology and environment, faith and spirituality, arts and culture, pilgrimage and journey, and solidarity and service. These six days had a profound impact on the participants, which was further deepened through reflection sharing, inspired by the motto of MAGIS 2023: "create a hope-filled future."

### REMEMBER THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS

25 July 2023 Fr. Augustine Fernandes SJ, GOA 55/31

31 July 2023 Fr. Leslie Francis SJ GOA (92/72)

### DEATH ANNIVERSARY

#### AUGUST

01/1992 Andrew Thottunkal  
05/2019 Barry John  
02/1992 Bp. George Saupin  
12/2020 Gaudentius Kongari  
15/2020 Augustine C. Tigga  
17/1971 John Rush  
17/1992 Steven Daly  
24/1990 John Wijnant  
29/2019 Gavin O'Sullivan