

Hazaribag Jesuits



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Pope's Intention For a Eucharistic life



We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.

Provincial's Programme

JULY 2023

01	SSC Juniorate Inauguration	18	Sharing on the 71st Congregation of Procurators by Fr. Xavier (DUM) at AN (06.00 PM) (For Hazaribagh & Ramgarh Jesuits)
07 - 08	Visitation Pakripath & ALERT Centre		
09 - 10	Visitation SXC Mahuadanr		
11 - 12	Socio - Pastoral Commission Meeting at Mahuadanr	22 - 23	Recollection with Regents at SXS, HAZ
15 - 16	Consult, AN	24 - 25	Visitation Jamuniatanr & Tenuahi

AUG 2023

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



Hearty Congratulations to the Newly Professed Scholastics

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NAME	From	TO	STATUS	W.E.F.
Fr. Shyam K. Tudu	PP Patki	SHS, Sahodaya	Asst. Teacher	19 June 2023
Fr. Bob Billings	MM Charhi	MM Patki	Asst. PP	22 June 2023
Fr. Anil B. Kerketta	Patki	Patki	PP Patki	22 June 2023
Fr. Amod Gridha	Ankur	Dumar	In-Charge (Ad Tempus)	15 June 2023
Fr. Binod K. Toppo	Vivek Sadan	SXS, HAZ	Medical Treatment	1 July 2023
Fr. Timothy OSM	Bangalore	CA Bhurkunda	Pastoral Exp.	19 June 2023
Fr. Arun Abilash SM	Bangalore	Pakripath	Pastoral Exp.	19 June 2023
Br. Anto OSM	Bangalore	Regency, PPHS, Jamuniatanr	Asst Teacher & Asst. Hostel-in-Charge	15 June 2023
Br. Valan OSM	Bangalore	Regency, SHS, Shahpur	Asst. Teacher & Asst. Hostel-in-Charge	15 June 2023

Status Fresh Juniors

NAME	From	TO
Sch. Amresh Kerketta	SSC Novitiate	SSC Juniorate
Sch. Manjit Kujur	SSC Novitiate	SSC Juniorate
Sch. Prateek Beck	SSC Novitiate	SSC Juniorate
Sch. Sachin Kujur	SSC Novitiate	SSC Juniorate
Sch. Silbanus Burh	SSC Novitiate	SSC Juniorate
Sch. Uday Kujur	SSC Novitiate	SSC Juniorate

St Xavier's School Bokaro

Before breaking for the summer holiday on 15 May, the school had its 1st unit test followed by Xavier's Idol Singing Competition for the secondary and higher secondary students. The participants sang popular songs mesmerizing the audience and left them asking for more. During the summer holidays the school organized a 10 day Summer Camp for the students to explore and enhance their talents in music, dance, painting, art and craft and various games such as football, badminton, volleyball, basketball etc. A good number of students took part and benefited from them.

The community hosted Scholastic's get-together 2023. They were accommodated in the high school building and their program was held in the Chapel Hall. They were extremely happy with the hospitality we offered them. **Fr. Nirmal Kullu** and **Fr. Manoj Kujur** attended to their needs and provided them with a good meal every day.

On 20 June afternoon, **Fr. Arun, Fr. Manoj** and **Fr. Nirmal** left for Sitagarha for the Young Priest Meet and the Province Get-Together. Soon after the Province Gathering, **Fr. Arun** and **Fr. Tintus** made their Annual Retreat. After the retreat **Fr. Arun** kept himself busy observing different renovation works during summer holiday along with the office work. **Fr. Manoj** went to Kolkata and Mahuadanr to meet his relatives.

Fr. Niraml joined **Fr. Shayam** on 31st to facilitate and to be part of the Team. The community wishes Fr Shyam all the best and prays as he takes up the new mission in Sahodaya.

The community is grateful to **Fr. Tintus** for his dedicated service to Jaina More extension mission and the faithful of Patki Parish (Jainamore area). **Fr. Arun** along with Mr. Munna (cook) reached **Fr. Tintus** to Kajarkilo on 3 June. We wish him a fruitful mission as the house minister and assistant PP.

The students got excellent results again this year in 10th and 12th board Examination. On 12 & 13 June, there was a two-day seminar for the teachers. However, the opening date for the students kept on postponing due to extreme heat this year. Following the government guidelines, the school resumed its classes on different dates for seniors and junior students. **Sch. Raymond** joined the community on 26 June and left the next day for a short home visit.

Fr. Manoj Roshan Kujur

Bhurkunda

In May, Frs. Barnabas and Xavier were busy with Marian procession and mass programs. A marriage rectification seminar was organized for

nine couples from 17-19 May by Fr. Barnabas with the help of Fr. Xavier, Sr. Neelima Kujur and the Catechist. The marriage was blessed on 20 May. All the fathers participated in the province get-together from 22 - 23 May. Fr. Sebren and Fr. Xavier proceeded to Sitagarha for the province retreat from 23rd evening. Fr. Thomas kept the supervision of repair works at school which is still in progress while Fr. Barnabas was involved in the spiritual activities of Marian processions and Eucharistic celebrations from 26 May to 1 June. Fr. Thomas also covered Fr. Xavier's mass in his absence. Two marriages were blessed on 24 & 25 May respectively by Fr. Barnabas and Fr. Frederick, the latter his own cousin's marriage.

In the beginning of June, we had a few visitors, Fr. Yugal Kishore from Tarwa and Fr. Sibus Barwa from Jamuniatanr.

A one-day youth seminar was organized for the Parish youth on 3 June. Fr. Rajendra Tete, the resource person talked on 'the effect of media on Youth'. Hazaribag youth committee also came to help out in the seminar. The total number of participants was 51.

Frs. Barnabas and Sebren and Xavier were off to their families on personal commitment from 4 - 11 June. Frs. Thomas, Sebren and Barnabas had a medical checkup in HFH Koderma on 14 June.

Two new members, Sch. Paulus Soren, a second year regent and Fr. Timothy OSM joined the community on 9 & 16 June respectively. Fr. Timothy had a Hindi tutor, Sch. Deepak Ekka who stayed a few days in the community. Sr. Neelima Kujur was given a farewell on 18 June and Sr. Sunita Minj was welcomed on 29 June as a pastoral sister.

On 18th Fr. Francis Marian along with the Manager of Jana Small Finances Bank which sponsored some computers to our school visited the School. The Provincial's visit on 28 & 29 June was a time of grace for the community.

By the order of the Jharkhand Government, on account of excessive heat, the classes from 1 to 8 and Classes 9 and 10 remained closed till 21 and 14 June respectively. This year, the 10th class Board result was very good. Mr. Shubham Kumar became the district topper. The teachers were busy with E-Wahini.

Fr. Barnabas

Charhi

The first half of June was a holiday time in the school. Nicholas had been home to offer the holy mass in memory of his loving mother on the first anniversary of her death and to offer a thanksgiving mass for his niece who after final

profession as a nun came home. Birendra had an overnight stay at home. Marianus Tigga did his pastoral ministry energetically wherever needed. He also attended a youth seminar in Jamshedpur from 5 - 9 June. **First Communion** preparatory program was organized for children from 5 - 11 June and on the last the first communion was given to 27 children. On the same day, an FCC sister of Paseria village celebrated her 25th anniversary as a religious nun. Six Jesuits, five FCCs, and four Holy Cross sisters along with many faithful from far and near came to participate and witnessed the celebration. It was the first ever such a jubilee celebration in Charhi Parish. The Jesuit community also witnessed the first profession of nine novices in Sitagarha. Another happy event for the Charhi Community was the Fr Provincial's annual visit.

Classes resumed after 34 days of summer holiday which was extended from 12 to 20 June due to the heat wave. An awareness program on "School Going" was organized by the Block Development Officer and his team for all the government and non-government schools of Churchu Block.

Kajarkilo

School declared its summer holidays on 17th May. On the same day, Fr Pius went to St Xavier's School Bokaro for the Scholastics' gathering. Twenty six Scholastics turned up for the gathering. The Principal Fr. Arun Minj and the Community members shared the school and the house facilities very generously and the Community met all the expenses of the Scholastics' get-together. Finally, the school bus reached Scholastics to SSC on 21st May. Fr. Pius, the PCF and the Scholastics thanked the Jesuit Community Bokaro from the core of their heart for their generosity.

Under the leadership of Fr. Primus, Kajarkilo parish organized a catechism seminar between 21 - 27 May in preparation for the 1st communion for children on 28th May.

The visit of Fr Provincial to the Community on June 15-16 was a time of abundant blessings. He stressed that a shepherd has to smell the sheep to serve better so that the ministry becomes fruitful. It was a time of renewal, recommitment, reflection in the Community and so a revitalization of our energy for our ministries.

Kajarkilo hosted the Formation Commission Meeting on 17th June. The half day marathon meeting, attended by Fr. Vincent, the Provincial, Fr Sushil Osga, Fr. Pius, Fr Anil Aind, Fr. Manjit Lakra, Fr Anish Hansdak and Fr Ajit Soreng, ended with lunch.

On 21st May, Fr Ajit Soreng shifted to Ankur as the Director of the candidates. The Community thanks Fr. Ajit for his valuable service in the parish and school and wish him all the best in his new

ministry. The entire community members attended the Province Meet. Fr. Pius stayed back in Sitagarha to make his retreat along with Scholastics. Later, he went home for a short visit and Fr. Tintus came to Kajarkilo just in time on 3rd June to say Holy Mass for the parishioners on 4th June but unfortunately there was nobody there to welcome him except Sch. Arockia who came after his annual retreat. Fr. Pius came back via Hazaribag on 5th June to Kajarkilo with the new regent Sch. Anthony Dungdung. Fr Tintus and Sch. Anthony were given a formal welcome on the 8th. Now, Fr. Tintus is a full-time minister and Asst PP at Kajarkilo. For Fr. Tintus, it is a homecoming after 20 years.

The School reopened on 19th June and the classes are in full swing. Frs. Primus and Tintus are very regular for the village masses.

Weather has cooled down a bit because of scattered rain but people are waiting and praying for good rain.

Arrupe Niwas

Towards the end of May, the parents and relatives of late Sch. Patrick Tirkey came to pay homage at his tomb and joined us for lunch. Fr. R.C. Chacko after conducting different programmes in Dindigul, Sri Lanka and Kerala for nearly two months returned home afresh and energetic. Fr. Sushil Osga went to Mahuadanr and Bishrampur to bless a couple of marriages and sister shadi. Frs. Francis Marian, Prakash Baskey along with Rajendra Tete were off to Kolkata and police station for the visa work. Now they are in Cebu, Philippines attending a workshop on Project management protocol. Fr. Bob Slattery and Fr. R.C. Chacko were busy nursing sisters with spiritual food. Fr. Anthony Uvari the OSM Provincial and Anthony Samy OSM PCF came with two of their brothers and priests who will be doing their regency in Sahodaya and Jamuniatanr and Pastoral exposure in Pakripath and Bhurkunda.

The community organized a thanksgiving Mass for Frs. John Xaxa and Lawrence Tirkey who were here for 4 months and 12 months. We wished them all God's blessings and success in their news mission in Loyola School, Sitagarha and St. Joseph's School, Tarwa.

Fr. Bob Billings wishes to thank all the brothers and sisters who supported him with their prayers when he waited for his visa renewal. Praise the Lord!

St. Xavier's Community

School was closed for the summer holidays from 19 May – 22 June. Under the Guidance of Fr. Shyam, 37 young Jesuits from different provinces

attended the Pre-Regency Program in St. Xavier's campus from 1 -10 June.

Fr. Varghese T, the superior cum minister is keeping the entire community happy and healthy, physically and spiritually. Fr. Ranjit Marandi (PCE) was busy visiting the different schools around Hazaribag. On June 27, he went to Bhubaneswar for the PCE Meeting. Fr. Varghese accompanied him till Ranchi.

Fr. Bill was admitted in H C Community Hospital, Tarwa for a week. He was back but again on 28 June he was taken to H F Koderma. Nothing very serious.

Fr. Rosner Xalxo was busy with maintenance work in the school buildings during holidays. He had a home visit for a week. Fr. Sebastian came for his eye check-up and stayed with us at SXC for a week. Fr. Raska is keeping well and busy in his house library work. Now he is developing a new soft skill to operate the android mobile. Fr. George Thomas was also with us during these hot summer days. He found Xavier school campus cool, friendly and relaxing.

The school opened on 22 June after summer holidays. Everyone is excited to be on the campus once again. Sch. Jayant has just joined the school and is trying to get acquainted with the MS students. Sr. Karuna CMC is the new Vice-Principal of the Middle School. On June 24, the school celebrated Gonzaga Day. Along with some cultural programs, there was a group house singing competition. Towards the end of June, the school was busy with assessment. Now, we have two important upcoming programs - Loyola Day and School Founder's Day - for which the preparation is already underway. After the rain the entire Xavier campus is lush green and very soothing to eyes.

Loyola Centre Ankur

In the last week of May, the new community members Sch. Samuel, the assistant director and Fr. Ajit, the new director of the candidates, joined the community. Having handed over the responsibilities on 25 May, Fr. Marianus left for Charhi on 27 May for his new mission as the acting Parish Priest of Ghato. After the arrival of 29 first year and 8 second year candidates on 14 June, the new breeze of joy and enthusiasm has enveloped the compound. On 12 June, Fr. Jacob was admitted to Tarwa hospital and had a minor surgery for urinal related complications. Sch. Samuel was with him for three days. Thanks, Samuel, for your service. Fr. Jacob was discharged from the hospital on 17 June. Now he is quite comfortable and recovering very fast. On 24 and 25 June Fr. Provincial visited Ankur and energized us with his presence, prayers and interactions. He also met the candidates and boosted their spirit. This year seven from Ankur

and six from the vocation camp are chosen for the pre-novitate. Fr. Amod who was in Ankur for three months and was set to go to Charhi on 15 June landed up in Dumar on 16 June after the accident of Fr. Arun. We were happy to have Sch. Prem Prakash Hembrom who was with us for four days left for Sitagarha for his annual retreat on 24 June.

Fr. Ajit Soreng S.J.

Prerna Resource Centre

In the month of May, Fr. Rajender went to Pakripath to address the *Catholic Aam Sabha*. Fr. Tony went to Delhi for his ordination jubilee celebration. Fr. Shyju went to St Xavier's School, Bokaro and Sahodaya Daltonganj to give seminar on our protocol for protection of Children and vulnerable adults. Fr. George Thomas moved to St. Xavier's Hazaribag to escape the heat and dust at Prerana. Three scholastics came over to go to villages to spend their holidays. The building work is slowly progressing. Casting of the ground floor has been completed.

We were in for a surprise on 12 June when we heard that Fr. Arun managed to kill a goat with his motorcycle and escaped with a broken leg. He was rushed to Arogyam hospital. Thanks to the SSC community! He is recuperating in SSC after the operation. Fr. Amod Gridha is guarding the fort at Dumar in the absence of Fr. Arun.

Fr. Tony was busy giving courses to Tertians and retreat to MCJ sisters at Gomia. Fr Peter has taken over as the minister of Prerana Community and is as busy as a bee. He is trying to strike a balance between the responsibilities at home and the field visits.

Fr. Rajender was off to Kolkata for his visa work. Job done! Now he is in Cebu, attending a seminar on Project management Protocol.

Fr. Louis is overseeing the distribution of Mary's meal items to different schools. He got the rice delivered to all the schools straight from the mill. Presently he is distributing other items in Mary's meal.

Chatra Extension

At our monthly meeting, we were happy to receive a visit from Frs. Christo and Alex, and Srs. Shilpi and Oliva, who spoke to all about the girls' training programs at Patra, and have taken some names for admission. The land case shows signs of progress in our favour and we have hopes of that being settled. The regular summer programs were ably conducted by Sanjay and Naresh in the absence of Tony who was in Delhi for his Ordination jubilee reunion, for his own retreat, and a retreat for the MCJ sisters.

St. Joseph Tarwa

We began the month of May with the birthday celebrations of Frs. Cyril and Yugal. At the end of the first week, the annual exams of KG to 9th were concluded. Then the students had time to practise for the School Day. The teachers were busy with paper corrections and result making. On 8 May, there was a School Managing Committee meeting. On 16th first we had a School Day Celebrations, then a short Parents' Meeting, thereafter gave away the annual exam results. On the same day, all the students left for summer holidays. In that afternoon, Sch. Aseet went to Bokaro to attend the Scholastics Get Together. That weekend Cyril went Ranchi to attend a "Grih Pravesh".

All of us attended the Province-Get-Together at St. Xavier's Hazaribag. Cyril attended the Province Retreat at SSC Sitagarha. This year our Matric result is 100% pass. Except two all passed in first division. In the middle of May, Fr. Maria Louis moved to Prerana on his new mission. Fr. Sunil came here in his place. Fr. Rajesh also came here to accompany him at Hutpa. Fr. Theodore had been home for a few days. Fr. Yugal went to Bhurkunda for one day to be with Frs. Thomas Rodriguez and Sibus Barwa. Sr. Superior Susana went to Lalpania after more than two years of service here. Hearty welcome to Sr. Shanta in her place! We opened the school for the senior students. We conducted Spoken English classes and Computer classes for them while the teachers did the pending official works. Fr. Lawrence joined our Community on 6 June. On the same day we celebrated his birthday. Later one day he gave a one day Orientation Program for our teachers. He went to Raipur, Chhattisgarh for a Social Scientists' meeting. On 21st a few of us attended First Vows functions at SSC, Sitagarh. Till the end of June new and old admissions are still going on.

Fr. Cyril

Hutpa Tarwa

Fr. Rajesh Kispotta joined the Hutpa community on 1st June. Frs. Nicolas Topno and Marianus Tigga came to reach him. Fr. Rajesh Kispotta, Fr. Lawrence Tirkey Sch. Benison Tigga and Sr. Benedicta Kullu were welcomed by the faithful in the parish. We express our heartfelt gratitude to outgoing members Sr. Susanna Lakra, Sr. Sumitra Laguri and Sch. Aseet Bharti for their dedicated and selfless services to the Centre and wish them all the best for their new mission. Month of June was very challenging for us to tour the villages due to unbearable heat but we humbly accepted this challenge and had the regular tour to the villages. Fr. Sunil attended the Lokmanch training program at Patra. Ms

Taramani, the state coordinator, was the resource person. The urgency to meet the demands and conditions of the CHAI project and Lokmanch project kept Fr. Sunil occupied. We are also working hard to clean Hutpa campus to cultivate different kinds of vegetables and plant fruit trees.

Fr. Sunil V Minj

Patra

These days we are busy reinstalling the village Malik (the president) and the Chhadidar (the treasurer) in the villages. We have successfully reinstalled these officials in Tilwa, Azadnagar, Damvagagi. We are also starting Mahila Mandal and Purush Mandal. We are also reviving our old cluster DVS meeting. We call three/four villages together and have meetings. We had two days of Lok Manch CL (Community Leader) training by State coordinator Taramani. We sincerely thank her for offering a great service to our group. All the Schools reopened after the summer holiday. We are very much concerned about the scarcity of water in Babupara School. We are also worried about the cover of the well which is very weak and about to fall. Lamkitanr School building construction is in good progress with three rooms on the ground floor having been completed and being used for classes. We had Gram Sabha to discuss the issue of land transfer in the name of the school. Many people came for the meeting and produced the letter for further development. We have given a farewell to our beloved Guruji Arjun Das who retired from work due sickness and old age. We sincerely thank him for his selfless service to Patra Mission. We welcomed Mr. Mahesh Bhuiya in our team. One fine day, Fr. Christo and Sisters went to explore new villages in Soporom areas where Ganjhu people are living in the Jungle. They found that there is no proper education and health facilities. People are looking for help. We thank Mr. Yograj who was working in that area as a government teacher and now retired. He is the one who led them. Our Satsang mass is going well in the villages. Girls are coming for tailoring and profiting from it. They go back happily having learnt the life skills.

Alex Toppo SJ

St. Stanislaus College Sitagarha

Mr. and Mrs. **Sabu**, the brother and his wife of **Fr. Saju Bastian**, visited SSC on his 2nd death anniversary and had mass on 3rd May that was attended by the SSC community and many nearby sisters. **Fr. Kamal Lakra** (MAP), Juniorate professor, was given farewell by the SSC community as he moved from Juniorate to Bhopal for his next mission. **Fr. Victor Lakra** also left for Pakripart on 2nd June to the Alert Centre. The Young Priests' Meeting was successfully held in SSC on 20th and 21st May under the

coordination of **Fr. Anil Aind**, the Rector. There were 25 priest participants for this. The Novices sang hymns for the final vows mass of **Fr. Silas Minj** during the Province Days. Four groups of retreats started in SSC on 23rd May after the province gathering was over in SXS Haz. **Fr. K. C. Philip** (RAN) guided the province retreat; **Fr. Amod Gridha** guided the scholastics, while **Fr. Anand Beck** guided the first-year novices. Fr. Manjit Lakra, the novice master, guided the vows retreat for the second-year novices. All the retreats got over by lunch on 31st May. **Fr. M. I. Raj** (GUJ), the tertian instructor, came back from Gujarat on 25th May before the Tertianship program began. 37 pre-regents, under the leadership of **Fr. Shyam Kishor Tudu**, visited SSC and had lunch with the community.

Tertians arrived at SSC on 31st May. Under the leadership of **Fr. Medard Xalxo** (RAN), the tertian instructor, the Tertianship program began with the inaugural ceremony at 9.00 am on 1st June during which **Fr. Anil Aind**, the Rector, officially welcomed the Tertians and **Fr. Vincent Hansdak**, the provincial, addressed them and encouraged them. The Tertians began their campus ministry a week later. **Fr. Tony Herbert**, **Fr. Jose Kalapura** (PAT), and **Fr. Francis Marian** took classes for the Tertians according to their expertise on social analysis, history of Jesuit mission, and temporal administration.

Twelve first probationers for MAP, RAN, and HAZ provinces arrived at SSC on 12th June and, after initial probation, they entered the Novitiate on 23rd June. Nine 2nd-year novices took vows on 21st June. **Fr. Vincent Hansdak**, the provincial, received their vows, which were witnessed by around ninety religious and Jesuit invitees from nearby communities. **Fr. Dilip**, PCF of MAP, and **Fr. Eugine** (MAP) also came from Madhya Pradesh to witness their men pronouncing the first vows. The Novitiate began its regular classes from 26th June. **Fr. Anil**, **Fr. Tom**, and **Fr. Basant** are also assigned a few classes for the novices on a regular basis.

Twenty-three Juniors arrived at SSC by 30th June. The Juniorate Program began under the able leadership of **Fr. Michael Thanaraj**, the dean, with the inaugural mass and inaugural function on 1st July and two days of an orientation program. **Fr. Vincent Hansdak**, the provincial, said the inaugural mass and delivered the keynote address during the inaugural function. **Fr. Ranjit Horo** (RAN) joined SSC on 18th June as assistant dean in the Juniorate. **Fr. Tom Venad** is now a regular professor in the Juniorate who also takes some classes for the novices. **Fr. Tom Venad** took special classes on 'New Way of Being Church Today', Spirit-Word & Community in Acts for Ursuline Tertian Sisters and a seminar on

'Priestly Foundation for Ministry in the Church' for IMS theologians in Sitagarha.

Fr. John Xaxa joined the SSC community on 6th June to work as the treasurer of the Loyola School, Sitagarha. **Deacon Arockia Sasi Kumar**, the new minister of SSC, joined the community on 27th June and is learning the job with **Fr. Basant**, the former minister. **Fr. Francis Lopez** visited several doctors in various hospitals seeking a cure for his backache and discomfort. **Br. Michael**, who seems to be slowly getting weaker, had developed a few bed sores on his back and leg, but they are now slowly healing. **Fr. Camille** is able to manage himself well. He is helped at meals and at times helped to walk when he feels weak. He is forgetting things but is able to have a jolly conversation. **Fr. Arun Kujur** is recovering fast in SSC after his accident.

Fr. Anil Aind.

St. Xavier's +2 High School Sitagarha

Summer Vacation was a time for repair works and a time to put things in order in the school. St. Xavier's School is completely solarized now with 10 KVA. Thanks to Fr. the Provincial, treasurer and also the Jana Bank who sponsored the Solar system to the school. Fr. Principal went for a home visit for a week. However, the school office remained open to avail the Plus two forms. The school reopened on 16 June but the attendance was very low in the first week because of the summer heat.

Three new teachers have been appointed in the school to fill in the vacancy created due to the teachers' leaving for government posts. One Mr. Jitendra Kumar who taught Maths since 2012 was given a farewell. International Yoga Day was Celebrated on 21st June 2023. The whole school had Yoga on the Basketball court.

John Tirkey

Loyola School Sitagarha

During the summer holidays **Fr. Philemon** kept supervising the school construction work and waiting for the CBSE affiliation which has not yet come to the school. **Fr. John Xaxa** joined the school on 10th June and assumed the treasurer's office on 13th June. The school reopened on 22 June after a long-stretched summer vacation. However, the teachers came from 16th June and took the online classes. **Fr. John Xaxa** and a science teacher were welcomed to the school. On 23 June, the first school magazine 'Loyola Stars' was released and distributed to the students. The classes are in full swing as the Formative Assessment-II will begin on 3rd July.

Teachers Training Practice Middle School

After a month of summer vacation school reopened on 22nd June. The teachers and the students began their teaching and learning with new zeal. The month of May kept us busy in conducting exams, preparing results and also taking new admissions. The campus witnessed a heavy storm on 25th May. A huge eucalyptus branch fell down damaging the school kitchen shed. It was repaired under the care of Fr. Silas Minj and the students are now using it for midday meals. Sr. Anima Tigga, the headmistress and Sr. Pratima, an assistant teacher went for home visit and came back safely.

Mahuadanr

The month of May was filled with Maria devotion and Maria Jatra at Mahuadanr Parish. People had Novena prayer service and Rosary in all the villages. Fr. Suresh Kindo and Fr. Emile Ekka went to all the villages and centres to join Maria Procession and celebrate Masses. People showed their devotion to Mother Mary and strengthened their faith.

In the month of June, 22 couples received the Sacrament of Marriage and two in a rectified marriage. Twenty-three children were given the sacrament of baptism. And on 7 June, 135 children were given their first Holy Communion by **Fr. Suresh Kindo, Fr. Patras, Fr. John Tirkey, Fr. Roshan** and **Fr. Sylverius** were concelebrants. Four sisters and twenty-five volunteers were involved in teaching and preparation. As a follow up we offer separate mass and hold catechism classes every Sunday. More than four hundred children are participating regularly. We also hold catechism classes at all the mass centres and villages involving our own punches, volunteers and catechists. The distribution of Holy Communion for sick and old is helped by the sisters of Holy Cross and FCC and Carmel sisters.

The construction of a dining shed near our old Parish Hall and the renovation of the church building have been completed while the beautification work is still under progress. The supervision of the construction of the new +2 building is done by **Fr. Patras Tirkey** and residence area beautification by **Fr. Sylverius Minj**.

Matric and Plus Two results are very good this year. Thanks to the Principal **Fr. Dilip Ekka** and the whole school team for their hard work and guidance. The school family thanked Sr. Ushus, FCC for her great contribution to the school for almost five months and wished her for future ministry in St. Xavier's school, Bokaro. Our new Regent Scholastic **Ravi Das Ekka** was welcomed

in the school and hostel and Scholastic **Nelson Lakra** was given farewell from the School, hostel and Community. Admission in High school section is closed but the +2 section is still open. A big number of students took the admission test. Gonzaga Day was celebrated with the Holy Mass and followed by a cultural program.

The Hostel is running well under the guidance of Fr. Moris Ekka, Sch. Nelson, Sch. Ravi Das Ekka and two lay Collaborators.

Our Cooperative Credit Society is also doing well under the guidance of Fr. Roshan and Fr. Gyan Savari. This year a good number of members have taken loans and are benefiting from it.

Pakripath

Fr. James Dungdung, the newly appointed Parish Priest and Hostel-in-charge, accompanied by Fr. John Xaxa, arrived at Pakripath on 12 May. The parishioners happily welcomed him as they bid farewell to Fr. Amit Kujur. Uptill Amit left for his new mission in Mumbai on 4 June, both James and Amit both engaged themselves in animating pious activities such as Marian procession, offering masses in all the villages of Pakripath. Fr. James Dungdung, Sr. Kanta and Mr. Sushil Minj, the catechist, accompanied him till the railway station at Jamshedpur.

It was indeed a fabulous and joyous moment to witness 71 children receive the First Holy Communion. The congregation was overjoyed. On 18 June, Fr. Arun Abilash OSM and two other Scholastics, namely Scho. Nitesh and Scho. Gulshan who were on their holidays, accompanied by F. Sushil Osga, arrived at Pakripath. Fr. Arun Abilash, a new member in the community, is learning Hindi and lending a helping hand in the parish, in the school and in the hostel.

Mr. Sushil Minj and some people from Kerakhar called us for a meeting in the village. They were concerned about the slackening of religious faith and laxity of spiritual activities of the villagers and wanted someone to animate them. Fr. James Dungdung addressed the villagers, explaining to them the importance of the same and urging them to greater involvement in spiritual activities and practices of faith. Sr. Paulina arrived at Pakripath on 26 June accompanied by two sisters from Mayapur to join the parish team. Sr. Rashmi joined the school as a teacher on an earlier date.

Our two members at Alert Centre are doing so many things for the welfare of the people. Indeed, it is heartening to see two members of our community so active. Seeing them, one may have the impression that age is just a number. Their future plan for the empowerment of women and

the development of the local people is very impressive.

At present, putting our heart and soul, we are planning to visit all the villages and devising spiritual activities in order to study the spiritual status of the people and devising spiritual activities to improve it. In the hostel, we are trying our level best to create an atmosphere conducive for better learning. As a whole, the month of June had been fruitful though busy. We are also elated to get the long-awaited showers. We have begun our cultivation hoping to get our daily living. With the help from above, we look forward to creating a much better future. May the Almighty bless all our initiatives.

Tundtoli

The months of May and June were the hottest days, as it is holiday time many people organize family masses at their homes, individually as well as with their clans. During the month of May, the faithful of the villages come together every evening to pray the Holy Rosary, so no marriages take place during this month. However, by the end of May, marriages are allowed, so we blessed some marriages at the end of May and in the first week of June in the Parish.

Fr. Xavier Tigga SJ joined Tundtoli Parish on June 3rd. Shortly after his arrival, he joined the Parish Priest in the Masses for house and seed blessing programs in the villages. It was an occasion to visit each family and its members at their homes. Despite the extreme heat, the faithful villagers and their shepherds successfully completed the mission to everyone's satisfaction and joy. Xavier wasted no time in beginning his ministry; as soon as he arrived, he immediately jumped into the ministerial service. As he moves around different villages, he has many acquaintances here as he was the principal of PTEC, Gurwa, Sitagarha for 13 years. Observing the pitiable condition of the roads, he decided to meet with the Principal of the school, Sr. Kiran Lakra, and submitted an application to the Mukhia of the Parhatoli Panchayat for road maintenance. He also visited the office of the electricity department to improve the electricity supply in the area.

The first week of June was a favorable time for the children of the Parish, as there were

special catechetical classes for them. Fr. Sanjay Martin Kujur and Sr. Sunita SJA led the group of young volunteers in preparing the children to receive their first communion and others for the sacrament of confirmation. The youth volunteers showed their commitment and willingness to prepare the children, and accompanied them in their sacramental journey, even in the midst of the challenging heat wave.

On Sunday, June 11th, 93 children received their First Holy Communion. There was a large crowd of faithful, particularly parents, family members, and relatives, who witnessed this special moment of their children receiving the Holy Communion. In the evening, Fr. Xavier was officially welcomed to Tundtoli Parish in the presence of the Local Superior, Fr. M.K. Jose. The Jesuits of the College and the St. Joseph's of Apparition sisters also joined the program. Fr. Superior welcomed Fr. Xavier by reading the appointment letter from the Provincial and expressed his best wishes to him.

On the following Sunday, June 18th, His Excellency, Most Rev. Bishop Theodore Mascrahas, the Apostolic Administrator of Daltonganj Diocese, administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to 136 children. It was another occasion to celebrate and give thanks to the Lord. A special thanks went to Fr. Sanjay Martin and his team for the success of the programs.

On July 2nd, Tundtoli Parish members bid farewell to Fr. Sanjay Martin Kujur. Fr. Sanjay himself was the main celebrant during the Holy Eucharist in the morning. Fr. Sanjay had been here for almost a year and had a wish to stay and offer his services to the faithful, especially to the youth and the children. However, he had to say goodbye to Tundtoli Parish and proceed to fulfill the mission given to him for his Ph.D. studies at Loyola College Chennai. In the evening, Fathers from St. Xavier's College community and the Sisters of St. Joseph of Apparition (SJA) joined us for the farewell dinner of Fr. Sanjay Martin Kujur. On July 3rd, Fr. Sushil accompanied him to Ranchi, and the following day he began his journey to Chennai. We wish Sanjay all the best in his studies. Thank you, Fr. Sanjay, for

your contribution to the Parish and Tundtoli Jesuit residence.

Sushil Lakra

Sahodaya

Fr. Santosh Minj arrived Sahodaya on 16 April. Fr. Santosh and Fr. Packiam attended the funeral service of Bro. Francis Mathias at Sitagarha. Fr. Shyju came to Sahodaya on 15 May to conduct a program for all the teachers at the request of Fr. Vinod Kerketta. The school was closed for summer holidays from 17 May. Fr. Vinod Kerketta had gone to Jharkhand academic council Ranchi on 1 June to submit some important documents related to the school. On 12 June, two Servite scholastics, Bro. Valan and Bro. Anto joined the community for their regency. Bro. Valan Prakash was appointed in Sahodaya School and Bro. Anto in Prabhu Prakash School Jamuniatanr.

All the community members including churadohar and Jamuniatanr gathered together on 16 June for the birthday celebration of Fr. Packiam. The celebration started with the Holy Eucharist and ended with supper. The satellite community members went back after supper. On 18th June, Fr. Shyam Tudu accompanied in the company of Fr. Anish Hansdak reached Sahodaya. Fr. Shyam will be teaching in the school. Fr. Santosh has now moved to Vivek Sadan. The fall in temperature after an hour of rainfall on 26 June has made life somewhat easier as summer had been very severe this year. We thank the lord for the present climate.

Vivek Sadan, Shahpur

Fr. Sebastian had a couple of trips to Hazaribag for his regular eye check-up.. Fr. Anish made a quick home visit and attended the Province formation commission meeting at Kajarkilo. Fr. Binod has moved to Hazaribag. The community thanked him for his service and welcomed Fr. Santosh Minj to the community. The Pre-novices arrived towards the end of the month.

Jamuniatanr

Prabhu Prakash, Jamuniatanr campus has received a facelift. It is the fruit of the hard work of Fr. Fredrick who tirelessly monitored the work. Timely completion of deepening of the pond and filling up with new mud in the garden has left him with great relief. Eleventh June was a great day of Blessing for parishioners as 17 children received their First Communion. Thanks to our fresh Scholastics Sanjeevan, Sumit and Praveen who took great care in preparing them!

New members Fr. Kishore and Br. Anto joined the community respectively on 30 May and 13 June. Both were formally welcomed in the School on

15th and in Parish on 18th June along with Sr. Jacinta CIC who replaced Sr. Francis. Matric and Eighth Board results were very good with cent percent. Out of 77, only one got second division. Spell of monsoon has set in giving relief to all and hope to farmers.

Tenuahi

The Tenuahi School staff and students are grateful to St. Xavier's School Bokaro for providing us with the text books, two sets of computers and an LCD Projector. The generous heart boosts the zeal for study and for missionary work. We still have many children wondering about or wasting time in the villages. Perhaps they are in want of notebooks and pens besides motivation. The first rain of the season started on 23 June in and around Tenuahi. Though we couldn't get a borewell drilled this time yet we didn't have water shortage for the boundary wall and staff toilet construction.

OUTSIDE THE PROVINCE

St. Xavier's College Kolkata

Month of May was an occasion to appreciate the contribution of the supportive staff of the Residence, School, and college. Staff were facilitated separately. I joined the school fathers for the facilitation. Representatives from the University of Oregon visited the college and signed an MoU template on study programs in the fields of Business, computer and Data science and communications and media. Dr. Virginius Xaxa (retired Department of Delhi University-Sociology and Founder director of TISS Guwahati) visited the community and shared a momentous experience with the community. In appreciation of the hospitality, he gifted a book 'India after Gandhi by Ramchandra Guha to the community. On Rabindra Jayanti a floral tribute was organized in the College. The School staged a cultural rendition. The education minister came to the College for the book launch. Frs. Francis, Prakash and Rajendra came for Visa work. During the Summer Recess in June, the community members went out for various programs. Some went on vocation promotion, others visited their dear ones. However, the scholars like us were not spared from colossal classes and discussions. Heatwave warnings were often updated from the weather dept through telecast. School students went to Dubai, Australia on the student exchange program. They stayed in the students' family and had a very lovely experience. Fr. Rector, Principal (school) and Vic-Principal (school) visited the grave of archbishop Walter Steins SJ in Sydney; Steins as a missionary to Chaibasa had baptized eight Munda families in Khuntpani. The school results were enthralling since many Jesuit schools

capped in the state. Fr. Dominic Savio was appreciated by Raja Rammohan Mission Trust for his contribution to the youth of West Bengal. Tata Consultancy Services recruited students from the Raghavpur campus for a month's training. The NIRF gave the update of college performance in the country. Our college was crowned with 5th rank. Dominic Savio SJ and team were congratulated. Frs. Francis, Prakash and Rajendra stopover before they departed for a meeting in the Philippines.

SIMON MURMU SJ

Jor Bagh Delhi

For a few months I was engaged in the preparation of International Magis-23 and World Youth Day (WYD). Now things are set and we are waiting for our visa for Lisbon, Portugal. Along with Magis and WYD I was busy monitoring the renovation work in the house. Now we have a beautiful chapel and grilled all around our house for our security. From 24 - 28 May, those working in the common house, had an ILP at DNC, Pune. From 31 May to 4 June, there was a North Zone Youth Animators' course at Atmdarshan, Patna. This course was arranged in collaboration with the zonal coordinators. There were 17 participants: 3 scholastics, 2 sisters and rest all priests. In this programme Patna, Nepal, Calcutta and Delhi province youth animators' have participated. The resource person was Fr. Ashok Kujur, SDB from Okhala, Delhi. The main focus of the Programme was- to help youth animators to have sufficient knowledge and skills for the youth ministry in their respective places. In order to achieve our goal, they were taught how to prepare a session, taught some skills such as creative ice-breaker, action songs, fun games etc.

Once the course was over in the North Zone, we had the same programme for the Central Zone. The programme was held from 5th June - 9th June 2023 at Upasana, Jamshedpur. Fr. Jerry, the provincial of Jamshedpur, offered the inaugural mass for us. There were 24 participants from 5 provinces- Ranchi, Jamshedpur, Dumka, Hazaribag, Madhya Pradesh. These participants were of mixed group- priests, scholastics and lay youth leaders.

Indian Social Institute, Delhi

ISI Jesuit community consists of 12 members of 11 Jesuit provinces. This year four new members, Frs. Xavier Soreng SJ (Ranchi), Vernard SJ (Dumka), Sunil Bara (Haz.) and a Sch. Swethan SJ (Jamshedpur) have joined this community. Fr. Sunil Bara SJ arrived ISI on 22nd May to replace Fr. Franklin Joseph Rex SJ of Chennai Province. Fr. Franklin is sent for further study on psychology. Fr. Sunil was introduced and given orientation about the JRS as HR. On 29th May Mrs. Kristina, Mrs. Samira (JRS Projector Officer, JRS Finance Officer from USA) Frs. Franklin and Sunil went to Mizoram for three days to supervise the project. In the first week of June Fr. Danzil SJ, Executive Director of ISI was given farewell by ISI staff moved to Jorbag, Delhi. Fr. Sebastia Raj SJ was handed over the charge of Executive Director of ISI. Fr. Franklin was given farewell by the community on 13th June. Five NGEOS working under CRS were called to have a quarterly review meeting in Chennai Joe Beach Resort on ECR road, Mahabalipuram. JRS had a term to organize the review meeting from 19th- 23rd June. One field officer, one field animator and Fr. Sunil attended the meeting. It seems the monsoon has knocked at the door of Delhi so little "RAHAT" from heat.

Fr. Sunil Bara SJ

XTC Belagavi The Chosen Servants

Seven 2nd year novices from Xavier Training College, Desur pronounced their first vows on 21st June, 2023 in the main chapel of the Novitiate, the theme selected was 'The Chosen Servants'. There were 4



novices for Karnataka province, 2 for Bombay Province and one for Gujarat Province. The presence of their parents and siblings magnified the joy of the occasion. The main celebrant of the solemn Eucharist was Fr. Anil Pereira, Novice Master of the seven novices for a year and at present the Provincial of the Bombay Province. The concelebrants at the altar were the provincials of the Goa and Pune Provinces - Fr. Roland and Fr. Agnelo respectively, Fr Vincent and Fr Francis provincial delegates of the Gujarat and Karnataka provinces respectively, Fr Lawry our Novice Master and Fr Francis our Socius.

Many priests were present for this auspicious occasion; Jesuits from various provinces from the western and southern zone as well as priests from the Belgaum diocese. The congregation included various religious and lay people who had helped the brothers in the course of their novitiate formation in various capacities. Priests, nuns and helpers from their various ministries and experiment places were present.

Everyone got together for a fellowship meal after the Eucharist. The entire event was well planned and organized by the community at XTC with the novices singing in the choir, preparing the liturgy, decorating the altar, the chapel and the refectory.

The entire day's program was taken care of by the fourteen second year novices. The twelve candidates hailing from Bombay, Goa, Gujarat, Karnataka and Hazaribagh provinces' have entered their first probation. The seven juniors departed for their respective juniorates. With a new academic year beginning at XTC everyone is filled with hope, excitement and enthusiasm.

Reporting Team – XTC Belgaum

OVERSEES

Paris, France

The month of June brought to us good tidings of the 'end- year' exam time and the mood of long summer break. From the beginning of the month, all of us were put on our toes to prepare the "End year file" and the annual exam. This academic year finally ended with our exams and annual meetings with the dean of studies between June, 12 and 17. Since then, we are into a long summer break, getting ready with our apostolates and a few vacation time. Thus, we will soon be dispersed into different mission stations and vacation locations till the beginning of September. We also had an occasion to meet-up all 'Indian Jesuits in Paris' to bid farewell to our five brothers who left France after their studies. Raymond, after spending three years here, flew back to India on the eve of 23rd June. We all accompanied him to the Paris airport; and we were glad to see

him off for his next stage of formation. Our best wishes and prayers for his regency. Now, we will be left with only three Hazaribag Jesuits in Paris.

Finally, we would like to request a special prayer for George and Amit. They, along with other 16 Jesuits, will soon start their one month of "Mois Arrupe" - Pre-ordination program (POP) from 3rd July. Kindly keep all them into your personal and community prayers or masses. HAZ Jesuits in Paris

Madrid Spain

I am keeping well. I have received updates and news about the accident and health of Fr. Arun Kujur. I pray and hope for his speedy recovery.

All the Jesuits living in Madrid had a gathering at the Cantoblanco campus as a sign of the conclusion of the academic year 2023. Fr Antonio España SJ, provincial, celebrated Holy Mass and afterwards we had lunch together in the community. Recently the exams for this semester are over, some are already on summer holidays and others in various apostolates at different places. On 12th of June, I attended a meeting with the Jesuit group to discuss and prepare for World Youth Day. There were many lay collaborators present to sketch out the program. Saturday, on 17th of June, Fr Enric Puiggrós SJ, officially took charge as the new provincial of the province of Spain in Madrid. On this occasion he offered a Holy Mass in the church of San Francisco de Borja, Maldonado, Madrid. Prior to the exam I was busy renewing my residence card; I have given the fingerprints and will probably receive the card next month. I am in the community of Alcalá de Henares, right now I am here helping in the infirmary with the companions who are praying for the society. I will spend a whole month serving them in the infirmary.

Sri Lanka

On the 21st June, the 1st vows day of six of our brothers saw about 100+ family members, religious and Province members at Daham Sevana novitiate. The novices had tastefully prepared the house and the surroundings for the occasion. The same evening, the newly professed left for the Daham Sihila Juniorate at Kelaniya about 2 hours' drive from here. This brought down the numbers to 7 in the community here, three staff members, and 4 first-year novices. Due to the postponement of the exams, the 1st year will begin only in the middle of August. Fr. Mariyathas the novice master left for Pakistan to give a retreat, and later he will go to India to attend the novice masters' meeting. This leaves Fr. Jude, acting superior and minister, and myself to manage the novices and the house. Apart from the duties here, I have a recollection for the Claritian scholastics, a half-day program

for the superiors of the Holy Cross sisters (the Mayapur brand) in Negombo, and a retreat for the Blessed Sacrament priests towards the last

week of July. Please keep us in your prayers.
Edward

Mudavassery SJ

REMEMBER THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS

- 04-06-2023 - Fr. Louis Philip Manuel, S.J. MDU (83/65).
- 08-06-2023 - Br. Irudayasamy Sebastian, S.J. (MDU 82/62)
- 27-06-2023 - Fr. Joseph Gauci Sacco, S.J DUM 86/70

DEATH ANNIVERSARY

JULY

- 03/1993 Michael Mulhearn
- 08/2019 Savarimuthu Irudayam
- 30/2016 Brian Slack
- 31/2002 Leonard Forster

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

Hazaribag Province of the Society of Jesus

BOARD EXAM RESULTS - 2022-23

S.N.	Name of School	Class	Appeared	DIV I	DIV II	DIV III	Fail/AB	%tage
1	St. Joseph's +2 School, Mahuadanr	SCI	132	114	3	--	15/00	88.63%
		ARTS	337	220	117	--	00/06	100%
		COM	64	62	1	--	01/01	98.44%
		MATRIC	209	138	64	2	05/00	97.61%
2	St. Robert's +2 School, Sindur	SCI	80	48	11	--	21/00	73.7%
		COM	18	16	2	--	--	100%
		ARTS	118	103	14	--	00/01	100%
		MATRIC	90	81	7	1	01/00	98.8%
3	St. Joseph's High School, Tarwa	MATRIC	35	33	2	--	--	100%
4	Sahodaya High School, Shahpur	MATRIC	137	137	--	--	--	100%
5	C. A. High School, Bhurkunda	MATRIC	116	115	--	--	01/02	99.1%
6	Prabhu Prakash HS, Jamuniatanr	MATRIC	77	76	1	--	--	100%
7	Shantiniketan High School, Babupara	MATRIC	60	56	4	--	--	100%
8	Masi Marsal High School, Kajarkilo	MATRIC	92	90	2	--	--	100%
9	Masi Marsal High School, Patki	MATRIC	34	34	--	--	--	100%
10	Masi Marsal High School, Charhi	MATRIC	126	109	16	--	01/00	99.1%
11	St. Xavier's +2 School, Sitagarh	SCI	31	28	--	--	03/00	90%
		ARTS	73	71	--	1	01/00	99%
		MATRIC	79	74	4	--	01/00	99%
12	St. Xavier's +2 School Bokaro	SCI	91	84	7	--	--	100%
		COM	48	41	6	1	--	100%
		ARTS	11	11	--	--	--	100%
		MATRIC	203	192	11	--	--	100%
13	St. Xavier's +2 School, Hazaribag	SCI	97	97	--	--	--	100%
		COM	40	40	--	--	--	100%
		ARTS	27	27	--	--	--	100%
		MATRIC	185	184	--	--	01/00	99.45%
	Courtesy: All HMs/Principals			PCE- Fr. Ranjit Marandi SJ				