

# Hazaribag Jesuits



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## Pope's Intention

For the Pope

We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.



## Provincial's Itinerary

### November 2023

- 16 Back to AN from Rome
- 18 – 19 Consult, at AN
- 22 – 30 P. Annual Retreat, Bandra Retreat House
- 31 Visitation, Bombay

### December 2023

- 08 St. Xavier's HAZ - Final Vows
- 11 - 15 DLP Manresa House, Ranchi
- 16 - 17 Consult at AN
- 18 - 21 Visitation Vidya Jyoti, Delhi
- 24 Christmas Vigil Mass at Hazaribag Cathedral
- 27 – 30 Ordination at Dumka

## APPOINTMENT BY THE FR. GENERAL

**Fr. Shajumon Chakkalakkal, SJ Provincial of Darjeeling**

## FINAL VOWS

*Fr. Philmon Turkey, SJ and Fr. Raphael Ranjit Marandi, SJ*

*Time: 06.30 PM*

*Date: 08-12-2023*

*Venue: St. Xavier's Hazaribag*

## 53<sup>RD</sup> COJET AT ARRUPE NIWAS

The South Asian Conference of Jesuit Treasurers had a meeting at Arrupe Niwas from 8<sup>th</sup> October to 12<sup>th</sup> October, 2023. In the absence of Fr. Provincial, the Socius and Arrupe Superior Fr. Sushil along with other community members took care of the Jesuit treasures well. The COJET had a few points that are worth mentioning here. In the beginning each treasurer shared their joys and sorrows and challenges with their expectations in the office of a Treasurer. Then there was training programme based on Instructions for the Administration of Finances (IAF) by the General Treasurer **Fr. Sebastian sj**. There were inputs from Mr. Sameer Pandeya and Mr. Gopal Singh on the new provisions of taxation and GST for non-governmental organization. The group had a few memorable experiences at Arrupe, SSC, Sitagarha, St Xaviers' School Community, Hazaribag, PTEC, Sitagarha, Sirka Jungle where Fr. A.T Thomas gained his martyrdom and Rajhar hostel.

All the above places shared a short history of their works and highlighted the diverse image of Hazaribag Province among the COJET members.

The Arrupe Community with **Frs. Sushil, Bob, R.C.**, and **Prakash Baskey** with all the staff did their best to make the programme successful and memorable one.

The province curia thanks all the province members for your prayers and support in various ways.

*Francis Marian*

## Magis 2023, Ranchi

The month of October kept **JYMSA coordinator** busy with the preparation of South Asia Conference Level Magis-23 at Ranchi. On 2<sup>nd</sup> October he was in Hazaribag to get permission from the general manager of the Coal Fields for 40 youth to visit the mines and see open cast and underground coal mines on 20<sup>th</sup> Oct 2023. Permission was granted to see only the open cast coal mines. Sincere thanks to **Fr. Lawrance Tirkey** for following up and his availability to guide the youth during the visit of the sites on 20<sup>th</sup> October. Tea and snacks were arranged for the youth after the visit of the mines. Very special thanks to **Fr. Barnabas Xalxo**, the parish priest of Catholic Ashram, Bhurkunda for arranging an interaction session for the youth with the families engaged in coal mines at Pora.

With the arrival of 695 youth, 23 Jesuits, 2 scholastics and 4 religious sisters, from 16 Jesuit provinces the South Asia Conference Level Magis-23, Ranchi was held from 18<sup>th</sup> Oct- 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct. Over all Theme for the Magis-23 was “**Creating a Hope-filled Future**”. The theme of Day-1 was: We rejoice in the Hope. Day-2 was spent on reflecting on Reaching out to people. Day-3 saw the theme - Rekindle hope with a new vigour and the day-4 was an invitation to Rebuild the community of Love and Peace. On 18<sup>th</sup> Oct at 7:00 pm the gathering of Jesuit Youth started with the lighting of the lamp by Fr. POSA, **Fr. Jerome Stanislaus D'Souza**, **Fr. Ajit Kumar Xess**, the provincial of Ranchi, **Fr. K.C. Stephen**, the provincial of Dumka, **Fr. Jerome Cutinha**, the provincial of Jamshedpur, and **Fr. Arbind Beck**, JYMSA coordinator followed by cultural dance and prayers. Fr. POSA, **Fr. Jerome Stanislaus D'Souza**, declared the MAGIS-2023 open.

On 19<sup>th</sup> October the inaugural Mass was presided over by **Archbishop Felix Toppo, SJ**. “God’s love is for each one us, giving us a gift of willpower to decide and discern. We should be aware of the realities of life and the challenges we face today”, Said **Archbishop Felix**

**Toppo, SJ. Fr. Jerome Stanislaus D'Souza S.J.** gave keynote address. He highlighted the issues of youth and asked them to be spiritual, to be incarnated, to be intellectuals, to be people of Magis, to be people of reverence, to be the people of the Church and to be men and women for others. **Fr. Jerry Rosario, SJ** delivered his speech on the theme "Creating a Hope-Filled Future". His speech was very inspiring and motivating. He emphasized on dreaming big, and doing big.

On 20<sup>th</sup> Oct the theme for the gathering was- Reaching out to people. All the participants were divided into 16 groups for outreach programmes called Ignatian immersion. This Ignatian immersion was based on 8 categories namely- Parish (culture and tradition of Jharkhand), Pilgrimage, Service and solidarity, Faith and spirituality, Press and publication, Social justice, Ecology and Education. The purpose of Ignatian immersion was to give the youth an opportunity to be in touch with the reality of the world. In the evening each province was given 7 minutes to present their culture and tradition. Youth with different attires, music and rhythms filled the atmosphere with joy, happiness and a sense of pride of being an Indian.

On 21<sup>st</sup> Oct. the MLA of Mandar constituency Ms. Neha Shilpi Tirkey and Mr Atul Gera the social worker shared their life testimony. The same day two of the international Magis participants shared their experiences of Magis held at Lisbon. One of them was Miss Neetu Hansda from Masi Mander, Charhi. She pointed out how international Magis and World Youth Day have given a boost to her confidence. This exposure has helped her to come closer to God by learning different methods of prayer such as Examen, morning mediation, spiritual conversation and daily mass.

After supper the Conference was concluded with a closing ceremony. After a short prayer and declaration of Magis-2023 closed by JYMSA coordinator, **Fr. Arbind Beck**, Six Chinese lamps were released in the sky. Thus, the South Asia Conference Magis-23 Ranchi came to an end. JYMSA coordinator expresses sincere thanks and gratitude to **Fr. Ajit Kumar Xess**, the provincial of Ranchi, **Fr. Bipin Tirkey**, Ranchi Province youth coordinator, **Fr. James Balmuchu**, **Fr. Florance Kujur**, **Fr. Ignatius Lakra**, the principal of St. Xavier's School Doranda, **Fr. Binod Toppo**, the principal of St. John's School, **Fr. Ajay Minj**, **Fr. Niranjan Minj** and **Fr. Neelam Sanjeev Kerketta** from Jamshedpur for their active roles for making the Magis-23 a success.

To strengthen the bond of community spirit the whole Jor Bagh community went to Kashmir for a community outing from 5<sup>th</sup> Oct- 7<sup>th</sup> Oct. 2023. It was an occasion for all of us to relax, spend time together and appreciate the beauty of Nature. On 8<sup>th</sup> October, we celebrated the Karam feast with Domestic Working Women in Delhi. Around 500 women came to St. Columba's School to celebrate the day.

*Fr. Arbind Beck, sj*

## BOKARO

### Masi Marsal, Patki

The month of October was dedicated to the preparation of a good choir for the feast of Dhori Mata, Jarangdih. The community was pleased to welcome **NS Maheswar**, a second-year novice to our community on 10<sup>th</sup> October. He assists in teaching the children at school and looking after the hostel boys along with the regent.

On 5<sup>th</sup> October a fruitful community gathering was arranged in Patki. We discussed mainly how to foster an environment where our young people can develop their faith.

On 20<sup>th</sup> October Core Group Meeting was held in Patki with sisters who are collaborating with us. We benefited a lot for it helped us to know our mission well by sharing each one's responsibility. We had parents-teachers' meeting in the school on 21<sup>st</sup> October.

**Fr. Anil** attended the annual retreat at SSC, Sitagarha. On October 23<sup>rd</sup>, **Sch. Sumit** left for Dumka to get some hymn books. **Fr. Bob** has been visiting the villages for mass. On 29<sup>th</sup> of this month, we took our school children to Dhori Mata, Jarangdih as Santali choir. **Fr. Bob** was the main celebrant.

Now that the land conflict has been resolved after several meetings; the construction work of the community residence has resumed.

*Sch. Sumit Minz sj.*

### Masi Marsal, Kajarkilo

**NS Mukesh Ekka**, a second-year novice arrived to join the community for getting glimpse of the apostolates. He is keeping busy himself in the hostel and school in the guidance of the headmaster, **Fr Pius**.

As the Puja holidays started, **Fr. Pius** went to visit the regents at Charhi and Bhurkunda. The Puja holidays were from 21<sup>st</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> October.

After Covid-19 the retreat of our faithful of Kajarkilo, Patki and Charhi was arranged from 21<sup>st</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> October. Three sisters of the Holy Family Congregation namely Sr. Celene Kisku, Sr. Roshita Hansdak' and Sr Sunita Soren preached the retreat. Number of retreatants were 112. They benefitted a lot from sisters' preaching in Santali, singing, dancing, prayers, Holy Hours, and special blessings for the sick, those present there and at home. **Fr Primus** and **Sch. Anthony** went to participate in the annual retreat at SSC, Sitagarha. **Tintus** held the fort in the absence of others. He also took care of the needs of the parishners' retreat.

*Fr. Tintus Dungdung*

## BHURKUNDA

### Catholic Ashram, Bhurkunda

In the beginning of October **Frs. Thomas** and **Sebren** attended an education meeting organised at Arrupe Niwas, Hazaribag. On 4<sup>th</sup> October we were invited by the Franciscan Sisters of Kankebar, Ramgarh on the occasion of their feast day of St. Francis of Assisi for the Holy Eucharist and a Fellowship Meal in the evening. On 20<sup>th</sup> October the Magis Youth group came to Bhurkunda led by **Frs. Manoj Roshan Kujur** and **Rajendra Tete**. **Fr. Barnabas** accompanied them to Pora village where they were welcomed by the faithful. **Fr. Pius Kerketta**, PCF came to meet **Sch. Paulus Soren** in the evening. On 21<sup>st</sup> October all of us along with **Fr. Pius** went to **Fr. Rajendra Tete's** house for his thanksgiving mass. From 21<sup>st</sup> evening to 29<sup>th</sup> Oct, **Fr Barnabas** made his retreat in SSC, Sitagarha. On 26<sup>th</sup> **Fr. Sebren** went to Harmu, Ranchi to offer a mass for St. Anne's Sisters. On 28<sup>th</sup> **Frs. Thomas, Xavier** and **Sebren** went to Babupara to participate in the celebration of **Late Fr. A.T. Thomas'** martyrdom. On 31<sup>st</sup> **Fr. Thomas** went to Hazaribag to see a dentist. We had a few visitors in this month, **Frs.**

**Arbind Beck, Lawrence Tirkey and Vinod Kerketa.**

The school conducted 1<sup>st</sup> terminal examinations for the students from 9<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> October. **Frs. Thomas** and **Sebren** made sure that all the school exams went well. The school had Puja vacation from 21<sup>st</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> October. After the Puja vacation the teachers were busy with the correction of exam papers and preparation of the results. On 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> October, we had a training program for the government teachers at Catholic Ashram School conducted by the Academic Council. **Fr. Thomas** was busy with the filling up of the registration forms of 9<sup>th</sup> class students. He also supervised the setting up of a new Solar system in the High school and Middle school sections. The school relay race team went to Ranchi to participate in the state level sports representing Ramgarh district.

*Fr. Barnabas sj.*

## CHARHI

### Masi Mander, Charhi

On October first, **Marianus Tigga** went to attend parish feast of his home parish, Catholic Ashram, DANTO as a special invitee by the parish priest. **Schol. Jeevan** attended monthly recollection with other regents in SSC, Sitagarha. Missionary of Charity sisters visited Kajri village and organized holy Eucharist on first Friday. High school conducted half yearly exams and middle school held unit tests before Puja holidays. **Fr. Basant** and **Schol. Jeevan** cleaned the campus with the help of hostel boys before they went for holidays. During Puja holidays **Jivan** kept himself busy in preparing fields for vegetable plantation and purchasing seedlings. Soon after exams inter-class football competition was conducted. **Basant** and **Marianus** attended annual retreat in SSC, Sitagarha. Special thanks to **Fr Maria**

**Louis** for offering holy mass in Ghato. The school re-opened on 26<sup>th</sup> October.

*Fr. Nicolas Topno*

## HAZARIBAG

### Arrupe Niwas, Hazaribag

The annual Meeting of the school heads was held at Arrupe Niwas on October 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. **Fr. Francis Marian** was burning mid night oil to organize the COJET's meeting held from 8<sup>th</sup> October to 12<sup>th</sup> October.

**Fr. Prakash Baskey** rushed to Belatanr Hospital to see his sister-in-law and his newly born nephew.

On 11<sup>th</sup> October **Fr. Vincent** received the sad news of the death of his elder sister Precilla Hansdak'. The following day he went for her funeral. On 15<sup>th</sup> October **Frs. Prakash Baskey, Ranjit Marandi, Raska Soren** and **Francis Indwar** went for 'GAMI' Mass.

**Fr. R.C. Chacko** accompanied three treasurers **Frs. George (SRI), Nilesh Mackwan, (GUJ)** and **Francis, (PUN)** to Bodh Gaya. Besides these he gave recollection to the Jesuits of Mahuadanr diaspora. He gave a recollection to SCJM sisters for their Province Chapter.

**Fr. Prakash Baskey** rushed to Daltonganj to get **Fr. Santosh Minj's** signature on some important documents. He also attended PDD Meeting in Hyderabad from Oct 20<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023.

**Fr. Sushil Osga** went to Torpa for the marriage of Vincent Pramod Tirkey the son of Mr. Christopher Tirkey our former driver. Later **Frs. Bob Slattery** and **Sushil Osga** went to participate in the annual retreat to SSC, Sitagarha.

The visitors of the month were: the niece of **Fr. Sushil Osga, Fr. Shyam K. Tudu,** Markus Murmu, mother of **Fr. Prakash**

**Baskey** and late **Fr. A. T's** Brother, his wife and nephew.

*Sushil*

### **St. Xavier's Jesuit Community, Hazaribag**

The month of October has been jam-packed with events and activities. **Fr. Ranjit** was occupied with the Annual meeting of the heads from the 1<sup>st</sup> to the 2<sup>nd</sup> of October. The 53<sup>rd</sup> COJET members visited St. Xavier's Jesuit Community on October 10<sup>th</sup> for a fellowship meal. Having them in the community was a lovely moment. St. Xavier's school hosted the "Parwaz" Multidimensional Exhibition on 14<sup>th</sup> October. There were 198 models presented by the students. Dr. Amar Kumar, the Laparoscopic surgeon, and Prof. Dr. A. K. Saha, the Director of UCIT Vinoba Bhave University, were the chief guests of the day. St. Xavier's school had the opportunity to hold the Mega CBSE Cluster III Football Tournament, Bihar and Jharkhand. It took place from October 16<sup>th</sup> to October 20<sup>th</sup>. **Fr. Rosner**, with the teaching and non-teaching staff put their effort to make the event successful one. 47 teams participated in it from various schools of Jharkhand and Bihar. The school was closed on behalf of the event. Mrs. Nancy Sahay, the DC of Hazaribag District, was a distinguished guest of honour at the tournament's opening. Our students lost in the semi-final match against BSS Pranav Children World School, Jamshedpur. The final match was played between BSS Pranav Children World School and Vidya Chinmaya School, Jamshedpur, in which Vidya Chinmaya School lifted the championship trophy. It was a privilege to have Mr. Manoj Ratan Chothe, the SP of Hazaribag District as a chief guest, for the closing ceremony of the Tournament. By the grace of God, everything went without a hitch. The school announced the Dussehra Holidays from October 21<sup>st</sup> to October 25<sup>th</sup>. On the 26<sup>th</sup> of October, the school reopened.

The students received their first-term results on October 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>. **Fr. Rosner** is supervising the recently started gallery in the campus. On 21<sup>st</sup> October, some of our community members **Fr. Varghese**, **Fr. George**, **Fr. Raska**, **Fr. Vinod**, and **Fr. Gregory** went to SSC, Sitagarha for the annual retreat. They returned on October 29<sup>th</sup>. On October 22<sup>nd</sup>, **Fr. Ranjit Marandi**, the PCE flew to Ahmedabad for the PCEs meeting and returned on the 26<sup>th</sup>. **Fr. Rosner**, **Fr. Bill** and **Sch. Jayant** remained in the community.

### **Perna Resource Centre, Hazaribag**

In the beginning of the month **Fr. Tony** went to Patna for a workshop on the apostolate among the Musahar and Bhuiyans. After his return he is busy with work in Chatra area and occasionally visits **Fr. Arun** in Dumar. He comes back from Dumar with hands full of guava. **Fr. Peter Paul** along with his social apostolate is taking care of the spiritual needs of the CMC sisters in Gomia and Patki. There are more people calling him and he is resisting the same in view of his apostolate. He is also busy making sure that the community members are fed well. **Fr. Rajendra** finished his third semester exams and went for the MAGIS program at Ranchi. He also had celebration of his final vows at home. He is now moving out to Chatra area to help **Tony** in his mission. **Fr. Maria Louis** is busy touring schools and guiding and supervising them regarding Mary's Meals. He spends a lot of time visiting the 21 schools under his care. He is also busy arranging provisions for these schools. He successfully conducted the CRI Meeting at Apostolic Carmel convent, Hazaribag. It was attended by about 70 religious.

**Fr. Shyju** went to PTEC, Gurwa, Sitagarha to conduct a seminar on the Province' Protocol of Protection of children and vulnerable adults. He also went to Ranchi

for a two-day seminar of the provincials and protocol officers of the Central Zone. **Fr. Hans** from Rome was the resource person there. He also addressed the parents of Masi Marsal School, Patki when they came to collect the results of their wards. He occasionally visits **Fr. Arun**, who is improving day by day. Now he walks without crutches but is advised to continue physio-therapy. We had our monthly community meeting and it was attended by all, including **Fr. Arun**. Second year Novice Suman is in Patra for experiments and was present in the meeting.

*Fr. Shyju*

### Chatra Extension

**Fr. Rajendra** helped out with the monthly meetings in Simaria and Chatra area. **Fr. Tony** went to Khagaul in Patna to attend a reflection with those working among the Bhuiyan and Musahar community. This is pre-harvest time and the most suitable time to get youth who would be coming back to village for Dussehra. So many youth programs are planned at different places. There are a few multi village cluster meetings which have been planned during this season. The Simaria office is being well used.

### St. Joseph's Community, Tarwa

In October our school life moved with normal rhythm. We began to have class wise daily assembly. It is going on well. Our school football team participated in a football tournament at Saraoni, Silwar. Our senior girls' volleyball team participated in a tournament at Mount Carmel School, Hazaribag. Our school Students' Cabinet (बाल संसद) has begun to function smoothly. We had already three meetings so far. The Education Department of the Government has asked us to make Voters' ID of our former students who have crossed the age of 18. For this purpose, **Fr. Cyril** and Sir Moti went around Tarwa

village. Other villages were informed on WhatsApp. In the middle of the month all of us attended Prerana Diaspora meeting at Prerna, Hazaribag. On the same day **Frs. Theodore** and **Cyril** went to Chainpur, Ramgarh for a house blessing. Parents' Meeting Day and students Result Day was held on 21<sup>st</sup> October. The same day our school was closed for Dussehra. **Fr. Yugal** and **Schol. Binison** went to SSC, Sitagarh to make their annual retreat. **Fr. Cyril** went for a home visit. **Fr. Lawrence** attended the marriage of his nephew, the son of our former driver Christopher Tirkey.

*Cyril Toppo S.J.*

### Hutpa Centre, Hutpa

**Fr. Rajesh**, along with the sisters and the staff is touring the villages and educating the people about the savings, education, and care of health. **Fr. Sunil** had gone to Dumka to attend the workshop on Climate change. He also had gone to Bhurkunda for the 'gami' mass of one of his relatives. After the workshop **Fr. Sunil** made a round of Jamdiha, Urub, Sirma, Itiz and Nawadih to survey Climate Change related issues. He was also involved with the survey of the government Schools, Aanganbadis, Community health Centres and Primary health centres. We had monthly meeting at Prerana and decided to have next meeting at Hutpa. **Fr. Sunil** is busy with the report writing of Lokmanch and Chai Project. We are making use of Hutpa land by cultivating different vegetables in the garden. **Fr. Rajesh** had gone to SSC, Sitagarha for his annual retreat and came back after a week. **Fr. Sunil** had gone to Babupara and Punya Bhumi to take part in *Shahadat Diwas* and Mass at Chi-Chi Jungle.

*Fr. Sunil Minj*

### Konar Village Extension, Dumar

Though it was the first day of the month of October, but for **Fr. Simon Murmu** it was the last day in Dumar. He celebrated the thanksgiving Eucharist. He thanked all of us who some way or other made his stay at Dumar enjoyable. Konar Village Extension wished him all the best for his Doctoral studies in Kolkata. September 8<sup>th</sup> was a very sad day for Dumar because three young people of ours met with fatal accident. Fr. George Xalxo, **R.C. Chacko** and Ranjit Horo were the special guests of the month. All of them came to celebrate lame man's ability to walk without crutches. 15<sup>th</sup> of October was yet another day to be happy. This day Konar Mahila Federation, Dumar Church, Hazaribag was able to help three SHGs members by giving loan to meet their needs. The centre had the Ankur tutors and the Staff meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> of October. The Juniors from SSC, Sitagraha came for their picnic. We collaboratively prepared the lunch and shared their companionship.

*Arun Kujur sj.*

### Patra Mission

The month of October was a busy month. Recently our Jesuit treasurers came and offered mass in the Chichi Jungle at the *Shahadat* point. We thank all the treasurers for offering mass and praying for us all. In recent times we had beautifully organised **A.T. Thomas** football and Khokho tournament in Dhamanatanr. This time people themselves contributed and organised the tournaments. We shifted our minds and hearts towards the celebration of **A.T. Thomas Shahadat Diwas** at Babupara and Mass in Chichi Jungle. We had several meetings to organise the event. We agreed to celebrate *Shahadat Diwas* on 28/10/2023 in Babupara and the following day in Chichi due to Durga Puja. The chief guest was **Fr. Sebastian Lakra S.J.**, the Director of MAIN, Bagaicha, Ranchi.

He offered mass in Chichi and connected present challenges and problems with **shahid A.T.** We sincerely thank **Fr. Sabastian** for his generous heart for accepting our invitation. This year many villagers came up with dance and songs. It was inspiring to see traditional instruments for the dance. **Fr. Christo** went to Ranchi for MAIN coordinators meeting with the team for special training. We are hopeful to help many migrant labourers. **Fr. Alex** went home for his niece's engagement. Second-year **Novice Suman Tirkey** has joined our community for his experiments.

*Alex Toppo, sj*

### PTEC Community, Loyola school, Sitagarha

On 14<sup>th</sup> Oct. our students joined St. Xavier's School, Hazaribag for the Arts and Science exhibition and came back highly impressed, inspired, and motivated. The PTEC community organized a one-day POCOSO seminar in the college and Loyola School staff took part in it. **Fr. Shyju Thomas, SJ** was the resource person. Before the Dussehra holidays, Elocution, and Rangoli competitions were organized. Taking advantage of the holidays, **Fr. Philemon, SJ**, the Principal, **Fr. John Xaxa, SJ**, Treasurer, and Sr. Merlin Dayna, FBS, the Vice-Principal made their annual retreat while the teachers looked after the school. The new additional building construction is at the end of its completion.

### St. Stanislaus College, Sitagarha

St. Stanislaus College hosted a welcome dinner for all the treasurers of South Asian Assintancy on 9<sup>th</sup> October. Novices escorted them and welcomed them with a welcome song. **Fr. Anil**, the Rector, narrated the history of SSC in brief highlighting the importance of this formation house. **Fr. Arokia Sasi**, the minister, did a good job in providing sumptuous meal which was appreciated by all.



The province retreat was successfully held in SSC from 21<sup>st</sup> October to 29<sup>th</sup> October. **Fr. K. C. Philip (RAN)** was the guide whose retreat points were much appreciated by the participants.

Novices had special classes by **R. C. Chacko** to prepare themselves for the long retreat. They entered into the long retreat on 10<sup>th</sup> October under the guidance of **Fr. Manjit Lakra**, the novice master. The 2<sup>nd</sup> year novices left for a month-long mission experiment to our communities to Chiropath, Pakripath, Jamuniatanr, Churadohar, Patki, Kajakilo, Sahodaya Daltonganj, Patra and Tundtoli. Before the experiments the novices did the Jubilee mass singing for Sr. Pushpa (OCD) under the guidance of **Fr. Anil**, the Rector.

The Juniors had a Media Training Programme at Ranchi for two days under the guidance of **Fr. Michael Thanaraj (JAM)**, the dean, and **Fr. Ranjit Horo (MAP)**, the assistant dean who accompanied them. **Fr. Stanly**, the provincial superior of Andhra Pradesh, visited his Juniors studying in SSC on 12<sup>th</sup> October and returned the same day. **Sch. Avilash**, Junior from Andhra Province left SSC on 14<sup>th</sup> October to be back in the province.

Tertian father **Anmol (Map)** left SSC for better diagnosis and treatment for his persisting fever for a few weeks. All the Tertians returned to SSC by 30<sup>th</sup> October after their month-long experiments and retreat ministry.

**Fr. Francis Lopez** was admitted in Tarwa Community Health Care Centre for some days as he had body ache. Later he visited several doctors to get relief from his discomfort. **Fr. Jacob Almeda** is doing well who also visited the visiting doctor, Dr. Gnanaraja in Tarwa. He seems to be happy in the company of **Fr. Lopez** who often have conversations and watch important matches of cricket. **Br. Michael Kujur** is always in bed sleeping and

he wakes up only for the meals. He is losing weight and at times his body becomes stiff. The Juniors wished him on 31<sup>st</sup> October, on the feast day of Alphonsus Rodriguez. **Fr. Camille Kujur** is keeping well and is happy as Fr. Jayprakash, the assistant PP regularly visits him and they have short walks together.

*Fr. Anil Aind sj.*

### **St. Robert Bellarmine Community, Sarle**

The Bellarmine Community had its first recollection on 30<sup>th</sup> September to 1<sup>st</sup> August under the guidance of Fr. R.C. Chacko. The community members participated in the recollection with an open heart. On 14<sup>th</sup> of October, we had Science Exhibition in the School. The children were thrilled with joy to show the different types of Models and Rangolies. We had Durga Puja vacation from 21<sup>st</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> October. Fr. Albinus SJ went home to attend a marriage ceremony on 21<sup>st</sup> and joined the community on 25<sup>th</sup>. On 21<sup>st</sup> Fr. Kamal SJ went to attend the annual retreat at SSC, Sitagarha. The school reopened on 26<sup>th</sup> October. Children had house wise volleyball and football tournament on 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> October.

Sch. Naveen Baxla

### **Ankur, Loyola Centre, Sarle**

The month commenced with a recollection under the guidance of **Fr. R.C. Chacko** on the status of the Society of Jesus based on the follow-up of CP-71. This recollection served as a bridge between the preceding month and the promising month of October symbolizing our collective commitment to progress and introspection.

On October 4, **Fr. Ajit** embarked on a journey to Goa for a pivotal meeting of directors of Pre-Novitiate and Vocation Promoters. His return bore the fruits of invaluable experiences and insights into the formation of

Pre-Novices as well as strategies for promoting religious vocations in the contemporary contexts.

The second-year candidates achieved a significant milestone as they received the results of the first terminal exams. As is often the case, some were content with their results, while others sought opportunities for improvement, embodying the spirit of growth and resilience.

Seven of our candidates embarked on an Educational Tour to Kolkata organized by the School for +2 students during the Puja holidays. During the holiday season, some candidates went home to get their necessary documents, while remaining candidates delved into a diverse range of activities. These included enriching pursuits such as reading books, honing their English language skills, and diligent study in their respective subjects. The productive endeavour extended to our garden where hard work is bearing fruitful results.

In pursuit of relaxation and camaraderie, we organized an outing to Canary Hill, accompanied by snacks and refreshments. It was a day of bonding, laughter, and rejuvenation, strengthening the unity within Ankur Family.

While the month brought us numerous moments of joy and accomplishment, it also tested our collective resilience as few members including **Fr. Ajit**, fell victim to the cold and cough. As the days passed everyone regained their health and strength.

**Sch. Samuel Nagesia**

### **DALTONGANJ**

#### **Vivek Sadan, Shahpur**

In the beginning of the month the Pre-novices had seminar on health and hygiene

conducted by Sr. Angela, OSU. It helped them to understand the importance of sound health of body and mind. **Fr. Santosh**, after the second phase of guiding the sisters in their Province Chapter at Raipur (Chhattisgarh), returned with a lot of enriching experiences.

The community went to Jamuniatanr for an overnight picnic. The Pre-novices staged a short ecological awareness programme for the hostel children. During the Puja Holidays, **Fr. Santosh** directed a retreat to the SCJM Sisters at Chianki. In his absence **Frs. Sebastian** and **Anish** took classes for the Pre-novices. **Fr. Jose**, a tertian from SSC, Sitagarha was here for a day. He offered mass for the community and visited the mission at Churadohar and Jamuniatanr.

*Anish Hansdak, SJ*

#### **Sahodaya School Community, Shahpur**

On the first of October **Fr. Vinod**, **Fr. Shyam** and Sr. Sherly went to attend the treasurers' meeting at Arrupe Niwas. **Fr. Shyam** takes a lot of interest in planting varieties of trees in the campus. He has a group of children to help him to do the gardening. On 11<sup>th</sup> October School was closed in remembrance of Cardinal Telesphor P. Toppo's death. Second year Novice **Nelson** came to Sahodaya for one month experiment in the school and the community. He is put in the middle school to teach and helps Bro. Valan OSM in the Hostel. On 13<sup>th</sup> October **Fr. Ignatius sj** from Delhi province came to visit us. On the following day **Fr. Packiam** took him to Jamuniatanr. On 16<sup>th</sup> October the school was closed for pooja holidays. Most of the hostellers left the hostel to their respective home on the same day.

**Fr. Shyam** went to SSC, Sitagarh for annual retreat. During Pooja holidays Bro Anto OSM came to visit Bro Valan OSM and after 2 days went back to his place, Jamuniatanr. On 24<sup>th</sup>

October **Fr Vinod** went home to participate in the *Nayakhani* celebration. On 26<sup>th</sup> Oct all the Vivek Sedan (diaspora) community members gathered at Churadohar to celebrate **Fr. Pradeep's** birthday. On 28<sup>th</sup> October **Fr Vinod** went to Hazaribag to get a repaired grass cutter machine and to pick up **Fr Shyam** from SSC, Sitagarh. The school started functioning as usual after the long Pooja holidays.

*Fr. Packiam sj.*

### **Prabhu Prakash, Jamuniatanr**

The month of October began with the showers of blessings. **Fr. Fredrick** is closely following the land's online work. Sisters accompanied him for Gami mass in villages and were touched by their faith. We have a new member second-year novice **NS Bipin Kishor Kujur** in our community for mission experiments. We appreciate his active presence both in school and the parish. On 23<sup>rd</sup> October, the parishioners celebrated *Naya Khani, Tusgo*. On 26<sup>th</sup> the community gathered in Churadohar to wish and celebrate **Fr. Pradeep's** birthday.

**Fr. Sibrus** is very excited and getting ready for the first Mary's Meal in St. Xavier's School, Tenuahi. **Fr. Kishore** and Sr. Emrencia went to Hazaribag to attend the Annual Meeting of the school heads. Garhwa Vicariate tournament was organized in Kanjia School for football. Junior girls' team lifted the winner's trophy whereas senior girls' team were runners up. Children won many prizes in various competitions like singing, dancing, painting, quiz and speech. The parents meeting was organized on Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> and Half Yearly Progress Report Cards were given in the presence of the parents. We had two successive TEEP sessions consecutively on 13<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> October. Sr. Emrencia went for

her retreat to Mokama. Puja holidays were scheduled to re-open on the 27<sup>th</sup> of October. A herd of elephants have become friendly neighbours these days around the place.

### **St. Xavier's, Tenuahi**

So many people within and outside the Province are helping the Tenuahi mission. We have got a few computers and an LCD Projector for the students to enhance their learnings. Mary's Meals is going to be served in the school from the first of November, 2023. The necessary arrangements are made for it. Thanks to the Provincial and the Superior for their concern and efforts for it. The Tenuahi Staff members are also grateful to seen and unseen well-wishers for prayers and support. Our heartfelt thanks to the team members of "Mary's meals" Organizers for extending their generosity to the economically poor students and especially to the Korwa children of the locality. Now, with the help of collaborators we will be able to feed and educate them.

The Tenuahi school set up is progressing slowly and steadily. Your prayers and supports are nurturing the mission.

*Sibrus sj*

### **MAHUADANR**

#### **St. Xavier's College, Mahuadanr**

On 10<sup>th</sup> October, as per the memorandum signed for intercollege collaboration, Paramvir Albert Ekka College, Chainpur and St. Xavier's College, Mahuadanr had an exciting Football match at St. Xavier's College, Mahuadanr's ground. Fr. Emmanuel (Principal) and Fr. Remis Toppo (Vice-Principal) accompanied the visiting team and enjoyed the exciting match. The principal of St. Xavier's College, Mahuadanr had to miss the exciting game as he had to attend to an important work at the University in

Daltonganj. Besides a dribble here; a dribble there... difficult overhead passes, sly tackling, there were several other eloquent stuff such as entertaining commentary by Fr. Remis, shouting and jumping of the spectators around the soccer field and from the *Karanj* trees. Finally, 2-1 victory of St. Xavier's, Mahuadanr provided a relieving end to the rising tension of the spectators. Thanks to Fr. Rajeep who was instrumental in organizing this event.

On 15<sup>th</sup> October, the first recollection on De Statu Societatis was organized at St. Xavier's College Community for the Jesuits in Chhechhari Valley. Except a couple of them who had urgent engagements, rest of the Jesuits participated in it. **Fr. R. C. Chacko** was the resource person. Who could have been better and more erudite than our own? Among a series of recollections to be held year-long, the first was on the examen on our life and mission at personal and community levels. St. Xavier's College premises provided a quiet and tranquil ambience for reflection to see as to where the Spirit is leading us.

**Schol. Bulai** attended recently concluded MAGIS Program at Ranchi. It was indeed a meaningful utilization of holiday time, meeting lots of young people from different places and interacting with them and learning many soft skills. **Fr. MK Jose** is away in the Himalayas attending JHEASA Province Coordinators Meeting at Kathmandu. Geography Department had gone on an educational tour to Rajasthan and many other departments will follow suit next month to other places.

The casting of the roof of upcoming college canteen was done last week. The painting work of the main college building is under progress.

*Samir Toppo sj.*

## NEWS FROM OUTSIDE THE PROVINCE

### Kalwa, Mumbai

All through the months of September and October, *Karam* and *Tusgo* festivals were celebrated in ten different migrants' units, all over the Mumbai Archdiocese. I got chances of celebrating festivals in 5 units. The REAP community along with our extended community Tara (JVT) of Raigad district was busy in establishing the Eco-STEM. To make sure of the project, there was a need of proper survey on the schools and its number of students who will be the beneficiaries. To help out the Tara community for this purpose, I spent for a week in Tara and visited some of the schools to survey. Two of our community members **Frs. Noel** and **Joy** with two newly appointed Eco-STEM expert employees of the REAP, Mr. Manoj Pradhan and Mr. Sandeep worked at the ground level after visiting some of the STEM centers functioning in Mumbai. All necessary requirements have been met. We hope it will start soon.

From 25<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> October, the Mumbai Hub MAIN coordinator, **Br. Rajesh Parmar SJ**, had organized an exposure program in Satyodayam, Secunderabad in order to know the methods of tackling the wage theft of migrants and reach the dead bodies to the source states for the respectful last tribute. We were 6 persons in the group for the program – **Br. Rajesh**, **Fr. Amit**, Mr. Ankit Nagale. Sr. Deodita Buthelo PSOL, Sr. Vinaya D'Souza RGS and Sr. Veronica Tuscano SHM. We all are involved in migration work in Mumbai city. We benefitted a lot from this exposure program. Thanks to **Br. Rajesh** and CITRA Hyderabad Institute for their great concerns and help rendered to us.

*Fr. Amit Kujur, SJ*

## DNC, Pune

In October 2023, DNC was a hive of activities, blending academic pursuit, spirituality, and community building. Echoing Socrates' wisdom that true knowledge is knowing one's limitations, the month's events held significant educational and spiritual values.

The month commenced with the conclusion of the first-semester exams, running from October 9<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup>. With exams over the philosophers at DNC shifted their focus to preparing for the upcoming community days. The highlight of this period was the visitation of Fr. Provincial, **Fr. Vincent Hansda** on October 19<sup>th</sup>, a moment filled with grace and significance.

On October 16<sup>th</sup>, the second-year philosophers explored Goa for an educational tour while their first-year counterparts ventured to Ajanta - Ellora. Both trips provided enriching experiences, broadening their knowledge horizons. The 19<sup>th</sup> October marked the return of all the philosophers, safe and enriched after their travels.

The community days, with the theme "Together Towards Tomorrow," unfolded from October 23<sup>rd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup>, bringing joy and unity to DNC. The inaugural ceremony featured a creative march-past and insightful words from notable guests like **Fr. Patras Minj SJ** and **Fr. Dolichan Kollarreth SJ**. The lighting of the torch symbolized a fresh beginning, and both guests shared their past experiences of DNC community days, inspiring the community to embrace creativity and fraternity.

During the three days, various activities brought the community closer and fostered enthusiasm and unity. The community days concluded on the 25<sup>th</sup> with a closing

ceremony, preparing the philosophers for the upcoming semester, starting on October 30<sup>th</sup>.

*Sch. Sujit Besra*

## Vidyajyoti, Delhi

The month of October began with the community mass and was marked by various grace filled activities, shower of blessings for VJ family. On 6<sup>th</sup> the monthly and input was presented by on the insights, prayer, reflection and sharing on 'The Status of the Society' by **Fr. Anil D'Almeida SJ**. Spiritual colloquy encouraged, strengthened and deepened the call of the Lord. On 9<sup>th</sup> October whole community was saddened bidding farewell to late **Fr. Joy John SJ**. The visitation of **Frs. Stany SJ** (POSA) and **Somy SJ** (CSIF) from 13<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> October was a time of special sharing and high expectations. Both of them gave their special time and met the theologians batch wise. Both addressed our needs and their expectations from the staff and the theologians. On 20<sup>th</sup> October, we celebrated Durga puja and Navaratri in the college. Brothers from Calcutta and Gujrat provinces gave introduction to these great cultural feasts and performed Garba dance respectively. The celebration was doubled with the birthday of **Fr. Rajakumar SJ** (principal) and Professor **Fr. Valan SJ** on the same. First year students of VJ went for the immersion program to Varanasi scheduled from 28<sup>th</sup> of Oct. evening to 4<sup>th</sup> of Nov. morning.

*Sch. Sushil Kr. Bage SJ*

## Sacred Heart College, Chennai

On 1<sup>st</sup> of October, the Chottanagpur Cultural Association, Chennai hosted the Karam Feast celebration in the college campus. It was a joyous and memorable event. The celebration was a vibrant and harmonious

gathering, filled with laughter, camaraderie, and a sense of unity. It was a fitting opportunity for everyone to know one another and strengthen the bonds that make our Chottanagpur Cultural Association, Chennai so special.

We approached our exams with meticulous preparation and a focused mindset. Our commitment and hard work shone through as we tackled the exam questions with confidence and precision. It was a collective effort, and we supported each other in our educational journey. Overall, we can proudly say that we gave our best and conquered our exams with fortitude and knowledge.

The campus plant plantation program has breathed new life into our atmosphere. With each sapling carefully nurtured and planted, we are contributing to a greener and sustainable environment. This initiative reflects our dedication to creating a campus that not only fosters academic development but also promotes ecological accountability.

On Oct 17<sup>th</sup> we had our community meeting and Recollection and faith sharing on Oct 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> October. The community meeting was a forum for an open dialogue and a chance to celebrate our shared values and aspirations. As we discussed our collective goals and challenges, it was evident that our unity and mutual spirit are the cornerstones of our blooming community.

The recollection was a deeply reflective and thoughtful event, allowing us to pause and recount with our inner selves. It provided us a precious opportunity to step back from the daily hustle and bustle, finding solace in moments of quiet contemplation.

Faith sharing was a heartwarming and spiritually enriching experience. It allowed us to come together and openly discuss our beliefs, values, and the role of faith in our lives. As we shared our stories, we

discovered common threads that bound us and celebrated the diversity of our religious journey.

We have been sincerely engaged in our diverse ministries each one committed to making a positive impact in their unique way.

*Sch. James Ekka sj.*

## OVERSEAS

### Madrid, Spain

On the last weekend of September, I was in a village Collao de Villalba for the Triduum. We were accompanied by the superior himself **Fr Ignacio Dinnbier SJ**. On the return to Madrid, we had a mini community tour of an old monastery and a beautiful replica of the Palace of Versailles. At the beginning of each academic year, we have a seminar on creating a safe environment in our institutions. It was the last one held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of October in Piquer. All the third-year theologians participated in it along with Jesuits living in various houses of formation. The Superior of the Maldonado community, **Fr José Luis Olaizola SJ** guided us throughout this seminar. After the burial of the late **Fr Santiago Madrigal SJ**, a couple of weeks later, the University of Comillas officially arranged a Holy Mass in honor of him. The university gave a tribute and prayed for the repose of his soul with family members and relatives. On this occasion, one of the bishops and friend of late Fr Madrigal offered the Holy Mass and shared his experiences of friendship with him. In a community meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup> of October, Fr Superior guided us in a discussion on the importance and advantage of apostolates at the time of formation and their effects in the future ministries and missions. On the 12<sup>th</sup> of October, we celebrated Spanish Day along with the feast of the Virgin of Pillar. The municipality of Madrid had organized different programs to mark the celebrations. I went with some

companions to discover the richness, diversity and cultural heritage of Spain and Latin America at various sites. The following week, some of the first year's students went to Salamanca to make an annual retreat. Many of us remained in the house taking advantage of the reading week provided by the university. On the 23<sup>rd</sup> last week of the month our house treasurer presented the expenses, expenditures, and budgets for next year in the community meeting. Both houses had separate presentations and meetings to discuss and sort out various issues of the house management.

*Prawin Vikas Xalxo sj.*

### **Sri Lanka**

Jai Yesu! These days I am excited about my visit to the province and home back in Kerala. From 18<sup>th</sup> November to 20<sup>th</sup> December, I will be staying at Arrupe Niwas. I hope to do some routine medical checkups and meet my dentist, Dr. Yadav. Time permitting besides visits to the local

communities, I hope to make a brief visit to Daltonganj and Mahuadanr valley. I will return to Sri Lanka via Kochi on 7<sup>th</sup> January, 2024. Recently **George Fernando** from SL attended the COJET meeting at Arrupe Niwas. He was all praise for the arrangements and also for the warm hospitality at the places he visited, including Buddha Gaya. **RC** was kind enough to accompany him to Buddha Gaya. On the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> of December, two others from SL province, **Christian Perea** and **Ahila Raj** will be visiting Hazaribagh and Buddha Gaya. They will be attending DLP program at Manresa House from the 4<sup>th</sup> to the 8<sup>th</sup> of December. **Christian** made his tertianship under **RC** in Kenya. May I also wish **Bros. Michael** and **David** a very happy feast of St. Alphonsus and thank the Lord for their invaluable services to the province.

*Edward Mudavassery*

## REMEMBER THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS

07-10-2023	Fr. Joy John Arackal SJ (DEL), 79/58
10-10-2023	Fr. Avellino Remedios SJ (BOM) 93/72
13-10-2023	Fr. Vijay K Kachhap SJ, (JAM), 76/47
13-10-2023	Fr. S. John Britto Bonaventure, S.J. (MDU 76/61)
16-10-2023	Bro. Polycarp Lakra, S.J. (RAN, 85/63)
25-10-2023	Fr. Mani Nedumattam S.J. (DEL, 88/68)

## DEATH ANNIVERSARY

### NOVEMBER

6/1984	Prakash Tigga
8/2016	Herbert Balding
11/1982	Peter Lewis
14/1984	James Thwaites
17/2020	Lawrence Saldanha
18/1968	Nicolai Bilic
20/2002	Otto Bhosle
21/1995	Yacub Tirkey
30/1980	Kevin Grogan

### DECEMBER

01/2016	Tony D'Souza
03/1988	Gerard Drumm
18/2000	Edmund O'Connor