

Hazaribag Jesuits



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Pope's Intention

For people living on the margins

We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.



Provincial's Itinerary

September 2023

- 01 – 12 Australia (Sydney Indian Bazaar)
- 16 – 17 Consult, AN
- 20 Visitation Patki
- 21 - 22 Visitation SXS Bokaro
- 23 - 24 Superiors and DoWs Workshop by **Fr. R. C.** at AN
(Programme starts at 9.00 AM on 23rd September- Saturday & ends by noon on the next day 24th Sept)
- 25 – 26 Visitation Chiropath
- 27 Visitation Tundtoli
- 28 – 29 Visitation SJS, Mahuadanr
- 30 Accountants/Ministers Workshop at Mahuadanr

October 2023

- 1 – 2 Annual Meeting of School Headmasters/Headmistress/Principals of the Province
- 5 – 6 Visitation Kolkata SXC
- 7 – 11 Visitation Shillong & Arunachal Pradesh
- 14 – 15 Consult, AN
- 20 – 21 MAGIS National Youth Convention at Ranchi
- 23 – 27 JCSA, Pune
- 28 - 15 Nov Colloquium, ROME
- 16 Nov Back to Hazaribagh

PCF'S PROGRAMME

SEPTEMBER

- 23-24 Kolkata
- 24-26 Ahmedabad
- 26-27 Pune
- 27-28 SN Chennai
- 29-30 Berchmans illam
- 30-04 Oct. Shembaganur (PCF's Meeting)

COMING EVENTS IN THE PROVINCE

COJET Meeting: 8 Oct - 12 Oct AN

Pray for the Vocation as a community on the following dates:

09-09-2023 St Peter Claver

03-10-2023 St Francis Borgia



CONGRATULATIONS

Fr Rajendra Tete

For your

Final Incorporation

in the

Society of Jesus

and

Fr . Sasi

for your

Priestly ordination



ORDINATION OF DN. SASI

Deacon Arockia Sasi was ordained by Rt. Rev. Francis Kalist DD, the Arch Bishop of Pondicherry-Cuddalore, as a priest on August 26 at St Joseph College Tiruchirappalli with 13 other Jesuits. From Hazaribag, Fr. Vincent, the provincial, Fr. Anil, Fr. Packiam, Fr. Francis, Fr. Leo, Fr. Sanjay and five scholastics – Vivek, James, Dilip, Aseet and Chhotu Masi joined the ordination. Fr. Vincent thanked the parents of Fr. Sasi with a tribal shawl. The following day, Fr. Vincent and Fr. Anil returned to Hazaribag, while the rest of them went to Fr. Sasi's home in Rayapanpatti for the first mass.

Fr. Sasi is the 87th priest of his village. The first mass of Fr. Sasi was celebrated like a king visiting his people. He was brought in a chariot with people dancing and singing with trumpet beats. Fr. Leo preached while Fr. Francis thanked the family, godparent, and village headman with tribal shawls.

TEEP – 2023 AT ST XAVIER'S SCHOOL HAZARIBAG

The Teachers' Effectiveness Enhancement Program (TEEP) for the trainer teachers of schools from Central Zone Provinces was conducted successfully from August 24 to 26, 2023 under the able leadership of Fr. John Ravi SJ, JEA-SA Secretary. The other resource persons were Fr. Norbet Menezes SJ (PAT), Fr. George Nedu SJ (PAT), Fr. Michael Tirkey SJ (PCE-MAP), and Fr. Ranjit Marandi SJ (PCE-HAZ). There were 45 teachers from the rural Hindi Medium schools of five Central Zone provinces. The trainer



teachers were enthused with the Ignatian Spirituality and were also augmented with the Ignatian Pedagogy Paradigm. They have been trained in such a way that they will train their colleagues in their respective schools. The TEEP Core team is grateful to Fr. Varghese SJ, the superior of St Xaviers Jesuit Community Hazaribag, for the logistics with delicious meals and also to Fr. Rosner Xalxo SJ, the Principal, for the training facilities. The team is also grateful to Fr. Sushil Osga SJ, the Socius, for his keynote address during the inaugural session. The major contents of the TEEP were History of Jesuit Education, the Ignatian Pedagogy Paradigm, Preferential Option for the poor, Classroom management, Emotional Management, NEP-2020, 21st Century skills, IPP-Lesson Planning, 10 Global Identifiers of Jesuit Schools, Becoming Global in the classroom, POCSO Act 2012, POSH Act 2013, etc.

VISIT OF FR. JOHN RAVI, SJ TO DIFFERENT SCHOOLS OF THE PROVINCE

During his visits, Fr. John Ravi SJ motivated the students of our schools. He also held an interactive session with the teachers. He encouraged the teachers to qualify for TET or CTET without which they would not be able to teach if the National Education Policy 2020 (NEP 2020) is implemented. He had a very positive appraisal of the Province Preferential Option for the Poor in the field of Educational Apostolates. However, he reiterated that we should strengthen the residential schools with good hostels with proper amenities. He has suggested displaying the Jesuit Educational Characteristics and 10 Global Identifiers of Jesuit Schools in the prominent places of our schools.

Fr. Ranjit Marandi SJ

BOKARO

ST. XAVIER'S SCHOOL



The community held its monthly meeting on August 3 in Bokaro. On August 11, as part of a year-long process of examination and reflection based on the document “The Status of the Society,” the Jesuits of the Bokaro zone gathered at the conference hall of St. Xavier’s. This process guided us to comfortably comprehend and personalize the society’s status. We extend our gratitude to Fr. R.C. Chacko and Fr. Vincent Hansdak, the provincials, for their invaluable assistance in navigating this journey with the entire Society.

Fr. Manoj traveled to Kolkata for his routine medical checkup, and he received a positive report that brought him contentment.

Independence Day was celebrated with profound patriotic fervor. The occasion featured patriotic songs, vibrant dances, and speeches by the Principal, Fr. Arun, and the Vice-Captain of the school. The Principal underscored the responsibilities of students and staff towards the nation’s progress, urging them to introspect as conscientious citizens. Meanwhile, the Vice-Captain recollected the struggles for freedom from colonial oppression.

On the eve of Independence Day, our students achieved first place in the Inter-school Patriotic Group Singing Competition organized by SAIL. The lyrics and music were skillfully composed by Mr. Rahul, our new music teacher. Additionally, our students emerged victorious in zonal competitions for badminton, kho kho, and chess.

The 33rd Bokaro Vicariate Football Tournament took place on August 19 and 20. Ten schools participated, with MMS Patki dominating the Junior Section and Loyola School Gomia emerging as the victors in the Senior Section. Mr. Jagganath Lohra, DEO, graced the event as the chief guest, alongside Mr. Noor Alam Khan, DSE, as the guest of honor. We extend our appreciation to Fr. Albinus Xaxa for attending as a special guest. We acknowledge the teachers of St Xavier’s Social Service School for their meticulous planning under the guidance of Frs Arun, Manoj, and Nirmal, as well as the vice-principals of each section. During the event, Fr Nirmal provided entertaining Hindi commentary, while Sch Raymand mentored our football teams.

On August 23, Fr John Ravi S.J., the JEA Secretary, and Fr Ranjit, the PCE, paid a visit to the school. During his visit, Fr John interacted separately with senior students, the teaching staff, Jesuits, and BOXANs. His presence was inspiring and infused hope into the school community.

Sch Raymand joined his fellow regent companions for the monthly recollection at Arrupe and left feeling rejuvenated. Meanwhile, Fr Nirmal, after receiving medical care, experienced relief from a severe lower abdominal pain caused by a urinary tract infection.

KAJARKILO

The month of August was the month of tournaments. Munna and junior football teams participated in the vicariate football tournament at St Xavier’s School Bokaro from August 18 to 20. Munna team lost in the semi-final and junior team was runner up. Fr Pius went to Bokaro for the School Managing Committee meeting on August 19 and on August 20 to Arrupe Niwas to attend another meeting. On August 24, Fr John Ravi, the Secretary of JESA visited the school and addressed the assembly of the school students

and the staff. On August 26 Kho-Kho and Volleyball vicariate tournament was organized at Holy Cross school, Balidih and junior girls and senior girls were runner-up. On August 28 Srs. Karuna and Nutan conducted one day leadership building seminar for the Catholic school children from classes 3-6.

On August 11 Fr Provincial and Fr R.C. Chacko gave an input on recent document of the status of the Society of Jesus for Bokaro Zone at St Xavier's Bokaro. They shared about the yearly renewal programme of De Statu Societies. Except Fr Pius who was sick, all the members attended the meeting. On August 20 there was Bible Quiz at the Parish level. Many young and old participated and on the same day Frs. Pius and Tintus went to Arrupe Niwas for the treasurers meeting to up-date themselves on accounts. On August 27 Monica Feast Day was celebrated and 112 mothers gathered the previous evening with a day of reflection, prayer, and adoration before the Blessed Sacrament. Fr Tintus guided them in reflection and talked about the life of St Monica. After two years of gap, the mothers gathered for the programme.

The day ended with solemn mass, felicitation by hostel children and children from the villages. For all this, the credit goes to PP Primus, who organized meticulously for the success of the Feast Day. On August 29 morning Fr Tintus heard the sudden demise of his niece's husband about 39 years and was in coma for a year and a half. Fr. Tintus reached just in time for the last rites. Thanks for prayers through Hazaribag Parivar in this time of grief and sadness. In the parish activities, specially saying masses and visiting the villages goes as usual without trouble. There is scattered rain in the area but people have tried their best for transplantation works.

BHURKUNDA

On August 2, Father Xavier went to Hazaribag for the burial ceremony of the late Sister Regina Soreng of the Holy Cross congregation. On August 4, Father Barnabas traveled to Kankebar in Ramgarh to officiate a Mass for the Franciscan Sisters. On August 7, all community members visited Arrupe Niwas to attend a talk by Father R.C. Chacko, focusing on the follow-up topic of CP71.

On August 15, in commemoration of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the 77th Independence Day, Masses were held in three different locations. In the parish, Father Thomas served as the main celebrant. Father Xavier went to Pora, and Father Barnabas went to Patratu. After the Mass, Father Barnabas participated in the flag hoisting ceremony. Later that evening, Fathers Sebren, Timothy, and Barnabas visited Arrupe Niwas to witness the final vows of Father Rajendra Tete.

On August 19, Father Alexander Toppo from Patra came to deliver a talk to the mothers of the Bhurkunda parish in preparation for the feast of St. Monica. On August 20, Fathers Sebren, Thomas, and Xavier attended a meeting at Arrupe Niwas regarding accounting matters. On the same day, the Logos Bible Quiz exam took place in the parish, as well as in Pora and Patratu. Sister Sunita of the Holy Cross congregation, along with Fathers Barnabas and Timothy, assisted in conducting the exams in their respective locations.

On August 24, Father Thomas journeyed to Kankebar in Ramgarh to celebrate Mass for the sisters. On August 25, Father Xavier Xalxo went to Hazaribag to seek treatment for leg pain resulting from a motorcycle fall. He stayed at Arrupe Niwas for a couple of days. On August 26, Scholastic Paulus visited Arrupe Niwas for a recollection and returned with renewed spirits.

On August 27, the mothers celebrated the feast of St. Monica, the patroness of all mothers, with great joy. Father Barnabas presided over the Mass, and Father Thomas delivered a homily. Cultural programs followed the Mass, culminating in a breakfast for all attendees. On August 28, Father Xavier was reached back to Bhurkunda by Father Sushil Osga, and subsequently taken to Ranchi to consult a neurologist for further examination. Father Barnabas and Scholastic Paulus accompanied him. After meeting the doctor, Father Xavier underwent physiotherapy and resided at Manresa House in Ranchi. Scholastic Paulus also stayed with him for companionship. During Father Xavier's absence, Father Timothy assumed the role of acting minister, overseeing kitchen operations.

On August 12, a school managing committee meeting took place, with Father Shyju Thomas in attendance. On August 15, in honor of the 77th Independence Day, the school held a flag hoisting ceremony. Father Sebren Lakra, the headmaster of Catholic Ashram Middle School, was the chief guest who raised the National Flag. Father Sebren and the teachers were engrossed in updating the UDISE Number. On August 26, Father Thomas organized a drawing exhibition in the hall, an endeavor that received praise from both students and staff. The students on campus were diligently preparing for

Teacher's Day celebrations. Through his diligent efforts, Father Sebren resolved a water problem in the hostel by arranging a connection from the municipal water supply. The new entrance gate was completed, giving the area a fresh look. Renovation of the boys' restroom was nearing completion, with appreciation extended to Father Thomas Rodrigues for his patient supervision.

Father Barnabas Xalxo

CHARHI

The month of August was bustling with activities. While regent Jeevan Baxla was away in Mahuadanr for exams, Marianus Tigga had to manage the hostel and teach at the school. Many school children had eye flu (eye problems), leading to numerous absences from classes. On August 3, a high school teacher named Saroj Topno lost her brother. On August 9, ADIWASI DIWAS was celebrated, featuring various cultural programs. Special performances included SANTALI, MUNDARI, ORAON, and KHORTA dances. The community attended a program presented by Fr R C Chacko in Arrupe. On August 13, Youth Day was celebrated in the parish, featuring a meaningful liturgy, cultural presentations, and a youth-led tree planting activity. A group of JESUS YOUTH visited Charhi parish for two days. The group explored two villages, spending a whole day in each village under the guidance of local faithful. The LOGOS BIBLE QUIZ Exam was conducted on August 20. The school's hockey team traveled to Khunti for the NEHRU cup tournament. Fr Maria Louis conducted an inspection of MARY'S MEAL. The school's unit tests were also conducted during this time.

HAZARIBAG

ARRUPE NIWAS

On August 4, the Arrupe Niwas was blessed with the presence of all the Provincials of Central Zone: Fr. Ajit Xess, SJ (RAN), Fr. Jerome Cutinha (JAM), Fr. Stephen, SJ (DUM), Fr. Ranjit Tigga, SJ (MAP) and Fr. Vincent Hansdak, SJ (HAZ). They had come to visit the staff of St Stanislas College Sitagarha – the Central Zone Common House.

Mr. Amrit Minj of Nikka Video visited the province areas of Sitagarha, Tarwa, Charhi, Bhurkunda, Mahuadanr. He has prepared many videos of the institutions of our province for the Jesuit Mission Australia and donors so that new projects can be started with the help of the donors.

Fr. Prakash Baskey and Fr. P. O. Chacko visited Patki, Charhi, Kajarkilo, Tenuahi and Jamuniatanr to inspect and see the progress of building work. On the other hand, Fr. Francis Marian visited Jesuit Communities in Mahuadanr area to help out in accounting and also for the inventory of goods.

Fr. R.C. Chacko and Fr. Vincent our Provincial were busy from August 7 to 11 in introducing and explaining the Document on the Status of the Society of Jesus. The purpose behind was to help out Jesuits in making their monthly recollection, sharing, and reporting in an authentic manner. This was organised in smaller units: for Hazaribag units on August 7 in Arrupe, August 8 at St Xavier's College, Mahuadanr, August 9 in Vivek Sadan for Daltonganj-Garhwa area, August 10 in SSC for Sitagarha and on August 11 in SXS, Bokaro for Bokaro, Patki and Kajarkilo.

August 15 was a significant day for the province and specially for Arrupe Niwas for Fr. Sushil Osga along with two auditors hoisted the National flag. In the evening in the presence of 80 Jesuits; Priests, Scholastics and Novices, Rev. Fr. Rajendra Tete, SJ was fully incorporated in the Society of Jesus. The Novices under the guidance of Fr. Anil Aind mesmerised the congregation and added extra flavour in the Holy Eucharist by their singing. Thanks to the rector, Novice Master, Socius and the Novices.

Fr. Sushil Osga preached Triduum to M. C. sisters from August 17 to 19. He was also the Main Celebrant on their congregation feast; The Immaculate Heart of Mary on August 22.

Fr. Francis Marian and his office team called for a meeting for all the Treasurers, Ministers, and Accountant of the province (Mahuadanr area scheduled on September 30). The main purpose for the meeting was to help them out in data entering (Credit A/c & Debit A/c) properly. It was of great help for all those who attended this meeting. Thanks to Francis and his team.

Fr. Bob is slowly getting used to the new hearing aid. He seems quite happy and content. Praise the Lord! Arrupe Niwas was happy to have our eight Regents of Hazaribag area for their monthly recollection guided by Fr. Shyju Thomas, SJ

ST XAVIER'S HAZARIBAG

Throughout the month, every member of the community was engaged in various assigned responsibilities. On August 5, St. Xavier's School celebrated its Foundation Day. The bust of Rev. Fr. John Moor, S.J. was sculpted at SXS. On that very day, all the HOXA members came and blessed our school with their presence.

On August 15, students, parents, and staff at SXS gathered to celebrate the 77th Independence Day of our beloved nation. The chief guest of the day was Fr. Rosner Xalxo, the principal, who delivered a beautiful message to the gathering. After the flag hoisting, we held a prize distribution ceremony for the students who performed excellently in the academic year 2022-2023. All the community members attended Fr. Rajendra Tete's Final Vows on the same evening. Currently, the students of 10th and 12th grades are preoccupied with their exams, while other students are preparing for their upcoming exams.

On August 22, Fr. Ranjit went to Ranchi to receive Fr. John Ravi SJ. The community warmly welcomed him. A Teacher Effectiveness Enhancement Programme (TEEP) was organized in SXS from August 24 to August 26. Nearly 45 teachers participated in this program, coming from different parts of our state. Fr. Ranjit Marandi, Fr. John Ravi, Fr. Norbert Menezes, Fr. George Nedu, and Fr. Michael served as the main resource persons. TEEP was successfully completed.

Fr. John Ravi SJ, the secretary of JEA, visited SXS on August 25 and 26 to speak to us. He made us aware of the advantages and disadvantages of the National Education Policy (NEP). Fr. Ranjit Marandi, the PCE, accompanied Fr. John Ravi to several schools in the province.

Fr. Varghese, the superior, has made every effort to run the community smoothly. The prayers and moral support of Fr. George, Fr. Vinod, Fr. Raska, and Fr. Bill have always been strongly felt in the community. On August 26, Sch. Jayant went to Arrupe Niwas for his monthly recollection and returned the following day.

PRERNA RESOURCE CENTRE

On August 10, during a Eucharistic celebration within the community, Fr. Rajendra declared his renunciation as a preparation for his final vows. The vows ceremony took place on August 15 at Arrupe Niwas. Meanwhile, Fr. Peter attended the funeral of his aunt in Nawatanr. He also remained occupied with touring the villages, tending to the needs of the community, and overseeing the maintenance of the house garden in his capacity as a minister.

Fr. Rajendra is progressing well with his studies and even secured the third position in the college chess championship. Fr. Tony has been visibly busy touring Chatra and attending various gatherings of Ankur Tuition teachers at different centers. Similarly, Fr. Shyju has been engaged in legal matters in court while also traveling to Mahuadanr to conduct a seminar for our staff on the province's policy concerning vulnerable adults and children. Additionally, he undertook a trip to Patki for land measurement and visited Babupara to finalize the construction of washrooms at the school. Both Fr. Rajender and Fr. Peter Paul took on the roles of main celebrants for Monica Divas at Mandair and Baitka respectively.

Fr. Maria Louis is in the process of familiarizing himself with the responsibilities of his position and has been conducting surprise visits to schools as part of his tasks. Just before Fr. Amod's departure for his studies, Fr. Arun relocated to Dumar. After consulting his doctor and reviewing his X-rays, it was confirmed that Fr. Arun's condition had improved. The doctor advised him to schedule a follow-up appointment after two months.

ST. JOSEPH'S TARWA

Throughout August, our school's teaching and learning processes operated at full capacity. An NGO visited our campus, providing medical tablets to all students to combat elephantiasis and worms. Another NGO conducted an awareness program, addressing child marriage and child labor, which led to the students taking a stand against these issues. On August 8, we convened a significant teacher meeting to welcome Fr. Lawrence and Sch. Benison. During this gathering, we reviewed our successful Loyola Feast Day celebration and set our sights on the upcoming Independence Day.

August 9 was observed as a holiday in recognition of International Indigenous Day. The following day, during the school assembly, Fr. Cyril enlightened us about "Adivasi and Moolwasi" identities. Concurrently, we commenced rehearsals for the parade and other cultural presentations. Our Independence Day

festivities saw Fr. Lawrence Tirkey as the esteemed chief guest. The parade, accompanied by rhythmic drumbeats, left an indelible mark. The event featured captivating speeches in both Hindi and English, intricate pyramid formations, a compelling role-play, patriotic melodies, and spirited dances. Following this, we engaged in a spirited football match against the Tarwa village team, achieving victory with a solitary field goal.

On August 21, we proudly unveiled our school magazine, "Deep Shikha," in a ceremony graced by Fr. Cyril, HM Fr. Theodore, and Sr. Alka. The subsequent day marked the distribution of the magazine among the student body. Also on August 21, the inaugural "Students' Cabinet" meeting (Baal Sansad) convened to orchestrate plans for the upcoming Teachers' Day celebrations. On August 24, our teachers, Sir Mohit and Sir Jacob, participated in the TEEP Programme at St. Xavier's Hazaribag. The ensuing afternoon brought the esteemed visit of JEA Secretary Fr. John Ravi and PCE Fr. Ranjit Marandi to our campus. Their interaction with students, teachers, and Jesuits left a positive impact. The students are diligently practicing various cultural performances for the impending Teachers' Day celebration. Concurrently, our football team is undergoing rigorous training in preparation for the Grogan Memorial Football Tournament.

This month, our hostel's young residents have taken on the responsibility of leading the singing during the Satsang Holy Mass. While some of our on-campus tube wells have been repaired, the older boys continue to visit the Shivani River for bathing. Our pond is nearing full capacity, with fish seeds recently introduced into it. The community at large remains in good health and spirits. On August 17, we all participated in the Diaspora meeting at Dumar. August 24 saw a Tarwa Community meeting, focused on reviewing the success of the Loyola Day celebrations. Our new Mass roster now includes Frs. Lawrence and Cyril. This month, we were graced with visits from Frs. Sushil and Marian Francis from Arrupe, as well as a visit from SSC Sitagarha Juniorate Professor Ranjit Horo, who brought a junior colleague. The Provincial of the SCJM Sisters also paid a visit, engaging with our HM Fr. Theodore.

Fr. Cyril

HUTPA CENTER TARWA

During our continued village tours, the month brought about a flurry of activities. In some villages, the focus was on transplantation, while in others, the anticipation of much-needed rainfall held people's attention. Unfortunately, both Fr. Sunil and Cook Jeewan fell ill with an eye infection.

Notably, Frs. Sunil and Rajesh journeyed to Jan Vikas Kendra Hazaribag for a seminar centered around legal matters. On the same day, they participated in the PC71 session at Arrupe Niwas in the evening. A week later, Fr. Sunil attended a workshop on accounting at Arrupe Niwas.

Engaging with the community, Fr. Sunil joined an online meeting hosted by Lokmanch. Following this, a unit review meeting took place at Dumar, where Fr. Sunil's insights proved invaluable.

In a special visit, Fr. Ranjit and Fr. Ravi ventured to Hutpa, connecting with the community in a meaningful way. As the month drew to a close, we commemorated St. Monica Divas on the final Sunday, with Fr. Rajesh presiding over the celebration.

Fr. Sunil V. Minj

SHANTI NIKETAN ASHRAM PATRA



This month was a busy month for us. Our Satsang Puja is going well. We celebrated Independence Day and the Assumption of Virgin Mary meaningfully. Fr. Alex went to Babupara and Fr. Christo at Patra Centre. The school boundary wall of Babupara fell down leaving a big gap and we are making plans to repair it. Fr. Alex went to Bhurkunda to give a day recollection talk to the Mahila Sangh.

Patra village meetings are going well. We are hoping to have a cluster meeting very soon. Azad Nager villagers requested us for Dharm class. Humbi villagers are responding in a very positive way to our mission and vision. They are sending their children for tailoring to Patra and students to Rajhar hostel. Many girls are trained in tailoring and going back home happily. We celebrated Monika Diwas in Patra first time with many mothers.

The Rajhar hostel well is getting ready with a new look. Fr. Sushil and Fr. Francis are taking care of the well repair work with the Rajhar staff.

DUMAR

The month of August has been vibrant with activities at Dumar. Father Arun, the head of the center, returned on August 5. He expressed his gratitude to Father Amod for his significant contributions during the former's absence. A farewell event in honor of Father Amod took place on August 6.

Moreover, Father Arun extends his appreciation to all the members of the province for their assistance and prayers during his swift recovery. It's truly heartening to witness their prayers being answered through the benevolence of God.

On August 9, a celebration for World Indigenous Day was organized by the Konar Village Extension and Jharkhand Mahila Uthan. Notable figures, including leaders from various villages in the Churchu area, were invited to a workshop. The keynote speaker for the event was Mr. Niraj Kumar, the president of the SC, ST, and OBC Council.

The center had the privilege of hosting all members of the Prerna Community for their monthly meeting on August 14. The following day, Mrs. Teresa Marandi proudly raised the National Flag in commemoration of the nation's 77th Independence Day.

A meeting for Ankur Tutors and staff was scheduled for August 26. Although the designated time was 10:00 AM, the tutors arrived late, causing a delay until 11:00 AM to start the meeting. Despite the tardiness, all staff members were present, with four tutors initially available and the fifth arriving after her class. The success of the Ankur Program is closely intertwined with the Samaj meetings in the villages. Consequently, the significance of these meetings was underscored. In instances where Samaj meetings are lacking, Ankur Tutors and staff were advised to initiate small-scale efforts. For locations with ongoing Samaj meetings, there is an emphasis on strengthening them.

During the meeting, staff members were instructed to assess their respective Self-Help Groups (SHGs) and classify them into first, second, and third classes. Their diligence is expected in enhancing these groups through the introduction of new activities. The vision for the Konar Mahila Federation is ambitious, and members are encouraged to aim high.

The final item on the meeting's agenda entailed preparing activity reports for August. Father Tony was also present and suggested conducting a case study of the Ankur Tutors, which would be instrumental in securing support for the third phase of the Ankur Programme.

Lastly, on August 28, the Environment and Social Protection, Hazaribag Unit held its unit meeting at the center.

LOYOLA CENTRE, ANKUR

In a joyful display of faith and camaraderie, the Ankur community came together on July 31 to celebrate the feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola, the esteemed founder of the Society of Jesus. The occasion was marked by a Holy Eucharistic celebration in the St. Robert's School Hall, with Fr. Ajit leading as the main celebrant, accompanied by Frs. Albinus, Kamal, and Jacob. Fr. Ajit's eloquent words during the Eucharistic celebration resonated with the congregation, reflecting the values and teachings of St. Ignatius that continue to guide and inspire the faithful. The choir was graced by the enchanting voices of our candidates and students under the guidance of Schs. Naveen Baxla and Samuel Nagesia.

The month of August witnessed a thriving sense of community within the Loyola Centre, Ankur. Thirty-seven candidates, two fathers, and a scholastic shared their lives and aspirations under one roof. The overall health of the community remained robust, with the exception of two candidates who were under close care and observation.

The atmosphere at Ankur remained vibrant as the candidates pursued their regular studies with dedication and diligence. Their enthusiasm for learning and growth was palpable, setting a commendable example for one another.

On August 4, Fr. Ajit Soreng participated in the celebration of the feast of St. John Mary Vianney at the bishop's house, joining in the festivities.

Amidst their daily routines and academic pursuits, the Ankurites found moments of joy, coming together to support and uplift each other. The prevailing sense of happiness and unity was a testament to the strong bond that had been forged among the residents.

Resonating with patriotic fervor, the Ankur candidates and students played vital roles under the supervision of Sch. Naveen Baxla in celebrating August 15. They took center stage, lending their voices to a soul-stirring patriotic song. Their melodious tribute added a vibrant and emotional touch to the day's festivities, uniting hearts and spirits in honor of the nation's freedom.

As August drew to a close, Sch. Samuel Nagesia embarked on August 26 on his monthly recollection, dedicating time for spiritual introspection and renewal at Arrupe Niwas with his fellow companions.

With the conclusion of August, the Ankur community demonstrated resilience, unity, and an unwavering commitment to personal and spiritual development. The month served as a reminder that through shared values and a supportive environment, even in the face of challenges, individuals can flourish and progress together.

ST. XAVIER'S +2 HIGH SCHOOL SITAGARHA

One day, a monkey entered in the class room and bit two children. They were sent to Sadar Hospital for precautionary medications. The students were afflicted by eye flu and the class rooms were empty for a week. We had Independence Day flag hoisting celebration, together with PTEC and Middle School Sitagarha, each unit presenting a patriotic dance and slogan from each house. This year we did not have the March past due to rains. We had flying visitors, namely Rev. Fr. John Ravi, S.J. and Fr. Ranjit Marandi, S.J. Two of our teachers, Mr. Rajan Kumar and Miss Neelam Barwa were sent to St. Xavier's School Hazaribag to participate in the TEEP Seminar from August 24 to 26, 2023. They were very much inspired and motivated by this TEEP Seminar. We had National Sports Day celebration on August 29, remembering the legendary Hockey Player Major Dhyan Chand and had organised two football matches between Senior School Team vs Senior students and Junior School team vs Junior students. In both the matches, the school Team won the matches.

LOYOLA SCHOOL SITAGARHA

This month, the students were badly affected by eye flu, but by taking proper precautions it was minimized. An Audio-Visual Room is prepared and is being used by the teachers properly and creatively. It has increased the interest of students in learning. The Independence Day celebration began with patriotic speech competitions in Hindi and English. Sr. Merlin Dyana, the vice principal, was the chief guest who hoisted the Independence Day tricolor flag. Despite the rain, we had March Past and a few cultural programmes and poster making competition to mark the Independence Day. On August 23, another Videography of the school was created and shared to CBSE affiliation committee for review. On September 6, we are expected to have the final virtual inspection which will grant the CBSE affiliation letter. We hope all will go well.

The students celebrated Pre-Raksha-Bandhan on August 30 creatively by tying threads to the trees to create protection of trees. The junior football team is in St. Xavier's School Hazaribag to participate in the Grogan Memorial Football Tournament. The first semester summative examination will be conducted in the second week of September.

PRIMARY TEACHER'S EDUCATION COLLEGE, SITAGARHA

The scant rains during the monsoon season delayed the transplantation of paddy. We had to be satisfied with planting in about two-thirds of the usual cultivation area. This work was completed during the

second week of August. Independence Day celebrations of the campus were a low-key affair with the usual flag hoisting and cultural programme. The customary football match with the Juniors of SSC ended in a 1-1 draw like last year. Mr. Abraham Dhan of St. Robert's High School engaged the students for three days with his arts classes. Wearing the PCA's hat (Province Coordinator for Alumni), PJ James, accompanied by Mr. Nitesh Kumar Mishra of Bokaro attended the Governing Council meeting of JAAI at St. Aloysius College, Mangalore on August 20.

Having recently completed the registration of the 2021-23 batch, the College awaits the announcement of the dates of final exams. During the second half of the month, many students became ill with viral fever, malaria and typhoid. Some days, the attendance in the boys' hostel was as low as 50% and in the college 66%. As the boys are gaining physical well-being, the female students are now falling ill. Consequently, the lessons and practice of microteaching are deferred.

TEACHER'S TRAINING PRACTICE MIDDLE SCHOOL, SITAGARHA

The first part of the month disturbed us as many students were highly affected by the eye flu. Although many students were absent from class, we continued with the Independence Day practice. We had a delightful Independence Day celebration. We participated in the flag hoisting program with the college and high school. A spectacular speech in Hindi was delivered by a seventh-grade student. We also paid tribute to our freedom fighters with a patriotic dance. We conducted the half-yearly examinations for all the students in the last week of the month. A group of government health workers visited our school and distributed medicines for filariasis.

ST. STANISLAUS COLLEGE SITAGARHA

The Tertians of St. Stanislaus College Sitagarha began their long retreat on August 1, guided by Fr. M. I. Raj, the Tertian Instructor. This followed the celebration of the Ignatian feast. Dn Arokia Sasi Kumar, the minister, traveled to Tamil Nadu to prepare for his upcoming ordination in Thiruchirapalli.

On August 4, the Provincials from the central zone visited SSC, engaging with the Juniors and staff to discuss matters concerning the juniorate. Fr. Michael Thanaraj, the dean, led fruitful discussions about juniorate concerns.

To mark the feast day of St. John Mary Vianney, Fr. Rector and other fathers visited the Bishop's House on August 5. On the same day, Fr. Arun Kujur, after a two-month recovery period at SSC, departed for Dumar.

Canara Bank's Manager and assistant visited SSC and informed the attendees about the PF investment scheme, which attracted several joiners for potentially better returns. In the Juniorate, Fr. Ranjit Horo excelled both in health and performance. He led novices to participate in the flag hoisting ceremony and other Independence Day activities.

A friendly football match between SSC and PTEC teams ended in a draw (1-1) at 10:30 am on August 15. The novices showcased their musical talent by singing for the final vows of Fr. Rajender Tete at Arrupe Niwas Chapel.

While Fr. Manjit was away for a meeting in Dindigal, Fr. Socius and Fr. Rector conducted extra classes for the novices. Fr. Tom Venad conducted impactful spiritual sessions, providing recollections for FFC Jubilarians, HC sisters in Tarwa, and HC Jubilarians in Hazaribagh.

Fr. Anil, along with Fr. Francis Marian and Fr. Packiam, attended Dn Sasi's ordination on August 26 in Trichy. On August 27, the Sitagarha parish Catholic Sabha organized a one-day football tournament at SSC ground to celebrate Monika Divas. The novices emerged victorious against Seminary in the final match, earning a khassi as a reward.

Unfortunately, some members of the community faced health challenges. Fr. Rector, a few Novices, and Juniors visited the Tarwa Hospital due to flu, typhoid, and malaria. While Fr. Lopez and Camille are in stable health, Br. Michael requires assistance from novices and juniors due to communication difficulties.

Fr. Anil Aind

DALTONGANJ

JAMUNIATANR

We experienced the moment of joy and blessing at the first canonical visit by Fr. Provincial to Jamuniatanr and Tenuahi school. The feast of our founder was celebrated together with the parish and school children. Fr. Fredrick was the main celebrant for the Eucharist and Chiniya Thana P S, Shree Raj Ballave Kumar was our guest of honour for the program.

The 77th Independence Day celebration was remarkable with a parade, flag hoisting and a colourful program. The pyramid making and role play captivated the audience, attention. Fr. Kishore Toppo was the chief guest of the day. The school felicitated the outgoing Matric Toppers on this occasion. We also thank Fr. P.O Chacko and Fr. Prakash Baskey for their valuable visit and suggestion for the projected new church building.

The community gathered in Vivek Sadan to be enriched spiritually by Fr. Provincial and Fr. R.C. Chacko, who shared the vision of the Society and guided the community to discern. The fencing around the playground and the pond has given a better security and enhanced the look. All the in-charges with accounts went to attend a meeting in Arrupe Niwas. In the parish, Monica Diwas was not celebrated grandly but instead the contribution was sent to Bishop House to help the Manipur crisis. The school conducted the Half Yearly Exams in the last week of the month.

VIVEK SADAN

August was a month full of learning and growth at VIVEK SADAN. The Pre-novitiate community joined a protest march to stand with the victims of the Manipur violence on World Indigenous Day, a powerful expression of solidarity and compassion.

The community also benefited from the reflection sessions led by Fr. R. C. Chacko and Fr. Provincial, who shared their insights on the Society's current status, a document that invites us to examine and renew our Jesuit identity and mission.

The Pre-novices celebrated various occasions with joy and gratitude. They greeted the FCC Sisters on St. Clare's day, creating a bond of friendship and respect. They interacted with the parish youth on National Youth Day, taking part in fun and meaningful activities and contests. They honored both their faith and their nation on the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Independence Day, with festive prayers and ceremonies.

A special highlight was the visit of Fr. Provincial, who brought grace and happiness to the community. The Pre-novices thanked him for his presence, support, and encouragement.

The community also showed their love for all mothers on St. Monica's feast day, which was celebrated at the Cathedral with a warm and beautiful event. The Pre-novices performed a captivating devotional group dance as part of the cultural program.

Moreover, the community demonstrated their collaboration with other religious members by sending Fr. Santosh to Raipur to guide the Sisters for their General Chapter, a meeting that involves important decisions and directions for their congregation.

MAHUADANR

PARISH

The month of August was a very busy schedule for Fr. Suresh Kindo and Fr. Emile Ekka as they moved from village to village offering holy Mass and blessing the sick. This year, fields are looking barren due to lack of rain. The maize and peanut crops are still looking fresh and healthy.

On August 13, 160 youths from Mahuadanr celebrated International Youth Day. The celebration of the Youth Day began with the Holy Eucharist. The youth were led to the altar with lighted candles representing the theme 'The Fire must burn.' The main celebrant was Fr. Rajeev Tirkey with the assistance of Fr. Roshan Kerketta. The youth were given PPT input by Fr. Rajeev on "The identity of the tribal youth and the areas of concern which needed to be addressed for the progress of the youth." The presentation was followed by group discussion and the youths were divided into 15 groups. Sr. Jolly Thomas accompanied the youth to cultural programs. At the end, lunch was given to our youth.

On August 15, Independence Day and the feast day of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary were celebrated at Mahuadanr Parish. Fr. Patras Tirkey was the main celebrant and the Mahila Sangh conducted the choir. We also had Holy Mass at Kurund where Fr. Suresh Kindo was the main celebrant. After the flag hoisting, Mr. Benedict Kujur, the old Catechist, gave the Independence speech and shared that we all have to become good citizens and good leaders of the country and the Church.

On August 18, Krusveer children gathered and had Holy Mass followed by oath. 162 children participated in the meeting and Sr. Priya and her team instructed children very well.

On August 20, all the Catechism students of the neighbouring schools had faith sharing and motivational talk by Fr. Dilip Ekka. Around 200 students attended the programme. The programme was sponsored by faith formation programme of FCC Sisters.

On August 20, Mahila Sangh had spiritual preparation for the feast day of St. Monica and Fr. Rajeev Tirkey was the resource person. His inputs are based on how to become a good and model mother like St. Monica and inculcate the qualities of St. Monica. Five hundred women participated in the spiritual preparation followed by confession. On August 27, the feast of St. Monica was celebrated with solemn mass and cultural programs. Fr. Suresh Kindo was the chief guest and the youth presented cultural programme followed by lunch. About four thousand women participated in the program and Fr. Roshan gave vote of thanks.

Fr. Shyju Thomas conducted a legal seminar for all the Jesuit staff of the valley. All the centres - Pakripath, Chiropath, Tundtoli were the beneficiaries of the seminars. Staff members were happy to attend such seminars.

On August 28, Fr. John Ravi SJ, the JEASA Secretary and Fr. Ranjit Marandi, PCE visited the campus. JEASA Secretary addressed the students in the assembly followed by teachers, Jesuits and alumnae. After his inspirational visit, JOSA members became alive and took decision to have JOSA meeting soon.

Fr. Moris Ekka and Sch. Ravi Das Ekka are busy in the hostel by motivating and accompanying the hostellers in their studies, games and works. On the other hand, Fr. Sylverius Minj is beautifying around the Jesuit Residence through his selfless service.

PAKRIPATH

The feast of St. Ignatius celebration was an extravaganza at Pakripath. On July 31 we had Holy Eucharist in the parish with the St. Xavier's school children followed by a variety of cultural events by the school children. In the evening we had cultural programme staged by the hostellers and the nearby priests and religious joined with us and prayed for us all. On August 5 Fr. Francis came to Pakripath on an official visit and at the end there were some reciprocal suggestions made. On August 6 all the three units gathered together at St. Joseph's convent for the monthly sharing and planned for the coming month.

On August 7 Fr. Arun Abilash went to Hazaribag with Fr. Francis and the following day returned to Pakripath with Fr. Provincial and Fr. R. C. Chacko who were on their way to Mahuadanr. Good news is that the work for electricity has started by the electricity board, Mahuadanr. They installed the lamp posts and the transformer and gave cable connection. It is the beginning of a new era at Pakripath and our joy is doubled. On the same day Fr. James joined the monthly meeting at Mahuadanr.

On August 14 Fr. Arun Abilash celebrated Holy Eucharist at St. Joseph's convent on the foundation day of their congregation as well as of the Canonical visitation by their Regional Superior Sr. Sudha SJT.

On August 15, the celebration of the Assumption of our Lady and the Independence Day, with the Holy Eucharist with the faithful and school children followed by cultural events and speech competition. Sr. Sudha SJT hoisted the national flag and gave the presidential address.

Our joy was immense on August 16 at the arrival of our new four-wheeler, Mahindra Bolero Neo BS6. 2 at Pakripath. On August 19 we had a common meeting for all the staff of various institutions of the Jesuits and followed by another meeting with women regarding feast of St. Monica. On August 23 we attended deanery meeting at Garu. With the hostellers we have planted red potatoes and vegetables. We had a recollection for the women of our parish by Fr. James Dungdung followed by Eucharistic adoration and Holy Eucharistic celebration.

It was very unfortunate and sad that on August 25, Mrs. Sarita, the wife of Fr. James Dung Dung's nephew died and Fr. James Dungdung joined the last rites.

The feast of St. Monica was celebrated in the parish with the Holy Eucharistic and during the elevation of the Body and Blood of Christ, all the women took an oath which was in fact very heart touching. We pray that they may put into practice all that they have professed. The feast has cultural events followed by sumptuous meal served to everyone. Fr. John Ravi, JEASA, SJ came to our school for an official visitation. He was warmly welcomed by the students from the main gate and he gave some inputs to the staff and students.

As a whole, the month of August had been quite a busy one. We hope and pray that our mission proceeds as it has been always with the help of the Almighty and look forward to the upcoming events.

MARY'S MEALS: HAZARIBAG REGION

I began my role of coordinating the Mary's Meals program in the Hazaribag Region on June 1, 2023. Currently, there are 20 schools participating in this program within the Hazaribag Region, serving approximately 8,000 students. This initiative is funded by Scotland, benefiting around 2.4 million students worldwide. Additionally, we are in the process of incorporating Navajara, and there are plans to potentially add more schools in the coming months.



I extend my gratitude to Sr. Mary Joe, SCSC, for her thorough handover of responsibilities and for introducing me to the operational system. Managing this endeavor is a challenging task, as I am responsible for all aspects. With the collaboration of everyone involved, I am able to fulfill the necessary duties. While there are a few pending tasks, I am optimistic about completing them promptly to stay up-to-date.

BREAD, NOIDA has determined that starting from January 1, 2024, Mary's Meals will only be provided to children up to Grade VIII. This change is due to price increases and aligns with the systems used in other countries, as well as with India's government mid-day meal program. Furthermore, it has been decided that in cases where only the high school benefits from this program, there should be a minimum of 100 students in total across Grades VI, VII, and VIII (for instance, in the case of Danto).

Egg distribution was temporarily halted in all regions for a few months due to various reasons; however, it has now resumed. The children are thrilled to once again see eggs included in the menu. The initial phase was challenging for me as I needed to secure new vendors for non-rice provisions and egg supply. I was fortunate to connect with a GST-registered egg vendor from Sakhiya. The vendors also face difficulties in delivering provisions to the schools due to the widespread geographical distribution of our schools in various directions.

It is expected of me to visit each school every month. Recently, I successfully completed the first round of visits. I consider it a privilege to visit numerous schools and interact with both the staff and students. The dedication of the principals and feeding-in-charge personnel in taking responsibility for this program is truly inspiring.

Maria Louis

OUTSIDE THE PROVINCE

PREMAL JYOTI AHMEDABAD

Throughout this month, we participated in a variety of programmes such as: exam, Independence Day, Province wise outing, sharing on Procurator's Congregation 71, preparation for Diamond Jubilee.

We actively engaged in studying and prepared for the internal exam and took part in internal exam as part of the assessment process from August 8 to August 12. On August 15 we marked the joyous occasion of the 77th Independence Day with celebration at St. Xavier's (Autonomous) college Ahmedabad. On August 16, province wise we initiated on an exciting expedition where we went to science city Ahmedabad for a day of adventure and exploration.



On August 22, 2023, we participated in the sharing of Procurator's Congregation 71 by Fr. Francis Pudhicherry SJ (GUJ) Rector of DNC Pune. The programme was followed by Holy Eucharist. On August 26, we began our monthly recollection on the theme of Examen by Fr. Johnson SJ after supper and following day we ended by Holy Eucharist. We are all getting ready for the Diamond Jubilee celebration of Fr. Purayadathil Thomas SJ. I am happy to state that all of us are doing well and no health concern to report.

Sch. Suchit Xalxo SJ

XTC BELAGAVI

Learning, Growth, and Camaraderie: A Glimpse into Life at XTC

Life at XTC proceeds quite smoothly. It has been about 2 months since the 1st years entered, and they are adapting well to life in the novitiate. We recently had a monastic life week titled "Pathways to God: Through Prayer and Virtue." During this week of silence, the 1st year novices were introduced to prayer and various Ignatian prayer methods. The talks were given by the 2nd year novices, who used this week to revisit the pathways to God as they prepare for the year ahead.

On the feast of our founder, St. Ignatius, a friendly football match was organized against the students of St. Paul's (Belgaum). After an intense match, Team XTC emerged victorious with a comfortable score of 3-1. We are grateful to the fathers for arranging the match for us.

Following this, we had a course on the 'Gospel of John.' Fr. Francis explained the various aspects of the gospel, the reasons behind its uniqueness, and the contents of this 4th Gospel. Infused with a touch of Theology, the course proved to be very engaging.

A 3 - day Leadership Camp was held for the 10th Std. students



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"Leadership Camp" 10th Std. students

of Chubby Cheeks Spring Valley (Goa) from August 10 to August 12. The Novices were actively involved in conducting various sessions, fun games and activities, guided meditations, and examen exercises. The camp was thoroughly enjoyed by all the students. It provided us with a great opportunity to learn how to organize such programs and also how to interact with students.

The subsequent week featured a course on the “Epistles of St. Paul.” The resource person, Fr. Ronnie, enlightened us about the life and works of St. Paul. This was accomplished through his classes, group discussions, and movies. The course has deepened our understanding and interest in reading the Epistles.

On the feast of the Assumption, Fr. Anthony Tribhuvan SJ (Pune) assumed the role of the new Socius to the Novice Master, as Fr. Francis Fernandes has embarked on his studies to prepare for the role of Novice Master. We kindly request your prayers for both of them. Please continue to pray for our Novices as well. In the light of St. Paul, “May the Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your Spirit!”

Communication Team of XTC

KALWA, MUMBAI

There was heavy pouring of the monsoon in Mumbai more or less every day. Therefore, this month was very inconvenient for the slum dwellers. Along with the help of Br. Rajesh Parmar’s helper, Mr Ankit Nagale, I visited some of the Slums in order to experience their conditions. I visited some of the government offices in Church gate, Colaba, Dadar, Kurla, Byculla and Andheri which will be the places for my migrant ministry in future. I also visited some Nakas where the workers anxiously wait for their hiring for the works.



We had two mega events for the migrants: The first was a “Dhanyawas Program” on August 20 for the Hindi speaking domestic workers who have registered their names in St. Peter’s church, Bandra. I went for this programme because I am appointed as the chaplain for the migrants of this parish. This program was organized by some of the retired teachers of the parish. I was asked to give some inputs to the migrants on meaningful living. The second mega event was the Monica feast celebration for domestic workers at Mumbai Archdiocese level and was called by Fr. Glasten Gonsalves, the Archdiocesan migrant coordinator. About 23 animators from different units decided to celebrate on August 27 at St. Joseph’s Church, East Bandra. About 200 participants came from different units joined the Monica Feast celebration and Fr. Sunil Tirkey (Norbertine) led the mass with Frs. Glasten Gonsalves Cosmo Ekka (SVD) and Amit Kujur (SJ). The feast day celebration ended with games and meals. We are now planning for the Karam-Celebration in different parts of the city in September.

Fr. Amit Kujur, SJ

VIDYAJYOTI DELHI

The month of August brought showers of blessings in the form of New Office bearers to bring creative functioning and smooth running of the VJ community. The 3rd year scholastics began breaking the word of God while the 2nd years started the introduction of the Eucharist on an alternative day and the 1st years merged themselves with the classes. Fr. Rector scheduled the personal chat with the 1st years. On August 4, the students and staff of VJ wished the diocesan brothers on the feast of St. John Mary Vianney. The community meeting was held on August 11, theme on Re-Imagine the Community. The students’ panel discussion on “Democracy and its challenges, in the light of Manipur violence” was held in the college on August 12 moderated by Fr. Ravi Sagar SJ, (advocate) of Kohima Region. The

community, accommodated three young men saved from Manipur violence and is a real gesture of solidarity for all of us. We had the celebration of the feast of Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Independence Day on August 15 followed by Zonal diverse culture show. On August 25 an interactive session organized on “CHALLENGES & GOOD NEWS OF KANDHAMAL” dealt by Mr. Anto Akkara (journalist), it was truly heart moving and blood boiling. On August 29, VJ students and faculties felicitated the brothers and sisters from Kerala on the Festival of Onam.

Sch. Sushil Kr. Bage SJ

JESUIT REFUGEE SERVICE, NEW DELHI

The month of August was the time of grace for the Indian Social Institute community. Fr. Stany (POSA) had the visitation in our community from August 8 to August 11. His visitation helped the community members to be energized with mind, body and spirit. Fr. Vincent Ekka SJ with his team organized a Marathon on the occasion of “Vishwa Aadiwasi Diwas” on August 6, Sunday and Fr. Xavier Soreng, Bernard and myself participated. On August 15 Fr. Stephen celebrated the Holy Eucharist and the National flag was hoisted by Mr. Jerome Kujur on the terrace of our building. Sch. Swethan SJ (regent) was busy in taking care of our urban project centers and helping them to take interviews of the beneficiaries and writing activity reports of centers. The project CRS-BPRM is ending next month and North East-PRM project is also ending soon. The team members are as busy as a honey bee to complete the left-over planned activities with the reports. I was glad to meet our two theologians Sch. Sushil and Sch Nelson on August 29. They had an extension class on Social Analysis by Fr. Alwin D’Souza SJ.

Fr. Sunil Bara SJ

SATYA NILAYAM CHENNAI

The month of August was a bit hectic and busy. We were busy with a lot of academic activities in the community, especially the CIA (First continuous internal assessment) and new assignments. On August 11, we had monthly recollection and Fr. Shahaya Raj gave the inputs. On August 15, we had a Triple celebration, namely the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Independence Day and The Final Vows of Fr. Vinod Sushil Soreng SJ. The theme for the Final Vows was ‘Towards credible and creative freedom.’ We had the special guest of honour for the flag hoisting, Mrs. Elizabeth Kullu. On the occasion of the Final Vows of Fr. Vinod, the POSA was the main celebrant followed by felicitation and lunch. On August 24, the community thanked the existing office bearers and initiated new officers through a Holy Eucharist. On August 26, four of us from SN traveled to Trichy to attend the Priestly Ordination of Deacon Sasi. We met Fr. Vincent – Our Provincial Superior and Frs. Anil and Francis. Eight of us, Namely Fr. Francis, Fr. Leo, Fr. Sanjay Martin, and five scholastics attended the First Mass of Fr. Sasi in his Parish Rayapanpatti. POSA visitation has begun at SN and he is here till September 3.

Sch. Dilip Kujur

DE NOBILI COLLEGE PUNE

The month of August kept us busy in various activities. We had a monthly quiz competition among DNC living groups. The purpose was to enhance our knowledge on the fields like; national, international, Church and the Society of Jesus, which was interesting and informative. From August 14 to August 22, we had our mid semester exams.

On August 15 (Independence Day) the national flag was hoisted at DNC by the Rector Fr. Francis Pudhichery SJ, followed by a thought provoking and inspiring speech delivered by Sch. Brennan (BOM) for being self-determined and fearless to face the challenges of today, standing by the truth and justice wherever we are. We had a hockey tournament organized by CCA at DNC hockey ground for the Tribals of Chhotanagpur residing in various parts of Pune. 14 teams participated in the hockey competition and a large number of people turned up for this gathering. It was successful and the final match was won by DNC scholastics themselves. The purpose of this gathering was to celebrate the unity and identity of our people.

From August 23 onwards we began our classes again. The community had the celebration of Onam and Monti fest on August 24, organized by the southern zone (Kerala and Karnataka Jesuits). Informative introduction about both the feasts was well narrated and articulated during the holy Eucharist, which filled us with joy and wonder to appreciate and celebrate the diverse culture meaningfully. We enjoyed

the delicious festive meals served on the banana leaves prepared by themselves. They deserve much appreciation and thanks.

On August 26, we had another exciting and thrilling occasion of one day of outing to Lonavala for the Rain Picnic to relax and celebrate our bonding and togetherness. CCA organized Mothers' Day at DNC on the feast day of St. Monica to honour our mothers for their selfless and dedicated service and their vital role in the family. The programme began with the Holy Eucharist presided over by Fr. Dayal Lakra SJ (DUM) who shed light on the inspirational life of St. Monica and her trusting in God's providence. The mothers were felicitated in the community hall with a wishing song and flowers bouquets, followed by the spectacular cultural shows. The words of wisdom by Fr. George Beck SJ (DUM) were very inspiring, practical and an eye opening, who emphasized that how a mother's wise action shapes the bright future of the children. Finally, the festive meal was served to the faithful and the mothers' day programme was concluded with the tribal dance. We had Eucharistic celebration in our respective province groups and Fr. Anand Beck was the celebrant.

Sch. Asim Prabhat Tirkey

OVERSEAS

PARIS, FRANCE

A long summer break continues, engaging us in different apostolates and also leaving us with a few vacation times. We have been dispersed into different mission stations and vacation locations since the beginning of July. Some of us stayed within the territory of France and others travelled to the frontiers with the view of missions and vacations. Our apostolates and missions comprised of different social services, volunteering accompaniments of families and migrants. himself in different apostolates. In the s u m m e r could also squeeze time to rest and other hand, the Ordination program) Amit into meaningful discernment and into the Society and to After spending this of them feel enriched, assured, reaffirmed and 'called-again' to the priesthood and to the service of the Church. They express their heartfelt gratitude for your unceasing prayers and encouragements, especially during this special time.



George and Amit set out for their apostolates and vacations only in the month of August. They spent this month meaningfully in the service of mission and in some time of rest. Finally, the end of August marks the end of our summer break. All our summer engagements come to an end as well. Therefore, we will slowly return to our communities to prepare ourselves for the new academic year.

SRI LANKA

On August 2, I got transferred to the Curia Community at Akkarapanaha. On August 17 and 18, we had a fruitful province gathering. Three areas were identified for urgent action based on the recent document, "Sent to Collaborate in the Reconciliation of all things in Christ." The areas identified are the following; viz. Unleashing the Potential of Youth; Sharing the Depths of Ignatian Spirituality; Initiative 200 (Years) Focus of the Plantation Community: Advocacy for Justice and Reconciliation. Reconciliation will be the core of the whole process. On returning to the community, I gave a 6 days guided retreat to a couple of Claretian nuns. The Sri Lankan Tertianship will resume once again in Kandy with 17 Tertians and 2 directors, all non-Sri Lankans, on August 31. Though the landing of Chandrayaan was a proud moment for India, social media reports also indicate that not all is well in our country.

Edward Mudavassery SJ

REMEMBER THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS

12-08-2023 Mr. PJ Mathew Bro. of Fr. P.O. Chacko
12-08-2023 Fr. Alexander John Robinson, SJ DUM 55/35
15-08-2023 Fr. Eugen. Hillengas, SJ (ECE 93/61)
20-08-2023 Mr. Albert Tigga, cousin of Fr. Xavier Tigga, SJ
25-08-2023 Mrs Sarita Tete Fr. James Dungdung's Daughter-in-Law
29-08-2023 Mr. Amit Kerketta Son-in-law of Fr. Tintus Dungdung

DEATH ANNIVERSARY

SEPTEMBER

15/1998 Fr. Maurice Sanga
20/2009 Fr. Michael Windey
24/1991 Fr. James Dynan

OCTOBER

02/1988 Fr. John Moore
04/2000 Fr. Ian Travers-Ball (Bro. Andrew MC)
05/2010 Fr. Angelus Tudu
08/2007 Fr. Kevin Cronin
11/1978 Fr. Austin Kelly
11/2017 Fr. Ken McNamara
12/1995 Fr. Joseph Depypere
17/1983 Fr. Edward De Meulder
19/2017 Fr. Pradeep I. Shail
20/1991 Fr. Louis Defrijn
22/2012 Fr. Oswald Summerton
24/1997 Fr. A.T. Thomas
29/1963 Fr. James Collins