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FR. PROVINCIAL'S PROGRAM

AUGUST – 2019

- 10-00 Province Consult
- 16-17 PTEC, Gurwa, Visitation
- 27-28 DNC, Pune, Visitation
- 29-30 Ahmedabad, Visitation

SEPTEMBER-2019

- 02-03 Central Zone Consultation
- 15-16 Mangalore Visitation
- 17-00 St. Joseph's, Bangalore, Visitation
- 18-19 Satya Nilayam, Chennai, Visitation
- 20-21 Berchmans Illam Chennai, Visitation
- 26-27 St. Robert's, Sindur, Visitation
- 28-00 Province Consult at 04.30 PM. AN.

OCTOBER-2019

- 01-02 Arrupe Niwas Visitation
- 22-28 JCSA Meeting, Ranchi
- 31-00 Final Vows, Bhurkunda

COMING EVENTS:

PRAYER SERVICE -- in remembrance of
Fr. Savarimuthu, SJ and Fr. Barry John, SJ

Date: 18 August, Sunday

Time: 03.00 p.m.

Place: St. Xavier's School Hall, Hazaribag

PROVINCE ANNUAL RETREAT: 5th OCT eve.
 - To – 13 Oct. eve 2019, at SSC Sitagarha

FROM AROUND THE PROVINCE

BHURKUNDA

On the 10th of August Catholic Ashram School celebrated the ecology day. The students presented a tableau enacting the significance of preserving the nature. Then the students took great interest in planting various types of trees in all the vacant spaces possible of the campus. The print media gave a good coverage. The school football team won the Subrato Mukherjee Tournament reaching at the North Pramandal level. **Fr. Primus** attended the meeting in the Bishop's house Hazaribag, to plan the preparation for the forthcoming Silver Jubilee of the Diocese. **Fr. Xavier** attended the

Administration and Management course in Patna conducted by **Frs. Norbert Menezes** and **George Nedumattam**. All young Jesuits in the Schools are recommended to attend this program because this course is one of the best one. **Fr. Suman's** yeoman service was to get a big consignment of Government free books for classes 1 to 6. **Fr. Basant** had to act partially Tuglaq way adjusting the hostellers in the hall and giving shape to a new hostel being built now. **Fr. Jacob** took eight vehicles load of parishioners to Ulhatu, Ranchi for a day of spiritual revitalization. All members were extremely happy and satisfied. The students are gearing up for the first term examination.

CHARHI, MASI MARSAL

A big thunder storm and lightning struck the campus hitting a tree near the hostel kitchen but without damage. The campus hand pumps were often non functional due to over use and lack of water, but now they are repaired by the hostel boys under the guidance of **Sch. Kamaldeep**. On 5th July we had the Subrato Cup football tournament under 14 and 17 for Churchu Block in our playground where both teams of our school qualified for the district level where they were both runners-up.

Frs. Birendra and **Nicholas** went to attend the meeting of Superiors and Directors of works program in Arrupe. The Community together with our collaborators celebrated **Fr. Birendra's** birthday. The school conducted inter-house Football, Volley ball and Kho-Kho tournaments where Volleyball and Kho Kho matches were for girls and football for boys. On 13th July **Fr. Birendra** and Sr. Kamala Panna went to attend the school heads' meet in Arrupe. The Catholic Sabha and Mahila Sangh had a combined meeting to discuss various topics such as the new church building, the Jubilee celebration of the diocese, and how to strengthen Basic Christian community.

Fr. Provincial and **Fr. M.K. George**, Assistant General visited us on their way to Ranchi. The campus has begun a program of water conservation. In a few places big ditches have been dug to retain rain water. The Catholic Sabha, The Mahila Sangh and Parish Youth have opened Bank A/c in Central Bank, Charhi. The purpose of this Account is to deposit donations from each family for the new church. The Community had Novena prayers for the feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola. **Fr Anil Aind** came to give recollection as part of the preparation for our founder's feast. The Feast of St Ignatius was celebrated in a grand way with the whole school and local parishioners.

CHIROPATH

Fr. P.O. Chacko sj., came to Chiro to see the construction work. We celebrated the feast of our founder St. Ignatius Loyola with a meaningful Eucharistic. After the mass, the school students put up a colourful cultural program to wish the Jesuits. At the end of the program everybody was served a festive meal. The fathers and sisters from Puranpani and Gothgaon came to share our joy.

ANKUR

The full life in Ankur Candidates' House began on 1st of July. On 3rd July we had the Holy Spirit Mass where **Fr. Provincial Santosh** and **Fr. P.O Chacko** inspired the candidates with their sermon and message. The Candidates, particularly the new ones, were introduced to the rules and logistics of the house. Now there are 16 Candidates for the Intensive English Course, 24 for 11th Standard and 6 for the 12th Standard who go to St. Robert's +2 School. Repairs and cleaning took place under the guidance of Director **Fr. Anand**. Now our garden and campus look more presentable. In the middle of the last month **Frs. Anand, Cyril** and **Sch. Markus** had a meeting to discuss on our Mission in Ankur. We shared the responsibilities among ourselves for better working.

In preparation of the Loyola Feast Day we had a Novena and weeklong singing practice. As a result we had excellent singing at the Holy Mass on the feast day. On the occasion of the feast we had various outdoor and indoor Ignatian tournaments and other competitions. **Sch. Markus** excelled in monitoring and conducting them all. The whole day celebration was enjoyable. A football match was played between School team Vs Ankurites which ended in draw. Despite having fever **Fr. Anand** continues to lead the Ankur community.

On Sundays the Ankurites cook their food by turns. The first round of interview of the Candidates is already over. Sch. **Markus** made his monthly recollection under **Fr. Shyam Kishore Tudu** at SSC, Sitagarha.

HAZARIBAG, ARRUPE NIWAS

The preparation for Loyola day began at Arrupe Niwas with the community members Novena prayers, reflection and sharing. **Br. Francis Mathias** gave a reflective talk on Jesuit life and mission in the Society of Jesus. His talk inspired us as well as challenged us to follow the path of Magis. The novena prayer ended with a solemn holy Eucharist by the youngest member of the community on 30th July.

This year we had a special Loyola day celebration with the staff of Arrupe Niwas and their families on 28 of July. The staff and the family members were welcomed by **Fr. Sushil**, the Superior and **Fr. Francis** led the prayer through a short clip on the life of St. Ignatius, followed by fun games and lunch. It was a first program of this kind which was very much appreciated by all.

Fr. Bob was at St. Xavier's College Mahuadanr to get report for our benefactors. He attended the Loyola Day cum Fresher's programme on 31st July in which the biggest numbers of freshers so far, 251, were present for the special programme and Mr. and Miss Fresher were selected. On 11th August, he attended a very successful central zone alumni meet at St. Xavier's School, Bokaro in which 125 alumni from different associations of Jharkhand attended including representatives from six of our alumni associations. The meeting was very well organised by BOXA, very strongly supported by **Fr. P.J. James**. **Fr. Tony Herbert** has been busy as usual with follow up and training of his Uthan team in which **Fr. Aurel Brys SJ**, (RAN) was one of the main facilitators. **Francis Marian** spent a week in Patna facilitating a programme for the Enclosed Carmel Sisters of North- Eastern Association. We are all waiting to see what

will be his next programme or whether it will make a difference in his role as minister of the community as he is called on by many groups for retreat the other programs.

On the occasion of silver jubilee of the Hazaribag Diocese, **Rev. Bishop Anand Jojo D.D.** organized a three day workshop on '**Integral Pastoral Planning**' for the Hazaribag Diocese at Bishop's House. **Fr. Provincial**, **Fr. Tony Herbert** and **Fr. Rajendra** represented the community and their contribution was very much felt in the group discussions. **Fr. Christu Das**, the resource person of the workshop guided several religious sisters, diocesan priests and a large number of laity both men and women took active part in drafting the vision-mission statement of the diocese.

On 02 of August **Fr. Provincial** went to Pakripath Parish to take part in the memorial Mass and program in honour of **Fr. Savarimuthu Irudayam SJ**, organized on the 03 of August. It was a very meaningful program organized by the **Jan Sangharsh Samiti** who were trained by him and worked with him for many years. The best part of the event was the personal sharing of some of the individuals who were inspired and motivated by his life style, leadership, commitment to the service of the poor and needy.

We were shocked to learn the sudden demise of **Fr. Barry John O'Loughlin** on 05 August 2019 in Australia. Until the last week of his life he had clear plans to return back to India and engage in various Spiritual ministries and he was in contact with a number of people. But, unfortunately, on 02 of August he became seriously ill and was admitted in the Royal Melbourne Hospital. It was there that the doctors discovered that both of his Kidneys were damaged. As doctors were contemplating to put him on dialysis he passed away on 05 August, 2019 in the early morning at 5.45 am. (Australian time). **Fr. Barry's** funeral mass will be held on 14 August, 2019 in the Immaculate Conception Parish Hawthorn and burial will be on 16 August, 2019.

HAZARIBAG, ST. XAVIER'S

Hardly a newsworthy month. So, why write anything. Good point. Of local interest was the middle and senior students with heads down doing Pre-Mid- term exams.

Fr. Bill Dwyer spent a few days in HFH Kodarma (not again!) with a gastric upset. He made use of his convalescence proof reading his revised translation of the Spiritual Exercises with a view to publication. The former edition was published by Satya Bharti in 1990. The typist is Dashrath Ram, formally the late **Fr. Peter Doherty's** driver; now an Arrupe Niwas driver. Also a good Hindi typist.

The school honoured the feast of St. Ignatius by celebrating Loyola Day on 30th. In the afternoon the Jesuit community invited the school staff to a tea party. After **Fr. George's** welcome **Fr. Bill** addressed them highlighting the relevance of St. Ignatius to Jesuit education.

31st morning there was a Mass in Inigo Hall (the auditorium basement) for Catholic children and staff, with some parents also joining. The liturgy was well prepared. **Fr. Manoj** directed the singing. **Fr. George** was chief celebrant. We can thank our seven Sisters for much of the arrangements especially the decoration of the altar and preparing the small children for the offertory procession. The children received packages from the canteen for breakfast. During the day we had Sister Guests from most of the communities in the town. A heart warming display of their appreciation of the Society. In the evening we had **Bishop Anand**, and priests and brothers for dinner. Throughout the day **Bro. Francis** saw to it that guests were satisfactorily received.

MAHUADANR

After many months of silence, we have once again risen from the dead. The immediate cause is the appointment of a new correspondent who promises a thrilling account of our various activities for each month. Not so thrilling is the present state of our weather and the uncertainly this leaves in

the minds of our farmers. They have taken their loans from the Cooperative, they have purchased their fertiliser and seeds, they have had their village masses for rain, but where is the monsoon rain? So far, it does not seem to have reached here. Even a person like **Fr. Sylverius** who in the past has shown a real accuracy in interpreting the signs of the weather and being able to make accurate predictions concerning it, is hesitant to make any statement.

We were all saddened by the sudden death of **Fr. Savarimuthu SJ**. He had not been keeping the best of health in recent months and the main reason for his visit to the South , at this time was to have a thorough medical check-up. This entailed some time and rests in hospital, all of which he had. So we were shocked by the news of his death. Our memories of him are those of gratitude. He was a great community man, never missing any community function. In meeting he had his say and whether you agreed with him or not, he contributed to the life of things. He will be missed not only by us but by the whole of the Church in Chotanagpur, where for years he has provided his wisdom and legal skill.

Further sad news has come as this report being written, on Sunday (3/8/19) we celebrated the funeral mass of our ex-head catechist Mr. Cornelius Ekka. Our deep sympathy to his loving family and his many friends throughout the Chhechari. Cornelius was serving for more than 30 years. Just Monday morning we received the news that **Fr. Barry** had died in Australia.

We were happy to receive a visit from **Fr. M.K. George SJ**, the newly nominated Assistant to the General for South Asia. He gave time to meet each of the community members personally not just in Mahuadanr, but in each place where we have our dispersed members. He was able to learn of our various activities and gave his encouragement and advice. In his final talk to the whole community, he reminded us of the call given to

the whole Society by the last General Congregation to be ready to face up to what at first seems impossible.

Fr. M. K. George was happy to visit St. Joseph's +2 school and see the discipline of the students and upkeep and neatness of the campus. This year there are 515 new students admitted in Science, Commerce and Arts. On the 4th of July regular classes started for new students following three days of orientation. The schools have six *dobhas* (डोभास) to recharge ground water and to stop rain water running from the campus. On 12th -13th the Nehru Hockey tournament was conducted and five schools participated. Our Junior and Senior teams were the winners in the tournament. On 26th the school celebrated the Kargil Vijay Diwas and one of the teachers spoke very well on Kargil issue. It was an eye opener for the students and teachers. Then a small skit was presented by the students. On 31st Loyola Day was celebrated in a grand manner. It began with the Holy Eucharist, followed by a cultural programme and sumptuous meal.

In St. Joseph's school, the admission process is completed. Each year numbers are increasing, and it is getting more difficult to cope. New requirements such as having to do many things "on-line" are getting more and more difficult to satisfy as the on-line service is largely off-line. Still, **Frs. Dilip, Sebren, Anil Dayal** and **Sylverius** accept it all as a challenge. A three-day orientation programme was conducted for our new students, many of whom have come from all over Latehar, Palamau and Garhwa. Some infrastructural work is being carried out. Some of the older building has become susceptible to rain water leaking through the roof; supported covering is being provided to stop this. The roof of the classroom block is being covered with Solar Panels in keeping with the desire to make better use of more environmentally friendly means at getting electrical power. It is also hoped that we will have a more regular and

reliable supply free from the vagaries of the present service.

Already **Fr. M. K. George's** visit seems to be having some good effect. Several of our members have begun to make various efforts at going for power walking and other exercise. This is to counter some of the negative effects of the delicious food being provided by our devoted Ministers **Amod** and **Manjit**. **Amod** in his capacity as Parish Priest arranged for **Manjit** and Sr. Neelima HC to conduct a seminar on Ignatian Spirituality for the village Catechists and Panches.

More recently, **Fr. Augustine Kujur SJ** (RAN) and our own **Arbind Beck** conducted a seminar for the teachers caring for the CLC groups in our school.

On April 1st our local Credit Cooperative separated from the Credit Cooperative in Ranchi to begin its independent existence here in Mahuadanr. It carries with it, all the experience, the policies and spirit that have animated it during the last 110 years. It is hoped that the change will result in a fuller flowering of the benefits accruing to the members who make up the Cooperative. There have been some "teething problems" but **Fr. Roshan** has managed them in his usual amiable way.

There will be more works involved in the new set-up; so an additional member of the office staff Ravi Roshan Tirkey has been taken on. We have decided to put the whole thing on computers. The first task is to enter the names of more than 6000 members. We have great hopes for what the Cooperative might achieve in the future, not simply as an instrument for helping members, to develop economically but in building up cooperation among the villagers in all things. **Frs. Roshan** and **Peter** spend time reflecting on these things.

PATKI, MASI MANDER

At the end of June a small boy of K.G. class was beaten up by a fifth class boy very badly. He was found outside the boundary wall in the

bush. By God's grace a Catholic woman saw the little boy and told the hostel Superintendent **Fr. Kamal** and **Fr. Gyan** who took the boy to the hospital immediately. And, by this time the older boy fled the scene. **Kamal** and **Gyan** attended to the needs of the boy in the hospital. **Frs. P.J. James, Arun, and Raska** also did a wonderful job by assisting **Gyan** and **Kamal** by visiting the boy in the hospital in Chas, contacting police DSP and concerned authorities. Bokaro DSP was quite helpful in this regard. Since it was a serious matter so the local police was also informed and they were also very cooperative.

The boy who did this act his guardians were called to the police station and they were given orders by the police to cooperate with the treatment of the little boy. The little boy is saved, healed and looks normal now. All these things happened when PP **Fr Tintus** was away for the Socio-pastoral retreat at Shilong.

Now, the little boy is all right and his parents are happy however, **Fr. P.J. James** suggested that the boy should go through counselling so that he would be fully cured mentally. So parents of the little boy agreed to go through the counselling process. **Fr. Gyan** took the little boy in St. Xavier's Hazaribag and they declared that boy is normal.

Frs. Kamal and **Gyan** had a hard time dealing with the situation but handled the case very well, especially **Gyan**. We thank all the people who supported and prayed for us during this agonizing time, particularly CMC sisters of Patki and Fathers of St. Xaviers Bokaro.

Now, we have a new Hostel Superintendent **Fr. Gyan**; his Asst. **Fr Arwind Kr. Minj**. With a new team and system everything is coming back to normal as more time and attention is given to the boys. Now **Fr. Kamal** has moved to St. Xaviers Bokaro.

Patki has a new team of CMC sisters, Sr. Kripa (Ancy John) as Headmistress and Superior, Sr. Dana in the dispensary and Sr. Lincy as Hostel Superintendent for Hostel girls. The Jesuits of Patki and our province, are very

grateful to Sr. Rekha CMC and Sr. Deena CMC for their commendable service at the Patki Mission Centre. May God bless and guide them in their new missions.

P.T.E.C., GURWA

The month of July started with a very important activity in the training college here, namely, paddy transplantation. We were very happy and grateful to God for sending timely showers of rain which was just enough to begin our transplantation. Our trainees worked hard and quite vigorously and finished the work just in time for the other important event that is the feast of St. Ignatius, the founder father of the Society of Jesus. Our schools on the campus finished their felicitation programme before 31st of July. On the feast of St. Ignatius, we had a Holy Mass. The main celebrant was **Fr. Sibrus Barwa** and **Fr. Leo** was the preacher. About 300 people attended the mass after which there was light refreshment for all in the common hall. The cultural programme followed this and then we had a delicious lunch well prepared by **Fr. Silas** and his group. On this day 300 mouths were fed. **Fr. Francis Lopes** came back from Chennai where he had gone for his treatment. Now he is getting better and better.

ST. STANISLAUS COLLEGE, SITAGARHA

We looked forward eagerly to our Founder's feast at month's end. Accordingly we held the novena with nine themes, namely: Ignatius, man of desire. Ignatius, the man with a discerning heart. Ignatius, the Pilgrim. Ignatius, the ascetic. Ignatius, the student. Ignatius, the companion. Ignatius, the leader. Ignatius, the servant and lastly, Ignatius, the man of the Church. Since the Tertians were on retreat, the Juniors and Novices put together a creative and reverent novena. On the 30th, on the eve of our feast, we invited all the formees of the campus to a High Tea. Each group put up an item, including the hosts. All enjoyed the afternoon. The next day we invited the formators plus the Catholic Sabha, Mahila

Sangh and the Yuwa Sangh representatives, to a solemn Mass and a grand lunch. A closely fought football match followed the lunch, with SSC edging out a determined Gabriel Brothers' team. A few days after the feast, we received the sad news of the death of **Fr. Barry**, for some years the retreat director for the Vow Retreat and the father of Tertian **Ashok Lakra**. They were both remembered at a special Mass together with those who had lost their dear ones in the last four months. **Fr. Tom Venad**, our itinerant scripture scholar, spent much of July in Varanasi and Ranchi, communicating the Word. At the turn of the month, our parishioners, together with Fr. Suman, the parish priest, welcomed our Juniors into the parish.

TARWA COMMUNITY

The Provincial's visit to Tarwa was the blessing to our community. He encouraged, supported and gave us new direction to our mission. We farewelled **Sch. Jeewan** and Sr. Asunta from the School and Sr. Marila from the Socio- Pastoral field. We are grateful to them

for their generous service to the mission. We wish them all the best in their new ministry.

It was a great moment of joy and satisfaction to us to find a good source of water in a deep bore-well. It will be very useful for the campus. Now we have four- wheeler for the community which will be of a great service to us. The new admission is still going on in the school and a lot more are coming. **Fr. Louis** had gone for his annual retreat to Shillong. **Fr. Alex** went to Delhi to attend the Lok-Manch Seminar on "National workshop on Social Security and Good Governance".

Our Tarwa Mission welcomes the new members in our team SCJM Sisters Isabella in the school and Sr. Reenu for Socio-Pastoral and **Sch. Raymond** in the boy's hostel.

We had a very good celebration on St. Ignatius day. We had Mass and a cultural programme and also singing and dancing in the evening. We had meals in the convent. Big thanks to all teachers, Sisters and students for making the day memorable one. **Fr. Louis** went to Pakripath for the Sradhanjali (श्रद्धांजलि) of late **Fr. Savarimuthu, SJ**.

FROM DIASPORA

AHMEDABAD, PREMAL JYOTI

The month of July was hectic and tested the integration and coping capacity of the scholastics to the full. Jesus Youth had organized a fresher's party at the college for the Christian students on 20th July and **Sch. Patrick** was invited as a resource person. He made use of this great and opportune time to share joyfully his faith journey, about Ignatius and the Spiritual exercises. Indeed it was like living out the first and the fourth apostolic preference of the society, which is showing the way to God through the Spiritual Exercises and discernment and journeying with youth, respectively.

The Scholastics came out with creative ideas and meaningful themes for the Novena of St. Ignatius. A 'Satsang' (it is a type of worship

through singing followed by short reflections) was organized at the Premal Jyoti hall on the eve of the feast, which was attended by many lay people and various religious congregations. The Feast day Mass was celebrated by the superior, **Fr. Shekhar SJ**. The decorations and the choir created a prayerful atmosphere. The kitchen Committee generously provided us with tasty food items the whole day. Despite being down with a viral fever for a few days, **Sch. Sujit** managed to successfully conduct the Ignatian Tournament. **Schs. Raja** and **Patrick** helped conduct a three day novena of St. Ignatius for the College hostel boys.

The Premal Jyoti scholastics put up two teams in a one day football tournament, organized in Loyola Parish, in honour of St. Ignatius on 4th August. The Under 25 team

defeated St Xavier's Hostel boys by 2-0 and the open category team lost to St. Xavier's college team in the final in a thrilling and nail-biting tiebreaker.

We are beginning our exam from 9th August, so please do keep all of us in your prayers. *Sch. Patrick Tirkey, SJ*

ANDHRA LOYOLA COLELGE, Vijayawada

The month of July was a busy month for us in Andhra. The first week of the month was regular classes in college and we also started our weekly ministry in different places of Vijayawada. The golden jubilee of our spiritual Father, **Fr. Marianna SJ**, of Andhra province was celebrated on July 18th with Sanjeevan community as well as others. His sharing on his vocation and missionary life as 50 years was very inspiring for all of us. We started our novena prayer from 22nd July with a great devotion. On 29th we both of us **Schols. Aseet** and **Ashim** wrote 1st mid exam of communication and soft skills. July 31st was a great day for us as we celebrated feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola. The celebration took place in the college chapel with all Christian students. At present we are busy with our 1st mid exams and we request you all to pray for 3 of us and you too are in our prayers. *Sch. Aseet*

AADI, ATTAPADI, KERALA

I reached Aadi, Attapadi on 24th June. It is 20 kms away from the famous retreat center called, 'Sehion' and very close to world famous 'Silent Valley' bio reserve. Mainly the community is involved in 'Lok Manch' and Ministry among the Tribals. It is also a bio reserve. Work on bio reserve is still in the initial stages and a long way to go. We have night intruders like wild elephants, wild pigs, deer and peacocks. I have decided to stay here for two months and move to Sahajeevanam, Pariyaram, Kannur for the month of September. Attended an eco seminar organized at Sameekha, Kalady. Will be back in the Province for the retreat in October.

Fr. Siji, (PAT) the ADO is calling a meeting of four of us the national and zonal coordinators of Eco Mission at Vinayalaya, Mumbai in September. It is to give final shape to a common project and to plan the National Meeting in November with the International Team. It is from November 21st to 26. First three days at Vinayalaya, Mumbai and the last three days in Gujarat. Then I will continue my exploration of Gujarat Ecology Mission. Hope to begin our initiatives at Sitagarha from February 2020.

Fr. Saju, SJ

FROM OVERSEAS

CAMBODIA

As we conclude the academic year 2018-2019 at Xavier Jesuit School in the last week of this month, many events came up. In the 1st week of this month we 5 regents gathered at Kampong Thom for our Regents' recollection. I always long for this opportunity. We had very enriching and encouraging experiences by listening to one another. We all felt that, we all are in the same boat trying to grow into the deep in different manners and ways to accomplish God's mission. Frequently from all around the world we have many visitors such as Jesuits, donors, students. Community

learning centre (CLC) is the centre in which in the afternoon students come to the centre to learn, English, Khmer, computer and mathematics. They are in the institution for one year. In the 3rd week I invited the parents of all the students to receive the certificate of their children. It was a good opportunity for me to meet the parents and know them well. What a joy for the parents receiving the certificate of their children. Frequent rain has kept the areas green. On 24th of July Xavier Jesuit School invited all the parents to meet the teachers and know the fruits of their children's overall performance in the academic year. It

was a precious time for me to meet the parents with their children. Maximum numbers of parents were happy seeing their children growing in Xavier Jesuit School. As for the new academic year and new admission in the school hundreds of parents came to get the admission for their children. We couldn't accept all. The school is just 5 years old but it has made a huge difference in Cambodia. The school has just started blooming. We have holidays for two months. On 31st of July morning we all Jesuits and lay collaborators gathered in Bathembong one of the Prefectures. Whole day we all of us reflected over the UAPs, and concerned matters for Jesuit service in Cambodia. We had mass in the evening at 5:30 pm. **Bishop kike** was the main celebrant. Many parishioners and students joined the celebration. The dinner was provided for all the participants. I was deeply inspired and touched how we all Jesuits, volunteers and lay collaborators working together under one umbrella. I am in vacation for two months in which I will be doing my annual retreat, then I will attend various workshops in different places, visiting families in Cambodia. The Jesuit service Team in Cambodia, prayed for the eternal repose of the soul of **Fr. Barry** who had come to Cambodia to preach retreat to all the Jesuits and volunteers. Thanks to all of you for your prayerful support. I am enjoying my good health of mind, body and spirit. Let's continue to pray for each other.

PARIS, FRANCE

We, both are keeping a very good health. At the moment, we are enjoying our well-integrated long summer vacation in different parts of Europe. During this time, we are also privileged to do some apostolates which keep us boasting. **Sch. George** went to 'Taizé' in the southern France on 27th June, 2019. Taizé is the international ecumenical centre where people from different faith come to participate in the prayer services conducted by Taizé Brothers and share a life together discussing the matters of faith. He stayed there

for two weeks. He then went to Paris for a few days and finished his work of long stay visa. He then moved to other cities for the summer vacations. He spent more than a week in the community of Marseille getting to know the community and discovering the city. He then went to Pau on 21st July and stayed for a week. Pau is the closest Jesuit community from Lourdes. The community consists of the old Jesuits over 75 years in the public old age-home where the Jesuits occupy the upper most floor and all their meals with others. A Jesuit F. Joseph MONNIER of 94 years drove him in his car to Lourdes where they spent a day in the silent prayer. Altogether, the community or to say the old age-home was very happy to receive a young Jesuit. After a graceful stay with the old Jesuits, he made a transition journey from south to north France and took a halt in Paris for two nights. On 28th July, he went to Calais where he works with two different NGOs which work for the immigrants. He continues to work for a month till the end of August, 2019.

In the month of June, **Amit** spent two weeks in the Jesuit community in Marseille (South of France) from where the most of great missionaries had set off in boats to different parts of the World. He had also an opportunity there to spend four days with a family from England. The family treated him like their own son. He then went to north-west of France in one of the monasteries for twenty days of his apostolate with young adolescences. The MEJ: 'Mouvement Eucharistique des Jeunes' is a nationwide movement animated by the Jesuits and volunteers; which gives the spiritual formation to different age group of young people through prayer services, worships, activities and pilgrimages, etc. During summer vacations, the multiple 'Camp MEJ' is organized in different parts of France. He had a great opportunity to learn and at the same time, to accompany young adolescences in their spiritual journey. He is enriched by this apostolate. After the Camp MEJ, he again

travelled down to south of France to one of the Jesuit communities in Pau to rest and relax. He is greatly touched by the gracefulness and spiritual lives of very senior Jesuits and the old age people. He made a full day pilgrimage in Car to different beautiful places in France and in Spain. He was accompanied by 94 year old brother and 78 year old Jesuit father. It is inspiring that at this age they can drive cars for long distances. They visited the historical 'Javier Castle' in Spain where St. Francis Xavier was born. On their way back to France, they also passed by the historical cities of Pamplona and Bilbao. For three weeks, **Amit** has engaged himself in service at the Shrine of Lourdes until the end of August. *Sch. Amit & George*

SPAIN

Hola! Saludos alegres desde España!
We landed in Madrid Airport on 30th of May around 8:30 pm (Spain Time). ON arrival in Madrid, we were glad to meet two deacons **Anuj Minj SJ** from Ranchi province and **Manuel Carrasco SJ** from Spain. Immediately we headed towards Comillas Jesuit community at Cantoblanco, Madrid. We were welcomed by **Fr. Deepak Tirkey SJ** from MAP province with a special dinner and wine. The following day we left for Salamanca by train. It is almost two and half hours travels from Madrid. **Fr. Jose Manuel SJ** minister of the house and **Sch. Paulus Hastra SJ** from Indonesia welcomed us in the railway station. We live in the biggest community of Spain Province; it is the centre for tertianship, spirituality and retreat house for religious and lay persons and infirmary for old Jesuits. We had two days to rest and to settle down before we commenced our Spanish classes. We started our classes on 3rd June onward in Enforex Language School 'A1 Level' (Basics for beginners). Now we are getting used to the weather, food, and culture of Spain. We are 7 Jesuits from all over the world learning Spanish in Enforex. Now, we really experience

the sense of belonging to Universal Society in our community. Learning new language is not only learning and understanding new words but learning to think in a new way. Learning a European language is a challenge for us. We are putting all our efforts in learning the language. We are enthusiastic to learn Spanish. We are compelled to try and speak Spanish all the time. Therefore, we are able to communicate a bit in Spanish with community members and we are well appreciated for our fast learning. We will have our regular Spanish classes until we finish 'B2 advanced Level in Spanish'. On our weekends we visit different churches and historical places in Salamanca to be familiar with the new culture. We are keeping good health of mind and body here and we hope the same for everyone in the Province. Thank you so much for your prayers, love, and support. Our Contact numbers / WhatsApp numbers: **Sch. Prawin Vikas Xalxo: +34655325188, Sch. Arockia Sasi Kumar: +34655325184.**

KINDLY REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Fr. Dorairaj S. Joseph S.J., (ZAM) died on 14 July 2019 at Beschi Illam, Dindigul. 82/64.

Fr. Hedwig da Costa, SJ (KAR) brother of **Fr. Ralph da Costa, SJ**, died on 31 July 2019 in St. Philomena's Hospital, Bengaluru. 83/66.

Fr. Barry O'Loughlin, SJ (HAZ) died on 5 August 2019 in the Royal Melbourne Hospital due to kidney failure. 80/60.

Fr. Theodore Toppo, SJ (T) (MAP) died on 8 August, 2019 in Holy Cross Hospital Ambikapur 80/57.

AUGUST DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

01/1992 Andrew Thottunkal

02/1992 Bp. George Saupin

05/2019 Barry O'Loughlin

17/1971 John Rush

17/1992 Steven Daly

24/1990 John Wijnant