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**FR. PROVINCIAL'S PROGRAM**

**FEBRUARY 2020**

- 01-02 Meeting on Province Apostolic Planning
- 05-06 Bhurkunda, visitation
- 09-00 Province Consult
- 10-12 SSC, Sitagarha – visitation
- 13-14 St. Xaviers Bokaro, visitation
- 18-19 Silver Jubilee of Pakripath Parish
- 22-01 JCSA, Kathmandu

**MARCH-2020**

- 08 Province Consult, 08.30 am, at AN
- 16 Churadohar, visitation
- 17 Jamuniatanr, visitation
- 18 Sahodaya, visitation
- 19 Vivek Sadan visitation
- 23 Pakripath, Visitation
- 24 Tundtoli, visitation
- 25 GB Meeting, SXC, Mahuadanr
- 26 Chiropath, visitation
- 27-29 Mahuadanr, visitation

**FATHER GENERAL HAS APPOINTED FOUR MAJOR SUPERIORS.**

- Portugal (POR): **Fr. Miguel Nuno Maria de Siqueira de Almeida**
- Region of the European Low Countries (ELC): **Fr. Marc Desmet**
- Middle East (PRO): **Fr. Michael Zammit Mangion**
- Brazil (BRA): **Fr. Mieczyslaw Smyda**

**COMING EVENTS- 2020**

**First Vocation Camp:**

**From: 09 March 2020 To 21 March, 2020**

**Place: St. Xavier's School Hazaribag**

**Second Vocation Camp:**

**From: 15 June 2020 To 30 June, 2020**

**Place: Pakripath Parish, Netarhat**

**Summer Meeting - 2020:**

**From: 22 May, [08.30 a.m.] - to 23 May, [Noon]**

**Place: St. Xavier's School Hazaribag**

**NS Anuranjan Minj** left the Novitiate on 29 January 2020. [1<sup>st</sup> year]

**NS Markus Besra** left the Novitiate on 08 February, 2020. [2<sup>nd</sup> year]

## FROM AROUND THE PROVINCE

### **BOITKA, CATHOLIC ASHRAM:**

Two Pre-Novices had come to Boitka for their ministry. They stayed with the people in the villages and conducted prayer services and joined in the Christmas carols.

**Fr. Alexander Toppo** was the main Celebrant for the Christmas Mass.

The School girl's Kho-kho team went to Jamshedpur for a four day coaching camp and seven of them were part of Jharkhand team who later went to Bemetara, Chhattisgarh to participate in the Senior National Kho-kho championship where they were able to defeat Utrkhand but lost to Tamil Nadu by one point and lost to Delhi as well. In this BSF and Railways also participated. One of our students was selected to take part in the National selection camp in Delhi but she could not make it; yet she came back with a lot of experience. Mary's meal program is functioning well and children are happy.

*Fr. Peter Paul, sj*

### **CHIROPATH, CATHOLIC ASHRAM:**

On 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2020 we had a Mass in the parish on the occasion of a new year. On 3<sup>rd</sup> **Barnabas** went to Sundergarh for the Platinum jubilee celebration of Handmaids Sisters of Mary. On 8<sup>th</sup> he went to attend an education meeting in Ranchi. On 15<sup>th</sup> he went to give a class for a marriage preparation group in Mahuadanr. On 22<sup>nd</sup> **Frs. Anil Dayal** and **Sebren** visited us. On 26<sup>th</sup> Jan, the Republic day Sr. Promila Hobo, the headmistress, hoisted the national flag. On the same day, Fr. Barnabas went to Mahuadanr for community meeting. On 30<sup>th</sup> **Fr. Barnabas** went Sugabandh along with the school staff for a picnic. On 31<sup>st</sup> he went to Mahuadanr in order to attend a meeting in Hazaribag. **Bro. David** keeps himself busy with his work. The school students were busy with the preparation for the annual sports day. The sports day was on 1<sup>st</sup> of Feb.

### **HAZARIBAG, ARRUPPE NIWAS:**

Arrupe had a quiet celebration of the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of **Tony Herbert's** entrance into the Society and also the anniversary of **Sushil Lakra's** final vows. **Santosh** and

**Bob** attended the *sarva dharam* meeting in the gurudwara premises attended by persons of different religious beliefs to celebrate the feast day of Guru Nanak. Both were asked to say a few words. **Bob** attended the general meeting of MOSAC, the former students' association of Masi Marsal School, Charhi, but missed out on the national meeting of JAAI, instead landing up in Holy Cross hospital Tarwa for three days with stomach problems. The care of Dr. Anima, the Holy Cross Sisters and Nurses soon solved all the problems and enabled him to have a good rest.

**Tony** gave the last sacraments to Mrs. Ethel Orey, former teacher of St. Xavier's Hazaribag and **Santosh** said the final prayers at the graveyard. **Tony** as usual has been busy meeting and encouraging his Uthan team in Simaria and Chatra areas and trying to make arrangements to get land for a centre for this work.

Hazaribag Province extended consult on Province Apostolic Planning was held on 01 and 02 Feb., 2020. There were 49 participants and **Fr. Wendell D'Cruz SJ**, of Mumbai province was the facilitator to lead us in this process of discernment and Planning. Thanks to **Fr. Wendell** for his guidance and leadership in this process.

### **HAZARIBAG, ST. ROBERT'S:**

Due to severe cold we reopened our school on 6<sup>th</sup>. Admit cards of 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> board exams were being given out to the students. On 3<sup>rd</sup> Principal went to Ranchi to attend Principal's meeting.

On 8<sup>th</sup> the outgoing students from 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> were given farewell by the rest of students. On 11<sup>th</sup> Students of high school sections went for picnic to Kanhari hill whereas the +2 section students went to Patratu dam.

On 20<sup>th</sup> we conducted written test for the post of Clerk, Geography, Biology and Santhali. A hundred and thirty nine candidates participated in the exam.

On 25<sup>th</sup> Principal went to JAC office to rectify the name of school from St.

Roberts intermediate college to St. Roberts +2 high school. It was a successful venture. Now the school name has been rectified by the JAC official as St. Roberts +2 High School.

On 26<sup>th</sup> we had 71<sup>st</sup> Republic day celebration at our school and high school students and staff went to Karjan ground to participate republic day celebration. From 28<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> we conducted 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Std board exams at our school. On 30<sup>th</sup> staff went for picnic to dasam fall. From 30<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> we conducted practical exams for our students.

#### **HAZARIBAG, ST. XAVIER'S:**

Classes started on 7<sup>th</sup> Jan in rather chilly conditions. Global warming seems to have bypassed Hazaribag. On Republic Day the juniors were excused from the 8.15 a.m. unfurling of the tricolour assembly. The school captain gave an elegant address, with, as the custom is in Parliament, a dash of poetry.

On the 28<sup>th</sup>, Inauguration Day, the 68<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the opening of the school, was celebrated with a special assembly in the auditorium. HOXA honoured the occasion by organizing a blood donation, with cooperation of the Sadar Hospital blood bank staff. Fifty donors registered, were tested, and gave blood.

The staff picnic to Dumar on 8 February was a happy occasion despite the cold conditions. Then they warmed up by climbing the hill opposite the residence, and by vigorous dancing. Thanks to **Fr. Arun** for welcoming the picnickers and putting his residence and the compound at their disposal.

**Bro. Francis's** 80<sup>th</sup> birthday was celebrated on 29 January, with Arrupe Niwas community joining us for dinner.

A former teacher in the Primary Section, Mrs. Ethel Orey, died after a short illness on 30 January. At the funeral Mass on 31<sup>st</sup>. **Frs. Bill Dwyer** and **Bob Slattery** concelebrated. A good number of old students were present and followed the

cortege to the cemetery. The Provincial, **Fr. Santosh**, read the committal prayers.

Comings and goings have been more than usual recently. We have had the pleasant company of **Fr. Peter Jones** for the past three weeks. He returned to Mahuadanr on 9<sup>th</sup> February.

**Fr. Manoj** has returned to the community after his treatment in Mumbai. He speaks highly of the hospitality of St. Xavier's High School, Mumbai. **Fr. Geoff Meagher** was resting with us and went to Koderma on 11 Feb. In addition to Celsius, his *sathi*, **Schols. Jivan** and **Sasi** were also helping **Geoff. Sasi** has now returned to Patki.

**Fr. Saju** was welcomed back home on the 10<sup>th</sup> Feb., after his ecological activities in Gujarat and Maharashtra.

#### **MAHUADANR COMMUNITY:**

In the month of January various activities took place. **Fr. Peter Jones** went to Hazaribag and Patna for medical check-up. He was admitted in Patna and came back to Hazaribag for rest and medication.

**Frs. Amod** and **Kamal** were busy offering Masses for village feasts. The faithful gathered together and celebrated village feasts in peaceful way. People showed their love and unity by presenting cultural programs.

A second batch of Shadi seminar was conducted this month and there were sixteen pairs from all over Chechhari Valley.

There was a rally against CAA and NRC and so many people gathered near shahid chowk and marched towards SDO office. It showed that people are aware of their rights and raised their voices against injustice done to them.

On Republic Day, early in the morning our hostellers went for Prabhat Pheri. All school staff and children gathered in assembly ground for flag hoisting. **Fr. Dilip Ekka** hoisted the flag. In the afternoon there was an exciting football match between St. Xavier's College team and St. Joseph +2 School team. At the end St. Joseph's won the match by 3-0.

Students from nine schools came to write their 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Board exam. One of our NCC boys went to Delhi to play National Junior Hockey and received award. It was the proud moment for St. Joseph's school.

The students of class 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> were given grand farewell with great expectations for a bright future.

Under the direction of **Fr. Roshan**, Hoffmann Cooperative Credit Society is running well. During monthly meeting some loans were passed. The people are benefitting a lot from this Credit Society.

#### **HAZARIBAG, PRERANA:**

**Fr. Shyju** after taking a few days of medication in the community went to Koderma Holy Family Hospital and was admitted there for a week. He joined the community refreshed and almost fully well. Prerana Diaspora Community, along with the Sisters working with us, celebrated the New Year with a picnic at Dumar Centre. **Shyju** went to Koderma Holy Family hospital for the Eucharist and Flag hoisting on the 26<sup>th</sup> Jan., and **Fr. Christopher** went to Manjhiladih School. **Christopher** joined the Ursuline Sisters at Sitagarha for their feast on 27<sup>th</sup>. **Fr. Thomas Joseph** is keeping up his rigorous walk on the terrace to keep himself fit.

#### **SAHODAYA COMMUNITY:**

The New Year began with an outing for **Frs. Lawrence Tirkey, Moris Ekka** and **Sch. Nelson Lakra**. They went to a village of one of the teachers in the middle of jungle. It was a cloudy day and occasionally drizzling too but they enjoyed the hospitality of the Pal family. There are students in our hostel from this village. **Nelson Lakra** put extra efforts to improve discipline in the hostel. He organised the boys to keep the campus clean. He has motivated the bigger boys to develop their skill in gardening.

**Fr. Moris Ekka** and Sr. Amala CIC attended a meeting in Ranchi. They organised various programmes to keep the school Campus clean and green. The high school gave farewell to class X students. Class VIII and IX students wrote their board examination. **Fr. Lawrence Tirkey**

inspected Sahodaya middle school and sat in the class of the new teachers. He visited Bandua village school and he was the chief guest in annual sports day of Prabhu Prakash School, Jamuniatanr.

#### **SITAGARHA, P.T.E.C:**

After Christmas and winter holidays, all the units reopened classes on 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020. The New Year 2020 began with lots of activities in all units. The community was blessed with the arrival of **Fr. Raska Gaudentius Soren** as the new member. **Fr. Raska** mostly stays at home to attend to the needs of visitors and guests. During Christmas holidays except **Fr. Sibrus Barwa** the rest of the members preferred to stay home. **Sibrus** went to Jamuniatanr to help out with the feast day masses. Then, **Sibrus**, also went to Trichy to attend National JAAI Congress on 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

In the month of January, PTEC appointed Mr. Cyprian Surin as the student counselor. Cyprian helps students with English language writing and speaking and also, assists **Fr. Francis Indwar** in teaching English content cum methodology subject. At PTEC, due to the JAC duty of the five college faculty members, the college had to reorganize itself for regular classes and other activities. On 26<sup>th</sup> January, the Republic Day of the country was celebrated with great enthusiasm and patriotism by PTEC Trainees, PTEC practice middle school and St. Xavier's School. Sr. Anima Tigga, the headmistress of middle school, hoisted the national flag and students from all three units presented speeches and colourful dances.

The 29<sup>th</sup> January was the biggest day for the PTEC campus as it inaugurated the newly constructed **Xavier College of Education** [XCE]. **Rev. Bp. Anand Jojo, DD** and **Rev. Fr. Santosh Minj**, Provincial, were the chief guests of the occasion. The inaugural function began with a solemn mass presided by the bishop and then followed the blessing and inauguration of the new building. After the blessing and inauguration of the building, the four units

of the PTEC community together organized a short felicitation and cultural programme. Staff and students from different units showed a high degree of commitment and coordination in successfully organizing this event. A special thanks and congratulations to **Frs. Sibrus, Leo, Raska, Francis, Silas, Sr. Anima** and all PTEC staff and students for facilitating the entire programme. At the end of the cultural programme, around 700 guests were served sumptuous fellowship meal in the vicinity of the new building. PTEC community thanks all who helped in different ways to support the works of XCE, especially the province men for their prayerful supports.

Then, on 7<sup>th</sup> February was another big event for PTEC campus. PTEC and PTEC practice middle school together organized their 60<sup>th</sup> Annual Sports Day. Smt. Chonhati Panna, Rtd. Joint-Secretary, Home Ministry, Jharkhand Govt. was the chief guest and **Rev. Fr. Santosh Minj** and Mr. Arun Kumar Yadav (Mukhiya) were the guests of honor for the sports meet. All enjoyed the beautiful show of the middle school students and trainees. Congratulations to staff and students of PTEC and PTEC middle school.

Meanwhile, SXS too had its Annual Sports Day on 24<sup>th</sup> January, where Mr. Sebastian Kerketta, 2<sup>nd</sup> in Command, Adjutant, BSF, Meru was the chief guest. SXS staff and students worked hard to make the event a success. Congratulations to **Fr. Sibrus** and his team. SXS class 9<sup>th</sup> students finished their annual board exams on 21<sup>st</sup> January, and then, class 12<sup>th</sup> students also finished their final practical examination on 5<sup>th</sup> February. On 6<sup>th</sup> February, SXS organized a farewell function for class 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> students.

At Loyola English School, **Fr. Leo** is busy with the new admission of the students. **Fr. Leo** is trying his best to upgrade different facilities of the school. Recently, he added CCTV cameras for the security of the students. Then, he has put an application to the local mukhiya requesting him for the repair of the school access road

and also, he is closely following the registration of the school in the government record. After **Fr. Leo's** coming to the school, staff and parents have been more enthusiastic in supporting the school activities.

#### **ST. STANISLAUS COLLEGE:**

We grandly welcomed the New Year 2020. The Novices and Juniors took part in the midnight Mass at the Sitagarha Parish. After coming back from the Mass, they also welcomed the New Year with crackers and burning the old man effigy. On 1<sup>st</sup> January they were given money and freedom to have their lunch anywhere, whereas the SSC, PTEC and Arrupe Niwas Jesuits collectively expressed their gratitude to 2019 and invoked God's blessing for 2020 and had their house-picnic in the novitiate refectory.

After the One Month of experiments, where the novices had to stay in Dalit families of Prerana Center, the novices, unfortunately, have been suffering from sickness especially from typhoid. During the experiment and after that quite many of them were admitted to Tarwa Hospital. This was an alarm for the Master and the Socius. For this reason, they had to stop the regular games. However, later on, the Master, **Fr. Anil Aind** started giving them special Basketball training. In the last week of January, they made a pilgrimage to Dhori Mata, Jarangdih. Two novices namely **Anuranjan Minj** and **Markus Besra** decided themselves to leave the novitiate and go home. **Fr. Probodh Barwa**, the Socius accompanied them safely to their homes. **Fr. Prabodh**, spent some days with his mother who broke her leg and was admitted to HC Hospital Ambikapur. Kindly remember her in your prayers

January 5<sup>th</sup> was a red-letter day for the Juniors as they had an outing combined with Picnic to Kajarkilo. For many of them, it was spectacular scenery and a good picnic spot. With this, they began their third semester with full vigor and enthusiasm. The Juniors miss **Fr. Geoff** and pray for his speedy recovery. PCFs **Fr. Medard Xalxo SJ**

(RAN), **Fr. Prakash Hansdak SJ** (DUM), **Fr. Stephen** (MDU) and **Fr. Pius Kerketta SJ** (HAZ) visited their Juniors this month. The 71st Republic Day was another event in the Juniorate. They took full charge and the novices joined them. The parade and tableau were highly admired and appreciated by the formees of the campus.

As the Tertians left the place on 9<sup>th</sup> December, **Fr. Ignatius Tete** keeps the house going. In the third week of January, he went to RTC Tarunoday to take classes for the Theologians. **Fr. K.C. Stephen** has moved to Dumka until the next batch of the Tertians. The Tertianship block is being utilized by various retreat groups. Two groups of Medical Mission Sisters from Kasiadih, Charhi, made their retreat under the guidance of **Frs. Aurel Brys and Tony Herbert**. They enjoyed their stay and retreat. Before that, **Fr. Brys** himself made his Annual Retreat in SSC. Sr. Rani, AC also made her Annual Retreat under the guidance of **Fr. Tom Venad**.

**Fr. Varghese** went to Kerala for his treatment. **Fr. Shyam** went home to bless his niece's marriage on 2<sup>nd</sup> January. **Fr. Tom** visited his family for two weeks and came back refreshed in the second week of January. **Fr. Francis Lopez** was visited by his relative. He has gone home for two months and having a great time with family. **Bro. Michael Kujur** was delighted to see his nephew, **Fr. Augustus SJ** (Nepal), who visited him as a Deacon and now as the Ordained Priest; he was accompanied by **Sr. Pradeep DSA(MP)**.

In January, we celebrated the birthdays of **Fr. Philemon** on 7<sup>th</sup> and **Fr.**

**Patras** on 11<sup>th</sup>, **Fr. Ignatius Tete** on 20<sup>th</sup> and **Fr. Vinod** on 21<sup>st</sup>.

The road from the house to the pond and from the portico to the UC convent looks Chaka-Chak as **Fr. Patras** repaired it with morum. He looks very cheerful as his wheat looks very promising. Finally, the whole community witnessed the grand blessings of the building for the "Xavier College of Education" in the PTEC campus on 29<sup>th</sup> January. **Fr. Philemon, sj.**

#### **VIVEK SADAN:**

We started the New Year with a prayer service. We had adoration at night to thank God for His blessings and ask His blessings for the New Year. After the prayer service we burnt an effigy and welcomed the New Year with a celebration. On 1<sup>st</sup> January we had a house picnic at the basket ball court. The next day the Daltonganj youth came to our campus for a picnic. We had lots of fun and games together. The volleyball match was won by the youth. **Fr. Sushil** and **Fr. Arbind** went around the diocese of Hazaribag for vocation promotion.

On 26<sup>th</sup> January the Pre-Novices went to Sahodaya School to witness a very good parade after the flag hosting in Vivek Sadan. **Fr. Ajit** and **Fr. Victor** accompanied them to Sahodaya. **Fr. Sushil** was in one of our schools in Belwadamr as a chief guest for flag hosting whereas **Fr. Arbind** was in Shanti Niketan School, Garwa for the same purpose. On 29<sup>th</sup> January we had Latehar and Palamau denary picnic for the religious. It was a good opportunity for all of us to know the friends in the same mission. We had a lot of fun and games to enjoy ourselves. The Pre-Novices had their medical check-up. All are fine and healthy.

#### **FROM DIASPORA**

##### **AHMEDABAD, PREMAL JYOTI**

On 14<sup>th</sup> January, we bade farewell to **Fr. Shekhar Manickam**, the Superior of the community and the Socius of the Gujarat Province and warmly welcomed **Fr. Alpesh Macwan** as the new Socius of the Province. A special dinner was organized in honour of **Fr. Shekhar Manickam**, on 25<sup>th</sup> January. The very next morning, he left for The Jesuit

Curia in Rome to take up his new mission, as the **Regional Secretary of South Asia**.

Having appeared in CIA 1 exam from 27<sup>th</sup> till 30<sup>th</sup> January, the Premal Jyoti Scholastics went on an overnight picnic to Haldighati, Udaipur and Chittorgarh, on 31<sup>st</sup> January night and returned in the wee hours of 3<sup>rd</sup> February. We were awestruck by the inexplicable grandeur and simplicity

of Mewar architecture. The intact temples, monuments and fort of Chittorgarh, still speak of their glorious past.

The Premal Jyoti Parivar is looking forward to welcoming **Fr. James Savarimuthu**, new Acting Superior, who is expected on 14<sup>th</sup> February. *Sch. Patrick*

#### **CHENNAI, BERCHMANS ILLAM:**

After a long Christmas vacations our classes resumed on 7<sup>th</sup> January. **Sch. Gulshan** celebrated his birthday on 12<sup>th</sup>. On 13<sup>th</sup> there was a Pongal celebration in the college for all the students and teachers. From 14<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> the college remained closed for the Pongal holidays. On 14<sup>th</sup> soon after the breakfast, the whole Berchmans Illam parivar set out for one day outing to Pondicherry. It was a great and joyous moment for all of us. We had a lot of fun. We enjoyed the company of each other, singing, dancing and journeying together. On 15<sup>th</sup> we celebrated Pongal in our community. A Mass was offered by Fr. Superior. During the sermon he explained about the importance of Pongal in Tamil culture. On 16<sup>th</sup> we had a common birthday celebration in the community. On 17<sup>th</sup> evening, a quiz competition was conducted among the scholastics in four different groups in the honour of the house jubilee

#### **AUSTRALIA, MELBOURNE:**

On 8<sup>th</sup> of January I safely landed in Melbourne and was received by **Fr. Minh Uoc**. Timing here is 5.30 hrs ahead of India. We are eight tertians. Out of eight three are from USA (one Vietnamese American), one from Egypt, one from Myanmar and two from Philippines (one working in East Timor). Tertian instructors are **Frs. Steve Curtin** and **Minh Uoc** (Vietnamese). Hence, including the tertian instructors we are from seven nations.

In the beginning we had introduction to history of Jesuits in Australia, The Church in Australia and a guided introduction to Melbourne. As part of Jesuit history in Australia, **Steve** (tertian instructor) showed us video of Hazaribag Province. He told us how Australia had sent

year. The topics were related to St. John Berchmans, Jesuit saints, Society of Jesus, Constitution, Autobiography and Spiritual Exercises and our house. All the scholastics took part in it. The prizes for this competition were, Rs.1000 for 1<sup>st</sup>, Rs.700 for 2<sup>nd</sup> and Rs.500 for 3<sup>rd</sup>. In the same evening at 8:45, **Fr. S. Maria Packiam, SJ** led us into a prayerful recollection through his rich experiences and inspiring talk. We began our first CIA test from 24<sup>th</sup> onwards.

#### **RANCHI, MANRESA HOUSE**

On 31<sup>st</sup> of December we thanked the Almighty God for all the blessings which he bestowed upon us. The entire community gathered at burning of the effigy. We also burnt out all our failures and bade goodbye to the year 2019, and with the Holy Mass entered into the year 2020.

On 1<sup>st</sup> of January we had a community picnic in the campus itself. The cloudy weather and rain-fall could not stop us from celebrating the NEW YEAR 2020. With zeal and great enthusiasm we began our regular classes on January 9<sup>th</sup>.

On 26<sup>th</sup> we had flag hoisting at Manresa House and in the College as well. Besides, we had annual sports. Our prayer and good wishes to all the Province men in the New Year 2020. *Sch. James Ekka, sj*

#### **FROM OVERSEAS**

about 56 of its most talented Jesuits to Hazaribag. Through guided introduction to Melbourne we came to know that skyscrapers which look so attractive carries a painful history of destruction of civilisation of indigenous people speculated to be 40,000 years old. The settlement and gold rush started in Melbourne only in 1835. On 26<sup>th</sup> of January when Australia celebrates national day, a part of citizens also take out protest march against it.

**Frs. Tony Ryan** and **Hans Hendriks** are keeping well. **Tony** uses his electrical bike to move around. I met them in Campion Retreat house and **Tony** visited me twice. I was very happy to meet Kevin Slattery, younger brother of **Fr. Bob Slattery**. He took me around and showed me the house where **Bob** spent his

childhood and played cricket. Kevin is also involved in charity works.

On 26<sup>th</sup> of January we left for Anglesea villa house for our sharing. The sharings were very moving, inspiring and humbling.

Geographical crossing also needs cultural adaptation. Here, the food is different, life is more organised and roads are more disciplined. Many people like cycling, walking or going for some exercises. On 24<sup>th</sup> of February we will start our long retreat. *Fr. Rajendra Tete, sj*

#### **CAMBODIA:**

From 7<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> of January we had Jesuits' gathering for the northern parts community, at Kampong Ko one of the parishes of Battambang prefecture. It was a precious opportunity for me to listen to each other and grow in companionship. I was asked to share with them my peek experiences of Philippines Scholastic gathering. For 45 minutes I presented building a culture of safeguarding the minors and vulnerable, the workshop which I had attended in Philippines. It was very informative and effective, some of them felt disturbed. On 7<sup>th</sup> of January in Kampong ko parish itself the ground blessing to build a new church was done by Rev. Bishop Kike, on this occasion many parishioners and lay collaborators were present in a big number. This month many donors and well-wishers visited our mission. I get good opportunity to interact and show and explain to them our project and service. Day by day heat is increasing. I didn't experience any cold weather. I am enjoying my good health of mind, body and spirit. Let us continue to pray for each other and pray for vocations. *Sch. Deepak Lakra, sj.*

#### **FRANCE, PARIS:**

In Centre Sèvres, we had four days of "revision and sharing the fruits of the semester in the group" from 21-24 Jan, 2020. There were two sessions organised on different themes and place namely: 'Power to Act' by CERAS (Centre for Social Research and Action) and 'Ecological

transition' at the Forge Campus. **George** remained in Paris participating the session with CERAS and **Amit** went to Forge campus of transition to participate the session on 'Ecological Transition'. On 7 Feb. **Amit**, with his fraternity group went to Leuven, Belgium for the weekend. He was overwhelmed to meet some of the missionaries who had spent many years in Chotanagpur. They talk to him in our local languages. He had also an enriching moment to pray and venerate "The Heart of St. John Berchmans" kept in the Jesuit Church in Leuven. The new semester has begun. On 12th February, we had Indian Mass in St. Ignatius Church of Centre Sevres with the laity. The Jesuits from India organised the Mass and prayed for the peace in India. The hymns and prayers were in different Indian languages. There followed the sumptuous Indian dishes for the participants. It was well appreciated. Thanks to all Indian Jesuits for exposing the diversity of culture and food. We both are keeping well now after suffering from a viral fever for few days. *George & Amit.*

#### **SPAIN, SALAMANCA:**

I celebrated the New Year with Jesuit companions in the infirmary who are praying for the Society and Church. After three days of pause the classes are as usual. However, the feast of Epiphany was awesome, the entire city was decorated with colourful lights and the people were on streets waiting for the procession of 'three wise men', their gifts and other demonstrations. Mostly the kids were excited since it was a special day for them to receive gifts and make a good promise to their fathers. It was a memorable occasion. Now I have three more Jesuit companions from Thailand and Malaysia to study in the academy. **Fr Alonso Pablo** made a quick visit to us and at this period of time, there were a number of visitors and guests in the community. It was a sad experience that in the first month of the year 2020 itself, Salamanca community lost five Jesuit companions: **Fr. Rafael Navarrete, Fr. Pedro Combreleng, Fr. Manuel Carreira,**

**Br. Tomas Nistal** and **Br. Ublaldo Garcia**. I too lost my mother on 11<sup>th</sup> January and therefore I paid a visit to console my family members. After this, I went for a quick visit to the Province, stayed in Arrupe Niwas and then moved to Vidya Jyoti and stayed one night with my brothers and returned back safely to Salamanca. Now my classes in the academy and extra activities in the house have become more intensive. *Prawin Vika.s*

#### **SRI LANKA, KANDY:**

The New Year 2020 celebration with the "MARCSRI HOME" inmates (Kalutara city) was indeed a memorable one in a resort centre. On 4<sup>th</sup> of January we all the tertians returned to Arrupe House with extra baggage; with full of excitement and enthusiasm from the different experiment places. On 5<sup>th</sup> we had gone to the Sri Lankan

Jesuit Provincialate, Nigambo to witness **Br. Lalith V. Fulle's** final vows. A few days later, again the community had organised two days outing visited the Juniorate and the Novitiate. In another occasion, we made a pilgrimage trip to "Our Lady of Lanka" Basilica, there we devoted our time in personal prayer, adoration and rosary. And in the evening before returning to our house we went to **Br. Lalith's** house in Nigambo to share the fellowship meal. We were blessed to have **Rev. Bishop Biany Fernando, DD** of Kandy on 20<sup>th</sup> whose short visit was quite impressive and inspirational for us. **Frs. Baylon Perera, SJ** and **T. A. Samy, SJ** have dedicated themselves fully to teach us the Constitutions of the Society of Jesus. *Fr. Arwind Minj, sj*

**Good bye to Fr. Tom Keogh:** **Fr. Thomas Keogh SJ**, will leave for Australia on **02 March, 2020**. His flight from Ranch is at 01.35 Pm. Hazaribag Province is ever grateful to him for 58 years of his life and mission in India and 52 years of Priestly mission in Hazaribag Province and in the Dioceses of Daltonganj & Hazaribag, particularly in the field of education and formation apostolate. **Fr. Tom** we wish you very happy journey and our good wishes for your stay and mission in Australia. Kudos, for all the great work you did for Hazaribag Province!

**PRAYERS REQUIRED:** **Fr. Geoffrey Meagher** was taken to the Medanta Hospital, Irba, Ranchi on 13 February, 2020 as his health was not improving and is in the ICU. He has the problem of damaged vertebra and enlarged prostate.

On 16 February, **Fr. Thomas Joseph** met Dr. Uijay Anand, who is monitoring **Fr. Geoff's** health developments at Medanta. After meeting the doctor the following details have been noticed: 1) Neither the past accident nor the recent fall is the cause of the Geoff's present problem. 2) The prostate is slightly enlarged is of not a big concern unless there is additional problem. 3) There appears to be another problem that could be related to blood or vertebra. 4) Oncologist will take a bone sample on 17 Feb, and after that report further advice would be sought. Kindly continue to pray for Geoff's good health.

#### **KINDLY REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

- **Br. Arockiasamy Sebastian, S.J.** (Valayampatti Arockiasamy) passed away on 19 January 2020, in a road accident. 72/52.
- **Fr. Thomas Pullenkav SJ**, [CCU] passed away on 20 January 2020. 80/37.
- **Fr. Joachim D'Mello S.J.** (GOA) passed away on 21 January in Guyana. 68/46.
- **Fr. Lankapalli Prasad SJ** (AND) passed away today on 27 Jan. 2020, in Papal Seminary, Pune 53/34.
- **Br. Thomas Rama, SJ** (KAR) passed away on 01 Feb.2020 in Bengaluru. 69/41.
- **Br. Joseph C. Kochukunnumpuram, SJ** (PAT) passed away on 07 Feb. 2020 at Kurji Holy Family Hospital, Patna. 81/58.

#### **FEBRUARY DEATH ANNIVERSARIES**

03/2014 Thomas Lees	21/1964 Philip McInerney
10/1966 Harold King	28/1981 August Stubbe
13/2006 Michael Topno	28/2012 Michael Eather
16/2017 Bernard Donnelly	

## HAZARIBAG PROVINCE STATUS – I, 2020

### THEOLOGY:

	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
01. Arockia Sasi Kumar	Reg -3 Patki	RTC, Ranchi
02. Deepak Lakra	Reg -3 Cambodia	PUG, Rome
03. Niranjan Hurhuria	Reg -2 SRS Haz.	JDV, Pune

### REGENCY:

#### **Post – Philosophy:**

01. Praful Bage	S. N. Chennai	Reg -2 Mahuadanr
02. Dilip Indwar	JDV, Pune	Reg -2 Ankur
03. Prashant Manohar	S. N. Chennai	Reg -2 Cambodia

#### **Pre- Philosophy:**

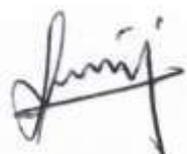
04. Augustine Tudu	B.Sc. SXC, Ahmedabad	Reg -1 SRHS, Haz
05. Sahaya Salethraja	B.Sc. SXC, Ahmedabad	Reg -1 Tarwa
06. Vivek Ekka	B. Com. Bangalore	Reg -1 Sahodaya
07. Dilip Kujur	B.A., SXC, Ranchi	Reg -1 Charhi
08. Ravidas Ekka	PP School, Jamuniatanr	Reg -2 Jamuniatanr

### PHILOSOPHY:

01. Nelson Lakra	Reg -1 Sahodaya, Shahpur	JDV, Pune
02. Sushil Kumar Bage	Reg -1 MM, Kajarkilo	JDV, Pune
03. John Kerketta	B.A., SXC, Ranchi	JDV, Pune
04. Markus Murmu	Reg -1 Ankur	JDV, Pune
05. David Kerketta	B.A., SXC, Ranchi	S. N., Chennai
06. Kamaldeep Toppo	Reg -1 MM Charhi	S.N., Chennai
07. Patrick Tirkey	B.A. SXC, Ahmedabad	S. N., Chennai
08. Jivan Baxla	Reg -2 St. Xavier's Haz.	S. N., Chennai
09. Raymond Hansda	Reg -1, SJS, Tarwa	Paris, France

### COLLEGE STUDIES:

01. Antony Dungkung	Juniorate, Sitagarha	B.A. ALC, Vijayawada
02. Benison Tigga	Juniorate, Sitagarha	B.A. ALC, Vijayawada
03. Naveen Baxla	Juniorate, Sitagarha	B.Sc. SXC, Ahmedabad
04. Sumit Minj	Juniorate, Sitagarha	B.A. SXC, Ahmedabad



Fr. Santosh Minj SJ  
Provincial Superior

Hazaribag, 16 February, 2020