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DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS: Sept 17th St. Robert Bellarmine, humble servant of the Church.

FR. PROVINCIAL'S PROGRAM

SEPTEMBER-2018

02-03 Kajarkilo visitation
 08-24 Australia visit
 26 Golden Jubilee, CMC Hazaribag
 30 Province Consult at AN

OCTOBER-2018

02-03 Mahuadanr CMC Golden Jubilee Closing
 04-05 St. Roberts Visitation
 10-11 Arrupe Niwas Visitation
 20-28 JCSA-Darjeeling

PCF's Program 2018

SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER

30 Sept. - 4 Oct. Mumbai for PCF's Meeting
 04 -05 Pune visit

06 - 12 Kathmandu CJI meeting
 12 – Afternoon back to Delhi
 12-14 Vidyajyoti, Delhi
 15-16 Mangalore
 17-18 Bangalore
 19-20 Ahmedabad

FR. PROVINCIAL has appointed **Fr. Sushil Lakra** as the acting Provincial during his visit to Australia, from 08 September to 25 Sept. 2018.

COMING EVENTS:

- 23 September, 2018: **CRI meeting** at 9.00 a.m. in Arrupe Niwas.
- 29 September, 2018: **Vocation and Formation** commission meeting at 02.30 p.m. in Arrupe Niwas.

FROM AROUND THE PROVINCE

BOKARO, ST. XAVIER'S

We celebrated the Feast of St. Ignatius with our Christian Staff and students. Common Mass for all followed by Nashta and the inauguration of the New Language Lab were the main functions. Twenty religious joined for the supper arranged by **Fr. Arun**. Forty Boxans of 1991 batch spent three days in the school for a reunion. A few traveled all the way from San Francisco, London, the Gulf, Mumbai, Bangalore, Chennai, Delhi and Calcutta to be together. We organized a common assembly to felicitate and listen to them.

We hosted the Vicariate Football tournament from 17th to 19th August. 22 teams participated in it. Our Social Service School was the Junior Champions while Kajarkilo won the seniors. Md. Shakir, Principal District & Sessions Judge was the Chief Guest. For the first time our girls reached the Vicariate Volleyball finals and brought the runners up trophy.

Fr. Tom joined the John Moore Centenary celebrations in Hazaribag. **Fr. Saju** and three staff members attended the education meeting in Arrupe. **Fr. Raska** is busy with the Jainamor

boundary wall building work. On 23rd **Fr. Leo** left for Sri Lanka for the tertianship programme.

Two of our students Yash Babu and Rishab Ranjai have secured the second position in the National Conference of Artificial Intelligence held at Kolkata. Along with four more companions and an escort computer teacher from our school; all seven are invited to Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia for the 48th International Conference of Computers and applied science. Tata Steel is sponsoring the entire expense. Pune based 'Words Worth' group conducted two days of Language Lab Training for our entire English teachers from class two to twelve. Many of our staff members attended the staff training programmes organized by the CISC at Kolkata. Mrs. Seema Singh from the Primary session was sent to Delhi to the Council office to be a Master Trainer. **Fr. Saju** attended the ASISC, Regional meeting held at Bodhgaya

BOITKA

During the rainy season Mass touring is less. St. Monica's Feast was celebrated with fun and fair in Boitka and Bartua. Boitka School is running well under the supervision of **Fr. Tej Kumar**. Sixteen Kho-kho players were selected to represent Hazaribag District to participate in State Level competition in Bokaro which was held on 8th September 2018.

CHARHI

The month of August was an eventful schedule for school and parish. **Fr. Vernon D' Cunha SJ** the Regional Assistant visited Charhi Community on 2nd of August on the way to Hazaribag.

On 4th of August we went to Kajarkilo representing Santhal mission schools and parishes for the visitation of regional assistant. We participated in santhali mass and cultural programmes.

Frs. Nicholas Topno attended the meeting commission heads in Arrupe Niwas. **Frs. Gregory Kerketta, Birendra Tirkey** and **Sch. Arockia Sasi** joined the address to Jesuits of Hazaribag zone by **Fr. Vernon D' Cunha SJ**.

On 7th of August we purchased Mahindra Bolero ZLX for Charhi Jesuit Community. **Fr. Emile Ekka** blessed the new vehicle. On 10th of August, block head hospital distributed the creamy tablets 'Abendazole' to school students. The good number of students responded to medicine.

On 11th of August **Sch. Arockia Sasi** along with

other Regents went to Bhurkunda Jesuit community for a day recollection.

We celebrated the Independence Day in Parish and school. **Fr. Birendra Tirkey** was the chief guest for flag hoisting followed by the cultural programmes.

Frs. Birendra Tirkey, Nicholas Topno and **Gregory Kerketta** along with Middle school headmistress Sr. Kamala Panna HC attended school Principal's and Secretaries meeting at Arrupe Niwas and Bishop's House in Hazaribag. The first terminal was conducted from 24th of August to 30th. Now school staffs are busy with paper evaluation and final marks report.

On 27th of August we celebrated St. Monica feast in the parish with Mass and Cultural Programs to honor the mothers. It was followed by lunch prepared by Catholic Sabha and the youth.

Fr. Nicholas Topno participated in the annual Japasa meeting 2018 in Dumka representing our province socio-pastoral commission from 29th of August to 31st August.

HAZARIBAG, ARRUPE NIWAS

Fr. Provincial and **Fr. Bob Slattery** left for Australia visit on 08 September. Let us pray for the success of their visit. **Fr. Philemon Tirkey** departed from Hazaribag on 10 September to South Africa for his Tertianship. He arrived to his destination safely. **Fr. P.O. Chacko** was admitted in Koderma for sudden fluctuation of his Blood Pressure. Now his BP is stable and started his trips to different communities for the building supervision. **Fr. P.J. James** conducted one day workshop program on rules and guidelines for schools and hostels, for all the heads of the schools and some secretaries at Arrupe Niwas. **Fr. James** also attended the REGAE meeting in Bangalore along with **Fr. Arbind Beck**.

HAZARIBAG, ST. XAVIER'S

On 5-6 August HOXA held a gathering of old students to commemorate the birth centenary of Fr. John Moore, the founder of the school. To honour the occasion a cover featuring Fr. Moore was released by the postal department. There were speeches by past students; the students provided some items of entertainment.

On 25 August the school hosted the annual inter-Jesuit schools annual elocution and essay competition. Ten schools took part. The shield was won by the team of St. Xavier's, Durgapur.

Fr. George Thomas set out for a home visit

before the extent of the Kerala flooding disaster was known. With some delays he was able to reach home. Fortunately the family home is above the flood level.

Bro. Francis, accompanied by **Bro. David Xalxo**, attended a five day gathering of the Assistancy Brothers in Bhubaneswar.

Following on **Fr. George Pattery's** recommendation that in each Province some should be skilled in composing and presenting a project to a funding agency, **Fr. Manoj**, along with **Fr. Xavier Tigga**, attended a seminar on Project Writing conducted in Delhi at St. Xavier's. Mr. Lourdes Baptist conducted the seminar. Participants were accommodated at St. Xavier's.

SITAGARH, P.T.E.C.

The trainees are growing in stature and wisdom under the care and guidance of the Principal, **Fr. Vincent** and a very dedicated staff. The micro teaching is an important programme of their curriculum. Once the lessons got over, the trainees dispersed here and there for their teaching experience. Some went to six different schools in and around Sitagarh, whereas the others stayed back to take classes in our middle school. This will go on for some days.

15th August being the National Day plus the Day of obligation, we had a beautiful celebration in honour of two mothers Bharat Mata (Mother India) and Our Heavenly Mother, Mary. The Eucharist was held at 7.30 a.m. whereas the Flag Hoisting ceremony was conducted at 9.00 a.m. The trainees and the middle school children put on a very impressive programme. Soon after it, we went to SSC play ground to have a friendly-freedom football match which we lost.

The feast of Teachers' Day (5th September) fostered a sense of greater communion and togetherness among the Students and teachers. We had the Eucharistic celebration at 7.30 a.m. The main celebrant was Fr. Principal. The trainees put up a very inspiring and thrilling cultural programme in honour of their teachers. It was highly appreciated by one and all.

Fr. Francis Lopes suffered from a very nasty bout of cold and cough. He had few days lay off. He is on medication.

SITAGARH, ST. STANISLAUS COLLEGE

The month began with the tertians entering into the Long Retreat. The whole house became a house of prayer and silence. **Fr. Vernon D'Cunha**, Asst. General of the Society paid us very meaningful and a graceful visit. Besides meeting different persons of the house he also renewed his memory of his tertianship days. 15th August was celebrated with traditional respect and dignity. The long awaited football match between the SSC novices and the students of PTEC was played in the SSC ground. The novices kept our heads high by winning 5-2.

Fr. Rector and **Fr. Varghese** made a quick visit to Ranchi to attend to the needs of the infirmary and their own works. **Fr. Anil**, went to Jharna, Ranchi to attend the meeting of his counterparts of South Asian Assistancy. He came back after the meeting with very rich experiences. One day **Br. Michael** had a fall while having his routine walk but no damage was done. He rested for a few days and has come back to his normal self. He can often be seen having his walk on the long corridors of the house.

VIVEK SADAN, SHAHPUR

August was a busy month in Vivek Sadan. From the visit of the Regional Assistant, **Fr. Vernon**, to the celebration of Independence Day and Monica Diwas. **Fr. Arbind Beck** was in Bangalore for REGAI and later in Gothgaon, preparing the mothers for Monica Diwas. **Fr. Vernon**, who impressed us all in the Province with his simplicity and availability, had a good chit-chat with the pre-novices, without the staff present. He fielded a few questions from the young men. One of them asked him how often Pope Francis visited the Curia and another who inspired him to become a Jesuit. **Fr. Dilip** from the Valley was a welcome overnight guest when he came as the Chief Guest for the Daltonganj celebration of Monica Diwas. On the occasion, the pre-novices presented a skit showing the negative influence of modern gadgets, principally the Smart Phone, on family faith practices and unity. Our Chief Guest for the Flag Hoisting was Sri Prem Kujur, a retired school principal from Birsa Nagar. He inspired with his speech and led us in a patriotic song.

FROM DIASPORA

AHMEDABAD, PREMAL JYOTI

Having lived the month of August, the Premal Jyoti Parivar can say that life is not a bed of roses. Kerala, God's own country suffered from devastating flood and so did the Premal Jyoti Parivar from dengue, viral fever, typhoid, jaundice, cold and cough. In fact, more than half of us fell sick but on different dates and thus we were able to take care of each other. **Sch. Patrick** was admitted to Our Lady of Pillar Hospital for a couple of days due to viral fever and was discharged just before one week of CIA-I examination, which was from 10th to 14th August. Towards the end of August, **Schols. Sujit** and **Augustine** were admitted to Our Lady of Pillar Hospital due to dengue and typhoid. They are still regaining their health and strength.

On 16th August, on a one day picnic at Bliss Water Park, we had some exhilarating and breathtaking rides, which is really unforgettable. On 25th August, **Sch. Markus** received Mr. Donald Dias Award for excellence in research in English - 2018. He had done a research project on the topic Rasa in the novel Heroes of the Valley under Student Research Programme 2017-18. Congratulations Researcher Laureate!

Sch. Patrick Tirkey, sj

KOLKATA JUNIORATE

The last week of July and the entire month of August awaited us with series of programs. On 28th July, as a preparation for our Sunday ministries, we had an animating pastoral orientation in Raghobpur – one of the oldest Jesuit parishes in West Bengal. The Orientation was given by **Fr. Salvator Murmu, SJ**, the parish priest, who familiarized us with the historical and cultural backgrounds of the parish and its various substations. It helped us to prepare ourselves well so as to get the best out of our Sunday ministries with the parishioners. After the orientation we visited Kalahridaya – a dance and music institute – run by Calcutta Jesuits under the able guidance of **Fr. Saju George, SJ**, a Ph.D holder in Bharat Natyam.

The feast of St. Ignatius on 31st July was celebrated in a grand manner. The day began with a solemn Holy Eucharist. The campus wore a magnificent festive look. A good number of religious from our neighbouring communities added joy to the celebration as they joined us for the inspiring prayer service and festive lunch.

On 11th August, we had a pilgrimage to the tomb of St. Teresa of Calcutta. It was a moving experience to celebrate Holy Eucharist at the tomb of this great saint. After the Holy Eucharist we spent some time in the museum adjacent to Mother's tomb glancing through her life story. After visiting Mother's tomb we had an opportunity to interact with the children of Sishu Bhavan, one of the biggest homes for the orphan children started by Mother Teresa. From there we moved on to visit Chitrabani – the Media Centre – run by Calcutta Jesuits. We, the Hazaribag Juniors, made it a point to visit St. Xavier's infirmary where three fathers from our province – **Frs. Maria Packiam, Barry, and Augustine Tigga** – were getting treatment.

15th August brought us immense joy and happiness as we had two meaningful celebrations: Independence Day and the Feast of the Assumption of our Lady. After the Holy Eucharist we had Flag Hoisting ceremony. It began with creative march past followed by inspiring and fiery speeches in Hindi and English by two of the juniors. After the Flag Hoisting ceremony we had some fun games and friendly volleyball and basket matches with the Novices.

On 22nd August, we were privileged to attend solemn Eucharistic celebration at St. Xavier College where five of the Calcutta Jesuits pronounced their final vows. *Sch. Paulus Soren, sj*

PUNE, DNC

All the Province men are keeping well. **Fr. Edward**, the rector is looking after everyone well. **Fr. Francis Kurien** keeps himself busy with his classes. **Frs. John** and **Sibrus** are getting ready for the next innings. **Fr. Manjit** the young and energetic priest is accompanying them. **Schols. Anish** and **Dilip** are busy with their classes. The feast of St. Ignatius was celebrated in a grand way. In the evening all the Jesuits of the campus gathered together to share the joy.

On 15th of August the CCA (Chotanagpur Christian Association) had organized Hockey tournament. There were 28 teams. It was the golden occasion to interact with our tribal friends living in various parts of Maharashtra. **Fr. Arjen Tete** (CCU) pronounced his final vows in the same evening. **Sch. Anish** revealed his hidden talents. He actively participated in the entrance dance. JDV campus showed special concern for the flood

victims of Kerala. It donated a good amount of useful things and still it is working on.

Sch. Dilip Indwar, sj

KERALA, VIDYA NIKETAN JUNIARATE

Kerala is going through a great disaster of flood and landslides because of unusual heavy rains. Besides that, August 7th to 9th we had a course on Time Management by **Fr. Lawrence Amalraj, sj**. The course was very meaningful and it helped to improve our studies.

On 15th we celebrated the feast of Assumption of our Lady and Independence Day. In spite of the tragedies the people of Kerala celebrated *Onam*, their annual cultural feast at least in a modest way on 24th and 25th of August. And we had monthly recollection and confession in the last week of the month. *Schols. James, John & Samuel, sj*

SHEMBAGANUR, TERTIANSHIP

With the skilful guidance the 2 Tertian instructors, **Frs. Arul Sivan** and **William Sequira** helped seventeen Tertians to enter the pilgrimage, intensive journal and one month journey of walking in the spiritual exercises of St. Ignatius.

With the completion the Spiritual Exercise, we had three days of sharing our spiritual experiences. After the sharing we had intensive

study of the dynamics of spiritual exercise, social concept of spiritual exercise and its meaning today. After the fruitful and enriching experience of the Spiritual Exercises, all the tertians prepared eight days, three days, two days and one day retreat models. Once the models are ready, we had common presentation of the retreat models followed by evaluations.

Last week August, **Fr. George**, POSA visited us, shared his concerns and the common problems and needs faced by the Assistancy. He also sought volunteers to many countries and common houses. We had the birthday celebration of **Fr. Arul Sivan** with POSA.

A few days before the closing of the month, all of us went for Ignatian experiment to hospices to different parts of country from north to south, east to west. I am working with the Irish presentation sisters with a HIV care centre of JEEVAN JYOTHI HOSPICE which caters HIV affected children, youth, men and women. It also networks with Child line to protect the children from Child marriage, child abuses and child labour. The work is tough and challenging as most of the people are affected by Tuberculosis and a lot of precaution is taken that it is not spread to others.

Fr. Francis Marian, sj

FROM OVERSEAS

CAMBODIA

I am enjoying my sound health, of mind, body and spirit and I am enjoying eating delicious, varieties of Cambodian food. I am glad to get my Cambodian driving license for four wheelers and two wheelers. Now I drive four wheelers and two wheelers freely. I feel much at home because I am well accepted here. After three months, now I can speak, laugh, understand, read and write slowly and communicate to people in Khmer the Cambodian language. Time is just flying away, but I am making best use of it. I had one week Cambodia Jesuit Mission Exposure. I visited various mission stations. It was amazing to see Jesuits' contribution for the people of Cambodia specially the marginalized, homeless, poor and neglected. I visited some of the landmines affected families, and I listened to them, I talked to them, I ate with them and spent time with them. I was moved by their sharing, how they were affected. Thousands of people have lost their lives, hands and legs in landmines. JSC (Jesuit Service in Cambodia) takes care of all of them such as

providing shelter, and educating them. Landmines are still dangerous in some of the rural areas and in the border. Over the years Cambodia has developed a lot. Many Schools have come up and people are being educated. But there is still a big gap between rich and poor. JSC (Jesuit Service in Cambodia) is contributing so much to reduce the gap between the rich and poor. I was so happy and excited to see the places and meet people, where **Frs. Sushil Lakra** and **Arbind Beck** had worked. Their service and contribution was tremendous and people remember both of them a lot. People of Cambodia want to see both of them in Cambodia again. I sincerely thank each one of you for your prayerful support. Let us continue to pray for one another.

Sch. Deepak Lakra sj

FRANCE, PARIS

After a month of introductory 'Cours de langue Française' in Paris, we moved on to another Historical City of France called Lyon to continue our French course with 'Alliance Française, Lyon'.

We commenced our classes from 1st of August and finished on 31st of August. By now we have improved our level of French; we are able to read, write, speak and understand a bit better. We are also glad that we are able to hold on to the conversation and communicate quite easily. We hope to continue to improve our language further and better. In Lyon, we stayed at Communauté Saint-Ignace, a *maison* for EOF province Novices which also accommodates Jesuits working with the 'Youth' and in the college 'Saint-Marc'. We had very rich experiences of the Universal Society in the community, while talking and sharing about our traditions and cultures. We had novices from other three Jesuit provinces besides EOF Province for a week's inter-Novitiate program. We had an opportunity to interact with the novices often at the table and in the house. We were glad to see young and comparatively middle-aged Jesuit Novices which is rare in India.

Besides attending our regular French classes, we visited many famous and historical places in Lyon such as a Basilica on the hill top and Beautiful Ville itself, etc. We also visited the Village and the old house (parish Residence) of St. John Mary Vianney and the Basilica where his relics are still kept intact unlike St. Francis Xavier in India. It was quite surprising to see villages in France well-developed and having the latest facilities and equipment. We simply called these village 'Smart-Villages'. We came back to Paris on 1st of September and now we are brushing up our knowledge of French and preparing ourselves to start another language classes in Catholic University of Paris. We will start our Philosophical and Theological Studies simultaneously after the first semester of language course, probably in mid-January, 2019. We will do all our Philosophical and Theological Studies in our Jesuit University 'Centre Sévres'. We hope that all of our brothers in the Province are keeping fine. Please continue to pray for us. We too assure you of our prayers.

Schs. George & Amit, sj

PHILIPPINES, MANILA EAPI

Torrential rain could not stop 63 EAPI new participants from going out to visit the historical Churches and monuments in Metro-Manila. The participants come from 24 countries. On 15th August, we the 8 Indian Participants organized the Flag hoisting privately here to express our love and respect to the Mother land, 'India'. On 24th once again I had an opportunity to visit a place

called Bontok in Luzon city, which is also known as a mini Switzerland, the end part of northern Philippines. We went to a Philipino Tribal village to participate in the ancestral Spirit worship celebration. The ancestral Spirit worship was organised by a Tribal family for the healing of sick members of the clan. And the worship was performed on a high mountain by an elderly woman 77 of the same village who knows all the names of the ancestors. In the evening when the whole clan was gathered to share a dinner it was a shocking surprise for me to see that they do not serve any kind of alcohol or social drinks in their tribe; rather they consume a lot of fresh meat and green vegetable. They are Catholics and the Church promotes their faith in ancestral spirits. The Church also encourages them to practice their unique culture in their society but not in the Church. From Bontok when I was going to another city Baguio most beautiful hill resort area I had a long journey to reach my destination because of several landslides and sinking road on the way.

Fr. Arwind Minj, sj

SRI LANKA

Fr. Anupchand Minj and **Br. Telesphore Horo** of Ranchi Province and myself left for Tertianship in Sri Lanka on 24th August. We reached Colombo at 7.30 p.m. on the same day. We were picked up by a driver arranged by **Fr. Baylon Perera** (SRL), the Tertian Instructor, at the airport. We were taken to Kelaniya, where we have the Novitiate and the Juniorate. We were happy to see novices and juniors not only from Sri Lanka, but also from East Timor, Pakistan, Bangladesh and India(MDU). We also had a chance to chat with **Fr. Aloysius Pieris**, the famous Theologian cum Indologist, who runs a centre called 'Tulana: Research Centre for Encounter and Dialogue' in Kelaniya. We left for Kandy in the afternoon on 27th August together with the Tertian Instructors, **Fr. Baylon** and **Fr. Antonysamy** (PAT), and other Tertians who were staying in the Provincial House in Colombo. This was four hours journey by bus from Colombo.

We are fourteen Tertians from India, Sri Lanka, Korea, Italy and Vietnam. We are all from different cultural backgrounds and types of apostolates. We are very happy and enthusiastic to be together for the third year of our novitiate in Kandy. We are very highly appreciative of the hospitality of Sri Lankan Jesuits, the infrastructure of Tertianship and the conducive atmosphere of

the campus for prayer and reflection. We began the Tertianship Program with the Eucharistic Celebration by P. **Dexter Fredric Gray**, Provincial of Sri Lanka, and Introduction to Tertianship by **Fr. Baylon**, and Socio-Political context of Sri Lanka by Dr. JehanPerera (Executive Director) from The National Peace Council of Sri Lanka. We will be having sessions on Non Violent Communication by **Fr. Anthony Pillai, SJ** (SRL) in the first week of September. I am grateful to each one of you for your support and prayers. Kindly continue to keep us all in your prayers as we will be entering into our long retreat on 29th September. Assuring you all of my prayerful support. *Fr. Leo Savarimuth, sj*

HEALTH BULLETIN:

Fr. Sushil Lakra visited 3 of our sick men in **St. Xavier's Kolkata** on 30 August 2018.

Fr. Augustine was expected to return to Hazaribag in the first week of September but he had to postpone it due to fresh wounds appearing on the amputated toes. However, he is able to move around by the help of walker. He goes for the morning mass in the community chapel and takes his meals in the infirmary refectory.

Fr. Packiam's wounds are healing and bones are joining well. He was advised to start walking. But when he tried he felt excruciating pain on the lower part of the ankle so remains on his bed.

Fr. Barry's operated calf muscle is healing but at a very slow pace. **Fr. Barry** is patient and very hopeful of getting back to his foot again. But he has a fresh wound above the operated portion of the calf muscle which is quite deep. Barry is not able to walk but he joins the community fathers in their community recreation after supper, on his wheel chair.

RANCHI

Fr. Primus had an accident in 2010 and broke his right leg. During the operation an iron

plate was inserted to support the joining of his broken bones and it remained up to this date. In the first week of August 2018 his leg started swelling due to the infection caused by the iron rod. So, he was operated on 14 August 2018 at Debuka nursing home Ranchi to remove it. Now he is recuperating in the newly built infirmary wing of Manresa house Ranchi.

Sch. Jayant Burh damaged the ligament of his right knee while playing football in St. Xavier's College Ranchi on 24 August. He too went to Debuka nursing home and got plaster and was advised to have complete rest for a month. He too is in the Manresa House infirmary.

HAZARIBAG

Fr. Sushil Lakra had a fall by motorbike while going for the morning mass on 07 September, 2018. He hurt both of his foot but they were not serious. When his pain was not reducing, especially on the left foot, he went to see a doctor on 10 September and came back home with a plaster on his foot for a minor fracture on his bone.

Fr. Bill Dwyer is admitted in Koderma Hospital on 12 September to remove the plaster from his arms. Now, he is being treated for the chest infection.

KINDLY REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Fr. Albert Dumdung, SJ (RAN) died on 7 August 2018 at Ranchi. 83/61

Fr. Isudas Cueli, SJ (GUJ) passed away on 16 August, 2018 at Vadodara, Gujarat. 87/68

Fr. Albert Huart, SJ passed away on 05 September 2018 in Belgium. 93/75

SEPTEMBER DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

15/1998 Rev. Maurice Sanga

20/2009 Michael Windey

24/1991 James Dynan

From GC35 Dec 6 no. 15 on Collaboration: “Collaboration in Mission has resulted in abundant blessings for the apostolates of the Society. Being with apostolic collaborators in mission encourages us to live more fully and authentically our Jesuit religious vocation. Ultimately, we bring to these relationships our own identity as men of the vows and the Constitutions, men whose experience of the Spiritual Exercises has bound us to one another and to a particular pathway to God.” Vision for the Society in 2031: Our Father General, **Arturo Sosa**, was recently quoted by our South Asian Regional Assistant, **Fr. Vernon D’Cunha**, as saying that he feels 2031 will see the Society as: i. servant collaborators; ii more austere and looking at reality through the eyes of the poor; iii. Promoting Brother vocations; iv. less in number, [presently we are 300 less each year] with more stress on quality and spiritual depth and working more with others; v. problem of clerical dominance to be avoided. We are servants of Christ’s mission; vi. more available and mobile to go anywhere as servants of universality; vii. Rooted locally; viii. Enriching each other as a multicultural body...not a multinational body! ix. A more flexible community and better communication; x. collaboration should be an integral part of our way of proceeding...we will have no choice in the matter!! This is one step further than GC35. [Editor] A further reflection from **Fr. General** concerned how Discernment and Apostolic Planning must go together. **WHAT we do is not so important but HOW we do it.**

Word of God: God, who supplies seed to sow and bread to eat, will also supply you with all the seed you need and make it grow and produce a rich harvest from your generosity. He will always make you rich enough to be generous at all times, so that many will thank God for your gifts which they receive from us. For this service you perform not only meets the needs of God’s people but also produce an outpouring of gratitude to God.”[2 Cor 9: 10-12]

Intentions: Let us pray for the success of the upcoming Indian Bazaar in St. Ignatius College, Sydney, Australia, which will be attended by **Fr. Provincial Santosh** and **Fr. Bob Slattery**. May God bless the day with good weather and generous hearts. We pray for the ongoing REGAE Meets and for all our sick companions and those studying and witnessing here and abroad. You are not forgotten! We pray for vocations through the powerful intercession of our September SJ Heroes: Peter Claver, Robert Bellarmine, our European Martyrs, Francis Garate and the Spanish Martyrs. May those who “Come and See” be blessed with the wholeheartedness of Peter, the love for the Church of Robert, the humility of Francis Garate and the courage of our Martyrs.

Prayer: [a short prayer from St. Peter Claver] “Seek God in all things and we shall find God by our side.” Amen.