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PROVINCIAL'S SCHEDULE
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March 2014

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FROM AROUND THE PROVINCE

BALIDIH

In the Balidih parish the year 2013 was fare welled by burning the old man, and welcoming the new year 2014 with thanks giving Mass said by the PP **Fr. James** and **Fr. Anil** for all the graces and gifts at the Eucharist at 11.30 p. m.

On January 7 the nephew the late Fr. John Moore S.J., Mr. Francis Moore and his wife and daughter visited St. Louis Balidih escorted by **Fr. Sushil Lakra**. The hostel children sang a welcome song for them at their arrival.

Due to the excess cold the Middle School was closed from 16th. – 18th. The High School functioned as usual. At present the school timing is changed. From 8.30 am – 3.00 pm to 9.00 am – 3.00 p.m.

The Republic Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm in the school. The National Flag was hoisted by Madam Anita Prasad D.G.C. (District General Coordinator) for education.

Occasionally **Fr. Pradeep Shail** visits St. Louis Balidih to supervise the renovation work.

BOKARO

The School reopened after the winter holidays on 6 January with Model Exams for Classes 10 & 12, and regular schedule for other Classes. The Primary and the Middle Sections received huge applause and awards for their cultural presentations during the Republic Day celebrations organised by Bokaro Steel Plant. Frank Moore, nephew of late John Moore, with wife Sally and daughter Clare, visited the School in early January. Armed with his diary and notes from the 1990s, Frank was much pleased to be able to meet and renew his ties with those associated with John. **Fr Lourduraj** and Mr Rituraj from LIFE - Satya Bharati - spent a few days planning and shooting for a documentary on the School. They will come back for further recordings in March.

BHURKUNDA

On 13th January we celebrated Polio Free India in our campus. Rotary Bhurkunda organized special competitions for all the schools. Around 5000 students

from various schools gathered in our ground. Rotary District Governor was the Chief Guest. **Fr. Anil Aind** spent few days with his ailing brother and family. His brother Vijay passed away on 16th January while entire family was around him. **Anil** returned after his funeral and we celebrated a community Eucharist together with the sisters. We had special Kite festival on 26th January along with the Republic Day celebration. **Frs. Saju** and **Francis Lopes** attended the Deanery meeting and the Pre Budget meetings. **Francis** is the New Dean of Ramgarh Deanery. **Saju** and **Anil** were in Boitka for the Managing Committee meeting.

Congratulations to **Fr. Francis Lopez** on his appointment by **Bishop Anand** as the Dean of the newly constituted Ramgarh Deanery.

BOITKA

Fr. Arvind Hans and his team came to give us new message on New Years day. Amidst the natural beauty our school seems to be attracting more and more people. **Fr. Tom** and his students from Australia, Holy Cross Sisters, Srs. Agnes, Anima, Suman, Ishpriya and some Fathers from Catholic Ashram Hazaribag came to see the place. The maiden visit of **Bishop Anand Jojo** was a blessing for us. A large number of people both Catholics and non Catholics came to receive his blessings. We had school managing committee meeting in Boitka. **Frs. Saju, Anil Aind, Christopher Kujur**, Srs. Justina, and Mebal came to attend the meeting. **Fr. Peter Paul** continues to visit villages and **Deacon Silas** looks after the school and faithful around Boitka.

CHARHI, MASI MARSAL

In the new year we opened our school on 3rd January. Soon we had house-wise picnics for the Middle School and High School. Then we fare welled our 10th Std. students.

Frs. Shyam and **Francis Indwar** went to Jamshedpur to attend an NLP programme.

Fr. Gyan Ignatius was busy in giving a marriage seminar to 7 couples.

This month we bought library almirahs and books for the high school thanks to the generosity of our Australian benefactor, Dr. Flynn.

HAZARIBAG, ARRUPE NEWS

Fr. Provincial visited the scholastics studying in the southern states of India. During this visit he found some time to visit his home as well.

Fr. P.O. Chacko went to Churadohar, Dumberdih, Mahuadanr and Pakripath to see and monitor the development and progress of the buildings that are being built in these places. **Fr. Gyan**, the Treasurer, also went to Mahuandanr and Daltonganj to check the accounts and did a mini audit at these places.

Fr. Sushil organized the program for the visits of late Fr. John Moore's nephew, Frank Moore, his wife and their daughter. He accompanied them to Bokaro and Kajarkilo. Frank met some of his old friends whom he had met on his last visit in 1980. What surprised everyone was the little diary that Frank kept. This diary recorded the events and persons he met then. Some of the students of that time came and renewed their friendship with Frank.

Jesuit Legacy Programme: As part of the celebration of the Bicentenary of the Restoration of the Society, the education sector of the Central Zone was asked to spread the Jesuit Education Legacy in our education institutions. From the evening of January 10th to midday 12th, province teams of the central zone met in St. Stanislaus College, Sitagarha for planning. Hazaribag was represented by **P.J. James, Pradeep Shail, Bob Slattery, Tom Keogh, Saju Bastian** and **Pius Kerketta**. The plans will be discussed with the heads of schools at the pre-budget meeting. The participants from the five Provinces were very appreciative of the hospitality of the Rector, Minister and SSC community.

Navajbai Ratan Tata Trust sponsors education programmes in Khunti district of Jharkhand and Yadgir district of Karnataka. **Bob Slattery** from 20th to 24th January was in Yadgir to assess the impact of a programme which aims at improving the standard of English in classes 5 to 8 in 30 government schools. The programme stresses very much encouraging the students to speak, using role plays, group and pair work, specially prepared dialogue lessons and story telling. A director and four coordinators train the government teachers and go to the government schools to supervise the teaching and give feedback. The Trust works through an NGO, Centre for British Teaching and Education Services, Hyderabad under the umbrella of another NGO, based in Yadgir that is running a number of other educational initiatives supported by the Trust.

HAZARIBAG, ST. ROBERT'S – ANKUR

Fr. Pius and Mr. Manoj from St. Robert's School went to Ahmedabad to attend the Jesuit Alumni meeting held from January 4 – 5. He also attended the Central Zone Jesuit Education meeting which was held in PTEC, Sitagarha from January 10-12.

Fr. Suleman went to Ranchi on 10th and 21st to meet the doctor for his routine check up.

On 21st the school gave a farewell to 10th and 12th class students. Meanwhile the 10th and 12th science students were busy with their pre-board exams.

On 26 January **Sch. Suman** took the 9th class students to Hazaribag Stadium for Prabhat Pheri. St. Robert's boys won the best NCC (Junior) prize and 2 boys secured the 1st and 2nd position (Junior) in the Cross Country organized by Hazaribag Athlete Association on

25th. The Hostel boys picnicked on the school campus and the candidates had their picnic in Sitagarha on 19th. On 25th the school staff went for a picnic to Demotand.

HAZARIBAG, ST. XAVIERS

At the beginning of the month, after a few chilly mornings, the town administration closed all schools for a few days. Principal, **Fr. James**, in an interview published in *The Telegraph*, queried the necessity of this well meaning order on the grounds that the children have sufficient warm clothes to protect them from cold, and that to mollycoddle children does more harm than good.

Our sabbatical resident **Fr. Hans**, after a series of farewell visits and dinners left Hazaribag for Sydney via Delhi on 15th for a holiday and to celebrate his fifty years as a priest in Sydney with **Fr. Phil Crotty**. He was last heard of enjoying the surf while staying with his brother, Harry, in Mollimook on the south coast of New South Wales. (The name "Mollymook" is believed to be a corruption of mollymawk, the name given by sailors to a small species of albatross)

Guest Master, **Br. Francis Mathias**, spent two weeks in his native air of Mangalore to celebrate the sacerdotal jubilee of a relative. He returned much refreshed, just in time for the celebration of his 73rd birthday on 29th.

On Sunday 26th the HOXA (Hazaribag Old Xaverians Association), to honor Republic Day, held the inauguration of their free medical clinic. It will function in the building at the school gate, on Sunday afternoons. About thirty old boys including doctors were present. Enough doctors have volunteered, including some not from St Xaviers, to ensure the success of the venture. The first patients were ex-Principals **Frs. Bernie Donnelly** and **Bill Dwyer** to have their blood pressure taken by Dr. Sandeep Mukherjee before the assembled old boys. Both were declared fit.

Then on 28th, the school Foundation Day, the HOXA, in collaboration with the Sadar Hospital Blood Bank, organized a blood donation in the clinic. The Blood Bank will come to the clinic twice a year for donors.

The school staff had a seminar on Life Skills, sponsored by Pearson Education, India. The Pearson publishing company sent a resource person to conduct the seminar.

KAJARKILO, MASI MARSAL

The New Year began with new hopes and aspirations which were foreseen and remembered at the vigil mass of 31st December, 2013. We thanked the Lord for our missionary works and endeavours. Many faithful too thanked the Lord for his goodness and asked for blessings for their new hopes and dreams of 2014.

Fr. Nicholas Topno left for Pune after the New Year. He helped the parish while continuing his personal research. **Fr. Shyam** came for a day to update the

marriage seminar syllabus with the help of a catechist. **Fr. Hans** too visited us before leaving to Australia.

Sr. Rosy had gone home to see her father who is undergoing treatment for cancer.

On January 8, the nephew of late Fr. John Moore from Australia paid us a short visit.

The Bokaro deanery meeting was held at Bokaro Steel City new parish on 14th January. **Rev. Bishop Anand** too joined the meeting. The meeting was held to evaluate the Year of Faith. The Bishop shared his plan of another two new deaneries for Hazaribag Diocese. He also shared his concerns for the priests to take care of themselves.

On 17th January, **Fr. Francis Indwar** had gone for NLP programme in Jamshedpur.

Many students had gone home to celebrate 'Sohrai'. So there was a winter holiday for one day along with 'Makar Sakranti'. As the academic year is coming to an end the admission forms are being given from the school. The Republic Day was celebrated with great joy and enthusiasm. **Fr. Emile**, the secretary of the school hoisted the National Flag. The students enjoyed their picnic at the nearby Konar river.

On January 31st the Mother General of FCC made a flying visit to the sisters here. She spent a very short time here, yet her presence and her words of encouragement were memorable.

PATKI, MASI MANDER

After Christmas holidays we started our work as usual. On 14th January both of us attended the Bokaro Deanery meeting at Bokaro Steel City. **Rev. Bishop Anand Jojo** with two new deacons were special guests for the meeting. **Bishop Anand** laid stress on the need for strengthening Basic Christian Communities and youth programs in the Diocese and for reviving the marriage tribunal and strengthening Christian families. He also wants to revive the function of the Dean and also he talked about living scandal free lives.

On 26th January we had two Masses, one for children and the other for the people from the villages. For flag hoisting in the school **Fr. Kishore** was the chief guest. His speech was so powerful that it touched the hearts of the children. This year there were three speeches: in Hindi, English and Santali. The children understood his meaning that any leader could be challenged.

MAHUADANR COMMUNITY

January was the month of celebrations: the New Year, village feasts and the birthdays of **Frs. Tej, Philemon, Peter Jones** and **Vinod**. It was an occasion for the community to celebrate the gift of life.

The various repairs of the community residence are in progress under the supervision of Fr. Minister.

Fr. Barnabas Xalxo is the new parish priest of Chiro

Path. He is fresh from the tertianship. As a good shepherd, he is looking after the sheep with great compassion and love.

On 17 January, a hostel boy of 11th class broke his arm. After first aid in Carmel Hospital he was taken to Sahodaya, Shahpur. **Fr. Moris** helped the injured student to see the doctor and provided accommodation for him in the hostel.

On 24 January there was a meeting with the guardians of Muslim students regarding the Friday *Namaz*. The guardians' response was very co-operative.

The university practical examination of part two Science took place on 10 January. At present the theory paper of part one examination is going on in the new College building.

St. Xavier's College, Mahudanr has been shifted from St. Joseph's school campus to its new campus very smoothly. The new college building was blessed by **Fr. John Xaxa** Superior of the Mahuadanr Community on 20 January. We are very grateful to God and the Hazaribag Province as well as all the people of good will who have helped in various ways to establish this college and the construction of the new college building. Regular classes began on 21 January.

Congratulations to **Fr Ranjit Marandi** who has been awarded a Junior Research Fellowship under the Rajiv Gandhi Research Fellowship from the UGC. The fellowship is for minimum two years and maximum five years. This fellowship will cover many of his research related expenses.

CHIROPATH

Fr. Barnabas and Deacon **Basant** are busy with village tours. The Catholic villages celebrated their village feasts for the first time under the guidance of **Fr. Barnabas**. We organized a *panch* seminar for all the village *panches* from January 13th to 14th. On the first day there were around 25 *panches* and on the second day some women also joined the seminar. We had fruitful discussions on some pertinent issues. For Republic Day **Fr. Barnabas** was the chief guest in St Mary's Middle School Chiropath.

SHAHPUR, SAHODAYA

In the month of January **Fr. Packiam** visited Jharkhand Academic Council to find out the latest situation regarding the opening permission for the High School. According to the JAC officials we have reached the last stage provided we submit the land lease deed documents renewed for thirty years. The previous lease deed was made only for five years in 2010 and was not accepted. So we went to Pakripat to meet **Fr. Savari** to formulate the document before it goes to the registry office in Daltonganj.

Due to heavy rain on 11th **Fr. Moris** had to postpone the annual school sports till 26th January. **Fr. Geoff** was the chief guest.

Before the farewell for the 10th class, **Fr. Moris** arranged a combined picnic to Betla Park for class 10 and the school staff. **Fr. Packiam** looked after the hostel in the absence of **Sch. Anupam** and Mr. David.

On 27th January **Frs. Suman, Packiam, Schols. Anupam** and **Anand** from Jamuniadanr went to Garu to bless the marriage of Mr. Kuldeep Kerketta who is the cook of Sahodaya. **Fr. Suman** said the Mass and **Fr. Packiam** blessed the marriage. Kuldeep's partner, Anupa Toppo, is the assistant nurse to Sr. Imma in Jamuniadanr. In the absence of Kuldeep Mr. Peter Kerketta, our munshi, looks after the kitchen.

Fr. Pradeep keeps busy looking after the school in the absence of the Headmistress. At times he teaches English for the senior children in the school and supervises the new school construction.

On 19 January **Fr. P.O. Chacko** visited Churadohar to see the new building. The ground floor casting was done on 20 January. Before completing the ten months Grihini course, Sr. Ancy and **Pradeep** arranged a picnic for the girls to Mrichiya falls near Garu.

Mr. Kishore Korwa, one of the head catechists, and his family from Jamuniadanr had received Baptism on 14th January, 1994 by **Fr. Xavier Diraviam**. As a token of his love for Christianity, on completing 20 years as a Catholic, he arranged a Special Eucharistic celebration at his village, Cuppa. Since the priests from Jamuniadanr had gone to Garhwa deanery picnic, **Fr. Packiam** was invited to celebrate the Eucharist. All the Catholics were invited and the CIC Sisters conducted the choir.

Fr. Raska is giving the final touches to the two newly constructed class rooms; hopefully, we will bless the class rooms by the end of February 2014.

INFORMATION FOR SCHOLASTICS

1. Retreat: May 23rd p.m. to June 1st a.m.

Venue: SSC Sitagarha.

Scholastics Get-Together will be held in Pakripath conducted by Vidya Jyoti Schols.

Dates: May 17th evening till May 21st morning.

2. INFORMATION FOR ALL

Our VOCATION CAMP 2014 will be held from April 3rd p.m. to April 14th a.m. in Ankur. **The Camp will be conducted by the DNC Schols assisted by the RTC Schols.**

PLEASE GIVE THE DATES WIDE CIRCULATION

Please display the information on School, College and Parish boards.

The PCF wishes to thank all his Jesuit companions in the various places he visited in the last three months. Thanks to the Rectors, Superiors, Directors, Province men and communities: Premal jyoti Ahmedabad, DNC and St.Vincent's, Pune, Vidya Jyoti Delhi, and Matigara Pre-Nov [Darj], Champion School, Bhopal and PCF **Fr. Henry** for the Early Formation Meet.

P.T.E.C.

On the occasion of Republic Day, **Fr. Louis**, the Principal said the Mass, hoisted the National flag, the campus students presented a well prepared March Past, the Middle School children presented an attractive patriotic dance and the PTEC students presented English and Hindi speeches. Much time in the month of January went in sports practices and the students were found to be very happy preparing for the Annual Sports Day, to be held on 1st February. **Fr. Yugal** has contacted Mr. M.K. Singh, the Chief Commandant, CRPF, to be the chief guest for the Annual Sports Day.

The Middle School had invited Ms. Monica Kujur, the former PTEC Principal as the chief guest for the Mini Sports Day. The High school students and the staff had an enjoyable annual picnic to Karitongri. They also had the sent up test.

Fr. Tom Keogh presented a topic on IPP in the Central Zone Education meeting held at Sitagarha.

Fr. Tony keeps trying various means to keep the financial status of the institution stable. **Fr. Christo** gives his time for the PTEC hostel students, High students and gardening. Fr. Fabianus Sinduria was with us regarding his accounts work.

ST. STANISLAUS COLLEGE

The novices welcomed the New Year with spiritual nourishment by burning the old man at the pond. This was followed by the Eucharist. Now they are busy with classes.

The juniors on the other hand began their new year with the people in the parish by joining in their prayer and Eucharist. There followed a course on Buddhism by **Fr. Geoff**.

Fr. Joachim is in and out to Ranchi and Simdega for the launching of his new book, as well as the Ordination of his nephew. **Fr. David** went to Patna for his eye check up.

Fr. R. C. Chacko went to Delhi to give the Diaconate retreat. He then gave classes to our novices on the Spiritual Exercises.

Fr. Xavier Diraviam is up and down healthwise while **Br. Michael** is renewed in spirit after the visit of his family. **Fr. Patras** is busy changing the electrical wiring from copper to aluminum. The new infirmary rooms at SSC are nearing completion.

FROM THE DIASPORA

AHMEDABAD

The month of January 2014 was filled with many wonderful blessings for us. We welcomed the New Year 2014 with new zeal and energy. On 3 January the new Provincial of Gujarat, **Fr. Francis Parmar**, took up the reins of government. Fr. POSA paid a short visit to Premal Jyoti. Our Fathers from Hazaribag were here for the meeting. On 15th January **Sch. Nirmal** went to Punjab for a physics conference. On 23rd January we the religious of Ahmadabad had a talk on Evangelii Gaudium in Premal Jyoti. It was given by **Fr. Joe Francis S.J.**, professor emeritus, Gujarat Vidyadeep. In a nutshell, it was a revisit to Pope Francis' points regarding the Church. He highlighted the essential views of the Pope such as his ideology, the challenges before the church, proclamation of the gospel, new evangelization, the Church's role to heal the wounds of the faithful and the importance of women in the church.

KANDY, SRI LANKA

Our Tertianship Program comes to an end on 27th Feb.2014. I will be back to SXS, Bokaro Community on 1st March, in the morning. **Fr. Rosner**

PUNE, DE NOBILI

Fr Augustine Tigga writes, "An SMS from Bokaro from **Pradeep** informed me that the bail hearing is on 30th January. He is confident that we will get it. Then whatever date is fixed I will have to appear in court for bail.. Hence I'm waiting to hear from **Pradeep** at the outcome of the hearing."

Simon, Lawrence and **Prakash Baskey** had their role in the play "Passion & Glory". Our DNC play won the hearts of all. It was well worth the effort of a month's preparation and practice. All the Jesuit communities in the city along with other religious were present for the show. The "Khasi 'cup was won by DNC brothers, so next Sunday 2 February there is a picnic.

YANGON

We are well into the new term which started on the seventh. Despite the growing number of Spoken English Centers our numbers seem to be increasing. This term again we have well over two hundred students, which is a big number for us.

I see on the BBC weather report that North India is very cold and foggy. Here the weather is very pleasant.

This morning the minimum was sixteen so people are wearing layers of warm clothes and woolly hats. During the day the temperature gets up to twenty nine or thirty. People here are saying that even for this time of the year it is colder than usual. The cold of America and Europe must be drifting down to North India and gradually finding its way to Yangon.

After Christmas we had a Mission Meeting in the novitiate in Taunggyi, which is 400 miles north east of Yangon and over five thousand feet up, so the mornings and evenings were very cold but the days sunny and warm, very like Hazaribag. **Mark Raper** and his Socius were there along with the Thai Superior and a representative from Malaysia- Singapore. I think there is a long term plan for Myanmar: Malaysia-Singapore and Thailand to come together as a Province but that is still a long way off. The talk at the moment is for more and more collaboration. Already there are seven Thai novices in Taunggyi.

COURSES

PG diploma in Mass Communication:

Xavier Institute of Communications, Ranchi offers PG Diploma in Film & Television: Digital Video Production (FTV) & PG Diploma in Broadcast Journalism (BJ) at Lievens' Institute of Film & Electronic media (LIFE), Ranchi from July 2011. Ranchi is the only branch of XIC, Mumbai in the country. The students who pass out of XIC, Ranchi will get their diploma at the convocation in XIC, Mumbai in April 2015. LIFE is a Jesuit Media institute of Central Zone Jesuit provinces.

Fees: For Tribals & Dalits for FTV & BJ: Rs. 1 lakh & 90000 respectively For non-Tribals & Dalits it will be 1.65 lakhs & 1.4 lakhs.

Visit xicranchi.org for more information & email

Prayers Please:

Fr. Joe Hassan S.J. (ASL) has been moved from Southern Cross homes to Hornsby hospital (Sydney) and would appear to be in his last days. Michael Ryan is in touch with relatives in New Zealand. Let us pray for Joe as he makes his way home to God.

Kindly remember in your prayers:

- **Fr. Everic Pais, SJ** (BOM) who died on 6 January 2014 in Vinayalaya early morning. 87/58
- **Fr. Tom Lees, SJ** (HAZ) who died on 3 February in Australia after a long illness. 87/71
- Mr Vijay Aind, elder brother of **Fr. Anil Aind**, who died on 16 January 2014 at Karra, Ranchi.
- **Fr. Simon Furtado, SJ** (KAR) who died on 16 January 2014 in Bangalore. 95/75
- **Archbishop Emeritus Benedict J. Osta, SJ** (PAT) who died on 30 January 2014 in Kurji Holy Family Hospital, Patna. He was Archbishop of Patna for 27 years till his retirement. 82/63

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Summer Course 2014: A crash course on "Media Production is conducted from May 1-15, 2014 at Lievens' Institute of Film & Electronic media, Ranchi. The participants will be put through production elements of Video production and inputs on media education. Two batches have gone out of the portals of LIFE, Ranchi.

Fees: The course fee is Rs. 10000/- and for the boarding and lodging, it will be Rs. 3000/- Information at liferanchi.org and e-mail liferanchi@gmail.com or phone: (0651) 2350123

YOUNG PRIESTS' PROGRAMME *

21st March : Arrive by evening
22nd to 23rd till noon, Program - at Arrupe Niwas
23rd March, Departure after lunch
(* For Priests between Ordination and Final Vows)

Ongoing Formation

As part of our Ongoing Formation series,
A one day programme is being organized

FOR OURS WHO ARE SIXTY YEARS OF AGE AND ABOVE.

Topic: Reflecting on a
SPIRITUALITY FOR THE LATER YEARS.

Resource person: Fr. Abe Puthumana, SJ (PAT)

Date : Tuesday 25th March at 9.00 A.M.

Place: St. Xavier's Community, HAZ

All our senior citizens are most welcome.

For further information and bookings,

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