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*A Very Happy And Prosperous New Year To All Our Readers*

**DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS...Jan 19<sup>th</sup> Ignatius, Brazilian Martyr.**

**FR. PROVINCIAL'S PROGRAM**

**January 2019**

- 13 Province Consult
- 16 Jamuniatanr Visitation
- 17 Sahodaya Visitation
- 18 Vivek Sadan Visitation
- 19 Churadohar Visitation
- 23-24 Manresa House, Ranchi visitation

**February 2019**

- 4-5 Pakripath Visitation
- 6-7 Mahuadanr Community Visitation
- 8 Chiropath Visitation
- 9 Tundtoli Visitation
- 10 St. Xavier's College, Mahuadanr- Visitation
- 17 Province Consult
- 20-21 Ahmedabad Visitation
- 22-28 JCSA, Goa

**Appointment by Fr. Provincial:**

- **Fr. Shyju Thomas-** Acting Superior of Prerana Community since 28 December, 2018.
- **Fr. Arwind Minj-** Residing at Tundtoli Parish.

**After Tetianship & Renewal:**

- **Fr. John Xaxa-** Sabbatical and renewal, residing at Tundtoli parish.
- **Fr. Sibrus Barwa-** Sabbatical and renewal, residing at Ankur. He will attend Ignatian Immersion program in Manresa, Spain. (28 Apr. to 08 Jun. 2019)
- **Francis Marian-** joins the treasures office at Arrupe Niwas.
- **Roshan Kerketta-** joins Catholic Cooperative bank, Mahuadanr.

**RIP:** We are deeply saddened by the Sudden death of **Most Rev. Bishop Emeritus Charles Soreng SJ, D.D.**, on 11 Jan. 2019, at Ara gate, Ranchi. May his Soul rest in eternal peace!

**FROM AROUND THE PROVINCE**

**BOKARO, ST. XAVIER'S**

The month of December was very busy with Annual Sports and the Parents' Days and farewells. On 3<sup>rd</sup> we celebrated the School feast by having Holy Mass for the Christian students and staff and the Club. On 9<sup>th</sup> was the Annual sports. Mr. Anil Palta IPS

was the Chief Guest. A large number of Parents and Boxans witnessed the events. The Social Service School mass drill and the Yoga by the entire Primary and the Middle sections were the special attractions. Xavier College, Melbourne students and their guides were the special guests on the Mini sports.

Our Parents' Days cum House Competitions were affected by the sudden cyclonic rain on 18<sup>th</sup>. The four days programs were rescheduled for two days on 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. The entire student's body of 3220 of the school was on stage to display their talents before the parents. Each section had separate Chief Guests and the Guest of Honour including Provincial **Fr. Santosh Minj**.

On 22<sup>nd</sup> we gave farewell to Class twelve. 22<sup>nd</sup> evening the Christmas gathering was organised for special invitees. DIG, DC, SP, School Managing Committee members, BOXA leadership, PP George and Asst, and Town School Principals graced the occasion. **Fr. Saju** was the Main Celebrant for the Bokaro Parish Midnight Mass and the Chief Guest for the Christian Unity Forum Common Gathering. **Fr. Tom** attended the Extended Consult. In the Christmas break **Fr. Arun** visited his sister to celebrate her Silver Jubilee of Marriage.

**Saju** looked after the Students winter Camp and went to Ranchi to see the lawyer looking after the school cases. Srs, Rosy and Preeti went home to see their ageing and ailing fathers. School reopened on 3<sup>rd</sup> and from 4<sup>th</sup> we had Pre-Board Exams for Classes X & XII

### **CHIROPATH PARISH**

**Fr. Barnabas, Br. David** and the sisters attended the blessing ceremony of a new Jesuit residence in St. Xavier's college Mahuadanr on 12<sup>th</sup> December in the evening. On 15<sup>th</sup> Dec. two pre-novices, Anusheel Baxla and Aman Marandi from Vivek Sadan came for their Christmas ministry. They stayed with us till Christmas. They prepared a good choir with the help of hostel students from Surkain for Christmas midnight mass. On 26<sup>th</sup> they went back to Vivek Sadan. A good number of the faithful came for the midnight mass. From 15<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> **Fr. Barnabas** stayed in Mahuadanr parish and gave a three day retreat to the marriage seminar group. On 26<sup>th</sup> he went to Rajawal to bless the marriage of his relative from Irawal

On 21<sup>st</sup> school students had a parents' day celebration. Mr. Dharamsay Nagesia, the Mukhiya of Orsa panchayat was the Chief

guest of the day. The students presented a colourful cultural program to honour their parents. At the end the 2<sup>nd</sup> terminal results were given out to the students.

### **HAZARIBAG, ARRUPE NIWAS**

As part of on-going formation program, **Fr. Patras Tirkey** organized the young priests' meeting and sharing at Arrupe Niwas on 8th and 9th of December. **Fr. Tony Herbert SJ**, and **Br. Paulus SG** of Mont fort, Mariam Toli were the resource persons.

We had Province extended consult meeting at Arrupe Niwas on 17 and 18 December 2018. The participants of the meeting were the Superiors, directors of work and some invited members. There were 37 participants. **Fr. R.C. Chacko** led the group by highlighting the roles and responsibilities of the Superiors and the Directors of work. He animated the group to reflect and pray over the spirituality and dynamics of our roles as leaders of our communities and the apostolates. He is really a good resource person for such meetings and conventions. We are going to miss him for next 6 months as he is going to Nairobi to be the co-Tertian Instructor in Kenya. We wish him very happy and fruitful stay in Nairobi.

On 27 Dec. 2018, we honoured our jubilarians as **Fr. Gavin O'Sullivan** completed 75 years in the Society, **Fr. Tony Ryan** 60 years in the Society and **Fr. Paul Jackson** and **Fr. Camil Kujur** completed 50 years of their priestly life and **Fr. Ignatius Tete (RAN)** completed 50 years in the Society. **Fr. Gavin** and **Fr. Paul Jackson** could not come for the Jubilee mass. We congratulate these great men who have been blessings to the Society and the Church and pray for God's blessings upon them for their well being.

Prerana cluster organized a workshop, at Arrupe Niwas on 4th of Jan. 2019 for all the Jesuits and our partners in our mission to bring awareness to create safe and secure environment in our institutes and workplaces. This program was meant for the members of Prerana Centre and extended units, Arrupe Niwas, PTEC

Sitagarha and SSC Sitagarha. There were 165 Participants in the workshop. We thank **Fr. P.J. James** for conducting this workshop which made us aware and sensitive in our dealings with the students and staff in order to make our work place better and safe.

**Fr. James** has taken up this task of conducting the workshop to all the five clusters. Along with this program **Fr. James** is also visiting the schools and hostels of our province to study the basic facilities we have and what more we need to do to improve them.

**Fr. Francis Marian** came back to Arrupe Niwas Hazaribag on 06 Jan. 2018 after his Tertianship in Shembagnur. And **Fr. Arwind Minj** returned to the Province on 11 December, from Philippines.

We continue to Pray for our sick members: **Frs. Packiam** and **Augustine Tigga** in Kolkata, **Fr. Suleman** in St. Xaviers Hazaribag, **Fr. Gavin**, **Bros. Michael** and **Lawrence Saldanha** at SSC, **Fr. Geoff** in Australia and **Fr. Paul Jackson** in Patna.

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

The Annual Sports Day on 22<sup>nd</sup> signaled a gala end of classes for ten days. The day was divided between cultural items and athletic events. The variety of group dancing performed class-wise ensured that virtually every student took part in the entertainment. It was a splendid performance watched by a big crowd. The felicitation of groups of past students has become a feature of the day; this year the school welcomed the batches of 1955-58, 1978 and 1993 – a mixture of still youthful HOXANs, and hoary old boys of the 1950's. .

**Fr. Rosner** spent his Christmas vacation with his sister who had surgery in Ambikapur. He was on call for blood donation. **Fr. Manoj** was busy blessing marriages of his family members and relatives. That left a small community for Christmas. **Fr. Barry** was a welcome addition for the feast.

On Christmas Day the remaining community entertained to tea many groups of Sisters bearing the products of their ovens and other gifts to show their love and appreciation of their brothers.

As guest master, **Bro. Francis** provided all comforts for the group from Xavier College Melbourne before Christmas, and the group of sixteen from St. Ignatius College, Riverview, which spent three days with us in the New Year.

#### **MAHUADANR COMMUNITY**

Fr. Provincial's visited us on 11<sup>th</sup> of December and inaugurated the college Jesuit residence on 12<sup>th</sup> of December. It was followed by the visit of guests from Melbourne who was accompanied by **Fr. George**. The college organized an international seminar on 14<sup>th</sup> of December on the theme "Bridging gaps through education."

We were also glad to welcome back **Fr. Roshan Kerketta** after his tertianship and **Fr. John Xaxa** from Sumedha, Jolikote. **Fr. Cyril Toppo** was our guest for *Shadi* and New Year. **Fr. Peter Jones** went to Hazaribag to witness the Annual sports day of St. Xavier School, Hazaribag and also to attend the HOXA meet.

**Fr. Dilip Ekka** went to Jamshedpur for REGAE followed by a meeting in Hazaribag. Soon after that he busied himself for the preparation of the Christmas gathering for the staff and the students on 21<sup>st</sup> December. **Fr. Sebren** provided a big *banda* to the hostellers for their gathering. Soon after Christmas, the class 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> students filled up the exam forms. We deeply appreciate the initiative of **Dilip** who has applied for the solarization of the campus with 30 KWp offline power grids. He also has neutralized the unending heavy electricity bills with a new billing method at a very low cost per unit. **Fr. Sebren** went for his niece's marriage. In his absence, **Sch. Asim Prabhat** kept the hostel flag unfurled.

**Fr. Amod Gridha** and **Fr. Anand** had a hectic schedule for the Christmas preparation as well as the celebration, not only in Mahuadanr but also at different mass centers. We witnessed extreme cold weather this year, yet, the faithful came in an extraordinarily great number for the vigil mass. **Fr. Amod** organized a Eucharist cum Christmas gathering for the senior citizens, and also honoured them with shawls and a

*bara khana* sponsored by Mr. Juel Lakra. The youth of Chechari created a history on 16 December with their Christmas carols to all the parishes. They distributed cakes and sweets not only to the parish priests but also to the public administrators of Mahuadanr.

The parish organized Shadi Seminar from 10<sup>th</sup> Dec to 19<sup>th</sup> December 2018 in which 28 couples prepared themselves for a happy married life. **Fr. Ranjit Marandi** gave good inputs to the couples on child psychology and man-woman psychology using multimedia. **Fr. Barnabas Xalxo** preached retreat to them. Dhumdham Shadi was celebrated in Chachari on 27<sup>th</sup> of December. **Fr. Peter Jones** avails himself for the confession anytime in the church which is appreciated very much by young Jesuits.

### **P.T.E.C., GURWA**

It goes without saying that the month of December has its own charm due to glad and joyous tidings plus picnics here and there and Christmas gathering programmes everywhere. 3<sup>rd</sup> December, the Feast of St. Francis Xavier, is a special day because of Jesuit Fathers working in the college as well as Xavier House Students. **Fr. Shyam** was the main celebrant at the Eucharist and preached a very touching and inspiring homily. The college students plus the staff went to a nearby river and had a very enjoyable picnic. The staff and some students organized a colorful Christmas Gathering programme just a day prior to their departure for home. There was a Mass for all at which **Fr. Silas** was the main celebrant.

The educational institutions were closed down on 22<sup>nd</sup> for Christmas. **Fr. Vincent** took **Fr. Francis Indwar** home for Christmas and came back fully refreshed. **Fr. Silas** went home to attend the wedding of some of his close relatives. **Fr. Lopez** and **Fr. Sebastian** stayed back at home.

### **PRERANA RESOURCE CENTRE**

On the 27<sup>th</sup> of December at supper time the Prerana Community wished **Fr. R C Chacko** Bon Voyage for his journey to Nairobi and God's Blessings for his new apostolate. He left the community on 28<sup>th</sup>

morning for Ranchi to board the flight to Nairobi via Mumbai; He was accompanied by **Shyju** up to Ranchi.

On the First of January under the guidance of our minister, **Fr. Thomas Joseph**, the community went to Dumar to give company to the solitary reaper **Fr. Arun**. When we reached there we realised that **Fr. Arun** was running after some deshi chicken, which refused to be part of our Picnic.

A workshop was organized under the Prerana cluster at Arrupe to provide safe and secure environment for the children and the vulnerable adults on 04 January and the 2<sup>nd</sup> program was organized on 6<sup>th</sup> of January at PTEC Sitagrah. **Fr. P. J. James** was the resource person for both the programs.

A picnic was organised for the staff of Prerana on 6<sup>th</sup> to TTI in which a goat was bought, which try to escape on the wee hours on Sunday but, Basu our cook, chased it with the help of others and brought under control. Later on it was taken to TTI to be delicious curry.

### **TARWA CENTRE**

All of us attended the one day core meeting held at Prerana on our ministries on December 4<sup>th</sup>. Before going for Christmas holidays, Parents' Day was celebrated in the school. Well prepared programmes were put up on the theme of ecology. The girls' hostel building extension work is nearing completion, under the supervision of the headmaster.

**Fr Alex** attended a renewal program at Lonavala and has returned to Hutpa with new spirit. **Fr. Louis** and **Fr Binod** attended the extended consult, held at Arrupe Niwas. Our new superior, **Fr Shyju** was with us on 30<sup>th</sup> Dec for a community meeting to discuss on the use of Allounja school building. **Jeevan Baxla** made the triduum at SSC. **Fr Yugal** is doing the necessary preparations for the renovation of Tarwa Jesuit residence. This work is likely to start soon. Dalit Vikas Samiti conducted Christmas programmes in 20 villages. The response from the people was better than last year. The children participated more enthusiastically in the kirtans. Christmas Day Mass was celebrated

in Satsang style at Tarwa. We have sent 2 girls from Tarwa to the Skill Training Centre at Old Rampur, Ranchi, run by domestic workers welfare trust, in which **Fr. P M Tony, SJ** of (JAM) is an advisor. Anybody who is interested in sending the girls to this centre is welcome to contact **Fr. Maria Louis**

### **SSC, SITAGARHA**

The novices were busy preparation for the Christmas celebrations. They could be seen running around decorating the House, getting cribs ready. The visitors of the well-wishers kept coming to bring the house Christmas greetings! **Fr. Shyam** went to Charhi to celebrate parish Christmas gathering Eucharist arranged by the parish youth. He also concelebrated the Christmas Mass at Charhi on 25<sup>th</sup> morning and on 30<sup>th</sup> Deember he gave a one day reflection on Life Skills to the youth.

After the jubilee celebrations in Arrupe Niwas our regents were here to make their triduum. The novices too went into three-day recollection to get ready for the New Year celebration!

### **SAHODAYA, SHAHPUR**

Sahodaya School had event full month. Along with registration process of standard IX students school had annual sports day. A well prepared Christmas gathering was organized before Christmas holidays. There were parents' meeting and the results of the internal exams were given in the presence of the parents. **Fr. Lawrence Tirkey** the secretary of the school addressed the students, parents and the teachers. There was another parents' meeting of hostellers. The High School got permanent recognition by Jharkhand Academic Council but we are still waiting for the letter.

**Fr. Moris Ekka** went home after Christmas for *Gammi* mass for his sister and came back with a severe cold. **Sch. Amit Xalxo** attended REGAE II programme at Jamshedpur and after Christmas went for regent's triduum in SSC Sitagarha.

### **VIVEK SADAN**

On 8<sup>th</sup> Dec **Fr. Sushil Osga** and **Fr. Arbind Beck** went to Arrupe Niwas for Young Priests' Meeting and later **Fr. Ajit Soreng** and **Fr. Lawrence Tirkey** along with **Fr. Arbind Beck** went to attend extended consult at the same place.

The pre- Novices left the house on 15<sup>th</sup> December for Christmas ministry to 8 different parishes and came back with rich experiences. They spent 10 days in the villages with the villagers learning about the meaning of life, their struggles and their faith in God. On 27<sup>th</sup> December the whole community went to Birsa Nagar visiting the families and wishing them Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year 2019 in advance. On 28<sup>th</sup> we had an evaluation of Christmas Ministry. It was a pleasant moment to hear that their vocation has been strengthened by seeing people's faith in God. On 30<sup>th</sup> the youth from Birsa Nagar came to have a friendly volleyball match with us.. We won the match by 2-1. On 31<sup>st</sup> night we had adoration to thank God for all the blessings he had bestowed upon us. We gave farewell to 2018 by burning the old man and welcomed 2019 by bursting some crackers.

**Fr. Ajit** went to Bishrampur to visit Pre- Novices and celebrated Christmas over there whereas **Fr. Arbind** went to Bhurkunda and Balumath to visit Pre-Novices. He celebrated Christmas in Ranchi at Dibdih, a sub-station of Doranda Parish. He also went to Bokaro to bless a marriage. **Fr. Sushil Osga** offered the vigil mass at Cathedral of Daltonganj. Later he went home for the village feast and came back to the community with sweet. **Fr. Victor** was our faithful minister taking care of the house when all the other members of the community were out. Thanks to **Fr. Victor** for such a kind gesture. It was a happy occasion for us to see **Fr. Barry** visiting the community after coming back from his long medical treatment at Kolkatta. We thank God for **Fr. Barry's** speedy recovery. **Fr. Barry's** New Mobile No. **8002747357**

## FROM DIASPORA

### JRS-DELHI

In the month of October I was busy with six month audit report of JRS Tamilnadu unit and the audit report was sent to the respective donors. On 10th October we concluded one month advance tailoring course for our dropout girls. Ten girls benefited from this course. In this course participants were offered training on machine embroidery, Aari work and Beautician. The girls who took part in the training have gained self-confidence. A couple of Teachers Training Program was given to our complimentary Education Center teachers to enhance their teaching skills.

In the month of November we conducted orientation programme for our Sri Lankan youth to prepare them to take the leadership to begin youth friendly club at their places. Deserving children were given scholarship for their studies. Six young men were admitted at different rehabilitation centers for their addiction towards alcohol. They were treated for one month and they are recovering from it. The six month residential tailoring course for school dropout girls came to an end on 16th November **Rev. Fr. Fernando Leonard Nevis SJ**, Rector, St. Joseph College, Trichy chaired the valedictory function. The girls exhibited their creative work to the guests and to their parents. The new batch of girls started their basic and advance level tailoring at our mullikudi LSE center on 16th December 2018.

On 14th November we celebrated JRS Foundation day at camp level. On this occasion the camp youth conducted games and distributed prizes to the children. Gaja cyclone destroyed three of our refugees' camp at Pudukottai District. Loyola College

Chennai and St. Joseph College Trichy distributed relief materials to the people. In order to analyze the damage caused by Gaja a team was formed to do the assessment study. They did their assessment from 16th to 18th December.

From November I started my understudy (part time) on audit and account management under CA Karthikeyan & Co, at Dindigul. It is going on well. *Fr. Jeyakumar, sj*

### KERALA, VIDYA NIKETAN JUNIARATE

December 3rd to 5th we had a course on Media Education by **Fr. George Sabastian (KER)**. He explained that today media can be an instrument to set the world on fire by proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Soon after the two days of recollection and confession, we began our 2nd term Examination on 17th and ended on 21st.

There was much hustle and bustle as part of our preparation for Christmas. Each staff member and Junior prayed for his Christmas friend and on 25th presented him a gift.

In order to make the Christmas celebration more meaningful, we gathered the Migrants who came from different parts of the country to work in Kerala. On 25th we had Hindi Mass with the Migrants. The Holy Mass was preceded the gathering with **Frs. Augustine (KER), Arul (MDU), and Willi (MDU)**. as celebrant priest.

26th to 28th we had Community Day Celebration (CDC) with much fun and great joy. We said good bye to year 2018 with Te Deum. May all our province members be blessed in the year 2019.

*Sch. James, John and Samuel sj*

## FROM OVERSEAS

### CAMBODIA

As we started preparing ourselves for the Christmas, this month was well disposed. On the 3rd of December we celebrated the feast of our patron saint St. Francis Xavier. It was the historical event for us. We celebrated the feast of St. Francis Xavier in

the school for the first time, so it needed a lot of preparations. It turned out very well; the students came to know about St. Francis Xavier. The students put up a colourful program; Francis Xavier's life story was displayed in the form of a play.

From 8<sup>th</sup> of December to 10<sup>th</sup> we the 11 regents including three diocesan seminarians, of Jesuit service in Cambodia had monthly recollection. It was really a time of grace for each one of us, we shared our life and mission and we felt united. Any program needs a lot of planning and preparations. On 21<sup>st</sup> we had Christmas gathering for the students as well as for the staff. For the first time the students were able to sing the Christmas song: "Joy to the World the Lord has come" and in fact it really brought joy in the school campus. On the occasion of Christmas from 21<sup>st</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> school was closed.

Every Sunday in the afternoon from the local villages around 60 poor and weak students come to our community learning centre, where we organised some talks, inputs and some activities. On 23<sup>rd</sup> of December we organized a Christmas gathering and some activities for them. For all of them we gave the Christmas gifts and they were filled with joy and happiness. Advent season is the season of giving, in each class, all students collected money and they bought the Christmas gift for the two poor neighbouring families, which we identified with the help of the local village leader. On 24<sup>th</sup> we along with students went to those families and shared our joy with them by giving the gifts. For me this was something different and it touched me, how the school leaders planned it well, acted and reported, just we had to monitor them. My first Christmas overseas was in a formal and simple way. We had Christmas mass in St. Francis Xavier Church Sisophon. And after

the mass we all the parishioners had dinner together in the Church.

On 26<sup>th</sup> we resumed the classes. On 1<sup>st</sup> of January, the new year, I joined the church youth and went to be with nature. We visited the floating village and floating church in Kampong Luong (Pursat). It was amazing to see how people live in the lake. Let's continue to pray for each other, may all our mission be, for all the greater glory of God. *Sch. Deepak Lakra, sj.*

## **PARIS, FRANCE**

The month of December was boisterous with numerous events and activities in the community and in our university. The joy and celebration of Christmas was brought to us with pre-Christmas preparation, carols and concerts in different phases in & around us. On 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec, all 25 Indian Jesuits had a meaningful and enriching Christmas reunion in our community. After a long time, we cooked Indian dishes for our gathering. It was a well-spent evening with our Indian brothers. The celebration of Christmas in our community was full of fun, creative and a real celebration of the spirit of community on the occasion. Ours is a big community and it was a great joy to see all the young and not very young joining in to make it a real celebration. On 27<sup>th</sup> December, most of the community members departed for Lyon for the Province assembly (EOF). It was for the first time that the new Province, European Occidental Francophone (EOF), had a reunion after the French Jesuit Province became EOF Province with the inclusion of French speaking Jesuits from Belgium. It was a great opportunity to meet so many Jesuits from the mainland of France and southern part of Belgium. We could feel so much love and warmth from Jesuits during the assembly. During the gathering, we had an opportunity to explore many things and aspects of how missions of this province are being carried forward.

After the Province assembly, **George** went to one of the hilly and the coldest parts of France called Vallois in the region of Lyon for his Christmas vacation. Whereas **Amit** went to one of the historical cities of Switzerland, Genève, to spend some time there. During vacations, most of the community members were out to different parts of Europe. Now we are heading towards the end of our first semester that is by the end of January. Rest is going well with us; we hope all of you are keeping fine as well in the province. We WISH YOU A JOYOUS AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR 2019! *Schs. George & Amit*

## SRI LANKA

The month of November was very spiritually enriching and inspiring as we reflected back on our experiences of the Long Retreat and shared our core experiences with our Tertain companions. We also studied the dynamics of the Spiritual Exercises, the history of the Society and the history of the different provinces represented by the Tertains this year. We all felt very strengthened and challenged in our vocation to the Society as we pondered over the past history of the Society, the contributions of Jesuits in different parts of the world, and the challenges we face at present to build up God's Kingdom in our own situations.

We were blessed to have the visitation of **Fr. George Pattery, SJ**, POSA, on 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> of November. He shared with us an overview of the ups and downs, needs and demands of the Society, particularly the Assistancy. He also emphasized on personalizing **Spiritual-Conversations, Discernment of Spirits** and **Spiritual Exercises in our daily life.**

On 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> of November we made trips to Nuwara Eliya which was the place of King Rawana, and Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage respectively, and had lighter moments among ourselves.

On 2<sup>nd</sup> December we left for our experiments. I gave a 8-day retreat to

fourteen Apostolic Carmel Sisters in Gampaha, and stayed three weeks with the destitute in a centre run by Missionaries of Charity Sisters in Vavunia. In both these places I had wonderful and cherishable experiences for my life and ministry ahead. We all came back from our experiments on 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2019. Wish you all a grace-filled New Year 2019! *Fr. Leo, sj*

## KINDLY REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

**Fr. Tej Kumar Ekka SJ** (MAP), passed away on 15 Dec. 2018, in Ambikapur. 62/38,

**Fr. Benjamin Henry Miller SJ**, (SRI), passes away on 01 Jan. 2019, at Baticaloa, Sri Lanka. 93/77

**Fr. Samuel Rayan SJ**, (KER) passed away on 02 Jan. 2019 at Kozhikode, Kerala 98/79

**Rev. Bishop Emeritus Charles Soreng SJ**, (RAN), Bp. Emeritus of Hazaribag Diocese, passed away on 11 Jan. 2019 at Seva Nilaya health centre, Ara gate, Ranchi. 84/62

## JANUARY DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

04/1980 Gorgonio d'Mello

05/2006 Patrick Meagher

13/2006 Albert Van den Abele

17/1996 Gerald Lawlor

20/1973 Rev Philip Kongari

26/2013 Thomas O'Donovan

31/1973 Julian Huysman

31/2016 Xavier Diraviam