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FR. PROVINCIAL'S PROGRAM

JANUARY 2020

- 10-00 Province Consult
- 11-00 Finance Commission Meeting
- 13-20 San Francisco, USA
- 23-24 Charhi visitation
- 29-00 Inauguration of XCE, Sitagarh

FEBRUARY 2020

- 01-02 Meeting on Province Apostolic Planning
- 05-06 Bhurkunda visitation
- 09-00 Province Consult
- 10-12 SSC, Sitagarha – visitation
- 18-19 SXS, Bokaro, visitation
- 22-01 JCSA, Kathmandu

Fr. Jebamalai Irudayaraj became the new Provincial of Chennai Province [CEN] on 28 December, 2019. Chennai Province has a total of 173 men. The newest Province in the Society is also young and dynamic; the average age of its members being 44.47.

FR. PROVINCIAL HAS APPOINTED:

- **Fr. Raska Soren SJ** as the member of PTEC Community Sitagarha w.e.f. 02 Jan. 2020.
- **Fr. Pradeep Xalxo** as the Acting Director of Alert Centre Pakripath w.e.f. 02. Jan. 2020

COMING EVENTS

- **Inauguration of XCE:** **29 January 2020**, is the day of inauguration of a new building of “**Xavier College of Education**” [B.Ed.]. The Holy Eucharist will be presided by Most Rev. **Bishop Anand Jojo DD.**, the Bishop of Daltonganj Diocese, at 08.30 AM.
- **Province Apostolic Planning:** A meeting of Province Apostolic Planning will be held on 01 and 02 February, 2020 at Arrupe Niwas. **Fr. Wendell D' Cruz SJ**, (BOM) will be the facilitator at the meeting. [Meeting begins at 02.30 PM on 01 Feb. and ends by 02 Feb. by 12.00 PM.

- **Fr. Arwind Hans** has left the Society of Jesus on 17 December, 2019.



[Photo on - 27 December, 2019] **Congratulations to our Golden Jubilarians**, [from left side] **Frs. P. O. Chacko SJ, George Thomas SJ, Raska Soren SJ and Augustine Tigga SJ**, on the completion of their 50 years in the Society of Jesus. May God bless them with many more years to serve Him and His People!

FROM AROUND THE PROVINCE

BOKARO ST. XAVIER'S

On 14th December the Social Service School had its annual sports day. Children's enthusiasm could not be dampened by the overnight rains or the inconveniences caused the state elections. As Bokaro District has two voting days (12th and 16th Dec.) the school buses had to be surrendered for the use of the government. However, classes were not suspended except on the day of voting in Bokaro as most parents took the trouble to make alternative arrangements to send children to school. **Fr. Arun Minj** and **P. J. James** drove to Hazaribag to cast their votes. The entire school gathered in the school grounds to celebrate Christmas on Friday, 20th December. The students of Class XII were given their farewell the following day. The religious staffs of the school were busy with Christmas celebrations in the parish and other institutions. **Fr. Arun Minj** was the main celebrant at the Vigil Mass in the parish church. The next day **Fr. James** travelled to Kerala to take part in his family celebration of the golden jubilee of religious profession of his sister, Crizy FCC. He returned on Jan 2nd. Meanwhile **Fr. Arun** made a quick visit to Mahuadanr to spend some time with his family. The classes resumed on Jan 6th after the holidays.

Fr. Tom Keogh has been going through a process of discernment on returning to Australia, especially because of his frail health. Aided by the Provincials of both Hazaribag and Australia, he has now confirmed his plans and booked his flights, to leave India on 2nd March 2020. He concelebrated the Jubilee Mass on Dec 27th and announced his decision to the Province Jesuits gathered there.

CHARHI

Fr. Gregory's Birthday was celebrated on 1st December. The school celebrated its "Annual School Day" on 4th of December. The chief guest of the day was Mr. Victor Kujur, CCL officer and guest of honor was Mr Jyoti Kr. from CCL office. **Frs. Cyril and Jeyakumar** came to join in the celebrations. **Fr. Nicholas** had gone to Patki to promote vocations.

A group of students and their teachers from Adelaide, Australia, visited us on 11th of December under the guidance of **Fr. Francis Marian**. They spent time with the students. **Frs. Birendra** and **Nicholas** went for voting to Hazaribag and Kajarkilo. **Scholastic Kamaldeep** was in Ranchi for his exams. On 16th of December, Class 10th students had gone for picnic to Patratu dam with their class teachers. On 17th December **Fr. Gregory** accompanied **Fr. Sushil Lakra** to Ranchi who

went to get **Fr. Arvind Hans'** signature on his dismissal letter from the Society.

On 21st after Christmas gathering winter holiday was declared. For Christmas vigil mass, **Fr. Gregory** was in Ghato, **Emile** in Kedla-15, **Fr. Sushil Lakra** in Kuju, and **Nicholas** was in Charhi. On 25th SOHRAI (Christmas) special Mass was offered at 10.30am for all the parishioners.

HAZARIBAG 'ANKUR' CANDIDATE HOUSE

We had our Common Christmas gathering for all the candidates of Hazaribag in Ankur on 13th December 2019. Altogether there were 67. We had a Mass, followed by fellowship meal.

On 15th December we took part in parish Christmas Gathering in Cathedral. A dance based on Christmas theme was presented by the Ankurites.

We also conducted exams for the Intensive English Course from 16th to 18th December. A day of recollection was arranged for the candidates in view of Christmas Celebration. **Br. Francis Mathias**, shared his religious life experience and joy of being a brother in the Society of Jesus. Thank you, Brother, for accepting our invitation and inspiring our candidates with your lived experience. They also put up a beautiful skit on Nativity, wonderful dance and at last, Christmas message was delivered by **Fr. Prabodh Barwa, S.J.** the socius of the SSC Novice Master.

December 20th we had our Christmas Gathering in Ankur. A cultural Programme was put up by all four groups. At the end we exchanged our gifts to our Christmas friends and wished them all a very Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year 2020. This Christmas **Fr. Anand** went to Bhurkunda for vigil Mass and came back on December, 26th. **Fr. Cyril** stayed in Ankur. On 27th **Sch. Markus** went to SSC to make his triduum and came back on 31st of December.

ST. ROBERT'S, SINDUR

Fr. Albinus went to Jamshedpur to participate UAP meeting held at XLRI. The students of grade 10th and +2 gave their send-off exams. The whole month was spent in preparation for the 48th Annual Sports day of the school.

We got permission from DEO to recruit high school staff for the vacant posts. Many

applicants applied for the post of clerk, Geography, Biology and Santhali. On 30th we had our 48th Annual Sports day. Pro. Dr. Ramesh Sharn, VC of Vinoba Bhave University, Hazaribag was the Chief Guest and Mr. Manish Kumar, the Manager, SBI, AMY branch was the Guest of honour. The staff and students worked hard to make this event a successful one.

In the month of December we were busy with online registration of the students of classes 9th, 11th, 10th and 12th for board exams. On 20th December we organized meena bazar for our students, the students came with innovative ideas in preparing snacks and conducting games. On 21st we had a Christmas gathering in which students delivered Christmas message in the form of dance, song and skits. Our school was closed for Christmas holidays till 5th January 2020.

During holidays **Fr. Albinus** went home to see his aging mother, **Fr. Kishore** went to Jori for Christmas vigil mass. **Sch. Niranjan** went to sitagarha for his tridum. The renovation work of our staff quarter is over and some work on the school building is going on.

HAZARIBAG, ARRUPPE NIWAS

Fr. Tony Herbert has been very busy in the Chatra area with meetings and visiting villages connected with the Uthan project. For Christmas, he went to Gondulpura near Babupara for Mass. In the New Year, he joined the Patna Jesuits at Bodh Gaya for an ecumenical memorial service for **Fr. Sumit sj**, attended by many, including Buddhist Monks, who had been touched by **Fr. Sumit**.

Tony's article, "*The Journey of the Magi*" published in "Jesuits, the Society of Jesus in the world, 2020" gives us a very brief glimpse of his mission. **Fr. Bob Slattery** was first busy seeing that some of our schools and our two colleges that receive donations must have in place regulations regarding our Province policy for the protection of minors and vulnerable adults from sexual abuse and harassment. This is an essential requirement to get funds from any funding agency.

On 18 Dec. **Fr. Francis Marian** accompanied **Fr. Manoj Roshan Kujur** to TMH, Mumbai. They stayed in St. Xavier's Community Dhobitala, Mumbai. They had an appointment with a doctor at TMH Mumbai on 20 Dec.

Fr. Bob and **Fr. Tom Keogh** attended and addressed two meetings of the Hazaribag Sarv Dharm group, one on the occasion of Christmas in the Bishop's House and the second in the company of **Fr. Provincial** in the Hazaribag Gurudwara on the occasion of the 550th birth anniversary of the founder of Sikhism, **Guru Nanak**. Most Rev. **Bishop Anand Jojo** is the active chairperson of the group.

On 27 December the Hazaribag Jesuits honoured the four Jubilarians, **Fr. P.O. Chacko**, **Fr. George Thomas**, **Fr. Raska Soren** and **Fr. Augustine** at Arrupe Niwas Hazaribag. The mass started at 06.00 Pm. The Jubilarians themselves were the main celebrants at the Eucharist. The Mass started with the welcome and introduction by **Fr. Provincial, Santosh Minj SJ**. At the outset of the mass the Letters from **Fr. General** to all the jubilarians were read out by **Fr. Provincial**, and **Frs. Sushil Lakra, Dilip Ekka** and **Thomas Joseph**. **Fr. Raska Soren** was the main celebrant. **Fr. P.O. Chacko** gave the introduction highlighting the early stages of their lives. In fact he gave the clear picture of each of the Jubilarians of their early stages in the Society. **Fr. George Thomas** preached the homily and **Fr. Augustine** gave the vote of thanks.

There was another important person at the altar, that was **Fr. Tom Keogh**. **Fr. Tom** was also there because he will be returning to Australia in March, 2020, after being 58 years in India. And this was a fitting moment as more than 50% of the province members were present at the occasion of the Jubilee celebration. The main reason of his return is the concern of his health and medical care. **Fr. Provincial, Santosh Minj** expressed his deep gratitude to **Fr. Tom Keogh** for his dedicated service to the Province especially in the field of Education. He was the director of Education in both the Dioceses of Daltonganj and Hazaribag. As an educationist he was the Principal and teacher in many schools. Another area of **Tom's** contribution was to conduct pre-regency programs for the regent for last 25 years and conduct seminars on Ignatian, Pedagogy, Paradigm as well. Thank you **Fr. Tom!**

We had a farewell mass on 05 of January for **Rajendra Tete** before he departed to Australia on 07 Jan. 2020 for his Tertianship.

During the Mass we combined two intentions, one was his birthday which was on 04 Jan., and the other was his farewell. During the homily he moved and inspired everyone by sharing some of the high, low and unique moments of his life in the Society and life at home. **Fr. Provincial** and **Fr. Bob slattery** accompanied **Rajendra** to Gaya airport on his way to Melbourne via Bangkok. **Fr. Rajendra's** New Phone No. [AUS]-- +61- 0474739652.

HAZARIBAG, ST. XAVIER'S

The annual sports day was a grand success. The felicitations on their Silver Jubilee of the 1994 batch of HOXANs drew a large group of 25. The Golden Jubilee of the 1969 batch was well attended; 15 old boys - 'old' in the real sense of the word - turned up along with their wives.

By Christmas Eve our pantry was well stocked with gifts from Sisters' communities showing their appreciation of and affection for their Jesuit brothers. Thank you, Sisters, for the cakes, biscuits, and items of winter wear, especially appreciated in the unusually cold spell after Christmas.

Fr. Manoj spent New Year in St Xavier's High School, Bombay, awaiting the results of the various tests he is undergoing in the Tata Memorial Hospital.

Fr. Ranjit celebrated Christmas and New Year among the Santals in Kajarkilo. Over Christmas **Fr. Rosner** was witnessing at Ghat. Work is going on to accommodate all the fittings for the special water supply for fire protection.

MAHUADANR COMMUNITY

Parish called around 120 senior citizens for the preparation for Christmas. They were given the three Sacraments of Confession, Holy Communion and the Sacrament of sick, followed by a festive meal.

This time the Christmas gathering was very good because for the first time Catholic Sabha, Mahila Sangh, Yuva Sangh and Children participated. **Fr, Dilip** gave inspiring Christmas message. On the other hand, school and hostel had grand Christmas gathering. **Fr. Roshan** gave Christmas message for the hostellers.

Christmas Mass was offered in different places in grand manner. **Fr. Amod** was the

main celebrant at Mahuadanr, **Fr. Kamal** went to Champa, **Fr. Sebren** to Kurund and **Fr. Anil Dayal** went to Chetma for Christmas celebration. For the Dhumdham Shaadi there were nine couples. On 27 Dec. six of us went to Hazaribag for the Jubilee celebration.

HAZARIBAG, PRERANA

After giving classes to the Tertian fathers at SSC, **Fr. R.C. Chacko** went to Harmu to be the resource person for the TOR. St. Mary's School Manjhiladih started Mary's Meal, thanks to the efforts of **Fr. Christopher** and the cooperation of the Sisters and the staff.

This month, **Fr. Christopher** was busy, apart from his other works, giving recollection and triduum to St. Anne Sisters. On the 26th we had a community meeting cum Christmas Celebration with a celebration of the holy Eucharist. We also wished bon voyage to **Fr. Chacko** who left for Kenya via Mumbai on 27th.

On the New Year's day our cook took leave and we had a good time enjoying Biryani from hotel Kaka ka Sekuva at Sadanand Road, a spot highly recommended.

SAHODAYA COMMUNITY

Fr. Lawrence Tirkey joined Vivek Sadan community to celebrate the School Day of St. Xavier's Middle school Churadohar. The diocese organised a Christmas gathering for all the priests and Religious working in the diocese. **Bishop Anand Jojo** was present and **Fr. Provincial Santosh Minj** led the group in prayerful reflection in the context of forthcoming Jubilee celebration of the diocese. CIC Sisters, our collaborators in the school, celebrated their Congregation feast on 08 Dec.

The Annual sport was the major event in Sahodaya School. The staff and the students had prepared it well. Most of the finals of field events were completed before the actual day so the sports day was short and sweet. Congrats to **Fr. Moris Ekka** and his staff and students. The school had a Christmas gathering before it closed for holidays. **Sch. Nelson Lakra** went home for his brother's wedding. **Fr. Moris** went to Jamuniatanr for Christmas. **Fr. Lawrence Tirkey** remained at home to guard the house. Earlier he shared his experience and

wisdom in marriage preparation seminar at Sadhana Sadan. A combined birthday of **Frs. Victor Lakra, Sushil Osga** and **Marianus Kujur** was celebrated at Vivek Sadan. **Fr. Shyju Thomas** paid us a flying visit when he came to participate in a programme organised by prison ministry. We appreciate your love, and support for us **Fr. Shyju**.

VIVEK SADAN

Since we had three birthdays this month we decided to celebrate the gift of life together on 15th Dec. The month of the babies were- **Frs. Victor Lakra, Sushil Osga** and **Marianus Kujur**. On 13th December we had our Christmas gathering and the next day the Pre-Novices left for Christmas Ministry. They were sent two by two to eight different places- Mahuadanr, Chiropath, Pakripath, Bhurkunda, Boitka, Barwadih, Bishrampur and Jamuniatanr. They were there in their respective places till Christmas. On 26th they returned to Vivek Sadan with their rich experiences. On 30th we had sharing in common. It was pleasing to hear how they helped the people in their preparation for Christmas. Some of them were touched by their family prayers whereas some of them found it difficult to adjust themselves during the biting cold.

On Christmas Day **Fr. Ajit Soreng** was the main celebrant for Mass in the cathedral. A local news paper carried his Christmas message along with his photograph the next day. Congratulations to **Fr. Ajit** for the beautiful Christmas message. On 28th Dec. he went to Bundu along with **Fr. Arbind Beck**.

Fr. Sushil Osga visited Pre- Novices who were in Mahuadanr for ministry and came back home to celebrate Christmas. **Fr. Victor** is feeding the community with fresh vegetables from the garden. **Fr. Arbind Beck** went to attend JYMSA Meeting in Bhopal. After coming from there he went to Hazaribag to finish his pending work. He took youth around Daltonganj Parish for carol singing. He also visited Pre-Novices who were in Bishrampur, Jamuniatanr and Barwadih for their Christmas ministries. He was in Ramgarh Parish for the 24th vigil Mass and the next day in Bokaro with his parents and returned on 26th December.

FROM DIASPORA

AHMEDABAD, PREMAL JYOTI

The month of December almost swamped us with many activities such as Sports fest, Culfest, Carol singing and Christmas preparation and so on. The college Sports fest and Culfest were held from 14th to 15th Dec and from 21st to 23rd Dec, respectively. On 18th December, we had Christmas gift exchange programme for the religious students. This year we finished carol singing on 20th Dec itself, because of the series of abovementioned programmes.

Christmas was celebrated with exuberance, enthusiasm and joy. After the vigil mass, we danced till 2 o'clock to Sadri Christmas songs. The Cribs at the entrance and at the house chapel were conspicuously magnificent. The kitchen committee played a great role in making Christmas celebration enjoyable and joyful. Indeed, the Credit for making Christmas meaningful goes to every community member.

We were blessed and privileged to have **Fr. Ambrose Vedam, SJ** as Tridum preacher, who was Socius to the Present Superior General, when he was the delegate for Interprovincial Roman Houses of the Society of Jesus in Rome (DIR). He shared from his vast rich experience about the importance and need for "Fraternal Corrections & Becoming a Jesuit" from 27th Dec to 30th Dec, in Jeevan Darshan, Baroda. The campus also has a popular Shrine of the Mother of the Forsaken, where a lot of people of other faiths come to pray. What an inspiring and moving sight it was to see them praying to Mary!

We celebrated New Year with the co-workers. Amusing games were conducted for them. All of us had a good Garba dance together. Every co-worker was presented with

gifts and had lunch together. Wishing y'all a grace-filled New Year 2020! *Sch. Patrick Tirkey SJ*

ANDHRA LOYOLA COLLEGE

On 9 December had ethnic day, in which scholastics actively participated in the college and won prizes. On the same day **Sch. Aseet** got the news that one of his uncles died. **Sch. Ashim** departed for the 6 day educational tour of south India. On 13th December the scholastics were busy with shifting luggage and common things from the old to new Sanjeevan building. The PCF of Andhra Province visited our community on 14th evening, which doubled our joy as we moved to the new Sanjeevan building on the very next day.

All the Sanjeevan scholastics were requested to join the choir for the college semi-Christmas program on 18th which, we did joyfully. We also joined the people of our ministries in their Christmas gathering and shared our joy with them. On 24th December the scholastics went to different places to attend the night mass. And from 27th we started our mid-term exams and finished on 31st. *Aseet Kr. Bharti*

BARODA, GUJARAT, Fr. Saju Bastian

In December, along with Gujarat Eco-education team I gave few seminars for teachers and students in South Gujarat. I also visited few environmental initiatives and centers. Under the coordination of **Fr. Raphal SJ**, new leader is publishing a book by January end, in which the first article is mine. In Baroda I was the main celebrant for Christmas vigil Mass. In January I will be attending the national Eco-seminar at Aadi, attapadi; My return ticket to the Province is on February 8th 2020.

FROM OVERSEAS

CAMBODIA

For the very first time we celebrated the feast day of our Patron Saint of Xavier Jesuit School. Over 500 came to the Xavier Jesuit School from all over Jesuit Service in Cambodia. The celebration was initiated by the Holy Eucharist, by **Bishop Mgr. Enrique Figaredo, sj** along with twelve Jesuits and other priests. The liturgical celebration was very devotional

and lively with the help of devotional Khmer songs and dances throughout the Eucharistic Celebration. In his homily **Rev. Bishop Mgr. Enrique Figaredo, sj** emphasised on the aspect of loving and serving others like St. Ignatius and St. Francis Xavier. He mentioned learning to love and care for the mother earth by planting trees. After the Eucharistic Celebration the colourful programs were put up by the

students. There was a lot of joy and excitement among all. At the end of the program students were given snacks and all the guests were invited for sumptuous lunch.

On 24th of December morning we had Christmas gathering for the students as well as for staff and co-workers. On the occasion of Christmas from 24th-25th December School was closed. Advent season is the season of giving, in each class, all students collected money and they bought the Christmas gift for the four poor neighbouring families, which we identified with the help of the local village leader. On 24th we along with students went to those families and shared our joy with them by giving the gifts. From 28th December to 4th January 2020 Jesuit conference of Asia Pacific (JCAP) organised the scholastic gathering in Mirador Jesuit Villa Baguio, Philippines. From Cambodia we three regents represented Cambodia Jesuit mission. There were 41 scholastics from 16 different countries. On 28th December **Fr. Tony, sj** (President of JCAP) and **Fr. Riyo, sj** (Delegate for formation of JCAP) warmly welcomed all the scholastics. **Fr. Tony, sj** took this opportunity to organise a workshop on how to build a culture of safeguarding minors and vulnerable. We had two prominent and expert resource persons, **Fr. Rojer, sj** (Philippine Jesuit) and Dr. Gabriel S. Dy-Liacco, (Director of Catholic safeguarding institute of Emmaus Center for psycho-spiritual formation and member of Pontifical Commission for the Protection of minors). They shared with us facts and issues directly and openly, and it was really an eye opening for me. They really emphasised on care for the others mainly minors and vulnerable who are around us. It was a golden opportunity for me to grow in Companionship, as universal Society. I really appreciate the beautiful place and nature of Philippines. The New Year celebration was very grand with the scholastics, at Mirador Jesuit Villa Baguio. Wishing you all a happy new year 2020. *Sch. Deepak Lakra, SJ*

KANDY, SRI LANKA

On December 4, 2019 we the Tertians had gone for a month long experiment to different places of the country. I went to Kalutara city "MARCSRI HOME." The home which gives shelter to homeless, disabled and elderly of all categories irrespective of caste

and creed who are in need. Being with the inmates for a month I went through desolation and consolation, learned to live with greater human respect and dignity and dealt with compassion, love and humility. Though the language barrier seemed to be limiting myself to interact with young and old inmates, however I enjoyed serving them and nursing them with a love language; that was a broad smile. To my surprise, I was able to say Sinhala Mass without introduction and homily. I made use of English for the Mass introduction and Homily. This daring effort helped me to grow in confidence and it brought me a lot of joy and inner satisfaction. Though this was a challenging task but it could not stop me rather it became a means to come closer to the local people as well. We celebrated the feast of Christ's Birth and a New Year in our respective places. After having spent a few fruitful days in January 2020 we returned to Kandy. Soon we had an overnight outing to Colombo and Nigambo. We visited the Churches which were attacked on Easter morning killing hundreds of innocents last year by the suicide bomb attackers. *Fr. Arwind Minj, SJ*

PARIS, FRANCE

The strike of public transport systems against government's new reforms on pensions and retirement policies was the talk of the town. This strike of buses, metros and trains, continues now for more than a month mostly affecting the Capital; forcing the Parisians either to walk a long distance for their works or to take the support of private vehicles or cycles. Along with this chaos of strikes and manifestations, we continued our classes sometimes through live video conferences and sometimes the classes were re-scheduled. **Amit** is so glad to help one of our benefactors to learn Hindi language. He takes two classes of one and half hours per week. His student is an old lady who has been a benefactor to French Jesuit province through various ways.

We celebrated our Christmas Eve with the specially organized mass and a creative community reunion in Paris. On 27th Dec., most of us travelled by cars or private buses to Lyon for the Province Assembly. The theme for the Assembly was: « Four PAU- Préférences Apostoliques Universelles ». The gathering was

special this year. One of the Assistants to **Fr. General, Victor Assoud SJ** shared the common spiritual movements and experiences of the process of formulating the four PAU. The President (Provincial) of Europe and Near East conference shared the new challenges and opportunities of the time. Few lay collaborators also shared their experiences of receiving our four preferences. We had personal and community theme-based prayers and reflections which helped us to receive and deepen the graces of our preferences. Each day, we had Spiritual conversations in groups. This was also an occasion for us to know the French province and its mission works.

After the gathering, **George** spent the rest of his holidays with one of the French families in the south of France. Where as **Amit** spent his vacation with the senior Jesuits in Montpellier, the south-west of France. We have re-commenced our classes from 6th Jan.; and we will finish our first semester at the end of this month. We wish all of you a fruitful and fulfilling New Year 2020! *George & Amit*

SALAMANCA, SPAIN

We had two occasions to be with our associates of different works and have meals

before Christmas. The Tertians had gone for a round-up visit to Portugal (Lisbon, Porto, and Coimbra). I spent my Christmas in the Community. The vigil liturgy was taken care of by the Tertians and they also conducted a special prayer service on the 1st of January. I spent Christmas and my days with two Diocesan Fathers of Mexico, students of Comillas University, from 22nd of December to 6th of January; I had a fruitful time with them. After Christmas I visited a nearby town, Zamora, on the weekend. On my return, I met **Fr. Deepak Tirkey, SJ (MAP)** who was here to make his retreat. A 10 km Running event, 'San Silvestre Salmantina', started by a Jesuit, was held on December 29th, organized by the Municipality at our Parish. There were more than 8000 participants. My last day of the year was with the Tertians and the guests from different part of Spain. **Fr Nico SJ** and I accompanied **Fr. Inocente SJ**, the former rector of the house, to pay a visit to his home town Ciudad de Rodrigo on 4th of January. I celebrated the Epiphany with the Fathers in the infirmary and spent valuable time with them. Later I joined the people in the procession of 'Three Wise Men', a special and vibrant celebration of Spain. *Sch. Prawin Vikas Xalxo, sj*

HEALTH UPDATE:-

Fr. Packiam is in good form as the doctor has promised him that after a x-ray on 29th of January he will decide about his walking. **Fr. Packiam** says that the doctor will remove the metallic frames from the leg and ask him to be in plaster for a week. After a week he will be given a mould from his feet to his thigh bones to support his walking. As the days are going, **Fr. Packiam** is longing to come back to the province as he misses Jesuits, his ministry and people. He says that all our prayers will help him to be on his feet very soon.

Fr. Manoj Roshan Kujur is in Mumbai, St. Xaviers school fort community. The love of the fathers and brothers with the scholastics has truly made him to feel at home. After initial medical procedures at Tata Hospital Mumbai it was revealed that **Fr. Manoj** is having Renal cell carcinoma. However the doctors said that he needs to have further clinical investigation of FISH and biopsy as well as PET and FNAC to confirm the carcinoma's conditions. **Fr. Manoj** was helped by **Sch. Anish** for a week during the Christmas Vacation and now **Sch. Sasi** is helping him to go up and down to the hospital. Please keep all our sick in your prayers.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK BRETHREN: Please pray for **Frs. Packiam** and **Manoj Roshan Kujur**. **Fr. Geoff** has been admitted to Koderma hospital since 26 Dec. 2019. **Fr. Peter Jones** was taken to Kurji Hospital Patna, accompanied by **Fr. Theodore Kujur** on 05 Jan. 2020. **Fr. Shyju Thomas** is suffering from bronchitis and is admitted in Koderma Hospital on 11 January. **Fr. Christopher Kerketta** was also admitted at Koderma and had an operation for hernia and now he is recuperation in Arrupe Niwas. **Fr. Bob Slattery** is admitted in Holy Cross hospital Tarwa. on 12 Jan., as he was suffering from diarrhea and was also feeling very weak. Now he is improving.

HAZARIBAG PROVINCE VOCATION CAMP - 2020

<u>First Vocation Camp:</u>	From:	<u>09 March 2020</u> To <u>21 March, 2020</u>
	Place:	St. Xavier's School Hazaribag
<u>Second Vocation Camp:</u>	From:	<u>15 June 2020</u> To <u>30 June, 2020</u>
	Place:	Pakripath Parish, Netarhat

KINDLY REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Fr. Edwin Menezes, SJ (PAT) passed away on 18 Dec. 2019 at Bodhgaya. (68/47).

Fr. Fidelis Jayabalan Packiam (AND) passed away on 26 Dec. 2019 at Dindigul. [71/55]

FR. Civiac Joaquin SJ (GUJ) passed away on 27 Dec. 2019 at Vadodara, Gujarat. (87/68).

Fr. Errol D'Lima (BOM), passed away at Mumbai on 5th Jan, 2020 (77/61)

Sch. Prawin Vikas Xalxo's mother, Mrs. Matilda Xalxo passed away at Kurdeg on 11 Jan. 2020. (70)

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