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FR. PROVINCIAL'S PROGRAM

07 Mahuadanr
21-22 Province Summer Get-Together

MARCH- 2019

03 Province Consult
07-10 Four sheet for the Pre-Novices
19 Sahodaya- School Building Blessing
25 GB Meeting SXC, Mahuadanr
28-29 St. Xavier's Bokaro, visitation

COMING EVENTS

VOCATION CAMP: First vocation Camp starts from 24 March, Sunday (04.00Pm) to 28 March, Thursday (08.00 Am), 2019, at Ankur, Hazaribag.

Second Vocation Camp & English course starts from 17 June, (05.00 Pm) to 30 June, (08.00Am.) in Ankur, Hazaribag.

APRIL- 2019

03-04 Charhi, visitation
07 Province Consult , AN 8.30 a.m.
12-13 St. Xavier's HAZ Visitation
21 Easter
25-29 Assistancy Assembly, JDV, Pune

Province Days: May – 21-22 (1 ½ -Days)

Province Annual Retreat: October 05th Eve. to 13 Oct. 2019 – Resource person:-
Fr. Edward Mudavassery, SJ.

MAY-2019

2-4 SSC Sitagarh, visitation

FROM AROUND THE PROVINCE

BOKARO, ST. XAVIER'S

Final Exams are over. Annual result is on 12th for the junior sections and 13th for seniors. Board Exams are going on and the preparations for the next academic year are progressing. We will begin the new academic year on 18th March. All four of us joined the Deanery Picnic cum Meeting on 23rd at the MC Brothers community in Balidih. **Fr. Saju** attended the Education commission meeting held at Arrupe and HACEDA at Bishop House. **Fr. Raska** attended the court twice at Tenughat regarding Jainamor land. Sr. Clare FCC a Bokaro veteran of 13 years visited us. She is in Papua New Guinea now. One day **Fr. Bob Slattery** joined us for lunch when he came to the ONGC office. After the Jamshedpur REGAE **Frs. Nicholas, Alex** and **Sch. Jeevan** joined **Fr. Saju** to travel to Bokaro and stayed overnight and left next day morning. **Fr. Tom** attended the SMC meeting at St. Xavier's Hazaribag. **Fr. George Thomas** came twice to Bokaro, once with **Fr. Rajendra** for the Budget meeting and later for the SMC meeting.

CHIROPATH

On 6th of February **Br. David** went to Jamshedpur to attend REGAE program. He came back refreshed on 13th February. On 8th February **Fr. Santosh Minj**, Provincial visited us. It was a graceful visit for us. On 14th February **Fr. Barnabas** attended a Budget meeting in Mahuadanr. On 16th he went to Ranchi to attend an annual conference of Mary's meal. From 25th to 28th **Barnabas** accompanied 30 students and 7 staff to Calcutta for an educational tour.

ST. ROBERT'S COMMUNITY

Fr. Anil Dayal is working round the clock in looking after various board exams in our school. He is also working along with the staff to fulfil the requirements of e-vidya vahini to feed in details of admission, attendance of students and Teachers and details of mid-day meal consumption etc.

Fr. Albinus went to attend REGAE program in Pathalgaon. **Albinus** looked after the repair and painting work in the hostel before the return of the students from their study leave.

Fr. P. O. Chacko was out of the community for a week to assist the communities of Palamau and Latehar area to make their Annual budgets for next year. **Sch. Arockia** is working on the repair works of the community and trying to get quotations for few necessary works of the community. He is working on the beautification of the community buildings.

ANKUR

In the beginning of February **Fr. Cyril** attended the REGAE programme at Jisu Jaher, Dumka and then later he also attended the blessings of the new Church of Khondhar parish. He also joined the MOSAC picnic (Masi Marsal Old Students Association, Charhi). Recently he had a complete physical check-up in Hazaribag. **Fr. Sibrus Barwa** took classes and helped in various activities in the house. He engaged the boys in debates which went very well. Once he went to Kolkata for his visa works. Due to bad weather he was not feeling well. **Sch. Vikas** once went to Ranchi and Kurdeg for police verification regarding

his passport. He also went to Batuka for the Regents' monthly recollection under **Fr. Tej Kumar**. The candidates are keeping well. They had recollection and confession under the guidance of **Fr Rajendra Tete**. They liked it very much and felt very much encouraged. Six of the second year candidates are occasionally lending their hands in St Robert's School for the Board exams. We were graced with the sudden visit of the Padma-Bhushan awardee, Shri Bulu Imam.

HAZARIBAG, ARRUPE NIWAS

For a few days, we enjoyed the company of **Fr. Tony Herbert's** cousin Michael Jones and his wife Lynne. Moreover they, and especially Lynne, were a great help to our crossword team. After their departure, we were happy to welcome back **Fr. Geoff Meagher**, looking bigger than when he left for Australia some months ago. He helped to again bolster our crossword team and is thinking of introducing crosswords as part of the Juniorate syllabus. In order to prepare for Lent, on the eve of Ash Wednesday, the community including all staff members, except our two dogs(on guard duty), went for a day of picnic and recollection to Sal Parni, a beautiful place in the forest, about 18 Km from Hazaribag. It could be termed an eco friendly recollection day in a very relaxed atmosphere, with time to quietly walk around the forest, enjoying the beauty of the trees, and the birds, in a contemplative spirit. A well prepared lunch at the spot was also a great help to prepare us for the rigours of the Lenten season.

Fr. Philemon Tirkey has returned back to Hazaribag Province on 11 March, 2019 after his tertianship in Cape Town, South Africa. Welcome back **Philemon**. He will stay at St. Xavier's community Hazaribag till his next appointment.

Ms. Helen Forde and **Ms. Siobhan Moira Jordan**, from Jesuit Mission Australia arrived at Ranchi on 10 March and went to Mahuadanr. They came to Arrupe Niwas on 13 March and they will stay with us till 17th March, 2019.

HAZARIBAG, ST. XAVIER'S

The budgets of the school and the community were expertly displayed and explained one evening, by **Fr. Rosner** and **Fr. George** under the eagle eyes of visiting experts, **Frs. Gyan** and **P.O. Chacko**. When all were satisfied we retired to the dining room confident that finances were in safe hands.

In a community meeting shortly after, we proceeded to gaze into the crystal ball with plans for the future. Interesting scenarios were presented for the coming year and a few years ahead. Prognostications for ten years down the road stretched a little beyond the ken of at least one community member.

Fr. Suleman Minj's health continues to cause anxiety. **Fr. George** took him to the Holy Cross hospital in Tarwa. Dr. Anima examined him and prescribed intravenous fluid and antibiotics. He still makes his way to the dining room and the chapel - a model of quiet patience. Family members, Chainpur friends and Sisters are among his visitors.

Some of the community visited **Fr. Gavin O'Sullivan** at Stanislaus College infirmary on 2nd March to felicitate him on his 96th birthday. He gets about slowly with the aid of a walker. His memory is patchy but he welcomes visitors even if he doesn't remember their names.

School exams are finished and the teachers are busy with corrections and preparing class lists for the 2019 -2020 session beginning on 25th March.

MAHUADANR COMMUNITY

On 10th of February, **Fr. Provincial** addressed Jesuits of Chechari Valley in St. Xavier's College, Mahuadanr.

The month of February started with a mega event of 23rd Diocese level Catholic Mahila Sangh Aam Sabha which was held on 2nd and 3rd of February, 2019. Good number of mothers came from all over the Diocese. It was very well organized under the leadership of Parish Priest **Fr. Amod Gridha**, and Parish Sister, Sr. Neelima Kujur HC. We thank and Congratulate to all who made this event successful. In Regain

village, 3 days retreat was arranged and there was a good response from the faithful. During those days we received rain in Mahuadnar but even that could not stop people from attending the retreat.

On 12th of February parish meeting cum picnic was arranged at Burha River near Lakhepur. All enjoyed it and felt that it should be arranged every year. In Bari Khajuri Parish there was Diocesan Catholic Aam Sabha so big number of Catholic Sabha members from Chhechhari attended the meeting.

Due to the change of weather many of our community members were not keeping well. Assistant PP **Fr. Anand Beck** and parish sister Sr. Neelima Kujur, H.C. were not well and were admitted in Carmel Hospital for a few days.

St. Joseph's School was busy in conducting exams for both Matric and Intermediate. Exam went on smoothly and peacefully. At the same time middle school also had exam, so our campus was fully tuned in the mood of exam and silence. On 17th February special prayer service was arranged for the Matric and Intermediate students in Ardhanalay, Rampur. On 24th of February Annual feast day was celebrated in Ardhanalay, Rampur.

Our fathers namely **Frs. Roshan Kerketta, Sebren Lakra, John Tirkey, John Xaxa, James Ddung, Sushil Osga** and **Fr. Pradeep Xalxo** attended REGAE programme in Pathalgoan. **Frs. Gyan** and **P.O. Chacko** came to help us to make our annual budget for the next year and spent few days in Chechari Valley.

ST. XAVIER'S COLLEGE, MAHUADANR

The month of February was an eventful month. Fr. Provincial, **Santosh Minj** concluded the visitation of Jesuits of Chechari Valley by with a Mass and address on 10th February followed by a delicious dinner.

Frs. Gyan Savari and **PO Chacko** helped us to prepare and finalize the budgets for the college, community and hostel.

The college has conducted a number of programs/ extracurricular activities such

as World wetland day, Health awareness program, Alumni gathering, Study tours/field trips/ , Mathematics day, Sant Ravidas Jayanti, Science day, and Award ceremony in which the University and college toppers were given awards and medals. The college has successfully conducted its first sports and games day on 27th February. **Sch. Sanjay Martin** and the sports committee worked hard to make the event successful and memorable. The winners were presented with medals and certificates by the chief guest **Fr. Gaudentius Kongari**.

Sr. Kaslin Juliet and Asst. Prof. George Samuel Kisku along with the Principal **Fr. M.K. Jose** and the Internal Quality Assurance Cell of the college worked hard and completed on time the Data Verification and Validation queries raised by the NAAC team and successfully uploaded the data in the NAAC portal.

The birth day celebration of **Fr. Gaudentius Kongari** provided an opportunity for a gathering of Jesuits of the Valley on 22nd February. **Gaudi** fondly remembered his birthday companion **Fr. Bernie Donnelly** who celebrated his birthday in heaven on the same day. **Fr. John Tirkey** has attended the REGAE program in Pathalgaon which he found very enriching.

PATKI COMMUNITY

The school was busy with 8th, 9th and 10th Board exams this month. We were all busy with annual budget making and discussion on Apostolic Planning of the Province. Sr. Marcella spent ten days helping and giving company to sisters in Latehar. Sr Bonie made her annual retreat in Hazaribag.

Frs. Gyan and **Tintus** continued their pastoral tour as usual. **Fr. Kamal** is helping his wards for serious studies. He is busy with checking and correction of English writing of the hostel students. This is done class-wise.

This year we had a bumper crop of potatoes; this was without expenditure on manure and labour cost. **Frs. Tintus** and **Gyan** spared time and worked in the

vegetable garden. We used wastage water for watering our garden. But our summer crop of pumkins has been damaged by sudden heavy rain in the last week of February. The good thing is that temperature remains pleasantly cool.

P.T.E.C., SITAGARHA

We opened the month of February with a bang. Two main points could be highlighted. The first one was the sports days everywhere and the second was Annual and extraordinary budgets.

The college Annual Sports Day was held on Saturday, 2nd February, 2019. It was somewhat special due to two main reasons, namely the presence of **Fr. Robert Slattery**, one of the former Principals, who graciously presided over it as the chief guest and the presence of Mrs. Gulab Lakra to be with us on such an auspicious day.

Early February saw intensive practice, highly competitive heats and a rigorous cross country as a preparation for the sports day. At least three days before, preparation and decorations began. The whole playground and surroundings were cleaned up, festooned with decorations-buntings, house banners and colourful balloons. The weather was distinctly clear. There was a carnival atmosphere which looked perfectly celebrative and recreational and organizations superb.

The college Principal, **Fr. Vincent Hansdak**, received the chief guest **Fr. Bob Slattery** at the main gate. The red carpet was rolled out to welcome him. He was escorted by the trainees dancing all the way to the *shamiana* where he was accorded a standing ovation. In the beginning the Principal delivered the welcome speech and after the 58th sports day of 2019 was inaugurated by the chief guest by lighting the lamp. All the items were conducted well. **Fr. Principal** thanked one and all. At the end **Fr. Bob** addressed all the participants and congratulated them on their excellent performance. It had a look of Olympic village. It was a pleasant day.

Before the college annual sports, there was a mini sports for the middle school. The chief guest was **Fr. Patras**

Tirkey. On 11th February, St. Xavier's Hindi medium school and Loyola English Medium school had their sports day. The Mukhia of the Sakhiya Panchayat Block was the chief guest.

The month of February, as we know full well, is the month of annual and extraordinary budgets. All four unit heads were heavily occupied most of the time.

Fr. Vincent, along with **Fr. Francis Indwar** and **Fr. Shyam** went home to participate in his niece' sagai ceremony. They reached back home safely but quite late at night.

SAHODAYA SHAHPUR

Sahodaya School is still having series of examinations which started with class VIII in February, then class IX and now class X board exmas are on. **Frs. Gyan** and **P.O. Chacko** came to help us with preparation for the budget. It is the time of marathon meetings. **Frs. Lawrence Tirkey** and **Moris Ekka** went to Barwadih for medical check-up and were diagnosed having Typhoid. Lawrence was admitted in the hospital while Moris came back home with medicines. **Fr. Frederick Gidh** in Jamuniatanr too is down with malaria and typhoid. Some people are saying that budget meetings were very effective.

Sahodaya middle school building is almost ready. Hal-Chal readers are cordially invited for the blessing of the new building on **19th March 2019**. The whole ceremony will begin with the Holy Eucharist at 9:00 a.m. and everything will be over with lunch by 1:00 P.M.

TARWA COMMUNITY

We had long discussion on our budgets; both ordinary as well as extraordinary, for this our Acting superior was with us. **Fr. Alex** and **Sch. Jeewan** went to Jamshedpur for REGAE. Towards the end of the month **Fr. Louis** also went to Pathalgoan for REGAI. Our students and teachers were busy for eight class VIII board exams as well as class exams IX. Now socio-pastoral members are busy organizing people for Chetna diwas.

VIVEK SADAN

The month of February started with a celebration. We thanked God for the gift of **Fr. Barry** to the Society of Jesus and prayed for his good health as he completed 60 years in the Society on 1st Feb. To mark this day our neighbouring communities joined us in the evening for the celebration. The next day he left for Australia for a home visit. The Pre-novices went for 8 days retreat to Sadhna Sadan at Chiyanki. Their retreat was guided by **Fr. John Baxla**. While they were away from the house **Fr. Arbind Beck** made this opportunity to make his annual retreat under **Fr. Prabodh Barwa**, Socius to the novice mater, at Sitagarh. After the retreat he went around Simdega, Gumla, Mahuadanr, Garhwa to announce vocation camp date for this year. The vocation camp will be held from 24th March- 28th March at Ankur. He has a humble request to send your candidates to the vocation camp.

Fr. Ajit went home for Gami mass and he was busy in giving recollection points to various congregations here in Daltonganj preparing them for Lenten season. **Fr. Sushil Osga** also went for Gami mass at Bishrampur. Later he went to participate in REGAE Programme at Pathalgoan, MP Province.

Fr. Victor went to Rajawal parish, Gumla, to bless his niece on her wedding. Due to poor health he was admitted in Barwadih dispensary for two days. Now he is back to the community and enjoys better health.

HEALTH NEWS

Fr. Augustine Tigga has recovered from his wound of diabetic foot at Kolkota Xavier's community. The doctor gave him fitness certificate to travel back to Hazaribag and on 27th of Feb he joined SSC community. **Fr. Packiam's** wounds are healing step by step. The internal bone infection is getting cleared and the shrunken leg muscles are also filling with flesh. **Fr. Packiam** is spending his time in prayer and reflection as well as keeping himself with a lot of movements on the wheel chair. The doctor was happy to see

that **Fr. Packiam** is improving his health and his feet are getting strengthened to bear his weight. Most probably he will be able to walk by the end of March without

any support. We thank Kolkota St. Xaviers Community and Bro. Chinamani for helping **Fr. Augustine** and **Fr. Packiam** with a great love and care.

FROM DIASPORA

KOLKATTA JUNIORATE

We, the juniors began the month of February with a recollection. On 6th, we had an exam on "The Charism of the Society of Jesus".

From 7 to 9, **Fr. Maria Joseph sj** gave us a course on computer, focusing on learning English through technologies. On 11 to 14 **Fr. Sunny George Kunnel** took classes on Homiletics.

On 15 Feb we, the Juniors departed for Santiniketan as part of our study tour along with the **Frs. Sunny George Kunnel** and **Narendra Sigh**. It was a blessing for us to be there and social, cultural and educational learning experience. We were blessed to set our feet on the ground where the great man Rabindranath Tagore lived, as we visited the museum. On 24 we had our community picnic in the Eco Park Kolkata.

Currently, we the juniors are kept on our toes, giving special importance to the preparation of the forthcoming Assistency Standardized Test.

KERALA

A three-day course on Ecological Awareness (EAC) was conducted very well at Sacred Heart College Shembaganur by **Fr. Britto Bonaventure** (MDU). February 4th, we returned to Kerala. Almost straight away we began our preparation for the Academy Day. In between, we were also studying "the cultural history of India".

On 24th we celebrated our Academy Day. It was the Red-Letter day for us. The presence of about 300 religious and laity made the evening especially graceful. The programme ended with a fellowship meal. On 26th a three-day course on Psycho-Spiritual Integration (PSpl) was conducted by **Fr. Sunny Kunnappallil** (KER).

CAMBODIA

The significant experience and activity of

this month was the feast of Bon Phum (the village Blessing), which is celebrated in Chum Noum one of the districts of Sereisophon, Banteay Meanchey Province, Cambodia in the first week of February. In spite of a hectic schedule, I made an opportunity and went to celebrate the feast along with the **Bishop Kike** and many other Jesuit priests and parishioners in Chum Noum village. The significant activities of this feast are that all the Catholics gathering in the Church and thank the Lord for the new harvest. It is a family gathering too, all the families come together and celebrate this feast. The Bishop and the priests go around the village and bless all the villagers with sprinkle of water and offer prayer for happiness, peace in family and village. On 9th of February I went to Battambang to meet my spiritual guide. It was really a moment of grace for me to share my life with my spiritual guide and I felt strengthened, reenergized and supported. Sharing is very essential for mission, we have every month sharing of our mission and it helps to march forward as God wants of us. On 19th of February Mr. Anthony Vu Nang Toan, the beloved father of **Fr. Quyen Vu** (the director of Xavier Jesuit School from Australia province) passed away in Australia, he was suffering from cancer and was 71 years old. On 20th of February **Fr. Quyen** flew back to Australia for the funeral of his father. We all Cambodian Jesuit missionaries prayed for the eternal repose of his soul. On 2nd of March **Fr. Quyen** came back to Cambodia and began his regular mission. I find precious time in weekend and go cycling and visit the families, it is really an enriching experience to listen to them.

Sport is one of the good mediums to build the relationship with the local and public schools. I organize is volleyball match between different local and public school staff as we all students in the weekends. We have many visitors, donors, well-wishers visiting our place from all around the world. Being the house minister, I get a good opportunity to interact with them and keep a good relationship with them. The climate has changed rapidly, with Cambodia really heating up. It is very hot here, in the month of February itself the temperature is around 36C. Health is wealth; I am enjoying my health of mind, body and spirit. I enjoy eating varieties of Cambodian delicious food. I sincerely thank each one of you for your prayerful support; I do assure you all, of my prayer and wishes. In this season of Lent let's pray that may we experience God's compassionate and unconditional love for us. May these 40 days of Lent be an opportunity for us to experience the tenderness of God's love by turning away from our sins and returning to God.
Sch. Deepak Lakra, sj

PARIS, FRANCE

The winter in France is passing by steadily, and the weather is getting more pleasant. We both of us are keeping a very good health and are able to integrate our

learning well. We are getting better in French language and culture though not realizing how the time is passing so fast. Our French language course and some theology classes keep us on our toes. We are able to integrate well our classes in two universities. For the first time in life, we are having classes in the evening until 9:30 pm; this is normal here. We get to spend some quality time with our fellow Jesuits despite our busy schedule. We were glad to participate in the Scholastics get-together of French (EOF) Province in Paris from 23 Feb – 24 Feb. It was good to learn how creatively the get-together was well organized and animated. For the first time we encountered many young Jesuits from all over the world who are doing their studies in France. We had 'Central Zone Provinces' reunion with Darjeeling province included on 25 Feb which brought us a lot of sharing of love, support and our companionship. We believe that all of you are also keeping well and are fully engaged in the missions. We are really glad that we get to connect with some of you in the province. Please continue to stay connected. We miss and remember all of you; and we are constantly keeping you and our missions in our prayers. Kindly do remember us in your prayers.

Sch. George and Amit

KINDLY REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Fr. Augustine Kallunkal sj. (KER) passed away on 17th February 2019. 70/53

Fr. Victor Lakra's Aunty passed away on 07 March, 2019.

Br. Thomas Karukaparambil, sj (PAT) passed away on 10 March 2019 at Kurji Holy Family Hospital, Patna. 79/55

MARCH DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

03/1988 Robert Phelan

15/2017 John Reilly

19/1991 Louis Lachal

28/2012 Peter Doherty

28/2017 Kevin King (Mission Dir. '72-75)

HAZARIBAG PROVINCE OF THE SOCIETY OF JESUS

HAZARIBAG PROVINCE STATUS- 01, 2019

THEOLOGY – 2019

	FROM	TO
01. Amit Xalxo	SSS, Daltonganj	RTC, Ranchi
02. Praveen Vikas Xalxo	ANK, Sindur	Madrid, Spain
03. Sanjay Martin Kujur	SXC, Mahuadanr	RTC, Ranchi
04. Sasi Kumar	MMS, Charhi	Madrid, Spain
05. Nirmal Vincent Kullu	SJC, Bangalore	Vidya Jyoti Delhi

HIGHER STUDIES – 2019

01. Amardeep Tigga	MMS, Kajarkilo	M.SC. Loyola Chennai
02. Arockia Raj	SRS, Hazaribag	M.SC. Andhra Loyola
03. Asim Prabhat Tirkey	SJS, Mahuadanr	B. Ed, Patna

REGENCY – 2019

Post - Philosophy

01.	Niranjan Hurhuria	S. N. Chennai	Reg -2	SRHS, Hazaribag
02.	Sandeep Barla	S. N. Chennai	Reg -2	SJS Mahuadanr

Pre- Philosophy

03.	Jeevan Baxla	SJS, Tarwa	Reg -2	St. Xavier's HAZ.
04.	Raymond Hansda	B.Sc. Bangalore	Reg -1	St. Joseph's School, Tarwa
05.	Markus Murmu	B.A. Ahmedabad	Reg -1	Candidate house, Ankur
06.	Ravidas Ekka	B.A. St. Joseph's Trichi	Reg -1	PP School, Jamuniatanr
07.	Nelson Lakra	B.A. SA Mangalore	Reg -1	Sahodaya, Shahpur
08.	Kamaldeep Toppo	B.A. St. Xavier's Ranchi	Reg -1	MM Charhi
09.	Sushil Kumar Bage	B.A. St. Xavier's Ranchi	Reg -1	MM, Kajarkilo

COLLEGE STUDIES -2019

01.	Anand Tete	Juniorate, Calcutta	B.A. English, LC, Chennai
02.	Ashim Minj	Juniorate, Calcutta	B.A. History, Andhra Loyola
03.	Aseet Kumar Bharti	Juniorate, Patna	B.A. History, Andhra Loyola
04.	Gulshan Bara	Juniorate, Patna	B.A. Economics, LC, Chennai
05.	James Ekka	Juniorate, Kerala	B.A. Hindi, SXC, Ranchi
06.	John Robert Tigga	Juniorate, Kerala	B.SC. Maths, SAC, Mangalore
07.	Milan Kujur	Juniorate, Patna	B.A. Hindi, SXC, Ranchi
08.	Paulus Soren	Juniorate, Calcutta	B.SC. Physics, Loyola Chennai
09.	Samuel Nagesia	Juniorate, Kerala	B.SC. Physics, SXC, Ahmedabad

Fr. Santosh Minj SJ
Provincial Superior



Hazaribag, 12 March, 2019

