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FR. PROVINCIAL'S PROGRAM

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02-03 Central Zone Consultation
 15-16 Mangalore Visitation
 17-00 St. Joseph's, Bangalore, Visitation
 18-19 Satya Nilayam, Chennai, Visitation
 20-21 Berchmans Illam Chennai, Visitation
 24-00 SXC, Mahuadanr, GB Meeting
 26-27 St. Robert's, Sindur, Visitation
 28-00 Province Consult at 04.30 PM. AN.

OCTOBER-2019

01-02 Arrupe Niwas, Visitation
 20-00 Ecology Commission Meeting

22-28 JCSA Meeting, Ranchi
 31-00 Final Vows, Bhurkunda

FR. PCF's PROGRAM- 2019

SEPT. – OCT. NOV. 2019

26-28 Sept. Pune, DNC
 28-30 Sept. Vidyajyoti, Delhi
 30-09 Sep-Oct. Bhopal
 24-26 Oct. Ahmedabad
 26-28 Oct. Mangalore
 28-29 Oct. Bangalore
 29-31 Oct. Vijayawada
 31-03 Oct-Nov. Ranchi;

FR. PROVINCIAL HAS APPOINTED:

Fr. Kamal Kandulna Asst. Parish Priest of Mahuadanr Parish w.e.f., 01 September, 2019.
Fr. Vincent Hansdak, Acting Superior of P.T.E.C. Jesuit community, w.e.f., 15 September 2019.
Fr. Francis Lopes to St. Stanislaus College Sitagarha, w.e.f. 15 September, 2019.

COMING EVENTS- 2019 :

PROVINCE ANNUAL RETREAT: 05 Oct Eve. to 13 Oct. Eve, 2019 at SSC Sitagarha.
 Resource person:- **Fr. Edward Mudavassery SJ.**

ECOLOGY COMMISSION MEETING: on 20 Oct. 2019 at 03.00 PM, in Arrupe Niwas.

YOUNG PRIESTS' MEETING: Arrival on 08 Nov. Eve, & Departure on 10 Nov. AM. [AN]

FROM AROUND THE PROVINCE

BHURKUNDA

The feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola extended a week long period of celebration here. On 28 of July being a Sunday the Parishners celebrated the Parish day with the Mass and ended with a felicitation program for the Jesuits and feast day meal. The School team too had a share, as a school day, on the 30 July, a variety of cultural Programs were presented by the students and the teaching and non teaching staff fraternity

had a sumptuous lunch. On the next day, 31 July the religious communities had been invited in the evening to join a prayer service to a theme of Ignatius and Jesuit Spirituality conducted before the festive meal.

The front interior of the alter of the Church area, has been given a new face lift as the parishners and the well wishers contributed money for a new tabernacle installed in the centre

of the stage on the wall. And the new statues of St. Joseph and St. Anthony installed both on the sidelines of the wall and in front of the altar. The statues of Jesus and Mary flanked either sides of the Tabernacle. It was done on the feast of St. Monica. One of the retired teachers, Ms. Maxima was the chief guest of the Independence Day parade. The spectators enjoyed the impressive parade and patriotic programs put up by the students. After the first term exams in the second half of August all the classes prepared colourful programs for the 5th September, in a very short period of time and enthralled the audience for a good length of time.

BOKARO, ST. XAVIERS

Fr. Tom Keogh engages himself profitably providing counseling to the students and reaching out for spiritual ministries to groups of sisters, especially Holy Cross. **Fr. PJ James** represented the Province in the meeting organized by JCSA in ISI Bengaluru on *From REGAE to Apostolic Planning*. The meeting prepared the final recommendations of REGAE II to be presented at the forthcoming meeting of JCSA in Ranchi. Besides, it proposed a model for apostolic planning at the Jesuit Conference and Province levels. While James was away from Aug 14 to 19, **Fr. Arun Minj** took care of the Principal's responsibilities, including the hoisting of the National Flag on Independence Day.

The Bokaro Vicariate Football Tournament was hosted by the School. The Vice Principal of the Hindi Medium School, Sr. Preeti FCC was the coordinator of the programme. Ten teams of the junior and senior categories of middle schools participated. Masi Marsal School, Kajarkilo emerged victorious in both the categories. The Asset Manager of ONGC, Bokaro, was the "chief guest" of the day. The Diocesan Education Director, **Fr. Cyriac Joseph**, and the Pastor of Bokaro Parish, **Fr. George Chittady**, were also present. Generous sponsorship by ONGC and BOXA made it possible to give good food and prizes to the participating students.

Mr. Abhishek Sinha, a computer engineer from Pune and a friend of **James** did an audit of the IT and communication assets of the school in order to suggest ways of optimizing and improving the use of these facilities. He was in Bokaro for four days. On Aug 24, on his way to Ranchi airport with James the old Zen Estilo car in which they travelled could not avoid hitting the auto rickshaw that abruptly took a U-turn just in front near Booty Mor. There were no injuries to anyone. The badly damaged car was towed to the Maruti workshop in Ramgarh after making sure that the visitor was sent by a taxi to the airport. It may be weeks or even months before the vehicle will be released.

Towards the end of August **Fr. Francis Marian** spent three days in the school to initiate the shift of school accounts into Tally. The accounts department is slowly gaining confidence with the new software. The entire community with the exception of **Gyan Hembrom** was able to attend the funeral of **Fr. Gavin O'Sullivan**. **Fr. Arun** has been spearheading an intense tree plantation drive on the campus this season with generous support from BOXA, LIC and other agencies. His preferred saplings are sal and mahogany. Different sections of the school had separate Teachers' Day celebrations at their assembly areas outside the building. The Plus Two Section conducted the official event of the day which included felicitation of senior teachers by BOXA and an award ceremony. The teaching and office staff had lunch together after the programmes.

Fr. Kamal Kandulna, having been fortified by a renewal programme in Atmadarshan, Patna received summons from the Provincial; and he is now missioned to Mahuadanr. He left Bokaro on Sep 6. The following day **Fr. Arun** drove all the way to Mahuadanr with his luggage in the new school vehicle, Hyundai "Venue". He used this opportunity to spend a day with his aging mother. **James** accompanied him up to Hazaribag where

he had organized a meeting of the school heads on Sep 8 to take forward the school improvement programme that was set in motion with the Review of ten schools of the Province by Adhyayan in 2016. The following day after attending the Diocesan Education meeting he joined **Fr. Arun** for the return Journey.

CHARHI, MASI MARSAL

The month of August was a season of transplantation that kept the faithful busy in their fields. There was no village touring, up to August 15. There was a three day workshop program in the Bishop's House for the preparation of Diocese Jubilee next year in which **Fr. Nicholas** and some parishioners participated. On 11 August **Fr. Birendra** went to Bokaro Steel City to attend the old students program. Meanwhile **Sch. Kamaldeep** looked after the hostel activities. **Frs. Gyan**, the treasurer came to Charhi to monitor and guide the accounts and **P.O. Chacko** to supervise the construction of the middle school toilet block. The Sisters from Bishop's House came to meet the faithful on 11th August. There was a small bible session conducted by Sr. Archana, Holy Family.

The Independence Day march past preparation began a few days ahead of time. On 15 August three feasts, Assumption of Mother Mary, Independence Day, and Raksha Bandhan were celebrated. In the school the national flag was hoisted by **Fr. Emile** as the chief guest of the day. **Sch. Kamaldeep** organized a football match in the afternoon between the two boy's hostel teams. Soon after this the Mid-term exam was conducted in the school. St. Monica's day was celebrated in Kujju, Ghato, Kedla-15 and Charhi. In Charhi the chief guest of the day, Ms. Agnetia Purti from the Zila Parishad and the guest of honor, Sr. Siberia, HC, addressed the gathering after the cultural program. The program was concluded with a fellowship meal.

Day boarding boys' hockey team went to Ranchi to participate in an event organized by the sports association of Jharkhand. The School team participated in Kevin Grogan football tournament in Hazaribag. **Sch. Kamaldeep** had gone to Ranchi to write his exams. In his absence **Frs. Birendra** and **Gregory** looked after the hostel.

CHIROPATH

On 3rd of August **Fr. Barnabas** went to Pakripath to attend the Shradhanjali samaroh of late **Fr. Savarimuthu SJ**. On 4 Aug. **Fr. Santosh Minj**, and **Fr. Maria Louis** visited us. **Fr. Santosh Minj** offered Mass for the hostel students and faithful on Sunday. On 10th **Fr. Barnabas** went to Latehar to find out the possibility of getting scholarship for the minority students. On 17th he went to Barwadih for the budget preparation of Mary's Meals. On 25th we celebrated the Mother's day on the occasion of the feast day of St. Monica, the patroness of our mothers. On 24th **Fr. Sylverius Minj** came to prepare them spiritually and next day he inspired them through his homily. **Bro. David** keeps himself busy in his workshop on the terrace.

HAZARIBAG, ARRUPPE NIWAS

Both **Fr. Tony Herbert** and **Fr. Bob Slattery** had long check up sessions with the eye doctor. **Tony** had one session of 3 hours, **Bob** two sessions 3 hours each. The final decision of the doctor was good for both, no need for further treatment, but **Bob** was prescribed a stronger eye drop, for one eye, apparently confirming that he is a one eyed supporter of a certain football team.

On 18th August, a special prayer service was conducted in St. Xavier's School auditorium (HAZ) in memory of our departed fathers, **Savarimuthu I, SJ** and **Fr. Barry O'Loughlin, SJ**, who died in Tamilnadu and Australia respectively.

Mrs. Nathalia Kujur's (our staff) father, Mr. Elias Kujur died on 25 of August, 2019. The wife of our senior staff member in Arrupe office, Mr. Albert Minj died on Sunday 1st September just after midday in Dipugarha. On receiving the news, our community members went to the house to offer condolences. **Fr. Santosh Minj** led prayers for the departed soul. Not long after, Albert and family took the body to Garhbhurni for the funeral.

Fr. Gavin Patrick O'Sullivan SJ, (96) died on 29 August, in SSC Sitagarha. When **Gavin** had difficulty in breathing the nurse Sister, Jyotsna CMC, came to assist **Fr. Gavin** on 29th August at SSC. And later Dr. Sr. Laisa SCSC, of Holy Cross Tarwa hospital was called in and she confirmed it that **Fr. Gavin** passed away at 07.20 PM. on the same evening at SSC. Sitagarha.

We appreciate Most Rev. **Bishop Anand Jojo DD**, the Bishop of Hazaribag who in spite of being busy with the workshop on prison ministry in Ranchi in the morning at 10.00 AM of 31st of August; he raced back to Hazaribag, Sitagarha at 02.00 PM, to offer the funeral Mass for **Fr. Gavin O'Sullivan SJ**. We thank **Fr. Rector** and all the community members and the fathers and sisters of the campus who helped out in a different ways in the preparation of the last journey of **Fr. Gavin**.

Fr. Provincial, **Santosh Minj SJ**, who was in Ahmedabad at the time of **Fr. Gavin's** Death, could not arrive for **Fr. Gavin's** funeral and last rite because of the delay of Air India flight.

Fr. Francis spent 8 days directing retreat to the Sisters of St. Joseph's in Ranchi. **Fr. Dilip Ekka's** elder sister, Mrs. Kiran Ekka died on 03 of September in Tarwa hospital of Cancer. After receiving the demise of **Dilip's** sister at 07.30 PM, **Fr. Francis Marian** and **Sushil** went to Tarwa at 08.30 PM and prayed for the departed soul along with the young children of Mrs. Kiran. On the next day, 04 September, **Frs. Francis, Rajendra** and **Sushil** went to Hario Parish for the funeral mass and later they also went for the burial in their village. **Fr. Dilip** was the main celebrant at the Mass. By his sharing of the life of his dear elder sister, **Dilip** was able to connect the mystery of our life and death with the life of our Lord and explained clearly the true meaning and purpose of our life, suffering, death leading us finally to the great hope that our Lord promises to all of us, the life after life.

On 03 of September, **Fr. Arwind Minj** went to Kolkata to take a flight to Sri Lanka for his Tertianship. He reached to his place safely.

HAZARIBAG, PRERANA

The Tarwa Jesuit community now has the Wagon R which had been used by **Fr. Ken McNamara**. **Fr. Thomas Joseph** is appointed to look after the account of Prerana Resource Center by the Provincial. The young wife of our co-worker Sujit died of lightning on 17th August. **Frs. Christopher** and **Tony** participated in the burial service. The Prerana Community has taken up the herculean task of forming guidelines in the social apostolate. On the 22nd **Bp. Anand Jojo** and the Bishops house community came to celebrate the birthday of **Fr. Christopher**.

On 29th **Fr. Dilip** was here to go to Tarwa Holy Cross hospital to meet his ailing sister. She was having gall bladder cancer at the terminal stage. She died on the 3rd September evening.

Fr. R. C. Chacko was part of the team that facilitated the three day workshop of Hazaribag Diocese in the preparation for the silver jubilee celebration of the diocese. **R.C.** also addressed the Montfort Brothers of St. Gabriel at their annual Province gathering.

Fr. Shyju has been to Ranchi SDC for the Prison Ministry India (PMI), Jharkhand State gathering to conduct a legal aid workshop with other members of Hoffman Law Associates. He is elected as the vice-president of the Prison Ministry, Jharkhand State.

HAZARIBAG ST. ROBERTS & ANKUR

ANKUR: The rythm of life is picking up in Ankur. On 9th August, **Sch. Markus** accompanied the candidates to participate in the celebration of "World Indigenous Day" in the Hazaribag Town Hall. The candidates performed a role play titled 'झारखण्ड मे आदिवासियो का अस्तित्व' at the event. It was prepared and conducted by **Fr. Cyril**. On 15th August, we attended flag hoisting ceremony at St. Robert's School. Our candidates Giriwar Munda and Innocent Kongari delivered speeches in Hindi and English respectively. A friendly football match was organised between the candidates and hostellers. It was a nail-biting contest in which candidates had the last laugh with 1- 0 in their favour. From 28-30 August, Intensive English Course group had 1st semester exams. It included oral and written forms of exams. **Fr. Anand** along with one candidate took several broken मन्दर (tribal drums) to Mahuadanr to get them repaired.

ST. ROBERT'S SINDUR: The month of August was filled with exams, the first one was Compartmental exam of +2, the second one was JPCEE exam, the one was School half yearly exam and the fourth one was Jharkhand staff selection exam.

On the 15th August we celebrated Independence day. Two of our +2 students delivered Independence Day messages one was in English and the other one was in Hindi. Some of our students participated flag hoisting ceremony at Karjan Ground on the same day.

Our school won district subratho football tournament and runners up at inter district level football tournament.

Under the supervision of **Fr. Kishor** Bible exam was conducted at our school. Around 150 students (including non-Christian students) wrote the exam.

Fr. Albinus went to JAC office to inquire about the issues related to +2 sections. Interviews were conducted to fill the vacancy post of Commerce, English and chemistry in +2 section. We are still waiting for the governmental approval to fill the vacancy post in our High School section. School staff residence renovation work is going on, hope to complete by the end of September.

HAZARIBAG, ST. XAVIER'S

Fr. Francis Kurien spent a few days with us before proceeding to the Holy Cross, Sitagarh, to share his wisdom with the HC tertians.

On the third Sunday of the month a good number of religious and priests attended a prayer service in the auditorium in memory of the late **Frs. Savarimuthu** and **Barry O'Loughlin**. Memories of the two were shared by a number of their friends. **Bishop Anand** attended and also spoke of what the two priests had done for the Church in the two dioceses. A snack afterwards was a chance for the visitors to chat. **Bishop Gabriel** also was there. He spent a week in Hazaribag to get a new passport. He later showed a map of the area of Arunachal where he now exercises his ministry.

With the death of **Fr. Gavin O'Sullivan** on the morning of the 29th August another priest of our Province joined the communion of Jesuit saints who have worked with us. A large number of priests concelebrated at the Mass in St. Stanislaus' chapel which was packed with religious who came to bid their farewells to an old friend. **Bishop Anand** was the main celebrant and **Fr. Anthony V.G.** of Hazaribag Diocese gave the blessing at the graveside.

The **Fr. Kevin Grogan** Memorial Football Tournament was held on our grounds on the last weekend of the month. Twelve of the thirteen Jesuit High Schools of the Province sent teams. The final was played on Sunday morning with Hazaribag St. Xavier's narrowly defeating Mahuadanr St. Joseph's 2-1. The Hazaribag

umpires' association provided a group of competent referees.

The construction work on top of the junior school building will provide the junior school with four more classrooms. The work is being done by the PASA agency based in Ranchi who are the distributors for TATA steel, Jamshedpur, products. It will make maximum use of prefabricated aluminium alloy parts.

KAJARKILO, MASI MARSAL

Our monsoon season – “kanhi sukha to kanhi badh”(कहीं सूखा तो कहीं बाढ़). And so it is with concern that we see that barely half of our fields are under transplantation this year. The least that we can do is to accompany them with our prayers.

Both the PP **Fr. Anil Bhushan** and the Principal **Fr. Pius** had been indisposed with bouts of typhoid. After following religiously the instructions from their mentors they are both back in good form. Praise the Lord!

The feast of St Ignatius was celebrated with due solemnity. We were visited by many well-wishers coming from near and far, which encouraged us greatly in our work. To the delight of the Hostel children especially, a good pig gave his life for us all. However those in our sty were spared as they were giving us more off-spring.

In the Vicariate Tournament held in Balidih, the children of our school showed their prowess. The Boys were Champions (Football) in both the Senior and Junior sections, while the Girls managed to take “Runners-up” in the Volley Ball.

Fr. Pius, with the help of a ‘JCB’ (earth-mover) has given us an unimpeded view of the Church building, so that it looks more impressive than ever. The levelling of the volley ball court as well as making the front drive near the entrance to our compound is in progress.

MAHUADANR

August was a month marked by departures. **Fr. Manjit** who has been with us for several months, left us for Pune where he will do more training. We miss him especially in some of our liturgical celebrations. Some of our festive celebrations are coming to rival the Pontifical celebrations in St. Peter's in Rome. The Church now sports a bank of electric fans, donated by one

of the parishners. This is some relief for our perspiring pastors as they carry the weight of the Roman robes, in our very humid weather.

Manjit was also carrying the burden of many of the village masses and in his spare time helping the minister to look to the needs of the community. We will miss him dearly. Our Parish Priest **Fr. Amod** was busy attending different awareness programs to unite people. Monica Diwas was celebrated very well. Youth mass and meeting was held at Regain to unite youth under the guidance of **Frs. Roshan, Suresh** and Sr. Neelima.

Our School lost two of their veteran teachers, Mr. Robert Minj in the high school and Mr. Alphonse Kujur in the middle school as they are retired. Robert was principally occupied in Physical Education and Alphonse in the teaching of Mathematics. They both contributed to all the various activities in the school. They will be sadly missed.

With the rest of India we celebrated Independence Day. We had the hoisting of the Tricolour in the school, a stirring speech by one of the students and the singing of the National Anthem. The students then attended similar functions at Shahid Chowk, which had been spruced up for the occasion, various establishments in the bazaar and at the Sub-Division and Block Offices.

We are grateful to St. Xavier's School Hazaribag for sponsoring and largely financing a revival of the Kevin Grogan memorial football tournament, and opening it up to all the Jesuit high schools. More discussion on the part of the Committee sponsoring the tournament would more fairly distribute the financial burden. Our Football team here has gone into a huddle as the defeat of St. Joseph's Mahuadanr by St. Xavier's Hazaribag1-2 in the final was not the result they had planned for. **Fr. Anil Dayal** coached the football team.

Recently, we have felt the loss of **Fr. Gavin**, who spent a very short time as Asst. PP in the parish here early in his parish ministry. In recent months we have been following the painful battle with cancer that **Fr. Dilip's** sister has been undergoing. Both are now at peace with God. We thank God for the gifts each of them is to us and pray that their sorrowing families are consoled.

SHAHPUR, SAHODAYA

Sahodaya School celebrated Loyola Day and Independence Day full of joy and happiness. The students performed well. The cultural programme was prepared appropriately for the occasions. **Fr. Gaudentius Kongari** came from Mahuadanr to prepare us for the 31st July. Sahodaya hostels (both boys' and the girls' hostels) are the first ones in the Province to have steam cooking system. Thanks to the generosity of our Provincial and his team. These machines are useful and the cooks are operating them well. The system helps to keep the place cleaner, cuts down the use of fire wood, human labour, time and it is more hygienic. **Fr. Provincial: Santosh Minj** and his Socius **Fr. Sushil Lakra** came to see the system as their time permitted them in different times. The same system will be installed soon in Jamuniatanr. The work is in progress.

Fr. Lawrence Tirkey was the main speaker on the occasion of "International Day of the Indigenous Peoples" in Latehar. The community felt honoured when the Claretian Fathers from Barwadih came for recollection to Sahodaya. **Fr. Lawrence** gave them points for reflection.

Fr. P.O. Chacko came to inspect the repair works in the High School building. He was satisfied by the works being done. **Fr. Lawrence** as secretary of the school blessed the new computer lab for the Middle school. A requiem Mass was arranged for our departed **Frs. Savari** and **Barry** in Vivek Sadan. **Frs. Lawrence** and **Arvind Beck** conducted a motivational programme for the staff of St. Xavier's school Churadohar. Chainpur Block level football matches were conducted in Sahodaya school ground which gave **Fr. Moris Ekka** a good opportunity to be acquainted with local MLA and other local dignitaries. **Moris** utilised the occasion well. Congratulations to you **Moris**. Our regent **Sch. Nelson Lakra** trained the school football team and took part in Grogan Memorial tournament at Hazaribag. The players came back with lots of experience. Well done

SHAHPUR, VIVEK SADAN

On 5th August we received sad news about our brother and community member, **Fr. Barry O'Loughlin, SJ**, who breathed his last in

Melbourne, Australia. Sudden death of **Fr. Barry** shocked all the community members and the brothers and sisters for whom he was a spiritual father. In his memory, the Vivek Sadan community and near by religious communities, came together to offer mass for the repose soul of **Fr. Barry** on 12th August.

It was a first time for our pre-novices to visit Vianney Bhawan Seminary, Chiyanki on the occasion of the feast of St. John Mary Vianny. We had a wonderful time there. On 15th August we had chief guest from BOI (Bank of India), one of the lady parishners. Two of our pre-novices gave a firey speech on Independence Day. On 25th August we celebrated St. Monica feast. **Fr. Sushil Osga** went to Barwadih parish to help mothers to pray and reflect on the life of St. Monica. **Fr. Ajit Soreng** accompanied pre-novices to the cathedral. **Fr. Victor Lakra** is in good health and busy with his farm. We get lots of vegetables from our garden for us. **Fr. Arbind Beck** arranged a half day CLC animators' course in Mahuadanr on 3rd August. Teachers from 4 schools (St. Teresa, St. Joseph, Sale and Gothgoan) participated in the programme. Later on 17th August half day CLC animators' course was arranged in Hazaribag, Arrupe Niwas. Teachers from 8 schools (Holy Cross Haz, Xavier Haz, Masi Marshal Charhi, Kajarkilo, Patki, St. Robert's M/S, St. Robert's H/S, St. Joseph Tarwa) participated in this programme. Thanks to all the principals for sending their teachers for the programme. **Fr. Arbind** along with **Fr. Lawrence Tirkey** went to Churadohar to give half day orientation programme to teachers on the theme- Joy of being a teacher. At the end of this month **Fr. Arbind** went to Hazaribag to find out some possibilities to make better use of evening time for Grogan Football Tournament players.

SITAGARHA P.T.E.C., GURWA

The Independence Day was celebrated with a lot of gusto. At Mass the main celebrant was **Fr. Sibrus**. After the Mass the students of the middle school, high school and the trainees of the college gathered together in the main playground for the flag hoisting. **Fr. Sibrus** was the chief guest who hoisted the flag. There were speeches from the high school and the college. As soon as the flag hoisting ceremony was over all of us went to witness the traditional football match between two great rivals, namely, the S.S.C.

brothers and the trainees. The result was four two in favour of the S.S.C. brothers.

On 16-17 of August, **Fr. Provincial** visited us. His visit was a very enriching and inspiring. He stressed the need of having certain kind of discipline not only among the students but also among the teachers. He emphasised that all the teachers should pay attention to a mature way of dealing with the students – inspiring them to grow in sound habits. Our trainees spent much of their time in micro teaching practices. Towards the end of the month **Fr. Vincent** visited one of his ailing relatives at Asansol.

SITAGARHA SSC

“When the cat is away the mice are at play.” This was proven true at SSC when the Masters went away. Our Tertian Masters, **Frs. Ignatius** and **Stephen** went overseas to Rome for the International Tertian Masters' Meet at the General Curia from Aug 26-31 and our Novice Masters' Meet in Guntur, Andhra where 12 Novice Masters turned up. The Tertians finished their Long Retreat just prior to the Masters' departure for Rome. While the Tertian Masters were away enjoying Italian Pasta, **Fr. Jose Kalapura** enlightened the 24 Tertians with some South Asian SJ History. On their return from the Roman Meet the Tertian Masters gifted us with some Italian chocolate. Gratias! The Novices were under the watchful eyes of the Socius, **Fr. Prabodh**. We bade farewell to **Fr. Gavin O'Sullivan** who entered eternal life on 29.08.2019. A few days later **Bishop Anand Jojo** kindly officiated at the Funeral Mass despite his busy schedule.

The Novices and Juniors paraded past the tricolour for the 73rd Independence Day celebrations. The Novices thrilled us all with their human pyramid display. The traditional football match between SSC and TTC resulted in a 4-2 victory to SSC. The Juniorate family would like to thank the Tarwa Sisters for helping us with some of the Juniors who were recently down with typhoid and malaria. The Juniors scaled Juljul hill a few days back and are ready to take on Everest! The said 29 Juniors are getting their teeth well and truly into the demands of the SSC Juniorate. They are keeping their surroundings beautifully. As also are the Novices. The Juniorate rabbit population has tripled when reports last came in.

SSC JUNIORATE: We the four juniors of Hazaribag Province are very excited to be in the Society of Jesus and are very grateful to God and to you all. We moved from the Novitiate to the Juniorate on 25th June 2019 and started our Academic Session. **Fr. Provincial** officially inaugurated the Juniorate and invoked the Holy Spirit during the Holy Mass. **Fr. Pius** gave us an orientation class. We have spent two months and we want to describe our ongoing activities of the Juniorate. The whole August was a busy time yet grace-filled time. On the first Sunday August we celebrated the feast of St. John Mary Vianney in the parish. All of us were very excited to attend our first mass in the parish. After the Mass the parishioners welcomed us and **Sch. Abishek** introduced us and gave them big thanks for welcoming us. The following Sunday we again attended the parish Mass and conducted the choir. Though we had very little time to practice the songs we sang very well that the people appreciated our singing very much.

We had joined the Novices in the parade for 73rd Independence Day.

Fr. Geoff had given a short Novel to each one of us to read each month and we had presentation classes for three days. He is also taking classes on Julius Caesar. **Fr. Dean** is busy in taking classes on phonetics and on Study Skill. He has also given us a short story to read and present it in the class. **Fr. Philemon** is taking classes on Grammar, Spoken English and Computer class. He is trying his best to broaden our minds in every aspect. We have started our Thursday Ministry in some nearby schools. We take classes on Catechism, moral science, and English grammar. On 24th we had a day of recollection. **Fr. Augustine Tigga** gave us an inspiring talk on the theme “Prayer and Academic Life.” We met our spiritual fathers who came to meet us on our Recollection Day. We thank you friends for your supports and prayers. We ask you to remember us in your prayers and we assure you of ours. *Schs. Antony, Benison, Naveen, Sumit*

FROM DIASPORA

AADI, ATTAPADI, KERALA

August again brought back last year's flood in Kerala. Attapadi was also affected. For four days we were cut off from the rest of the State due to landslides and broken and washed away bridges. Attapadi is the only Tribal dominated block in the state. A few Tribal hamlets were badly affected. The Government response was quick and adequate. Most places people are back to normal life. One night I saw an elephant herd near our Kitchen.

I spent a few days with Gabriel Brother George and his novices at Yercaud. Enjoyed his wonderful hospitality and took classes for the novices. His Socius, **Br. Sunil** was a novice in Sitagarha and had participated our Formees common eco-spirituality programmes in 2008. On 6th I am going to Mumbai for the Eco core team meeting. From 15th I will be in Sahajeevanam, Kannur for few days with **Fr. Rajesh S.J.**, a very creative ecologist. *Fr. Saju Bastian SJ*

AHMEDABAD, PREMAL JYOTI

Technically, we finished our CIA-I exam on 14th August but due to a heavy downpour, the exam on 14th August was postponed to 19th August. Finally, the much awaited program,

Ahmedabad Darshan for the first years was scheduled on 16th August. They got acquainted with historical places of the world heritage city, Ahmedabad. We went on a one day picnic to an adventure Park called Camp Dilli to refresh ourselves on 17th August. This park has various adventurous activities such as Plank Bridge, Burma Bridge, Space Walk and Commando Net Walk but Zip-line ride was the major attraction of this park.

Fr. Provincial arrived on 29th August for his official visit and left on 31st morning. It was an auspicious moment of grace and joy. The same day, we had a farewell dinner in honour of **Fr. Vernon D'Cunha**, General Assistant, who visited the Gujarat Province and **Fr. Santosh** dined with him. **Sch. Samuel** went down with viral fever for a few days. After him *Sch. Sujit* has gone down with viral fever. Kindly keep us in your prayers. *Sch. Patrick Tirkey SJ*

PUNE, DE NOBILI COLLEGE,

De Nobili College, celebrated the Independence Day and the feast of the Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary, with great joy and enthusiasm. Fr. Superior presided over the Eucharistic celebration and shared the

experience of Mother Mary in his life. Soon after the Eucharist, there was a flag hoisting. Fr. Minister was the Chief Guest of the ceremony.

There was a march past by the students of Philosophy and Theology. A mind-blowing speech was delivered by a final year student of Philosophy. **Fr. Edward**, was the main celebrant at the Papal Seminary.

Schs. Dilip and **Anish** were busy preparing for the Mid-Semester examination which was held from 16th – 22nd August. They put in their best in the exams and then resumed the classes for the new courses. The Chhotanagpur Cultural Association organized the mothers' day celebration in honour of St. Monica on 25th August. A good number of faithful from the diasporas of Jharkhand, Orissa Chhattisgarh and Assam participated in the Eucharistic celebration. There was a cultural programme for the mothers and were awarded with varieties of attractive gifts. There was a sumptuous meal served for all the people thereafter.

Fr. Provincial was with us on his two days visitation to DNC. It was a moment of grace and joy for all of us. He spent a quality time with each one of us and shared the missions of the Province. We express our deep sense of gratitude for his love, care and concern for all of us. **Fr. Arun Manjit**, stayed with us for a few days. He

also visited **Fr. Sunil**, at Ahmednagar and then left for the Sadhana Institute, Lonavala.

RANCHI, MANRESA

The month of August was really a blessed month with a long series of interesting events. On 09 August we had Adiwasi Diwas in the College. Apart from that we also began our inter-department football tournament in the college. On 10th we went to Loyola ground to play Khassi cup foot ball tournament. It was organized in memory of our founding father St. Ignatius of Loyola. We played the final match on 15th August but lost in the penalty shootout. Soon after the match we went to the college to take part in the C.L.C. program. We staged a short play which was appreciated by the audience very much.

On 22nd August we had a day of recollection guided by **Fr. Fabian SJ** and **Fr. Camil SJ** the Dean. On 25th we went for a picnic to Dhurwa dam. We enjoyed the beautiful scenery and companionship. On 29th and 30th there was a Graduation ceremony in our College. We were shocked to hear the sudden demise of **Fr. Gavin O'Sullivan** one of the most senior Jesuits of the Province. Along with **Gavin** we also remembered **Frs. Savarimuthu SJ**, and **Fr. Barry** who passed away within a very short span of time. May God grant them eternal Peace and Joy in his Kingdom.

FROM OVERSEAS

CAMBODIA

This month we are in the summer holidays. The school is closed for two and half months. In the first week of August from 6th to 14th we had the annual retreat for the Jesuits and volunteers of Jesuit service in Cambodia in Kampong Saom one of the provinces (states). The director was **Fr. Victor** the American Jesuit, who enlightened us with his sharing, he integrated the four UAPs. The retreat helped all the Cambodian missionaries to experience God's compassionate love in our ministries.

After the retreat I came back to my community and looked after the house and in the following week I participated in the workshop, the Australian experienced teachers helped us in the workshop, how to be an inspiring teachers. The campus is fully silenced. I find time to visit the local families and villages during the day. In the 3rd week I had surprise visitors, two Indian

Scholastics, namely **Schs. Rephin Kamal** (KER) and **Lindsay Lobo** (GOA), at present they are pursuing their theological studies from Gregorian University in Rome. They came for the Jesuit service in Cambodia for mission exposure in their holidays. I had a fruitful time with them, sharing our mission and life. I was inspired and touched by their sharing, their way of life and mission in European countries. I am making fruitful time of my vacation, going around and seeing Jesuit service, various places in Cambodia, I have graceful time to reflect over my life and mission, after one year of regency. *Sch. Deepak Lakra, sj.*

SPAIN

The summer vacations are coming to an end; however, we did not have holidays in the language academy. This year American, European and Indian priests and scholastics attended the 'Spanish language course' organized by the Province of Spain. Normally, on weekends

with the language course group, we visited a beautiful hamlet and 'Pena de Francia' an old Dominican monastery built on a mountaintop. Again, on 27th July went to Alcala with the group and visited the Cathedral, the University where St Ignatius studied and the hospice where he offered his service simultaneously. It was enlightening to visit them and our Jesuit Library, witness some historical heritage of the Society and stayed overnight in Alcala Jesuit Community.

Sch. Vikas joined a group of Scholastics to 'San Pelayo', a Jesuit villa house in a hamlet, for a weekend. **Sch. Sasi** joined the next day since he had to appear for a test on the following Monday. On another occasion **Sch. Vikas** went

with some scholastics for a pilgrimage to 'Alba de Tormes', a place where the heart of St Teresa of Child Jesus is preserved. We had to come to Madrid twice, firstly to apply for residential card in Municipality of Madrid and secondly for police verification in 'Alcala de Henares'. There were some difficulties regarding our N.I.E. number (Identification Number for Foreigners). It was available but not printed in the passports. However, our administrator succeeded in getting it. Last month the PCF of Spain, **Fr. Pablo Alonso SJ**, visited and sorted out the possibilities for us. Now, we have got the appointment to collect the residential card on 1st of October from 'Alcala de Henares'. *Schols. Sasi & Vikas.*

KINDLY REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Fr. Barry John O' Loughlin SJ, (HAZ) died on 04 August 2019 in Melbourne, Australia. 80/60

Mrs. Nathalia Kujur's father, Sri. Elias Kujur died on 25 August 2019. (86)

Fr. Gavin O'Sullivan, SJ (HAZ) died on 29 August 2019 in SSC, Sitagarha. 96/76

Sri. Albert Minj's wife, Smt. Anna Kerketta died on 1 September 2019.

Fr. Dilip Ekka's elder sister Mrs. Kiran Ekka (60) died on 03 September 2019.

Fr. Moris Ekka's Cousin, Mr. Sushil Ekka, died in a car accident on 4 September 2019. (38)

Fr. Alphonsus D'Souza, SJ (KHM) died on 6 September 2019. 78/62

Fr. Edward Jeganathan Anthony, SJ (MDU) died on 10 September 2019. 83/62

Fr. Yugal Kishor's mother, Mrs. Maria Teresa, (90), passed away on 11 September, 2019.

SEPTEMBER DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

15/1998 Rev. Maurice Sanga

20/2009 Michael Windey

24/1991 James Dynan