



HAZARIBAG PROVINCE OF THE SOCIETY OF JESUS

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Fr. Suleman Minj SJ, (HAZ) 1948 - 2019

In 2012 Fr. Suleman started getting pain on the right side of his lower Jaw. He was the Superior of St. Robert's Community, Hazaribag, at that time. He thought it was a tooth ache and so he underwent treatment with a dentist. A year later one of the dentists suspected that it was not a dental problem and he referred Fr. Suleman to show it to the doctors in Tata Memorial Hospital in Bombay. And indeed it was the cancer in the Slivary gland area which caused Suleman so much of pain and swelling. So, Fr. Shyju Thomas accompanied him to Tata memorial Hospital, Bombay, in 2013 where he had an operation, which was followed by Radiation therapy for more than six months. After that Fr. Suleman felt a bit better.



But, in 2016, Fr. Suleman underwent treatment for a troublesome hemorrhoid in the Holy Family hospital Koderma, Jharkhand. There Fr. Suleman was diagnosed with a liver condition which needed immediate attention. He was referred back to Tata Memorial Hospital, Bombay. There was a suspicious growth in the liver and lungs. The Doctors in Tata Memorial Hospital suggested immediately palliative Chemotherapy. Hence forth, Suleman had to undergo Chemotherapy for number of times. This made him very weak and he lost his taste for food and appetite. He started losing his weight. For more Chemotherapy he was admitted in the Holy Family Hospital Kurji, Patna.

By the end of May 2017 Suleman said that he did not want to undergo any more chemotherapy and decided to stop any further medication altogether. On June 27, 2017, he was shifted to St. Xavier's School community, Hazaribag, for better palliative care and rest. He went on fighting the cancer but it made him weaker and weaker.

By March 2019, his lung was infected and liver got enlarged. He could not eat or drink and he could not communicate. Time to time he was taken to the hospital for the intravenous drip. Becoming conscious of his medical problem and its seriousness he happily submitted to the will of God. He did not want any further medical interventions. He wanted and preferred to be in the Jesuit community. On his last day, Fr. Suleman was brought to the refectory as usual and had some liquid food and drinks and was take to his room. **On 10 April 2019, at 3.42 PM. Fr. Suleman** (71) passed away peacefully holding the hands of his Superior, Fr. George Thomas SJ, at St. Xavier's Community Hazaribag, India.

He was born on	21/09/ 1948
Entered the Society	06/10/ 1972
First vows on	07/10/1974
Ordained on	30/04/1985

Funeral Mass:	12 April 2019, at 02.00 Pm,
Place:	Chapel of SSC. Sitagarha.
Main Celebrant:	MOST REV. BISHOP ANAND JOJO DD.



Fr. Santosh Minj SJ
Provincial Superior

11 April, 2019