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Roots and Wings

Revisoning the Ignatian Heritage for Tomorrow

Modules

Autobiography of Ignatius of Loyola, Spiritual Exercises, Constitutions, Spiritual Diary, Letters, General Congregations (31-36), Mission Today & Eight Day Retreat

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News From Our Communities

CHAIBASA AREA

Amda

On Jan. 1, together with the people, we thanked God for 2017 and prayed for blessings for the New Year during the Mass. During the Christmas time, **John** had sore throat but with prescribed medicines through SMS, it was controlled and healed. On Dec. 26, Gyan went home to bless his nephew's marriage. There, he had irregular pulse and was rushed to

Gyan landed in ICU, Kuntkuri

Holy Cross Hospital at Kuntkuri and admitted to ICU on Dec. 27 night. He was back to Amda on Jan. 1 with his normal self. **Pascal Burh** was here on 4 January. **PM Anthony** made his annual retreat from Jan. 5-13. On Jan. 11, CSWC staff went to Carmel School, CKP for leprosy checkup and found all were healthy starting from class 6 to 8. **Gyan** took SRA Sisters to Chandmari to celebrate the Golden Jubilee of Sr. Annie, OSU. CSWC staff went to Chandil Dam for their annual picnic and

John Sumbrui

enjoyed boat riding. The same evening, Sr. Prema SRA, invited us to celebrate her birthday. We witnessed the annual sport day of St. Xavier's School, Basahatu on Jan. 21. We joined the SRA sisters, on Jan 24 to celebrate the feast of St. Francis de Sales. **Paul Mathew**, from Canada, passed through Amda on his way to Basahatu.

Basahatu

We stepped gently into the New Year with the Holy Eucharist with good number parishioners. The school reopened on 4 January. We had the Staff Picnic to Chandil Dam on 12 January. It was refreshing and the staff shared their joy thoroughly. **James and Pawan** helped the teachers and the students

Politicians and Bureaucrats Join Sports Day

in preparing for the annual Sports Day on 21 January. Mr. Dashrath Gagrai, (MLA, Kharswan) was the Chief Guest and Mr. Nagdev Yadav (B.E.O., Khuntpani) was the Guest of Honor. They appreciated the good work done by the school and promised to help for the betterment. The children put their heart and mind in the Sports and performed well. Some games were organized for the parents, ex-students, and

A. Cajetan

the neighboring school students. It was a wonderful show. On the Republic Day, the national flag was hoisted, which was followed by some events. The new Boys' Hostel and Multipurpose Hall is almost ready, some works are still to be done, some works will go on till the blessings on February 3.

Lupungutu

St. Xavier's High School celebrated the Annual Sports Day on 21st Dec. Mr. Arvind Vijay Bilung, RDDE, Kolhan Division was the chief guest and Mr. Shankra Charya Samad, BDO Manika, Latehar was the Guest of Honour and Mr. Anil Kumar Mahto Advocate, member Jharkhand State Bar Council was the Special Guest on the occasion.

School reopened after Christmas holidays on 3rd January 2018 with a sad note. We lost Mr. Turam Leyangi from 9th std. in a bike accident during holidays. Keeping this in mind the teachers conducted an awareness programme for the students on road safety.

Class 10th and 12th students wrote their pre-board exam from 16th to 23rd Jan. As the academic year is nearing its end, the class picnics are going on. As usual the school band group participated in the Republic Day celebration in the

Turam's Death Brings Driving Awareness

Police ground Chaibasa and brought laurels to the school.

Provincial, **Fr George Fernandes**, made his annual retreat in the community just before Christmas. We thank Fr Provincial for gracing our community with spiritual fervour.

Fathers made use of the Christmas holidays to visit different missions; **C.G Thomas** to Gomoh and neighbouring places, **Kishore, Staney** and **Sanjay** to Tangrain and **Ranjit** to Omra for the Christmas Vigil mass. **Sanjiban** made a quick visit to home to see his ailing father and later went to Jamshedpur for the regent triduum. **Felix** had his second cataract operation in Jamshedpur during Christmas holidays.

On Jan 15th, we had our community picnic with all the Fathers and Sisters of Rengra. Football match between Jesuits and hostel boys was the climax of the picnic where the Jesuits emerged victorious with 2-1 goals. 76 years young **Br. Pascal** was declared man of the match for instilling spirit in the game. We thank Rengra community for their warm hospitality.

C G Thomas' two brothers Fr Paulose and Mr. Andrew from Kerala were our special

Ranjit Roshan Minj

guests in this month. **C G** took them around to all Kolhan Jesuit mission stations. Fr Paulose is working in Germany and Mr Andrew is a lawyer. Both of them shared their experiences with us. They also interacted with the candidates and hostellers. Fr Paulose was also one of the guests in the Republic Day celebration in the school.

On Dec 22nd, Inigo Niwas organized a Christmas gathering for parents which was attended by sixteen parents. We had a solemn mass in the evening. In honour of our parents, the candidates put up a short cultural programme with skits both in Hindi and English.

Very soon Inigo Niwas will be electrified by eco-friendly solar energy with eight solar panels being put up in the terrace. We thank Provincial George for his generosity and help.

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| <p style="text-align: center;">Pandabir</p> <p>St. Paul Miki Parish, Pandabir celebrated the Feast of Holy Family in an inimitable way. For the Eucharistic Celebration, the family members sat together and prayed for each other. For the New Year, a large number of parishioners participated in the Holy Mass to thank God for His chosen blessings in the year 2017 and welcomed the year 2018. Fr. Sunil Xess was the</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Families Sit and Pray Together</p> <p>main celebrant of the day. His inspiring sermon in fluent Ho enthralled the gathering. A wonderful beginning of the New Year, indeed! Fr Sushil Balmuchu succeeded in installing 63 KVA transformer in the campus after knocking the doors of electrical department and having <i>chai pe charcha</i> for the last two years. In commemoration of Ho Missionary, Fr John Deeney, the Parish organized Eucharistic celebration on his 8th death anniversary. Remembering his pioneering work, the first</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Benedict Soreng</p> <p>Christians of the parish paid homage and incensed his portrait. The school and Parishioners worked hand in hand for the success of Annual Sports Day and for the celebration of 'Kolom Utandi Porob' (a sacrifice performed when finishing threshing work) on January 28.</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;">Rengra</p> <p>Exceptionally, a huge number of people, Christians and non-Christians gathered for Christmas vigil mass. Fr. Alfred Bodra was the main celebrant and during his homily kept the people spellbound for half an hour. On 15 January, we</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Christmas – Celebrated by all in Rengra</p> <p>had the community picnic with the main community and with our Religious collaborators. A day that was thoroughly enjoyed being together and sharing mission experience in Kolhan area. On 18 January, two jeep-load of people from XISS rolled in Rengra campus accompanied by two social activist of the</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Pascal Burh</p> <p>Province, Frs Ranjit Kindo and Renny. They were the members of monitoring and evaluation of projects run by TRTC in four villages of Tonto block. They heard the people gathered in the campus and then dispersed to other villages.</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;">TRTC</p> <p>TRTC welcomed the New Year 2018 with a picnic cum Christmas celebration for the staff and their family members in the TRTC campus. Fr. Sunil Xess and Mr Felix Roy planned several fun loving activities to make the day very memorable for all. On January 5th, Fr Renny brought together, not only, West Singhbhum members of State food commission and Right to</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Renny Organizes Public Hearing on PDS</p> <p>food campaigners but also Mr Saryu Rai, the Minister for the Department of Food Supplies for the much awaited Public Hearing on Public Distribution System. The presence of large number of people and open airing of grievances in front of the Minister by the affected beneficiaries was a great encouragement for the organizers as well as to the common people. Fr. Ranjeet, besides strengthening his association with the '<i>Jameen Bachao Sangharsh Samittee</i>', initiated a forum called “Chetna Manch” (a</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Ranjeet Kindo</p> <p>forum of different Churches of West Singhbhum and Saraikela-Kharsawan districts) to respond to the issues affecting the Churches in the districts on 12 January 2018. The forum has already organized two contact meetings in Maluka and Chakradharpur and received good response from different churches in both the places.</p> |
| DHANBAD AREA | | |
| <p style="text-align: center;">DNS - Bhuli</p> <p>December 20th was the last working day before winter vacation and on this day the Christmas celebration was organized for the children with a meaningful program to mark the occasion. The teachers and the staff relished Christmas meal prepared by Greg and his team. Sushil</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">P-T Meeting Made Compulsory in DNS</p> <p>Suman celebrated his birthday with coalfield Jesuits and on the same day Saby left for XLRI to make his annual retreat. All the DNS units reopened on 4 January but due to cold waves the DC ordered to close down the junior classes for two days. The Director has given some guidelines to all the Principals to conduct parent-teacher meetings in all the unit schools to take</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Sushil Suman Kerketta</p> <p>them into confidence for all the future endeavours of the school. So, Bhuli organized a class wise parent-teacher meeting from 15 to 18 January where various issues, including fee, was discussed.</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;">Gomoh</p> <p>School: Both DBHS and DNS reopened on 5th January after the Christmas and New Year vacation. There was a change in the class timing due to freezing cold which forced the DC of Dhanbad to order holidays for the lower classes.</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Gomoh to Mumbai for DIDA</p> <p>Magdalin Surin, who served as a hostel cook for many years, was given a fond farewell on 9th January. Fr Sushil attended the wedding of one of our teachers in Kanke, Ranchi on 19th January. Two dance groups of DBH school have qualified in the Dance Competition organised by East Central Railway and will represent the Dhanbad</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Romanus Tete</p> <p>Railway Zone in the next level in Patna. On 21st January, some of our students participated in the Drawing Competition at Mount Fort Academy, Dhanbad winning the First and Second Prizes in the Junior Category. Again, two junior</p> |

girls from LKG and UKG of DNS Gomoh are selected for Dance India Dance Audition (DIDA) in Mumbai. About 80 admission forms are given out for DNS Gomoh and selection process is going on. On January 22nd **Alex** went to JAC, Ranchi to submit the documents for matriculation

exams. Republic Day was celebrated jointly by both DBH and DNS Students with high spirit. The students delivered powerful speeches and exhibited their patriotic fervour. The President of Commerce Chamber, Gomoh Mr. Sanjay Tiwary was the Chief Guest.

Parish: Two marriages were blessed in the Gomoh Parish in January. Three women from

Mahila Sangh of Gomoh Parish attended a workshop at Samekit Janvikas Kendra, Sudernagar during 20-21 January. **Romanus Tete** conducted a few meetings to form the Catholic Sabha for the Gomoh Parish. **P. Tony** along with Fr. Eugene Ekka visited Gomoh on 20th January.

Koradiah

On the last working day of the year 2017, the school hosted a Christmas gathering for the children to spread peace and joy. Teachers took the winter break after enjoying a very sumptuous Christmas dinner. The

Under One Roof all Write Exam

Pre ISC and ICSE exams started using the new big hall from 5 January and ended on 15 without any interruption. As per the DC's order, some classes were suspended for a few days due to cold wave and timings too were changed. The inauguration of grand senior block cum "Parents'

Sushil Suman Kerketta

nite" is scheduled for April 5 and the work is in full swing for its completion but workers prefer celebrations than work.

JAMSHEDPUR AREA

Gande Dongri

The campus looked full of life with activities as the hostel children returned on 2 January after winter vacation, and usual classes began from the next day. **Raphael** used this vacation in silence and solitude doing his annual retreat. **Polidor** made use of this time in doing the paper works of school-land-

'Knowledge is Power' Fr Kalyanus

property, which are required to get permission for the 8th standard Board. On January 3, the Provincial of Madhya Pradesh visited and stayed for the night with us. He was very happy and inspired the hostel children by telling them that knowledge is power and by this they can acquire things that they want in life. The DC ordered the Primary sections of the schools to be closed from January 10-12. The school too had the Makar

Rakesh Kumar Bara

Sakranti and Tusu holidays for three days. The local people, who are mainly Santhals, celebrated with great pomp and shared their joy with us. On 21 January, according to the plan, the teaching staff went for a picnic at Narwa, and had a wonderful time being together.

Jilling

After the Christmas and New Year holidays, the school reopened on 5 Jan. Fresh admissions for the Academic Year 2018 began from Dec. 27 onwards and requests are still pouring in. There is an increase in the total number of students

Promising Numbers for Admission

compared to last year. Makar Sankranti and Saraswati Puja celebrations hampered regular classes for some days. On the Republic Day, the students and the teachers displayed their patriotic spirit through parade, speech, patriotic songs and dance. The Chief guest, Fr Praful, inspired the staff and students with his message of love,

Sylvester Ekka

respect and peaceful co-existence. We had the privilege of the maiden visit of all the Consultants on 26 Jan. We thank **Fr Jerome**, the Socius, for dropping in to dine with us on their way to Dhanbad.

LCE

After Christmas vacation, LCE resumed its normal academic activity on 3 and LCS on 4 Jan. As the 1st year students began their 2nd semester, they were assigned for "Internship" to different schools for a month, starting from 6 January. To observe the students' performance **Tony** visited all those schools where students are assigned. The 2nd years appeared for the 3rd semester university exam. Soon after the exam they went for practice teaching to different Schools for two months, starting from 4 Jan.

Since the assessment of the professors continued, three more professors were assessed by the external assessors on 13

Staff Assessment Fever Grips in

of Jan. On 21 January, the induction program for 44 candidates was conducted for IGNOU M.A. Education for 2017 batch under the guide lines of IGNOU. **Anselm** and **Jerry** were the guests of the day. Mr. Gyan Chander Tirkey, from LCE gave a talk on the introduction to IGNOU, the course details, and the educational research methodology. And Mr. Harun Mahato, gave the details on assignments and exams. It was highly appreciated by the students who participated in the program.

Cyprian went to Pandripali, Orissa for jubilee celebration on 22 January as he was the former parish priest there. **Sunil and Anselm** took time off and went for a picnic with the staff to Dalma hill on January 10 to be refreshed with energy. **Sunil** had issued a notice for new admission in Std. III and LKG, 2018-19. The parents are flocking in big number with their children

Gulshan Kujur

for the admission interview to Loyola Collegiate School, Telco.

Tony left for Bangalore on 27 to attend the All India Association for Christian Higher Education, a two-day conference for the heads of Higher Education institutions. From there, he would proceed to Mangalore to conduct a two-day workshop on Feb 1-2, 2018 on EQ at St. Aloysius Institute of Education for the delegates representing the District level. The NOIS coordinated a D.El.Ed. Programme for one hundred on-roll teachers at LCE study Centre on Sunday, 28 Jan. 2018.

| Loyola School | Revival of Villa Tradition | CL George |
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| <p>Loyola School had its annual graduation ceremony for 34 boys and 88 girls of standard XII in the Fasy Auditorium! Most of the parents of the graduates were present for the impressive and moving ceremony. Fr Rector and Fr Principal addressed the gathering. The two hours programme was meticulously planned and executed with great precision. All present were highly impressed with the entire programme. It was a moment of glory for the graduates and the school.</p> <p>There was a great rush for KG admissions this year. We had 1800 applicants for 250 seats. The selection was done by lottery system following the directives given by the government. 149 boys and 101 girls got admission. Loyola celebrated the 69th Republic</p> | <p>day in style. It began with the flag hoisting which Fr Rector and Fr Principal did together. After the unfurling of the national flag, we had an hour of excellent cultural programme put up by the students of both English medium and Hindi medium School. It included patriotic songs and folk dances depicting the diverse cultures of India.</p> <p>Loyola School won the first prize in this year's garden competition organised by Horticultural Society Jamshedpur. This is the second consecutive year, Loyola is winning this prestigious trophy. The School takes trouble to beautify and maintain its campus to demonstrate to the students the importance of taking care of environment and ecology.</p> <p>Fr Xavier Ekka, our parish priest, organised the celebration of the parish feast of Infant Jesus parish, Sonari. Fr James Kalapura was the main celebrant. Most of the community members concelebrated. James preached a very inspiring homily. After the solemn mass, Xavier presented mementos to the celebrants and the various area leaders, heads of committees and some of the</p> | <p>committed volunteers. This was followed by breakfast, games and cultural programmes and ended with a sumptuous lunch for all. It really brought out the family spirit of the parish.</p> <p>Loyola Jesuit Community hosted the first monthly villa of 2018. We had a large number of Jesuits, Diocesan priests and other religious priests working in and around Jamshedpur. The programme started with a talk by Fr David followed by adoration, confession, benediction and ended with a special fellowship meal served by our minister, Fr Michael Fernandes. All were happy that we resumed the traditional villa, unique to Jamshedpur province and Diocese. This gave us an opportunity to meet and interact with all the priests working in and around Jamshedpur.</p> |

| XITE | The School that Sought After | C Gautam |
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| <p>Xavier School: After winter vacation, our school reopened on 3 January, 2108. Pre-Board examination of Std. X students got over on 11 January...and drawing competition for the students of K.G class was held on 19 January. This was followed by the Staff picnic at Wave International Villa on 20 January, which was enjoyed thoroughly by all. This year Fr. Jerome Sequeira S.J</p> | <p>was the Chief Guest for the Republic day celebrations. To encourage the students, he gave a very inspiring speech. Fr. K.M. and the other Jesuits were present as guests of honor. The programme started at 8.30 a.m. with the flag hoisting and inspection of parade and ended with a nice programme.</p> <p>Altogether 39 students will appear for the ICSE Board examinations scheduled for the 26 February. The farewell function for the outgoing students was organized by the Std. IX and was held on 27 January. And the programme was</p> | <p>followed by a dinner given by the students. The names of selected candidates for K.G were announced on 20 January...the interviews were conducted on 23 to 25 January. The Entrance test for the candidates who applied for admission to Std. I to Std. VIII was held on Saturday 27. About 90 students appeared for the test.</p> |

| XLRI | XAT Online Test Held in 314 Centres | Abraham Enthekuzhy |
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| <p>The month of January was quite busy for XLRI as the annual entrance test XAT was held on Sunday, 7th January in 314 Centres. This was the first time XLRI opted for online test. Tony, Nelson, Peter and Raja went to different cities as observers. Tony, the Chairperson of Admissions is very busy organizing the interviews which would be held after 15th February. XLRI students organized several events like the Valhalla, Ensemble, GNOSIS, HR-IR Conference,</p> | <p>Social Entrepreneurship Conclave, MAXI Fair, and XLRI-IIMC Meet. On 20th January, XLEnglish –a fun-learning initiative to promote spoken English, conceptualized by Francis Peter - was conducted at Loyola Hindi School. The 3 hour long variety activities sue.g.quiz, songs, JAM, puzzles, DaD, pictogloss, storytelling and grammar games etc. in 20 lively kiosks enthralled 210 students of 7-9th standards. XLRI swept away 56 prizes at the Jamshedpur Flower Show including the 1st prizes for “Cut-Flower”; “Potted Plants” and the “King of the Show for Roses” and the Garden of the Year in Academic Institution held on 28th December</p> | <p>2017. The credit goes to the Dean Administration & Finance, Jerry and his team and the hard work of our gardeners. Ozzie and Abe went to XUB, Bhubaneswar for their retreat. After which Ozzie went to Mangalore to teach the students and conduct seminars to the faculty of AIMIT. Abe went to Vijayawada and together with Jerry, Provincial of AP and the Principals of Andhra Loyola College and the Loyola Engineering College visited the 50</p> |

acres of land allotted by the Government of AP to XLRI to start a Campus. **Abe** proceeded to Bangalore and participated in the first ever GMP Alumni Meet and was in Mumbai where he joined **Jerry** and **PD**. They visited the XLRI Mumbai campus site and took stock of the latest developments there. **PD** was welcomed to St Xavier's College Community as a member. In Mumbai they also met the Provincial to brief him about the campus. He promised to give one Jesuit to work with **PD**

Abe went to Delhi and met the HRD Minister in connection with XLRI becoming a university and his response was positive. He also received an award. He is the first recipient to receive the "CHANGE MAESTRO & INSTITUTION BUILDER AWARD" instituted by CINQUE. A quote from **Mr Subrat Kumar**, the CEO of CINQUE, "...your contribution to Indian Management Education is immense And the path-breaking leadership provided by you has inspired generations." He also visited the XLRI-Delhi Jhajjar Campus and saw the tremendous progress in the construction. We should be ready to start the program in July 2019. **Nelson** has been out for a month getting himself the first month training for a Master's program in

Counselling in Krishnagiri, Tamil Nadu. **Raja, SVD**, our Research Scholar has gone to Brisbane, Australia to present a paper at the International Conference. Two Belgian scholars from University of Leuven, Prof. Idesbald Goddeeris and Lourens Van Haften visited our campus for two days and held initial discussions for their research project on Jesuit Business Schools and the contribution of Jesuits in the field of Education in the Eastern Region.

ODISHA AREA

HLC

First Ever Christmas Extravaganza

Pravin Jose

On 16 December, for the first time, HLC had a fabulous-extravaganza on the occasion of CHRISTMAS where Students showcased their hidden talents by participating in a variety of cultural cum intellectual activities. **K.M. Joseph**, the chief guest, honored those staff members who have been the pillars of HLC for the last 25 years and more. The former Directors **Josh** and **Augustine Vattamattam**, our guests of honor, gave away the prizes to the winners. The

programme had more than 700 students and ended with a well-deserved staff dinner. On 21 December, **Tony** went to Kerala for a short visit. **Pravin** along with K.M. Joseph went to Minjaponga for the Christmas celebration and thereafter attended scholastic-triduum in XLRI, which was conducted by **Peter Francis**. **Ignatius** celebrated Christmas Mass in Saliasai and New Year in cathedral, and took care of all other needs in **Tony's** absence. The Year started with a number of new batches in different courses, starting with Spoken English and stenography on 15 January. A good number of students joined PGDCA course on 22 January,

which shows that computer courses are still in demand. On 23 January, **Tony** gave a recollection to the would be pre-novices of sisters of St. Annecy. He and **Ignatius** are now busy preparing for various summer courses. **Pravin** got an opportunity to train twenty-eight teachers of Sivananda High School in Spoken English, which was well appreciated by all. The renovation and white wash of the west wing of HLC is now in progress.

Kalinganagar

Admissions – Keeping Finger Crossed

Augustine Surin

On 3rd January classes resumed after the winter holidays. We had our English elocution contest on 13th for the students of Std. I – VI. On 17th Jan Augustine Surin went to Duburi to celebrate the feast of the Holy Spirit Sisters. We celebrated the

Republic Day with great zeal and fervour. **Fr. Vattamattam** unfurled the Tricolour and delivered the speech. **Fr. Augustine Surin** continues to render his helping hand in the pastoral care of the faithful in our parishes. On 15th he went to Duburi parish to take care of the liturgy in the absence of priests.

The visitors of the month were the Holy Spirit Sisters and aspirants who came on 19th. Although we began our admission procedure long ago for the new session the response so far is very disturbing. Let's hope for the best!

Loyola Bhavan

Community in Mobility

George Anthony

With the New Year the members of Loyola Bhavan launched into different works. **K.M Joseph** went for Vocation Promotion in Kerala, giving talks to Young men in Parishes, meeting Bishops and Diocesan Priests, and now it is in the hand of the Holy Spirit to move the hearts of these young men to make the right choice. He returned on 15 and caught a train on 25 of January to go to Jamshedpur for the

Province Consult and other engagements. **Gerry** was busy with the mid-year Audit and took a welcome break to bless a wedding of a Loyola School employee in Barwadih. He was impressed by the Vibrant Youth-filled Parish whose Parish Priest was his former Candidate! **George** came back from the Operational Team meeting in Gunturon the 12 and directed a Seven-day retreat for three Novices of the Sacred Heart Congregation which finished on the 19 of January. After the retreat, he made a quick trip to Keonjhar and Tumudibandh for VRO Review

Meet and on the 25 of Jan, he went to XIM for his Annual retreat. **Benji** has improved his vision with the new spectacles and is looking into the personal care of the Guests. Besides numerous Jesuit guests, **Paul Mathew**, our man from Canada, three Sacred Heart Novices who made their retreat in Loyola Bhavan, and Sr. Pushpa, F.C, who came to write her exam, left with fond memories of Benji's

warm hospitality and delicious food that he provided. He and K.M Joseph went to St. Paul's Seminary at Padanpur on the 21 of January to

celebrate the Seminary Annual Day and came back greatly impressed by the show put up by the Rector, **Jerome Kerketta**, along with his Staff and the Seminarians. The Parishioners of Khurda

too were there, adding to the supportive presence.

Loyola School

Farewells or Selfies

Gilbert Menezes

After the winter vacation the schools reopened on 3 January and on the same day the students of 10th and 12th began their pre-board exams. The first week was meant for class photos and class picnics. Odia School had their class picnics in the second week. Unlike in the previous years, this year the **Principal** introduced the lottery method for the selection of LKG candidates and it was held on 9 January in the presence of teacher and parent representatives. **Ajit** started the process for new admissions to KG in the second

week of Jan. The outgoing students of 10th and 12th were given farewell by the 9th and 11th on 20 Jan. The programme had dances, speeches, sharing of experiences and not to be missed, plenty of selfies. Republic Day was celebrated with patriotic fervor; combined march-past by both English and Odia students, patriotic songs, dances and speeches. Dr. Armpit Pattojoshi, HOD Psychiatry Ward, Hi-Tec Hospital and a parent was the Chief Guest who hoisted the National flag. On 2 January, **Fr. Jesurajan** came bringing spiritual blessings right in the beginning of New Year, as he made his annual retreat. **Victor and George** made a quick trip to Jamshedpur to attend a function on 17 Jan. Again the same duo

made another express trip to Mugma for the inauguration of the new school building on 27 Jan. **Ajit's** birthday was celebrated on 17 Jan. Making good use of holidays from 21 January, **Shanti, Ajit, George and Bhincant** went to Baripada for an overnight trip to be with our Jesuit brothers. On the same day, **Shanti** received the sad news about the death of his maternal uncle, so, from Baripada he went to CKP for the funeral.

Rutungia

Shepherd is After His Flock

Romanus Kerketta

To welcome 2018 with God's blessings, the community conducted a thanks-giving and new year midnight mass on Dec 31st in our parish and all our mass centres. **Elias** returned from Jamshedpur after *tridium* on 1st. The pastoral team had a day's picnic cum pastoral review and planning session on Jan 4th in our neighbourhood. **Fr Romanus** conducted many pastoral visits in the first month of the year. **Fr. Sylverius** was out of station from 22 to 24 for accounts work in BBSR

and to bless the marriage of one of the Loyola School, BBSR support staff at Lachragarh. The School reopened on 3rd Jan after Christmas holidays. **Fr. Walter** visited Rutungia on 9th January to inspect feasibility to install solar hot water facilities. When Fr Walter returned to Bhubaneswar Fr. Victor joined him to get his teeth treated. On 13th three of our students, who won the district level competition held on a theme, "When I am 64," were awarded prizes at a state level function held in Bhubaneswar. The school organized two days gala annual Sports Day on 19 and 20. Kudos to the staff for the meticulous preparation and execution and to the students for their whole-hearted participation.

The neighbouring Govt. School's HM and CRC of Rutungia area were in total admiration and appreciation for the students and staff. The school staff had a picnic on the 22nd in a picturesque Daringbadi. The school participated in the joint Republic day celebration of Rutungia GP and won first prize for parade. **Sylverius** is supervising the painting of hostel building which is being done after nine years.

Tumudibandha

7 Couples were in 7th Heaven

Biranchi Soreng

On 10 January 2018, OCI Tumudibandha duly organized a New Year picnic for all its staff members at Pakdajhar waterfall, Phulbani. On this occasion, **Fr. Blacius Ekka**, presented a diary and a calendar in gratitude to one and all. After such a well-deserved rejuvenation, our staff members are often seen dashing into the fields with full gusto now. 17 January 2018 was the red-letter day for the Catholics of Tumudibandha faith-community as altogether seven couples received the Sacrament of Marriage after years of their live-in-

relationship. Seemingly, the couples were in seventh heaven as their faces glittered with smiles and cheers after their marriage blessings. It is worth-mentioning that they have become very dynamic and are taking up leadership roles for all our church activities. Hearty Congratulations to our ever-green Parish Priest, **Fr. Anthresh Dungdung**. In view of expanding its operational area, **Odisha Lok Manch** invited the interested NGOs for a special consultation programme on 17 January 2018. According to **Fr. Blacius Ekka, the Co-ordinator of Odisha Lok Manch**, "Altogether 17 like-minded NGOs from Kandhamal are evincing greater interest as Lok Manch is mainly concerned with advocacy programme". Long live Lok Manch!

On 19 January 2018, **Deacon Raymond and company** from Germany, the four benefactors of Loyola School, Pajikeri rolled into our Divyanugrah premises with loud blasts of laughter. Next day, they trekked up to Loyola School, Pajikeri, thoroughly enjoyed the enthralling cultural programme by children and returned to Tumudibandha with a sense of satisfaction. Under the leadership of **Fr. Biranchi Soreng**, paddy transplanted is in full swing in the Tumudibandha Farm.

Feast of St. Francis Xavier was celebrated as Founder's Day in XIM and XUB on the 2nd of December. Fr. Kiran delivered a meaningful message to the faculty, students and the staff on the lessons we can draw from the life of Francis Xavier. On the same day in the evening, religious from in and around Bhubaneswar gathered in XIM to celebrate the joy of the feast. Our Archbishop John Barwa presided over the mass.

The third International conference on social media was organized by the school of communications on 16-17 December. School of Rural management also organized their first International Conference in Rural Management and

Sustainability. XIM hosted a special dinner for Bureaucrats and Ministers of the State to share the joy of Christmas season which was participated by many. Christmas was celebrated in both the campuses with our faculty, staff and students. Faculty and staff were served eggnog on the day of Christmas. During Christmas season, Fr. Paul went to Mangalore for retreat, Fr. Tony to Chennai for a program and Fr. Kiran went to Bengaluru to attend the province days. Fr. Joshy did his retreat in HLC Puri. Fr. Jesurajan went to XIMR to teach a course on Business Communication. Sister of Fr. Augustine came to meet him in XIM. He accompanied her to Jamshedpur to meet Fr. Francis. Fr. Alwyn's sister came to visit him on her way to Mangalore from Mizoram. They were all taken aback by the scenic and colorful University Campus.

Children's Environment Congress 2017, jointly organized by Government of India and Xavier

school of Sustainability, Xavier University was held at Xavier University campus. About 350 Students from different parts of Odisha participated in the programme. Active participation from Frs. Paul, Augustine, and Arockia made the event all the more special. This year XUB and XIMB have won many prizes in a flower show competition organized by government of Odisha.

Frs. Abe and Ozzie from XLRI came to do their annual retreat in XUB. The scenic and colorful campus assisted in making their retreat. Others are welcome to do your retreats in green, peaceful and serene XUB campus.

FORMATION HOUSES

Bangalore, St Joseph

Mukti Registers for Ph.D

Sch Jobin Sabastian

December was a month of joy with carols, Santa greetings, and decorations in our communities as well as in our colleges. On 20, we had Christmas mass for all the Catholic students. During Christmas week, **Fr. George Joseph** invited us to his place at XIME to celebrate Christmas with Jamshedpur spirit. It was a very pleasant moment to be together and

share our joys. On 7 January, three of us helped in XAT exam. Fr. Provincial visited us on 8 and 9 of January. He listened to each one of us and encouraged us to do better. **Kiran Coth** also joined us for a dinner out. To show hospitality, **Mukti** stayed with him in Arrupe Nivas. On 23, under the patronage of Mukti, the Jesuit community of Arrupe Nivas invited all the religious who are studying and teaching in the Arts and Science College for a get together to improve our bond. Mukti has enrolled himself for

the Ph.D course, he too finds time to help out in the college. **Fr. Benjamin** is doing well in his LLM studies. He will be completing his course by April 2018. This year he has not got much time to unpack his luggage, so, he may return to the province by May with the things which he never used here in Bangalore...he said.

DNC, Pune

'Be a Quality Leader', Provincial

Sch Akhilesh Kumar

On 3 December, we celebrated the feast of St. Francis Xavier and the final vows of Fr. Francis Puducherry of Gujarat province. On 5 Dec. **Fr. K.M. Joseph**, made his annual visit. It was a good occasion of sharing and getting energized to do better. On 7 December, JDV had

organized a seminar on Cosmothetic vision given by Fr. Francis D'sa. From 16 to 22 December, the scholastics, in different groups, went to several villages for carol singing. We had 24th Vigil Mass in DNC, organized by the scholastics of Northern and Central provinces and it was very well appreciated because of the active and creative celebration. Around 700

faithful came for the vigil from near and far villages, especially people of Chotanagpur who are settled here. From 18 to 20 January, **Fr. Provincial** made his annual visit for the Jamshedpur people. Towards the end he inspired us to imbibe the quality of leadership.

Rome

Basil Accompanies the Homeless

Sch Basil

We had a fruitful triduum at Rocca di Papa, followed by a joyous Christmas. The traditional carol singing at the Jesuit infirmary at Canisius was a great moment of sharing with our veterans. Before beginning

the classes Basil and Mahesh went for one-day outing to Napoli with other Jesuit companions. **Basil** continues his apostolate with great enthusiasm for the homeless women at *Casa di Giorgia*. Mahesh keeps himself occupied in giving Spiritual Exercises for everyday life at our Jesuit

parish. Soon after the festivities, came the time to prepare for the semester exams. We are at our desk working hard for the exams. **Fr. Joe Xavier** is always there to encourage us with brotherly smile and affection.

Vidyaniketan, Kerala

Bal Mela Juniors' Gala Mela

Sch Vital Dundung

In the beginning of the year, Fr. Jacob of Kerala province preached a triduum and all of us had our renewal of vows for the first time after leaving the novitiate. **Rajas**, a specialist in computer education, gave us a three-day course on **Basic**

Computer Education. The course enriched us with the basic functioning of computer. During the month of January, we celebrated the festival of **PONGAL**. On this day Fr. Superior said Mass in Tamil. On 20th, we the Juniors organized a **BAL MELA** for over 200 children from the parishes where we do our weekend ministries. Our

coordinated team work was a mega success. After a series of nail biting events, we are now sticking to our desk to continue our study for the last and the final semester.

Vidyajyoti

Tony Replaces Francis

Sch Santosh Minj

We are grateful to **Fr. E Francis** for walking with us for two years in VJ as we welcome **Fr. R Tony**. **Fr. Mike** was suffering from chest congestion...celebrated his Christmas in Holy Family hospital, Delhi. **Nelson** joined the

community after having spent three months in slum experience. **Fr. Tony U and Fr. Walter** gave us a short visit. **Alok and Nelson** along with other scholastics helped out in XAT Exam. During the Christmas break, **Santosh** made his diaconate retreat, while **Alok and Nelson** did a Tridum. **Fr. Tony R and Fr. Fabian Bhuinya**

preached a Retreat for the future deacons. We were happy to have Frs. Abraham, Fabian, Tony and Walter for spending some precious moments with us.

Vinayalaya

Triduum Refreshed Our Vows Day

Sch Naresh Digal

December was full with special activities...The Feast of St. Francis Xavier was celebrated with great vigor. Parimal Kokni of Gujarat province took his first vows in our chapel. It was a day of joy with a special agape. From 11 to 13, we had a workshop on social media and communication at XIC. Soon after we started our Christmas preparation in decorating the house

and making cribs, which ended with a beautiful recollection given by Fr. Philip. On 23 December, we had a Christmas gathering in the community along with our fellow workers. On this occasion, the pre-novices and the juniors put up a highly appreciated skit on Nativity. We celebrated the birth of our Lord Jesus with the parishioners at the Holy Family school ground. The main celebrant was Fr. Luke, the superior on our community. We also had a chance to go for a Mumbai Darshan on 29 December. We visited the

Gate Way of India, the Taj Hotel, the Bishop's House, and the Holy Name Cathedral. At the end of 2017, we welcomed the New Year with enthusiasm and zeal. Thanks to Fr. Joel for guiding us in our tridum and preparing us to renew our vows for the first time. Now, we will be busy with our daily classes and ministries...so remember us in your prayers.

Across the Bridge

04 Dec: Fr Fulgence Xaxa, SJ (DAR, 57/34), Gayaganga, Darjeeling
 09 Dec: Br. Thomas Fernandes, SJ (GUJ, 80/57), Vadodara, Gujarat
 09 Jan: Fr. Bernard D'Souza, SJ (BOM, 85/67), Andheri, Mumbai
 12 Jan: Fr. Jose Kananaikil, SJ (PAT, 83/62), Atmadarshan, Patna.
 13 Jan: Fr George R. Kandathil, SJ (KER, 79/62), Kozhikode, Kerela
 14 Jan: Br Antony Ignatius, SJ (MDU, 96/72), Dindigul, Madurai
 17 Jan: Mr Eric, brother of Fr Pawan, SJ
 20 Jan: Fr. Melville W. Diamond, SJ (PAT, 97/72), XTTI, Patna

Birthday Babies of the Month

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| 03 | James Santhaman | 13 | Victor Misquith |
| 04 | Sushil Ekka | 14 | Paul Marla |
| | Gilbert Menezes | 15 | Augustine |
| 05 | Alex Mascarenhas | | Ezhakunnel |
| 06 | Arockia Das V | 16 | Thomas D Palakuzhy |
| 07 | Benjamin Ekka | 20 | Pawan Pramod |
| | Lourduraj | | Dungdung |
| | Ignacimuthu | 21 | Romanus Jojo |
| 08 | Paul Fernandes | | Budhan Sing Sinku |
| | Virendra Toppo | 22 | Sanket Kumar |
| 10 | Jerome Cutinha | 24 | Joseph Xavier |
| 12 | John Sumbrui | | |

UPASANA MANGO, SPIRITUAL PROGRAMMES

| Program | From | To | Director |
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| Lenten Retreat for priests and Religiou | Feb 26 | Mar 7 | Fr KM Joseph |
| Lenten Retreat for Priests and Religiou | Mar 12 | Mar 19 | Fr Charlie Pereira |
| Long Retreat | April 4 | May4 | Fr Joe Njarakulum |
| Renewal Course for MC Brothers | April 5 | May 6 | Upasana Team |
| Accountancy Course | May 12 | May 15 | Fr Gerald Ravi D' Souza |

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